


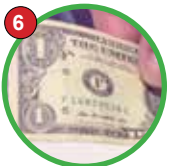
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Every cribbage player learns early on to recognize the “Raggedy twins”: Raggedy Ann is composed of A-A-6-7-8 (thirteen points), and Raggedy Andy uses 2-2-6-7-8 (eleven points). In one survey at a club in Washington State, these hands showed up once every 748 and 933 deals, respectively. But this is the first time *Cribbage World* has heard about both of them in the same deal. At the Scottsdale AZ doubleheader on February 5, **Denise Fortin** (Pahrump NV) had the Ann, and **June Fordham** (Sun City West AZ) had the Andy.

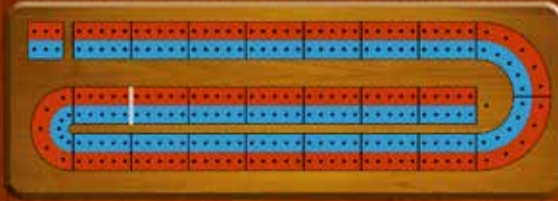
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Happy Birthday in March!

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80—**Linda Brandl** (WI)

80—**Linda Briggs** (OR)

80—**Larry Collins** (IL)

80—**Judith Finley** (CT)

80—**Richard Smeltz** (CO)

80—**Frank Webb** (SD)

80—**Jim Wysocki** (WA)

70—**Dick Pedersen** (OR)

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40—**Lee Murphy** (OK)

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President's Column

by James Morrow



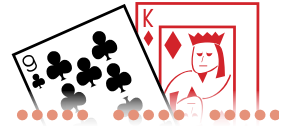
Top Ten I have been directing or codirecting ACC-sanctioned tournaments since 1999. They are a lot of work and take planning and time to reserve playing halls and make sure I have the supplies needed. I make most of my tournaments' trophies, so that also takes time. When problems happen during a tournament—rotation gets out of order, someone gets sick and leaves, whatever it may be—that can be very frustrating, not only for the players but more for tournament directors who are trying to keep everything running smoothly. But today I focus on my favorite reasons for running tournaments. Here are my top ten reasons:

10. Awarding championships—title belts, trophy boards, mugs, or blankets; it's even better when it's a player's first time winning an event.
9. The dedication of players making the trip to play—some travel hours by plane, train, or car. (Didn't I write about this before?)
8. The payouts—everyone likes winning, even if it isn't first place; a little cash back is always nice.
7. The destination—not all tourneys are close to home, even for directors. After a five-hour drive, it's nice to be at the beach. In my case, Long Beach WA.
6. MRPs—players earning those Master Rating Points. When players reach a milestone at your tournaments, it makes the tournament a little more special.
5. The competition—just to be playing cribbage and trying to qualify for the playoffs sometimes is so easy and other times frustration. Try to forget about that 28-card that wasn't good enough; this week your 26 might make it in.
4. The help—our organization is full of volunteers who help setting up, seating, cross-checking, and even taking tables down at the end of the tournament.
3. New players—it is always great to have new players; most are nervous or excited to play, but hopefully not overwhelmed. We all were new players once, so remember to be patient and kind.
2. The end of a tournament—after the consolation is finished, everyone had a good time, and they are headed home. It's nice to have a quiet moment before planning for the next tournament.
1. The players/friendships—thanks to being part of the ACC, we have the opportunity to meet people from across the country and make lasting friendships.

After directing one hundred tournaments, I can say the work is worth it. I am glad to be a part of such a positive organization.

Next time you're at a tournament, thank the directors. It means a lot to know their hard work is appreciated.

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Clubs Adopting Play Nice Pledged

I can't imagine treating new or existing players any other way. This is the way we started and will always be. Add the Indianapolis Racers Club 398 (Indianapolis IN) to the list.

David Coleson, Club 398 director

Cribbage Club Code of Congeniality

During a new player's trial period (four weeks or until they earn points—whichever is longer) . . .

- We pledge to welcome new players warmly and make them feel wanted.
- We pledge to not penalize new players for violating tournament rules. (We will, instead, gently tell them what the rule is and what the penalty would be.)
- We pledge to not let new players underpeg points or undercount hands. (We will, instead, explain errors and then allow new players to take all points they are entitled to.)
- We pledge to not make new players feel inferior if/when they miss points or make a bad play. (We will, instead, let them know that all cribbage players do this and that it is part of the learning process.)
- We pledge to not force new players to play a game in fifteen minutes. (We will, instead, be tolerant and not complain, remembering that we, too, started slow.)
- We pledge to allow new players to play for free or at the minimum cost of club expenses and Grass Roots/ACC dues.

After the trial period is up . . .

- We pledge to continue to make *all* players—new and existing—feel welcome and comfortable at our club.

64 Grass Roots clubs have adopted the “Play Nice Pledge”

here are the latest clubs to sign up

Capital City Club 17 (Ankeny IA)

Club 107 (Benton Harbor MI)

Deer Lodge 29 Club 391 (Deer Lodge MT)

Indianapolis Racers Club 398 (Indianapolis IN)

To add your club to this list, send email to cribbageworld@cribbage.org.

My Deal

by David Aiken



Play **smart**, play **fair**, play **fast**—but mostly play **nice**

25,000

Since August 22, 2008, I have tracked the results of all cribbage games I played. When viewed in the aggregate, these numbers yield some interesting stats on how well I do on each day of the week, in each state, and by type of event (see pages 8–9).

On February 1, 2022, I played my 25,000th game. Since this is a nice round number, I decided to look back at these 25,000 games and draw a few conclusions from them.

First of all, I have won 13,443 games, or 53.77%. This is not in the stratosphere where **Erik Locke** flies, but the peaks-and-valleys I've written about frequently in these pages have brought me a modicum of success. Sadly, in my goal to become the #3 David in lifetime standings, I still trail **David Statz** (Amherst MA) by 800+ MRPs and by three tournament wins.

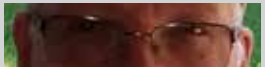

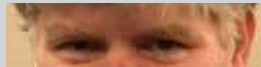
I've been fortunate enough to have the privilege of playing organized cribbage in 28 states to date. Only 22 more to go!

Doing the math reveals that, in the 4,912 days between August 22, 2008 and February 1, 2022, I have played an average of 5.1 games per day, every day, for over thirteen years. If each game adhered to the ACC's fifteen-minute target, this represents 6,250 hours, or almost 260½ days. I've spent a larger percentage of my life eating, sleeping, showering, working, driving, editing *Cribbage World*—so I'm okay with that number.

My biggest win and loss during this time? I beat **Austin Adams** (Rives Junction MI) by 73 at the 2010 Michigan All Star Tourney, and I lost by 70 to **Mike Emerson** (Santa Rosa CA) at the 2015 TOC.

What's included in my list of 25K games? I recorded every game played according to ACC rules at an organized event, specifically:

- Grass Roots clubs: both my home club and other clubs I visit, including GRRTs and GRNTs
- ACC-sanctioned tourneys: qualifying

Tale of the Tape	 Rick Baird	 David Aiken	 Rob Medeiros
average	✓60.4% (64–42)	46.0% (74–87)	55.6% (20–16)
biggest win	+42 over Margery Clark (OR) @ Club 12	✓+47 over Joyce Betz (MI) @ Club 71	✓+47 over Kenneth Flynn (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	✓-39 by Ron Hahn (WI) @ Wisconsin Dells	-51 by Mary Bearss (MI) @ GRNT	-45 by Bobby O'Neill (MA) @ Club 104

rounds and playoffs for both mains and consolations

- satellite events associated with ACC-sanctioned tourneys: singles, standard doubles, and Canadian Doubles
- events not associated with ACC tourneys but played according to ACC rules, including long matches and nonsanctioned clubs

The list does not include pickup games—regardless of variety: singles, doubles, captain. Nor does it include games in which I was teaching new players the game. I regret not recording other stats like first dealer, opponent's name, spread points of each game, but I'm not likely to start recording that data for the next 25,000 games I play.

My 25,000th game was the third game at my home club (#71) on Tuesday, February 1, against close friend and Canadian doubles partner **Eric Jensen** (Grand Rapids MI). I was 1–1 at the time, and Eric was 0–2. He won the cut for deal (3-Q), and from there it just got worse for me. Here are the game stats:

- 9 deals
- my hands: 6, 12, 7, 5, 2, 7, 4, 4, 8 (total 55, average 6.1)
- my cribs: 7, 6, 4, 8 (total 25, average 6.25)
- my pegging: 23 points
- value added by the cut to my hands/cribs: 22 points
- lose by 18 (121–103)

It says something about this game that my cribs had a higher average than my hands. I had only one double-digit hand, and at the end of the game I did something that I do too often. ➡

After five games, I had only two wins, but then I brought out the field-goal kicker for three consecutive skunks before getting skunked in game nine. My 13/5 was good enough for fifth place that night out of twenty-six players.

Even though we see some of the same hands over and over again, every game is different because of the millions of potential ways that each game could take. In case you're wondering, there are 12,994,800 possible hands in cribbage. If that number's too large to comprehend, when not accounting for suit, there are *only* 14,715 unique hands! But that's what makes this game so exciting—making decisions to narrow down all those options in order to come up with 121 points before your opponent does!

I don't know if I'll ever make it to 50,000 games, but if I do, you'll read about it here. If you want to know the best chance of beating me, study the charts on pages 8–9 to figure out when and where to play me. On the other hand, here's my takeaway: I'm going to start playing Grass Roots clubs in Arkansas only on Mondays!

CW



Dave's 25,000 Games!

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games	wins	losses	percentage
25,000	13,443	11,557	53.77

STATE	record	total	percentage
Arkansas	7-2	9	77.78
Florida	108-69	177	61.02
Louisiana	26-17	43	60.47
Maryland	54-37	91	59.34
Idaho	60-42	102	58.82
Texas	64-45	109	58.72
Montana	77-57	134	57.46
New York	130-98	228	57.02
Arizona	87-67	154	56.49
Washington	75-59	134	55.97
California	784-635	1,419	55.25
New Hampshire	345-284	629	54.85
Georgia	40-33	73	54.79
North Carolina	545-451	996	54.72
Michigan	5,657-4,700	10,357	54.62
Virginia	113-95	208	54.33
South Dakota	63-53	116	54.31
Illinois	485-418	903	53.71
Missouri	73-64	137	53.28
Massachusetts	26-23	49	53.06
Nevada	1,232-1,118	2,350	52.43
Wisconsin	2,624-2,420	5,044	52.02
Connecticut	31-29	60	51.67
Minnesota	200-193	393	50.89
Oregon	435-421	856	50.82
Colorado	75-74	149	50.34
Iowa	15-25	40	37.50
Nebraska	12-28	40	30.00

DAY	record	total	percentage
Monday	473–345	818	57.82
Thursday	1,220–920	2,140	57.01
Wednesday	492–389	881	55.85
Tuesday	2,957–2,498	5455	54.21
Sunday	2,284–1,995	4,279	53.38
Friday	1,500–1,323	2,823	53.13
Saturday	4,517–4,087	8,604	52.50

EVENT	record	total	percentage
other clubs	538–326	864	62.27
Canadian Doubles	259–189	448	57.81
home club	2,766–2,261	5,027	55.02
special events	1,080–893	1,973	54.74
main playoffs	678–566	1,244	54.50
consy qualifying	1,688–1,453	3,141	53.74
satellite events	1,157–999	2,156	53.66
main qualifying	4,851–4,472	9,323	52.03
consy playoffs	278–257	535	51.96
standard doubles	148–141	289	51.21

SEASON	record	total	percentage
2019–2020	853–670	1,523	56.01
2008–2009	834–687	1,521	54.83
2014–2015	1,371–1,133	2,504	54.75
2017–2018	1,051–876	1,927	54.54
2009–2010	988–830	1,818	54.35
2016–2017	1,090–916	2,006	54.34
2021–2022	495–418	913	54.22
2010–2011	1,045–885	1,930	54.15
2020–2021	434–370	804	53.98
2015–2016	1,441–1,269	2,710	53.17
2013–2014	1,071–959	2,030	52.76
2018–2019	1,015–909	1,924	52.75
2012–2013	846–779	1,625	52.06
2011–2012	909–856	1,765	51.50

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Very Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Wisconsin Dells Deals (Lake Delton WI; Jan. 7-9)	Terry Weber	85 players HQ. James Huser (45) 1. Kristina Wright (147) 2. Darlene Anderst (105) 3. Terry Weber (70) 3. James Huser (70)	58 players HQ. Donna LaFleur (18) 1. Scott Kooistra (60) 2. Don Pohlman (40) 3. Donna LaFleur (24) 3. Doug Page (24)	28-hands: Pete Wilbur* Daniel Dykas* Penny Shepherd* James Huser*	Friday: James Huser Saturday: Bill Davy
Virginia Championship (Williamsburg VA; Jan. 7-9)	Rick Allen	32 players HQ. Keith Widener (30) 1. Keith Widener (70) 2. Ron Musolf (42) 3. Sandy Shrum (21) 3. Scott Noble (21)	20 players HQ. Carlyle Elliott (12) 1. Laurie Schmitz (40) 2. Ed Tasca (24) 3. Jennifer Johnson (12) 3. Carlyle Elliott (12)		Friday: Scott Noble Saturday: Ron Musolf
Pacific Coast Championship (Marina CA; Jan. 8-9)	Randy Borchardt	38 players HQ. Brock Lee (40) 1. James Clark (105) 2. Brock Lee (70) 3. Lloyd Boyd (42) 3. John Kern (42)	21 players HQ. Charlene Cohen (21) 1. Randy Azelton (40) 2. Wayne Morris (24) 3. Charlene Cohen (12) 3. Bryan Gurden (12)	28-hand: John Kern*	Saturday: Bryan Gurden
American Pride (Marinette WI; Jan. 14-16)	Al Karr	67 players HQ. Chad Frischmann (45) 1. Glenn Gauthier (147) 2. Thomas Celske (105) 3. Marlene Lazachek (70) 3. Ellen Kutz (70)	40 players HQ. Don Pohlman (15) 1. James McCarty (60) 2. Steven Steinmetz (40) 3. Dennis Koehler (24) 3. Jeff Shimp (24)	28-hand: Wayne Steinmetz*	Friday: Marlene Lazachek Doubles: Andy Stireman & Joni Pennington Saturday: Donna LaFleur
Snowbird Special (Yuma AZ; Jan. 15-16)	Pam Pomeroy	54 players HQ. Pamela Pomeroy (45) 1. John Alig (105) 2. Donald Brown (70) 3. Bob Prochnow (42) 3. Dave Yaeger (42)	40 players HQ. Richard May (21) 1. Scott Kooistra (60) 2. Gary Galetti (40) 3. Richard May (24) 3. Joe Clarke (24)		Doubles: Rodney Rideau & William Eilers

Tournament	Director	Main (MRPs)	Consolation (MRPs)	Very Big Hands	Satellite Winners
Snow Bowl (Brewer ME; Jan. 15)	Joe Bowen	34 players HQ. Barry Spadea (40) 1. Ethan Guyaz (105) 2. Dan Michela (70) 3. Jerry Hardy (42) 3. David Statz (42)	20 players HQ. Patrick Robrecht (21) 1. Patrick Robrecht (40) 2. James Mahon (24) 3. Robert Hewes (12) 3. Jack Chandler (12)	28-hand: Carlyle Foss*	Friday: Patrick Robrecht
Winter Classic (Brewer ME; Jan. 16)	Joe Bowen	29 players HQ. David Statz (40) 1. Peter Legendre (70) 2. David Statz (42) 3. Barry Spadea (21) 3. Jack Chandler (21)	12 players HQ. Keith Widener (9) 1. Keith Widener (24) 2. Steven Braley (12) 3. Barry Spadea (4) 3. Jack Chandler (4)		Canadian Doubles: Linda Kennedy & Bob Miller
Humboldt Bay Classic (Eureka CA; Jan. 28-30)	Peggy & Rick Shea	24 players HQ. Peggy Shea (50) 1. Laurie Logan (70) 2. Lonardo Resendez (42) 3. Peggy Shea (21) 3. Wayne Momsen (21)	18 players HQ. Sheryl Brekke (15) 1. Barrett Mace (40) 2. Carole Herron (24) 3. Sheryl Brekke (12) 3. Betty Brumley (12)	28-hands: Lisa Spellenberg* Joseph Botkin* Jeannie Stephens*	Doubles: Ron Logan & Wayne Momsen
Schaefer Shuffle Singles (Henderson NV; Jan. 29)	Alan Schaefer	55 players HQ. Denise Fortin (40) 1. Denise Fortin (105) 2. Kevin Harris (70) 3. Billie Reddell (42) 3. June Fordham (42)	34 players HQ. Ronnie Murakami (18) 1. Ariland Kaat (60) 2. James Milkowski (40) 3. Scott Kooistra (24) 3. Lee Foglesong (24)	28-hand: Regan Dakin*	Doubles: Terry Higgins & Jeff Mather
Medeiros Memorial (Wolfeboro NH; Feb. 4-6)	Vicki Soule	54 players HQ. Mary Burlington (60) 1. Robert Fitzgerald (105) 2. Marty Duchow (70) 3. Robert Medeiros (42) 3. William Shoemaker (42)	32 players HQ. Darlene Young (21) 1. Charles Booker (40) 2. Adam Sarmanian (24) 3. Darlene Young (12) 3. Peter Legendre (12)	28-hand: Michael Kopp*	Friday: Charles Booker Canadian Doubles: Robert Medeiros & Jim Maffa

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

Tourney Tidbits

Bookends **Laurie Schmitz** (Virginia Beach VA) now has bookends at the Virginia Championship; she won the main in 2010 and the consolation in 2022!

One from Every Town At the Brewer Winter Classic, **Vicki Soule** (Woolwich ME) held four flushes—one of each suit.

New Cribbage Masters

1020. Ellen K. Kutz (Wauwatosa WI)
1021. Darlene Anderst (Lake City MN)

Cribbage Quiz

Which ACC member can be described as “a dapper gentleman wearing a Panama hat and a shiny satin jacket”?

answer on page 25

CLUB **29**

1. Ronald Jensen (NV): Gold Dust West Fall Festival (Nov. 6)



Fundraising for Grand National 40 is nearly complete!

This is a big thank you to everyone who participated in fundraising raffles and games to support the ACC Grand National in Omaha.

Our efforts have raised over \$3,500 to cover expenses for Grand National. These expenses include printing of the tournament program book, GN pins and pens, rental of tables for the tourney, boxes of new playing cards, and other printing expenses.

A special thanks to **Richard Frost** for conducting raffles in the Central Region! And thanks to **Troy Thorson**, **Clay Collier**, and many others who helped with fundraising. We expect to pay back 100% for the sanctioned events during Grand National week.

Please make your hotel reservations at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Omaha soon by calling the hotel directly at 402.934.4900.

For more info, call or text GN director **Scott Kooistra** at 605.661.7081.

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Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

Recently I was made aware of a cribbage board that is very similar to a board given to me by ACC member **Mike Rowe**. Mike passed away a few years ago, so I thought an update of my 2013 article on his board would be appropriate (you can read the original article in the January 2013 *Cribbage World*, page 23; go to cribbage.org and click “Cribbage World Archives”).

Both boards are made from whale baleen by Native Alaskan artists. The first board that Mike gave me was made and signed by F. E. Frankson Sr. Mike and I researched that name and found several Franksons in the Point Hope (Tikigaaq) area of Northwest Alaska.

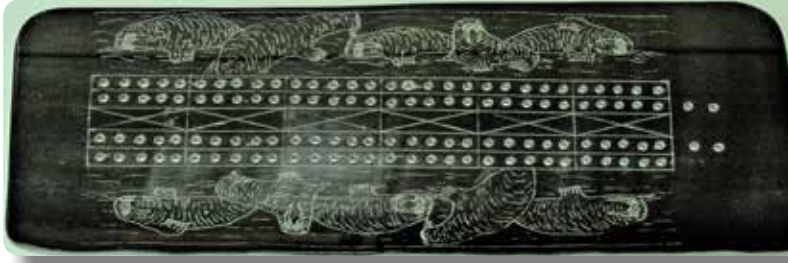
Native Inupiat Alaskans still maintain a seasonal hunt for bowhead whales. Many still hunt with traditional sealskin boats powered by paddles.

The second board was made and signed by Native Alaskan artist Gabriel Penatac of Barrow AK. Both of these whale baleen scrimshawed boards fall under the 1973 Endangered Species Act. Generally, they are legal to own be-

cause they were made and signed by a Native Alaskan artist. However, some states have passed recent laws that make it more difficult to import, sell, buy, or own these items. If you plan to travel to Alaska, be sure to check your local laws before buying any Endangered Species works of art.



Jay Fulwider collects cribbage boards in picturesque Washington State, where he also enjoys golf, fishing, and racquetball. His philosophy on the key to life: “Just keep your pegs moving.” Ideas for and questions about this column may be sent to budandotis@msn.com (put “Cribbage Board” in the subject line).



Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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Huge congrats to ACC Executive VP and eCribbage TD **Rick Shea** (*thirtyonefor14*) for achieving his Life eMaster (★) Award! Rick is only the fifth player to reach this level in the fifteen-year history of internet play. It takes 10,000 IRPs

to get to this prestigious pinnacle. Rick now joins **Mike Fetchel**, **Dan Crete**, **Bill MacMillan**, and **John Schafer**. Kudos on your amazing accomplishment, Rick!

The second annual ICD special event is in the books! Eighty-six players participated this year, and the PRO prize winners are (drumroll please):

- Gold—**Roger Wilson** (*rogeru29*), recipient of the special David Campbell memorial jacket, donated by Lana Newhouse and custom made by Cher Morrow!
- Silver—**Lawrence Hatch** (*LarryO*)
- Bronze—**Paul Gregson** (*a2zcribbage*) and **Bruce Sattler** (*loosebruce*)

Immense thanks to **Teri Murdy** for all her hard work to make this event a success!

Player of the Month

Bill MacMillan (*WY00191L*) @ 165 IRPs

New Life eMasters (★) (10,000 IRPs)

Rick Shea (*thirtyonefor14*)

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)

George Lanning (*georgelanning*)

New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)

Frank Reddy (*DrVodka*)

Gregory Gougian (*gougie00*)

Internet 28-Hands

Jennifer Curnow (*JJx7fan*)

Betsy Miller (*Weezieboop*)

Internet Grand Slams

Bill Macmillan (*WY00191L*)

Kelly Anne Burgar (*lilthummp*)

internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	630	James Morrow (<i>29seeker</i>)
2	624	Bernard Kitheka (<i>Wanzelu</i>)
3	611	Reuben Sufka (<i>butchsuf</i>)
4	580	Pat Liegl (<i>patco1950</i>)
5	549	Jim Correa (<i>Dio</i>)
6	548	Jeff Raynes (<i>jeffraynes29</i>)
7	547	Aaron Jonasen (<i>WenPegzFly</i>)
8	536	Paul Gregson (<i>a2zCribbage</i>)
9	522	Jim Gear (<i>Gearar7</i>)
10	510	Jennifer Bolles (<i>Jebbbifer</i>)

Teri juggles a lot as a special TD to manage this event. She also has received a year of PRO as thanks. The winners of the regular ACC eCribbage tournaments also won PRO prizes throughout the week.

The ICD would not be possible without donations from the ACC and Damien, as well as the following players: **Mike Fetchel**, **Carl McCullum**, **Bernard Palmer**, and **Kareof AZ**. (Apologies to any I missed or who donated after I submitted my article!)

Hope to see many of you at the meet-and-greet in Reno on Thursday, 3/3 at 3p at the 3rd Street Bar. Drop in.

A Tribute to Jim McKnight

by Jeanne Jelke

On May 29, 2021, our ACC cribbage family lost a distinguished player and friend, **Jim McKnight**, at the age of 85. A brilliant man with a quick wit, as well as a psychiatrist by profession, Jim was always friendly and never flaunted his professional status or education.

Jim joined the ACC in the 1990s. Over the years he attained the rank of Life Master and won six tournaments during his cribbage career. He loved to go to tournaments all over the west, often traveling with Jim Langley, Cres Fernandez, and other cribbage friends. Even as his mobility grew more impaired due to an inherited disorder, he attended tournaments with a caretaker.

Jim was always upbeat and never complained. He lived an interesting life besides his cribbage passion. Born in Portola CA, he grew up in the Bay Area. He was educated at Stanford, served in the Army as a medical officer, and practiced psychiatry for many years at the State Hospital in Napa. Later he practiced in Palm Springs, where he spent the last twelve years of his life with his wife Christine. He and Christine traveled all over the world. Christine remembers Jim as the best husband anyone could ever have. Jim also enjoyed swimming, reading, movies, and bridge. Father to six children and three stepchildren, Jim had a large extended family that was with him when he passed away rather suddenly due to cancer.

One of my greatest memories of Jim is on April 30, 2014. He had traveled to the Oregon Coast cluster with Jim Langley and me. In Newport, the late Doc (Dean) Bauman offered to take us whale watching in his airplane. Jim L. and Doc managed to hoist Jim M. into the front passenger's seat and off we went. I had actually qualified for the consolation playoffs that day, but I forfeited—the only time this cribbage addict has done so willingly—so that I could partake in this grand adventure. The weather was postcard perfect, and Jim M. had a marvelous time.

I can hear Jim's voice and see his smile as I write this tribute to him. We will greatly miss Jim's zest for life, engaging conversation, competitive spirit, and most of all his friendship at our cribbage events.



Raggedy Stats

by David Aiken

WARNING: MATH AHEAD!

Questions sent to *Cribbage World* frequently start with the phrase “what at the odds of . . . ?” This month, however, the CW editor had a question based on the photo on the front cover: what are the odds of Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy appearing in the same deal.

Since your intrepid editor is *not* a statistician, and to my knowledge no ACC members are professional statisticians, *Cribbage World* turned to **Steve Lumetta**. Steve has a list of titles related to this field: Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Affiliate Associate Professor of Computer Science, and Research Associate Professor in the Coordinated Science Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. [*Whew!*]

As you can guess, the answer to this question is complicated. Here is Steve’s first response:

How do you want me to put a probability on what a player discards? I could bound the chance above (no greater than the number I compute) by assuming that a player always keeps cards that could produce one of those hands—not always possible (A-A-2-2-6-7 could go either way). Bounded below by 0 (some player may always discard in a way that prevents their obtaining either hand) . . . unless you want to consider all three hands. There are some deals (A-A-A-6-7-8) that make it impossible to reduce the chance to 0 in both one’s own hand and the crib. [*Double whew!*]

In light of this, *Cribbage World* decided to ask Steve to calculate the odds of these hands appearing randomly without any thought given to whether it is the “right way” to hold them. We also asked that the cards appear in the players’ hands and not the crib. In other words, how often would the combinations A-A-6-7, A-A-6-8, or A-A-7-8 appear in the hand—and then the “missing” card appears (respectively 8, 7, or 6) as the starter card? And then run the same equation for 2-2.

Here is the official answer from a real-live statistician:

- To draw A-A-6-7 from a full deck in that order is:

$$(4/52) \times (3/51) \times (4/50) \times (4/49)$$

- There are 12 orders of those four cards, each with equal probability. And there are three choices for the 6-7 combo (6-7, 6-8, 7-8), again, each with equal probability. So multiply the whole thing by 36:

$$(\times 12 \times 3)$$

- Next, the other hand (2-2-6-7), which is pretty similar, except some cards are taken (note the lower numerators in the last two terms, since 6 and 7 are in the first hand already):

$$(4/48) \times (3/47) \times (3/46) \times (3/45)$$

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- Again, 12 orders. But now we need to match the first hand, so no combo multiplier.
(x 12)
- Those two get multiplied together.
- Then we have to draw the right cut card—none of them are in either hand, so we have a factor of

$$(4/44)$$

- Putting them all together, we obtain . . .
 $4 \times 3 \times 4 \times 4 \times 36 \times 4 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 12 \times 4 / (52 \times 51 \times 50 \times 49 \times 48 \times 47 \times 46 \times 45 \times 44)$
- Put another way:
 $= 35831808 / 1335062881152000 = .0000002683904144580$
- Finally, we have to include the chance that these two sets of cards are dealt to the opposite players, but both still appear in one deal, so we multiply the final probability by 2 (twice as likely), yielding:
1 in 18,629,577—or 18,629,576 to 1 against
- Since these cards are actually a pretty attractive hand, a player is much more likely to keep them out of a six-card deal. If I had to guess, I'd say it could be nearly 100x more likely (overall) if people tend to keep those cards (overlap issues make guessing necessary). [*And triple whew!*]

Thanks to Steve's expert help, we now know that the hands on the front cover had a 1 in 18.6 million chance of appearing!

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



This happened at the recent Vicki Birthday Bash in Wolfeboro NH. I was watching fellow club member **Stanley Fillpiak** (MA) playing **Mary Alice Russell** (MA) in the consolation. Stan is no brain surgeon, but he's normally a capable player.

Mary Alice is dealing from 95, with Stan at hole 90. He is dealt the tricky hand A-6-7-8-J-Q; should he keep seven points and throw the dangerous touching J-Q, or keep a five-point hand and discard A-Q?

I looked away for a split second, and then I see Stan cutting the 2 of Clubs. I think that's a pretty good cut for Stan: it gives him a couple points without noticeably helping Mary Alice. When Stan looks back at his hand, he lets out a slight scream: "What did I just do?" Well he ended up keeping A-6-7-J instead of A-6-7-8. So he kept zero points instead of seven!

I can honestly say I've never seen a discarding mistake like that have such a drastic effect. Mary Alice went out on the next deal, and I have a story to forever hold over Stan! Just when you thought you'd seen it all, something like this happens!

The last time Rob Medeiros made a discarding mistake was on June 31, 1969. He can be reached at mrob2199@aol.com.

GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Teaching Tip

Recently, I was working with a group of fourth grade students. It was my second day in the classroom to teach a one-hour lesson. As we got about thirty minutes into the class, I could sense I was losing most of the kids. Not because they weren't interested in learning cribbage, but I was overwhelming them with too much information in too long of a period. As a veteran teacher, once I identified this, I shifted gears and passed out a deck of cards to each student and we had a shuffling lesson. The hands-on activity rekindled their enthusiasm for the next fifteen minutes and ended the class on a high note. Point of story: when working with children below grade 5, an hour of instruction is probably too long. Also, when working with kids of any age, read your audience. If you feel a lull in the lesson, take a break. Do a card trick or end the lesson early. End on a positive note so the kids look forward to your next visit.

News

In June 2021 I wrote about **Bernie Nelson**, who purchased 57 cribbage boards made by **Rick Pierce** to support the David Campbell Memorial Fund. Bernie then generously donated the boards to the Youth Cribbage Program. We have received 14 of those boards, and the rest of them are on their way west. We will use the boards as give-aways at the next Youth Grand National. Thanks to all who worked to make this donation a reality!

If you are working with youth or seniors, please consider taking a photo of you and/or your students and submit it to me for publication. Send to danthefan@yahoo.com.

Teaching Manuals

Recent requests for teaching manuals were received from the following people. Watch for a boom in these areas!

- **Justina Bricka** (St. Louis MO)
- **Emily Geile** (Tacoma WA)
- **Phil King** (Severn MD)
- **Ed Koch** (Garden Valley ID)
- **Michele Nelson** (Grand Junction CO)

Dan Zeisler is founder of Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament. Send info about youth cribbage to 530.263.7468 or danthefan@yahoo.com.

New Members

55 last month

Arizona

Karen Misluk (Peoria)

Arkansas

Don Brady (Hot Springs)

California

Andrew Maggio (Solana Beach)

David Maggio (Solana Beach)

Kendra Soderer (Jamestown)

Jim Wilder (Santa Rosa)

Colorado

Megan Adler (Englewood)

Georgia

Daisy Papa (Cumming)

Mike Papa (Cumming)

Holly Underwood (Milton)

Hawaii

Deanna Keogh (Honolulu)

Michael Keogh (Honolulu)

Idaho

Michael Rohm (Meridian)

Brad Smothermon (Hayden)

Clark Summers (Hayden)

Illinois

Paul Brask (Mt Prospect)

Massachusetts

Matthew Cann (South Hamilton)

Richard Hawes (Rockland)

Rachael Kashgagian (Lakeville)

Jennifer Morrell (Wakefield)

Gerry Noble (Lakeville)

Michigan

Edward Jansen (Midland)

Taylor Jansen (Midland)

Cheryl Kamin (Escanaba)

Shawn McCumby (Haslett)

Bob Stritzinger (Grand Rapids)

Minnesota

Larry Gustafson (Bloomington)

Betty Jo Jurek (Duluth)

Steve Slack (Savage)

Montana

James Schwindt (Sheridan)

Nevada

Johnny Walker (Henderson)

New York

Daniel Pitnell (Pittsford)

North Carolina

Robert C. Hewitt (Raleigh)

Joe McVerry (Raleigh)

Oregon

Ron Henson (Albany)

Francis Hicks (Waldport)

Allen Periman (La Grande)

Stephan Williams (Portland)

Texas

Monty Buhrow (Eules)

Shari Shugart (Fort Hood)

Thomas Shugart III (Fort Hood)

Utah

Royd Nelson (South Jordan)

David Tomlin (Taylorsville)

Russell Utley (Sandy)

Virginia

Brigette Torrise (Fairfax)

Christopher Torrise (Fairfax)

Washington

Sean Cook (Vancouver)

Jim Korzetz (Poulsbo)

Leticia Neal (Olympia)

Paul Theisen (Poulsbo)

Tab Vincelet (Spokane)

Lory Williams (Olympia)

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Scott Teeters (Windsor)

Robert Verhage (Appleton)

Wyoming

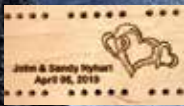
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GRASS ROOTS Clubs

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Gary D. Reichel
(Battle Creek MI)
Gold #161

Gary learned cribbage from his father in 1957 at a summer cottage in Lake City MI. He joined the ACC and Battle Creek Club 300 in 2002. He has been club champion three times and counts Joe Daly (deceased) and Dave Gerke as his cribbage mentors.

When not playing cribbage, he enjoys spending time with family and grandkids, helping as a poll worker, and watching old movies. Gary says: "I really enjoy this game as a hobby! I look forward to playing Thursdays at club. I have found that many folks can leave their concerns for a few hours and enjoy good company."

GrassRoots *Awards*

SILVER

- Charles Booker III (CT), 26
- Maija Clough (CA), 290
- James B. Knorr (WI), 90
- Chris McComas (WA), 426
- Bill Mero (WA), 28
- Jerry Russell (GA), 144
- Sandy Sands (MT), 25

BRONZE

- Thomas J. Grubb (MN), 399
- Tony Jackson (FL), 328
- Lono Kaai (OR), 12
- Dennis Kassebaum (MO), 344
- Dana McClain (WA), 118
- Jim McDaniel (FL), 444
- Joe Peterson (MT), 410
- Timothy Shaw (MN), 388

Club 295 (Rochester Hill MI) continues to have hot cards, with the first grand slam of the season going to **Dan Finstad**, who is new to club this year. Dan won five games by four points or less!



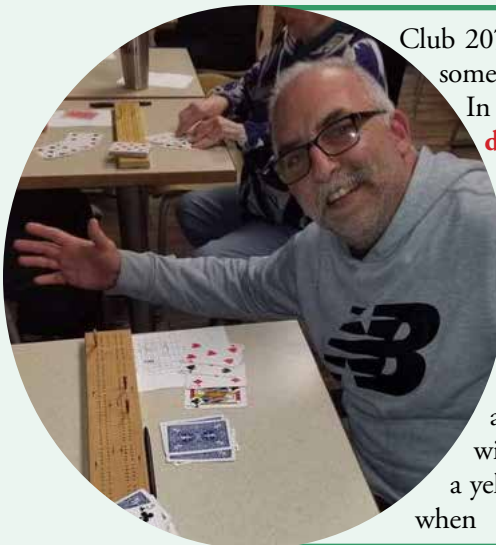
Club 17 (Ankeny IA)—**John Shoemaker** had his very first 29-hand against fellow club member **Ken Moomey** in the second game on February 5.



Club contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to ACCgrassrootscorner@gmail.com



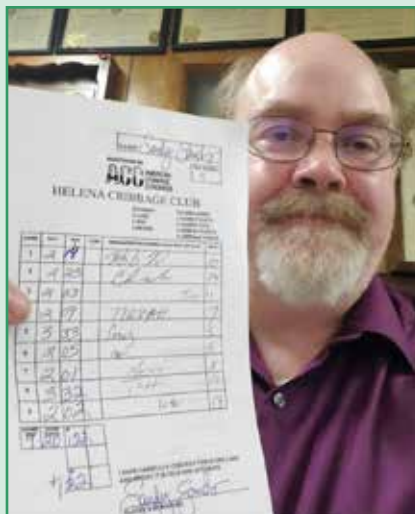
Grass Roots Corner



Club 207 (Clovis CA) has had some exciting play recently. In January **Mike Boudreau** ← had his first ever 29-hand. **Donna Karr** and **Ed Weigant** both had 28-hands the same night. A week later **Rob Kiessling** held a 28-hand. And on February 9 Donna again scored a 28 and within five minutes came a yell from **Joe Lillibridge** when he hit a 28 hand.

Club 430 (Tallahassee FL)—**Scott Early** scored a 28-hand on February 3.

Club 25 (Helena MT)—on February 8 we had both a 29-hand (**Steve McGee**) ↓ and a grand slam (**Sandy Sands**). ↓



The image shows three ACC Grass Roots Official Scorecard forms. The first form is for Club 414 (Medford OR) dated 12/16/15, with a score of 4. The second form is for Club 368 (Ishpeming MI) dated 12/29/15, with a score of 5. The third form is for Club 451 (Wasatch UT) dated 12/15/15, with a score of 788. Each form contains a table with columns for Card, Score Points, Opponent Points, Opponent Status, and Tricard/Club Number. The forms are filled out with handwritten data and signatures.

Club 414 (Medford OR) had three 16/7 cards on December 16. Frank Eckerd was the winner, Tom Barr was second, and Loree Camden was third.

Club 368 (Ishpeming MI)—**Lou Tousignant** had a grand slam on December 29.

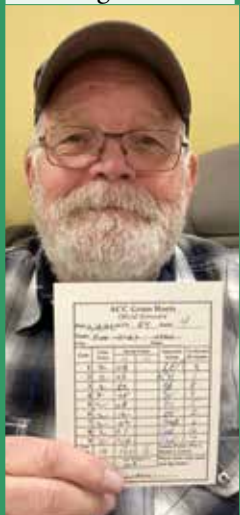
Club 451 (Wasatch UT) is the first club in Utah, and only two months in has a grand slam! **Russell Utley** shows off his gem.



Club 271 (Albuquerque NM)—**Paul Rose** held his first-ever 29-hand on January 22.



Club 43 (Denver CO)—**David Zook** scored a 28-hand on February 8.



Club 108 (Lynnwood WA) had not one but *two* 28-hands appear on January 11. **Arne Gallagher** and **Richard Swanson** held the amazing hands.

Club 197 (Kenosha WI) was visited by **Dan Selke** from Club 3, who proceeded to post a grand slam!

Club 55 (Rohnert Park CA) has one of the hottest players going. Former champ **Tom Highshoe** is on a roll, having won eight games *six* times this season, plus a grand slam in October! **Jim Wilder**, → playing on his first night as an ACC member, held the very rare 29-hand—his first in sixty years of cribbage!



Jim Stratton ↑ of Jackson Peggers Club 332 had a 28-hand against **Rocco Buysse** on February 9, but ended up in the stink hole, costing him a quarter. (House Rules, our club version.)

Not to worry: Jim ended in first place that night with 16/7. He has had several 28-hands over the years and has been an ACC and Club 332 member since 1996. Plus he turned 90 in February!



Club 98 (Crescent City CA) had not one, but *two* grand slams so far this year: **John Cogburn** in January, and **Gerald Oxford** in February.



Valleys and Peaks

Muskegon Club #229

ACC # _____ Table/Seat 3

Name: DARCY DONAT

Game No.	Points	Plus	Minus	Opponents Initials	Seat No.
1	0		13	JEFF	4
2	0		23	AE	8
3	0		07	23	12
4	0		09	Aiken	9
5	0		01	UL	5
6	0		05	PR	2
7	0		18	DAN	6
8	0		19	JB	10
9	0		40	OD	11
Totals		0	0	135	
		0	-135	Games Won/Net Spd Pts	

Checked by _____

Signature: Darcy Donat

BEER CITY PEGGERS

name Darcy Donat

date 1/25/22 seat no. 6

game no.	plus points	minus points	oppo- nent	seat no.
1	2	12	Pg	5
2	3	38	JEFF	2
3	2	06	CH	1
4	2	18	JB	10
5	3	32	PH	14
6	2	09	A	18
7	2	23	OH	22
8	2	01	JB	26
9	0		31. RB	27
total	→ 18	139	31	

GAME 10 IS FOR CROSS-CHECKING PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD POINT TOTALS

10

games won	net points	signature
8	+108	<u>Darcy Donat</u>

CHECKED BY _____

ACC RABBIT HOLE → 36

In an near-identical repetition of what **Joyce Betz** did on October 25 (see December 2021 CW, page 25), **Darcy Donat** also had a horrible night at her home club in Muskegon MI on January 24, turning in a string of pearls \uparrow (0/0 -135). Darcy also plays in the Grand Rapids club every Tuesday, and on January 25 it was a different story, as she posted a near slam 18/8 +108. \rightarrow What a difference a day makes!

Cribbage in the News

A story in the Spokane (WA) *Spokesman* features all three ACC clubs in the Spokane area: #69 (directed by **Carl Vennes**), #198 (directed by **Kevin Mansfield**), and #377 (directed by **Kat Hartsell**). Mansfield aptly summed up the goal of Grass Roots clubs: “People come for the cards, but stay for the people.” To read the full story, go to **spokesman.com** and type “cribbage” in the search box.

Quiz Answer

The “dapper gentleman wearing a Panama hat and a shiny satin jacket” is none other than BOD member **Dan Selke** (Arlington Heights IL). Here’s the complete story from *seniornomads.com*:

Just last week, when we were playing Scrabble at Geek & Co, a popular outdoor cafe when Michael’s insatiable appetite for talking to complete strangers kicked in. A dapper gentleman wearing a Panama hat and a shiny satin jacket walked by. The front was embroidered with the number 29 and the back sported a fan of playing cards showing four 5’s and a Jack and Grassroots Cribbage—the name of his club in Chicago. It reminded me of John Candy and his gang the Kenosha Kickers in *Home Alone*.

Michael deduced he must know a thing-or-two about the game, so he chased after him. Sure enough, he plays Cribbage in tournaments all over the United States. Before you could say “Twenty Nine” Michael was set to play Cribbage with his new friend Dan, a few days later. I tagged along and we both found Dan to be an excellent teacher and we left with a new appreciation for the game.

To read more by and about Debbie and Michael Campbell, the seniors in *seniornomads.com*, go to that website and explore. The “dapper gentleman” story is in their blog dated February 13, 2022.



IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Salvatore Ditommaso

Salvatore Ditommaso (Lake Worth FL) passed away in January. Though short in stature, in high school Sal was a terror on the football field and very competitive. When he started to play cribbage, some of that competitive spirit carried over, but he was a real nice guy and friend to all. He played in Palm Beach County Club 241. He will be missed by all.

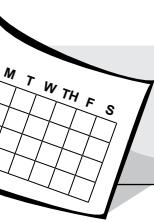
Kathleen Hahn

Kathleen Hahn (Winston OR) passed away on January 15 at the age of seventy-seven. She joined the ACC in December 1991 and obtained the Bronze in Grass Roots play. Her ACC tournament trail was cut short due to allergies to smoke. She loved to read books, play cards, and make pies, and she mastered the game of Kings Cribbage.

Most of all she was avid genealogist. She will be missed by the Roseburg Grass Roots Club 62 for her leadership and fellowship.

Albert N. Miller

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we relay news of the passing of Al Miller (Nashua NH) on January 24. A longtime fixture on the New England cribbage circuit, Al ran tournaments for many years and then tirelessly helped others run theirs. He was a seven-time champion of Granite State Cribbers Club 314 and helped others to improve their game by providing valuable insights on how to play a hand. Al took ill in mid-January and entered the hospital. There he failed to thrive and unfortunately passed away and was laid to rest in Nashua on January 31. Rest in peace, Al, you will be missed.



SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of February 10

Western Region		Central Region		Eastern Region	
MRPs name		MRPs name		MRPs name	
1	839 Erik Locke	1	975 Scott Kooistra	1	739 Charlene Cohen
2	576 Rick Baird	2	794 Ann Trotter	2	552 Donna LaFleur
3	564 Bryan Gurden	3	636 Doug Page	3	523 Keith Widener
4	528 Bob Bartosh	4	587 Emilio Perez	4	400 Larry Phifer
5	514 James Morrow	5	512 Jeff Shimp	5	392 Marty Duchow
6	507 Troy Thorson	6	461 John Syftestad	6	356 Jeff Raynes
7	385 William O'Malley	7	450 Jim Mahan	7	330 David Statz
8	349 Carl Vennes	8	402 Clay Collier	8	294 Peter Legendre
9	348 Bob Brumley	9	395 Kevin Harris	9	282 Robert Medeiros
10	342 Todd Malmgren	10	391 Henry Brandner	10	262 Barry Spadea
11	339 Denise Fortin	11	379 Chad Frischmann	11	228 Mark Soule
12	332 Dave Yaeger	12	337 Dan Selke	12	227 William Shoemaker
13	330 Bob Prochnow	13	334 Wayne Steinmetz	13	220 Jack Chandler
14	322 Terry Higgins	14	316 David Aiken	14	219 Jim Maffa
15	321 Kathy Pacocha	15	304 Terry Weber	15	208 Paul Batterson
16	317 David Bute	16	298 Marlene Lazachek	16	207 Richard Weston
17	296 William Macmillan	17	297 Kristina Wright	17	197 Robert Fitzgerald
18	288 Carole Herron	17	297 James McCarty	18	184 Mathew Piechota
19	278 Ray Klocko	19	242 Jane Vander Loop	19	167 Dave Leissner
20	251 James Clark	20	234 Patrick Healey	20	158 Mary Burlington
21	244 Betty Brumley	21	228 William Stacey	21	151 Curtis Barbour
22	238 Sara Sanner	22	224 Laura Johnson	22	150 Barbara Barbour
23	230 Bob Stone	23	222 Mark Smith	23	149 Darlene Young
24	222 John Alig	24	214 Tom Briski	24	147 Louis Petosa
25	218 Elmer Rasmussen	25	206 Alan Andrews	25	145 Ethan Guyaz
25	218 Peggy Shea	26	204 Doug Whitlock	26	144 Mike Fetchel
27	217 Joe Gates	27	196 Dennis Koehler	27	143 Patrick Robrecht
28	216 Margaret Fanucchi	27	196 Duaine Jacob	28	140 Phil Martin
29	215 John Kern	29	195 Richard Horvath	29	138 Scott Earley
30	208 Mary Gates	30	191 Thomas Celske	30	134 John Wichland
31	204 Gerald Hahn	31	183 Don Pohlman	31	132 Dan Michela
32	203 Brock Lee	32	181 John Hazlett	32	123 Jacob French
33	202 Arne Gallagher	33	178 James Huser	33	119 Jerry Hardy
34	199 Cy Madrone	33	178 Scott Sand	34	118 Ron Musolf
35	197 Chris McComas	35	173 Jason Matheny	35	115 Guy Spezzaferro
36	196 Don Dolezal	36	172 Glenn Gauthier	36	113 Sandy Shrum
37	195 Willie Evans	37	171 Gary McCuskey	37	110 Rick Bryant
38	193 Joanne Thomas	38	167 William Davy	37	110 Edward Kane
39	188 Jay Shaffer	39	166 Bob Joslin	37	110 Peter Grant
40	186 Paul Downing	40	165 Daniel Betz	37	110 John Miller
41	184 Charles Ramsey	41	164 Don Thienel	41	109 Steven Braley
42	183 Julie Felkins	42	161 Michael Henze	41	109 Peter Setian
43	178 Barbara Stockham	43	155 Steven Steinmetz	43	108 Bruce Sattler
44	176 Billie Reddell	44	154 Allen Karr	44	106 Fred Blanc
45	173 Herschel Mack	45	150 Stephen Subera	44	106 Jack Silvia
46	171 Ronnie Murakami	46	141 David Sniegowski	46	103 Michael O'Brien
47	162 James Langley	47	131 Bob Hanes	47	102 Phyllis Schmidt
48	156 Wayne Momsen	48	129 David Aiello	48	101 Joe Daesch
49	152 Pamela Pomeroy	48	129 Darlene Anderst	48	101 Chip Corrado
50	150 Gordy Wise	50	128 John Schafer	50	95 James Mahon

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE			TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE	
date	city/state	TD	@ Sands Regency in Reno NV	
Sept. 23–25, 2022	Omaha NE	Scott Kooistra	March 4–6, 2022	
Oct. 10–15, 2023	Virginia Beach VA	Jack Howsare	March 3–5, 2023	

NV ♦ The Big One Returns
Sands Casino, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501
Mar. 4, TOC (invitation only) TD: Patrick Barrett & Todd Schaefer
Mar. 5–6, JPW/ACC Open TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.444.3161) & Scott Kooistra
<i>See entry form in February CW.</i>

WI ♦ Mar. 18–20, Mick Michaelis Classic
Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ♦ Mar. 18–20, Northwest Open
Elks, 1896 Second St, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Rob Palmer (541.519.7910) & Pat Reynolds

MA ♦ Mar. 20, Cornbeef & Cribbage
VFW, 13 Cross Rd, Uxbridge MA 015669. TD: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613) & Leo Houle

NY ♦ Mar. 25–27, Western New York Open
Moose, 45 Church St, Hamburg NY 14075. TD: Robyn Boldt (716.648.1830) & Bill Kraatz

NV ♦ Mar. 25–27, Gold Dust West Spring Fling
Gold Dust West, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

NC ♦ Apr. 1–3, Raleigh Spring Fling
Double Tree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

MN ♦ Apr. 1–3, April Fools' Challenge
Moose, 415 3rd Ave, Proctor MN 55810. TD: Gordy Jurek (218.213.1946) & Ed Balcer

OR ♦ Newport Cluster
American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 97365
Apr. 2–3, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial TD: Pete Larsen (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird
Apr. 4–5, Spring Fest TD: Rick Baird (154.153.0111) & Pete Larsen
Apr. 7–8, Alsea River Open TD: Wayne Momsen (406.417.1615) & Carole Herron
Apr. 9–10, Dean Bauman Memorial TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

NH ♦ Apr. 3, Granite State Classic
Brookline Event Ctr, Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline NH 03033. TD: David Statz (603.247.4335) & Mary Burlington

WY ♦ Wyoming Doubleheader
American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. TD: William & Janice MacMillan (307.638.2398)
Apr. 8–10, Cheyenne Spring Classic
Apr. 9, Wyoming One-Day Challenge

ME ♦ Apr. 9, Pine Tree Open
Vacationland Inn, 453 Wilson St, Brewer ME 04429. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Sarah Arsenault

WI ♦ Apr. 8–10, Eau Claire Fest
29 Pines Hotel, 5872 33rd Ave, Eau Claire WI 54703. TD: Dennis & Maxine Ulberg (715.695.3588)

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AK ♦ Apr. 9, Alaska State Championship
Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: C. J. Kim (907.748.2684) & Bonnie Kline

WI ♦ Apr. 22–24, Black River Country Classic
Comfort Inn, W 10170 Highway 54 E, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Richard Frost (920.361.3302) & Wayne Steinmetz

CA ♦ Apr. 23, Napa Valley Wine Country Open
Moose, 3275 Browns Valley Rd, Napa CA 94558. TD: Michael Rogers (510.504.6905) & Yvonne Bowers

SD ♦ Deadwood Tripleheader

The Lodge, 100 Pine Crest Ln, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett

Apr. 28–29, Deadwood Open
Apr. 30, Aces and Eights
May 1, Calamity Jane Open

Bob Watkins Memorial

OR ♦ Apr. 27–29, Part 1

Chetco Grange Hall, 97895 Shopping Center Ave, Brookings OR 97415. TD: Fred Howe (530.401.5389) & Kai Lemrise

CA ♦ Apr. 29–May 1, Part 2

Lighthouse Inn, 681 Hwy 101 S, Crescent City CA 95531. TD: Kai Lemrise (707.954.9735) & Fred Howe

WI ♦ May 6–8, Peg for Pink
Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

WA ♦ May 13–15, Washington State Open
VFW, 615 North St, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

CA ♦ May 13–15, Jerry Montgomery Memorial
Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

WI ♦ May 13–15, Cribbage Weekend in America
Mad Apple/Clarion Inn, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Bob Kiley

CA ♦ May 20–22, Humboldt Bay Spring Classic
Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Rick Shea & Peggy (707.599.4605)

MI ♦ Battle Creek Doubleheader

Country Inn, 2590 Capital Ave SW, Battle Creek MI 49015

May 19–20, Michigan Cribbage Cup

TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289) & John Schafer

May 20–22, Potawatomi Peggars

TD: John Hazlett (616.340.7009) & David Aiken

ME ♦ May 21, Maine State Championships

Elks, 317 High St, Ellsworth ME 04605. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Sarah Arsenault

ID ♦ May 27–29, North Idaho Open

Coeur D'Alene Casino, 37914 S Nukwalqw St, Worley ID 83876. TD: Carl Vennes (509.999.8032) & Kat Hartsell

CA ♦ May 28, EEC Barnyard Bonanza

Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte (760.751.2073)

MT ♦ Montana Spring Roundup

May 31–June 2, Capital City Tourney

Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

June 3–5, Montana Championship

Eagles, 2420 South Ave W, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Rex Paddock (406.360.3333) & Sandy Sands

June 7–9, Copper City Classic

East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands

June 10–12, Territorial Prison Classic

Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.846.3065) & Gary Louderback

WI ♦ June 3–5, America's Dairyland

Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Rd, Lake Delton WI 53940. TD: Ellen Kutz (414.940.7375) & Terry Weber

WA ♦ Longview Doubleheader

American Legion, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98632

June 10, Jesse Jarrell Memorial

TD: Chris McComas (360.261.8029) & Duane Toll

June 11–12, Mount Saint Helens Classic

TD: Chris McComas (360.261.8029) & Duane Toll

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AK ♦ June 18, Midnight Sun Open

Moose, 1136 S Cobb St, Palmer AK 99645. TD: Doug & Marli Holden (907.631.1933) & C. J. Kim

NV ♦ Topaz Doubleheader

Topaz Lodge, 1979 US 395, Gardnerville NV 89410

June 20–22, Topaz Summer Classic

TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

June 22–24, Les Sumner Memorial

TD: Beverly Castillo (775.453.3715) & Jeanne Jelke

NV ♦ June 24–26, Independence Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.599.4605)

NC ♦ NOCT Cluster

Double Tree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703

July 21–22, Open Opener

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & Mark Soule

July 22–25, National Open

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson

July 25, Come Monday

TD: Fran Ward (919.377.2470)

WA ♦ Sunnyside Cluster

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

July 28–29, Weekday Challenge

July 30, Summer Classic

July 31, Western Region Championship

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823

Aug. 4–5, Sacramento Starter #1

TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Duane Toll

Aug. 6, Sacramento Starter #2

TD: Duane Toll (541.580.3221) & Bob Bartosh

Aug. 7, Sacramento Starter #3

TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Bob Bartosh

CT ♦ Aug. 7, Patriot Kickoff

American Legion, 114 West St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Marty Duchow (860.324.8019) & Carl Deyette

MI ♦ Battle Creek Doubleheader

Country Inn, 2590 Capital Ave SW, Battle Creek MI 49015

Aug. 11–12, Michigan Cribbage Cup

TD: John Schafer (517.262.9153) & David Boyer

Aug. 12–14, Cereal City Classic

TD: David Boyer (269.788.1289) & John Schafer

CT ♦ Aug. 13–14, Northeast Peer Tournament

American Legion, 113 West St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Pat Llewellyn

NV ♦ Aug. 19–21, Pahrump Open

Pahrump Nugget Hotel, 681 S Hwy 160, Pahrump NV 89048. TD: Denise Fortin (775.209.4444) & Bob Mason

ID ♦ Sep. 16–18, Gem State Classic

Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

NE ♦ Grand National 40

Comfort Inn, 7007 Grover St, Omaha NE 68106. TD: Scott Kooistra (605.661.7081) & Don Thienel

Sep. 21–22, Cornhusker Classic

Sep. 24–25, Grand National 40

OR ♦ Sep. 30–Oct. 2, Oregon Championship

Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Jason Thornton

NV ♦ Nov. 4–6, Gold Dust West Fall Festival

Gold Dust West Casino, 2171 E Williams St, Carson City NV 89701. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

NV ♦ Nov. 11–13, Veterans Day Classic

Sands Regency, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.599.4605)

NV ♦ Dec. 29, Schaefer Shuffle Singles West

Schaefer house, 775 Merry Maple St, Henderson NV 89011. TD: Alan & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)

CA ♦ Jan. 7–8, Pacific Coast Championship

American Legion, 694 Legion Way, Marina CA 93933. TD: Randy Borchardt (831.277.1414) & Dick Lind

AZ ♦ Scottsdale Doubleheader

Elks, 6398 E Oak St, Scottsdale AZ 85257

Feb. 3, Cactus Classic

TD: Lynn Multari (480.203.4587) & Robert Milk

Feb. 4–5, Roadrunner Classic

TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson



40 Years Ago

The cover of the March 1982 *Cribbage World* compared prize winnings of top stars in pro sports (tennis, baseball, football, and others) with what the recently crowned ACC champion, **Arnold Crews**, won in his championship year. Arnold won \$2,326, which was 1/5000th of the prize money at the top of the list!

25 Years Ago

The cover of the March 1997 *Cribbage World* announced the Reno winners: **Gerald Goedert** (Palmyra WI) won the 1,024-player ACC Open main; **Sharlene Medeiros** (Shrewsbury MA) won the con-sy; and **Russell Nelsen** (Scottsdale AZ) won the TOC. Elsewhere we read that **Martha Fingleton** (Milwaukee WI) was elected to the Hall of Fame.

Cribbage and/in Pop Culture

Silver screen icons Robert Redford and Morgan Freeman play cribbage twice in the 2005 movie *An Unfinished Life*. In the first scene (about 37 minutes into the movie), Freeman scores with every card he plays: 15-2, 31-2, a pair, and a go. (This would have earned Freeman a dollar if they had been playing “House Rules”! See November *Cribbage World*, page 4.) When Freeman wins a second game (at 57m), Redford complains: “I haven’t had a decent hand all night.” To which Freeman responds: “Don’t growl. You dealt half of them.”

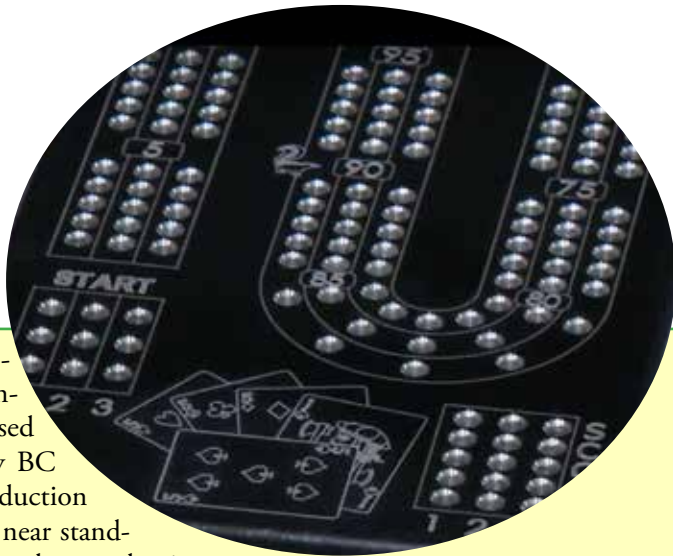
*Many players submitted this movie for inclusion in this column, but **Kathy Blough** (Middleville MI) was the first, way back in October 2020. Thanks to all for the heads-up.*

In some cases, expressions persist even when the game from which they originated has fallen far out of fashion. For example, the phrase *leaving someone in the lurch* today refers to abandoning someone, particularly in a time of need. The phrase comes from a sixteenth-century French dice game called *lourche*, the rules of which are no longer known. Apparently, a player put in a lurch in a game of *lourche* was left hopelessly stranded and without a way to win the game. By the early seventeenth century, the phrase was used in the figurative sense of abandoning someone and continued to be used that way even when the game from which it was derived was forgotten. Still, the term continues to be used in games today because it was adopted for the card game *cribbage*, in which players score points through the play of hands of cards and record their progress on a game board. A player who has completed less than half of the *cribbage* board when another player has finished it is said to have been left in the lurch or lunched.

Left in the Lurch

An article in the February *Elks Magazine* entitled “Why Do We Say That? The Surprising Origins of English Words and Phrases” includes this paragraph.

Thanks to *Ronald Morgan* (Reno NV) for the heads-up on this.



An aerospace company based in Langley BC saw production come to a near standstill during the pandemic.

The company decided to use its equipment for other purposes, and the machines at Kodiak Aerospace are now operational again creating high-end cribbage boards to help keep business alive.

To read/hear the full story, go to globalnews.ca/news and type “cribbage” in the search box. (When this issue of *Cribbage World* went to press, this was the first story on the list.) Thanks to **David Coleson** (Anderson IN) for the heads-up on this story.

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