

Cribbage World

AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS



March is green—spring returns to the Northern Hemisphere, the greenest day of the year is March 17, and now you're jealous of John and Maria Quist, who this month are playing cribbage in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

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Happy Birthday in March!

90—**Allen Kim** (AK)

80—**Jim Amspacher** (VA)

80—**Donald Francis** (FL)

80—**Calvin Coolidge** (NV)

80—**Karen Mantie** (NV)

70—**Meme Schafer** (MI)

70—**J. J. Stansfield** (CA)

50—**Paul Crisher** (MI)

50—**Michael D'Elena** (RI)

50—**Raymond Cook** (MI)

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ACC membership odometer

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as of January 31

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President's Column

by James Morrow



Hall of Fame It's March, time for the weather to get nice. Time to head to Reno. . . . Oh no, not this year. The ACC Open and TOC have been moved to June. **Bev Castillo** and **Alice Souza** are running two tournaments at Topaz Lake on March 1–5 for all the players who were heading to Reno. Thank you, ladies, for taking on the extra work.

March is also the Board of Directors meeting, but this year we will be meeting via internet video conference. One big thing that happens at the meeting is the Hall of Fame voting announcement. For those who wonder how this works, here's how.

The twenty-five BOD members each select three ACC members in good standing, and this forms the one-hundred-member voting panel. Any eligible member who is nominated is placed on the ballot and voted on by this panel.

Any nominee who receives 75% of the votes is elected to the Hall of Fame. If a nominee receives over 50% of the votes but less than 75%, then the BOD votes on that nominee.

I have looked at other halls of fame, and I believe the ACC may have the hardest hall of fame to get into.

While some have different divisions—baseball, for instance, has halls of fame for team, players, managers, and those who have served the sport.

The ACC only has one set of criteria.

Once we get the ACC museum built and running we may have to look into a Grass Roots wing, tournament directors wing, and internet wing. I love seeing players get the recognition they deserve, so let's all keep thinking about this.

Happy March!

CLUB 29

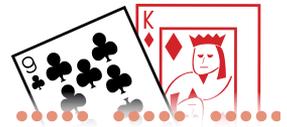
1. Wayne Momsen (OR): Labor Day at the Mill (Sep. 3)
2. Richard McCollem (MA): Daniel Webster Open (Sep. 11)
3. Arlen Algrem (WI): Wisconsin State Championship (Oct. 16)
4. Scott Sand (MN): Dianne Gurney Memorial (Nov. 13)
5. Lloyd Boyd (CA): Sacramento Kickoff #1 (Jan. 5)

New ACC Judges

- **Valerie Beaver** (Kennewick WA)
- **Bob Broxton** (Marlborough MA)
- **John Garman** (Yuma AZ)
- **Christy Lens** (Carmel CA)
- **Rick Montague** (Webster MA)
- **Megan Player** (Cary NC)
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Still Learning

On 12-20-22 my son and I were in Las Vegas and we decided to play at the Vegas club. I won fourth place. My son, **Clark Brinker**, won nine games and three skunks. First place! There were twenty-two players there, and we knew two of them from California. They were very friendly before and after we beat them. I enjoyed your message in *Cribbage World* about 25-50-75-100. It has helped me a lot. I am still learning at 94 years old! Happy New Year! I hope one day to play you!

Tyler Brinker (Fountain Valley CA)

Editor's response: the CW staff is always

happy to hear from an ACC nonagenarian, especially one who is open to new ideas! (Tyler is referring to an article in the January *Cribbage World*, pages 6-7.) Clark's 21/9 +185 is the best score and the only grand slam at Club 400 so far this season.

Letter from a Lapsed Club Member

Thanks, but I'm not planning to renew/return. I'm well, but have lost what it takes to compete.

Editor's response: I'm sorry to hear this. You have to do what is right for you, but it's alright to play at club without the intention of winning every week, but just to be with friends and have fun playing the world's best card game. I hope you'll change your mind, but if not—the best of luck to you.

The Inside Track

by **Rob Medeiros**

Successful pegging requires much planning, much pivoting, and eventually a good case of fortuitous card luck thrown in.

Let's say it's very early in the game, and you hold A-6-7-8 (with 4-K to the opponent's crib). What's your plan of action here? Many players like the 7 lead; if it's matched you have the A for 15-2; if the play goes 7-X-8-5 you have the Ace for 31-2.

But these plays can be fraught with much peril—much more than I feel comfortable with to peg the hand this way. So I prefer the A lead; if the dealer has middle cards we will draw first pegging blood. The only play that puts us in immediate danger is a match of our A—and in this situation that risk is mitigated by many players' reticence at matching the pone's lead card—much less the tricky Ace lead.

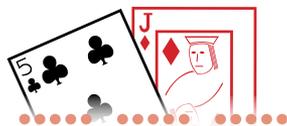
Note also that if you do decide to lead the 7 from this hold you risk the lone Ace over the count of 21 deathtrap—which we have all fallen into at some time in our cribbage career. *Don't* let it happen again!

Next time you have a tournament or Grass Roots session, take a mental note of how these hands peg out. Hopefully you can escape the pegging minefields.

Rob Medeiros loves running the 5-trap! He can be reached at mrob2199@aol.com.

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

At a tournament some months ago, one player had an unavoidable conflict with the return flight home and wasn't going to be able to stay for the entire playoffs, should they should happen to qualify.

player qualified for the playoffs and received a first-round bye. The second-round opponent also had a bye, and so they agreed to play their second-round match early. The time-crunched player won the match, picked up the money for a "loss" in the next round, and headed

"That's not how I want to win."

Whenever this happens, the player is, of course, welcome to play the qualifying round and as many playoff matches as possible before departing the tournament. Should they not be able to remain for the entire playoffs, they receive points and prize money for the appropriate round, and their next opponent gets a walkover victory.

(Note: this is totally unlike a player withdrawing from a qualifying round [see page 27], where such an action affects scores of their future opponents and potential qualifiers. In the playoff situation, they are hurting only themselves if they cannot continue throughout the playoffs, so it is allowed by the ACC.)

As luck would have it, the departing

for the airport.

Only later did the TD learn that the loser of the second-round match was angry about playing early, stating that they should have refused to play early, or should have claimed a bathroom emergency and couldn't play then. No amount of reasoning soothed this player's ire, and the conversation ended in a huff.

This interchange brought to mind a statement in the ACC'S rulebook (emphasis added): "Cribbage is a pastime that provides social opportunities to display true sportsmanship and respect for others, *without rancor, animosity, or overwhelming self-interest* during competition."

I'm sorry that anyone has to lose when we play cribbage, but this is a zero-sum

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Tale of the Tape	 Rick Baird	 David Aiken	 Rob Medeiros
average	56.1% (64–50)	55.6% (65–52)	✓ 63.1% (77–45)
biggest win	+46 over Bob Miller (OR) @ Club 12	✓ +67 over Eric Jensen (MI) in Grand Rapids	+57 over Bill Cormier (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	–54 by Denise Fortin (NV) @ Pahrump	✓ –41 by Mary Bearss (MI) @ Club 71	–53 by Donna Last (MA) @ Providence Open

game, and someone was going to lose that match. Playing early had no bearing on its outcome, and it was the sporting thing to do. If the losing player had been in the opposite situation, needing to leave early, we might've heard a different tune.

This brings to mind a situation I observed at the 2016 Bickford Memorial. After flying from his home in North Carolina for this one-day tourney in West Springfield MA, **Keith Widener** qualified in the main. With skillful play and good luck he made it all the way to the finals, but his side of the bracket was much slower than the other half-bracket. By time Keith got to the finals, his opponent, the late great **David Campbell**, had been waiting over an hour, and the time for Keith's return flight was rapidly approaching.

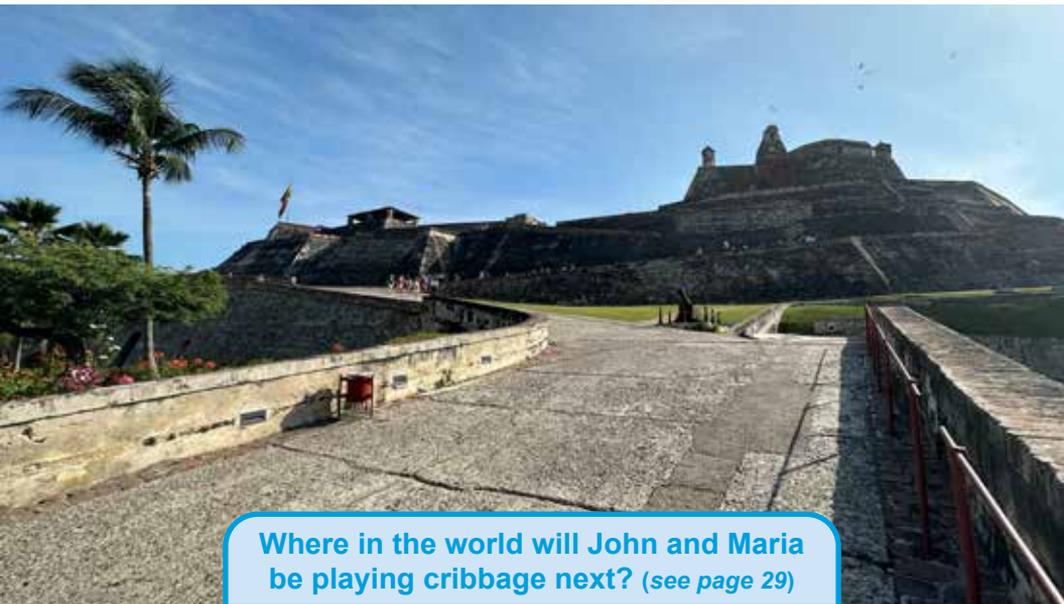
Afraid he'd miss his flight if the match went the distance, Keith told David that he'd have to concede the match. David could've accepted Keith's resignation, but instead David graciously suggested they

play a single game for the championship instead of the standard best-of-five. Keith won this game and took first place.



When I later asked David **↑** why he did that, he said: **“Because that’s not how I want to win.”** What an example for all of us.

We are family, we help each other out, we don't play the selfish card—so let's not win the wrong way. And let's not complain when we do the right thing to help out a fellow player—and still lose. We don't do the right thing in expectation that karma will reward us; we do the right thing because it is, well, the right thing. **CW**



Where in the world will John and Maria be playing cribbage next? (see page 29)

GRASS ROOTS Clubs

GRPs

as of February 20

Division

1 →

rank	GRPs name (club)
1	323 Jim Jones (419)
2	287 Mike Due (221)
3	279 Kevin Mansfield (198)
4	261 Buster Riley (391)
4	261 Duane Toll (62)
6	250 James Hearon (131)
7	247 Thomas Beucler (388)
8	240 Scott Bartosh (371)
9	238 Gary Pinkley (377)
10	236 Frank Hanson (198)
11	234 Mattie Kivett (69)
12	231 David Gilkeson (62)
13	229 Terry Higgins (600)
14	228 Mike Hackett (61)
14	228 Tom Highshoe (55)
16	227 Denny Denend (243)
17	225 John Goe (243)
18	224 Pamela Pomeroy (68)
19	223 Robert Russ (25)
20	222 Dale Weilep (69)
21	220 Mike Berberich (204)
22	218 Mills Brubaker (317)
22	218 Rick Vee (96)
24	217 Jeff Shimp (229)
25	216 George Windish (26)
26	214 Rod Hovey (321)
27	212 James Ney (191)
27	212 Gordy Wise (243)
29	211 Elmer Rasmussen (232)
30	210 LeRoy Mehring (410)
31	209 Bob Bartosh (453)
31	209 Ray Klocko (400)
33	208 Glen Humbert (415)
33	208 Dave Schwartz (377)
35	206 Ralph Turco (243)
36	205 Michael Crume (69)
36	205 Charles Kaplan (354)
36	205 Richard La Crosse (218)
39	202 Bernard Brentar (390)
40	199 Patricia Crooks (408)
40	199 S. J. Ferrigno (191)
40	199 Nancy Rojas (162)
43	198 Dick Ault (154)
44	197 John Byrne (410)
45	195 Melvin Chase (46)
45	195 Sharon Kemp (337)
45	195 Ron Musolf (272)
48	194 Dan Balmer (317)
49	193 Frank Abernathy (58)
49	193 Bob Byrd (391)

rank GRPs name (club)

51	192 Haley Hintze (3)
51	192 Walter Immonen (391)
51	192 Laura Johnson (240)
51	192 Dennis Lunn (219)
55	191 Dan Carr (232)
55	191 Larry Phifer (58)
55	191 Steven Strobridge (89)
55	191 Farokh Ziari (43)
59	190 Tom Durkin (410)
59	190 Dennis Ulberg (284)
61	189 Samuel Skates (108)
62	188 David Brokken (281)
62	188 Frank Danielski (90)
62	188 Dennis Misenar (415)
65	187 Ben Holder (43)
65	187 Donald Spurgeon (100)
67	186 William Eilers (360)
67	186 Joseph Greiner (58)
67	186 Robert Medeiros (104)
67	186 Bill Strube (407)
71	184 Gary Reichel (300)
71	184 Doug Rodrigues (418)
71	184 JoAnne Thomas (243)
74	183 David Aiello (197)
74	183 Roger Bouchard (26)
74	183 Galen Friend (22)
74	183 Patrick Ward (108)
74	183 Jeff Wussow (157)
79	181 John Garman (267)
79	181 Jon Kline (190)
79	181 Ron Shelton (124)
82	180 Robins Buck (124)
83	179 Richard Kelliher (314)
83	179 Gerald Parins (61)
83	179 Frank Reddy (104)
83	179 Scott Sand (94)

Division

4 →

1	194 Brad Seger (39)
2	174 John Mealy (118)
3	168 Mark Adelman (436)
4	143 Rich Ekman (395)
5	141 Jack Shumate (420)
6	139 Carol Miller (118)
7	137 Cheryl Bruno (443)
8	136 Andrew Laurence (422)
9	135 Pat McLaughlin (323)
10	133 Collin Evanson (439)
11	131 Doug Weier (436)
12	130 Rhonda Perry (336)
13	128 Bert Cox (323)



edited by Michael Barrett



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

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Club 108 (Lynnwood WA) has had hot cards going, including *two* 28-hands on January 10! This was **John Losacco's** first,  and **Linda Serben's** second.

Chippewa Valley Cribbage Club

Name KATHY MARESCH

Date 1-11-23 Seat 17

GAME	GAME POINTS	SCORED POINTS	OPPONENT'S INITIALS	HS NO.
1	2	01	CP	2
2	2	01	CB	19
3	0	03	DU	15
4	0	05	DU	13
5	2	03	WES	11
6	0	05	WZ	9
7	0	06	L	7
8	0	05	SL	5
9	0	03	DM	3
TOTAL	16			

GAME WINS 3

TOTALS

SCORED POINTS 05

NET PTS 27

Net Pts 22

Club 284 (Eau Claire WI)—**Kathy Maresch** had all single-digit games! That's hard to do!

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Club 34 (Denver CO)—**David Carle** (left) already has one 28-hand this year. Little did he expect to get another in his *crib* (January 25)! Other fireworks at our club recently: **Jason Crimmins** (center) scored a grand slam on February 8 (his first), and **Steve Erickson** (right) had a 28-hand on February 1.



GRASS ROOTS COR

Track
Town 29ers
Club 450 (Eugene OR)
started just last September,
and here's their first big news.
Grant Barr got a grand slam
21/9 +194. His closest game
was 5 points, and the larg-
est margin of victory
was 57.



Mile High Peggers Club 410 (Butte MT)—winter storms and extreme cold (about 40° below zero) led to canceling cribbage on December 23. It is hard to cancel a weekly tournament on short notice, as several players from Deer Lodge Club 391 and Helena Club 25 come to play, not to mention members of our own club who live sixty miles away. Deer Lodge players have really been taking the awards these past several months: on November 17, **Bob Byrd** (*left*) scored a grand slam; **Gary Louderback** (*center*) had a great night on December 29 by having a 28 hand, followed by grand slam on January 12; and on January 12, **Judy Powers** (*right*) scored her first official 28-hand!





Willie learned cribbage from friends at various watering holes. He joined the ACC in 1985 and looks to Jim Langley, Duane Toll, Howard Terry, Bob Bartosh, Jim Hartung—and numerous others—as his cribbage mentors. Willie and his late wife Jo started Club 39 in 1985, which was the first Grass Roots club in Washington. He has been club champion about a half dozen times. His toughest club opponent is Jim Hartung. Willie has had, shall we say, a modicum of success on the Tournament Trail. He has won twenty-six sanctioned events, earned his Life Master (2★) award, and at one time owned the record-high scorecard: a 46 posted in April 2003 in Hermiston. This was followed a few weeks later by winning the National Grass Roots Tournament with a 38 card. Non-cribbage interests are football, basketball, baseball (watching not playing), watching his grandsons play baseball, and selling books online.

Willie Evans
(Kennewick WA)
Gold #15

Frank learned cribbage from his father and family and joined the ACC around 2000. As a member and director of Spokane Valley/Liberty Lake Club 198, he learns from playing everyone and has been club champion four times. On the November night when he earned his Gold, he also took first place—with a very tough crowd in attendance. Frank's toughest opponent at club is Kevin Mansfield. He is still looking for a favorite cribbage moment this year, but here's his all-time favorite cribbage moment: in May 2012 at Sunnyside WA he had **two** 29-hands—in the same tournament!—one in the qualifying round and one in the playoffs (see July 2012 *Cribbage World*, page 13). Frank's favorite non-cribbage interest is trout fishing.



Frank E. Hanson
(Spokane WA)
Gold #188

GrassRoots *Awards*

SILVER

- Jerry Burgess (FL), 276
- Mike Gervais (AK), 277
- David L. Hayden (MT), 391
- Dave Leissner (ME), 361
- Paul Peterson (WA), 108
- Farokh Ziari (CA), 43
- Donna Zuben (FL), 328

BRONZE

- William L. Aho (MN), 399
- Tom Bair (OR), 414
- Bert Cox (MO), 323
- Christine Hazen (WA), 39
- Florence Ippolito (FL), 328
- Donna Karr (CA), 207
- Larry Lanoue (MT), 347
- Richard LaRiva (CO), 307
- Marsha Mahan (WI), 90
- Gerald Sabick (MN), 399
- Laverne Zieske (MT), 427

Worthy of Note

Grand slam

**Jon Sheffrey (Club 177
in Anchorage AK)**

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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

28-hands for everyone!



Don Eskelson
(Club 207 in Clovis CA)



Doris Foster
(Club 156 in Sunnyside WA)



Cambria Harmon
(Club 274 in Walla Walla WA)



Delette Huffman
(Club 191 in Canby OR)



Greg Guzik
(Club 257 in Burbank CA)



Wayne Maurice
(Club 430 in Tallahassee FL)



Josh Parker
(Club 431 in Brunswick ME)

BEER CITY PEG
name *Mike Henderson* seat no. *14*
date *2/14/23*

game	plus	minus	oppo-	seat
points	points	points	nent	no.
1	0	06	MSB	9
2	0	16	SH	5
3	0	20	AB	2
4	0	22	ST	6
5	0	14	ST	10
6	0	01	ST	18
7	0	22	ST	22
8	0	13	ST	18
9	0	13	ST	22
total	0	127		

total → 0-127
GAME IS FOR CROSS-CHECKING PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD POINT TOTALS
Met
94

What do you call it when you don't win any games? The traditional term is "string of pearls." But ask **Mike Henderson**, who scored a perfect 0/0 -127 ← on Valentine's Day at Club 71 in Grand Rapids MI, and he'll tell you exactly what it is: a **Damn Slam!**



Club 418 (Graeagle CA) played at the local Pizza Factory on January 14. Tournament director **Doug Rodrigues** drove ten miles in near-whiteout conditions, and when he arrived there were only two other players: **Ron Morgan** from Reno NV and **Janet Miller** from Cromberg CA. Ron drove over fifty miles in marginal conditions and Janet had driven in similar weather as Doug. Other players canceled because of weather conditions, but **Keith Nelson** from Crescent Mills (about fifty miles out) and **Randy Pitzer** (a local) showed up. Finally, **Doug Hart** arrived about a half-hour late, so the tournament was on! Everyone had a good time watching the snow flurries continue for the next couple hours. But they were warm (thanks to the pizza ovens!) and doing their favorite thing—playing cribbage with friends.

Kitsap Pegger's # 204 Official Scorecard

Name: GOORDY WISE 1
 ICC #: WA 1348 Seat #: 6

Game	Game Points	Spread Points (+) (-)		Pone's Initials	Pone's Seat #
1	3	39		RT	5
2	2	08		OP	3
3	0		36	OP	
4	2	18		OP	1
5	3	37		OP	11
6	2	05		LN	7
7	3	38		LN	4
8	2	05		LN	8
9	3	41		LN	12
				SH	-9-

Use "00" format in Spread Points

Games Won	20	NET POINTS (+/-)	191	36
	8		155	

Game Points: Loss = 0, Win = 2, \$ = 3
 Checked By (Initials) ▶ ◀

10
 Game # 10 used ONLY when you are required to play an extra game
 Player MUST verify totals above & sign below, accepting as correct

Signature: Goordy Wise

Club 204 (Kitsap WA)—**Gordy Wise** visiting from Club 243 had such a hot streak going with four skunks ◀ that we nearly called out the Olalla Volunteer Fire Department! Congratulations to Gordy for proving that it's worth crossing the Tacoma Narrows bridge to play!

Club 430 (Tallahassee FL)—**Lisa Reum** held 5-5-5-5 and cut the 10 of Diamonds. Last September, her husband **Matt** kept 5-5-5-10d and cut the case 5.

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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Grand Slams!



Doug Myers
(Club 329 in Mount Pleasant MI)



Dan Finstad
(Club 328 in Bradenton FL)



Tom Bair
(Club 414 in Medford OR)



Keith Pumphrey — x2!
(Club 274 in Walla Walla WA)



Terry Weber
(Club 197 Kenosha WI)

And some 29-hands!



Clyde Terry
(Club 418 in Graeagle CA)



Russ Winther
(Club 307 in Colorado Springs)



Roger Siverson (Club 307 in Colorado Springs CO)

more Grass Roots stories next month

New Members

104 last month

United Kingdom

Shaun Lendrim (Norwich)

Armed Forces in Europe

Zachary Forrester

Alabama

Mark Coleman (Greenville)

Alaska

Jay Bonk (Anchorage)

Carl Westphal (Fairbanks)

Martha Westphal (Fairbanks)

Arizona

Kenneth Ballas (Phoenix)

Pamela Johnson (Phoenix)

Walter Larson (Wickenburg)

Ted Panos (Scottsdale)

Arkansas

Thomas Marks (Hot Springs Village)

California

Robert Bush (Truckee)

Tamara Clardy (Carmichael)

Sue Dalton (Napa)

Alpine Halvorsen (Penn Valley)

Christine Leinen (Santa Maria)

Dorothy Lucas (Fortuna)

Jon Lyle (Murphys)

Marie Mehlhaff (Sonora)

Ethan Palm (Oakland)

Marc Sharon (Concord)

Colorado

James Bernshausen (Westminster)

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Jenna Morse (Englewood)

Connecticut

Steve Ruscik (Manchester)

Delaware

Tyler Bryan (Wilmington)

Florida

Ben Diny (Pensacola)

William Grieser (Winter Garden)

Hannah Hamilton (Lighthouse Point)

Hannah Haney (Fort Walton Beach)

Beach)

Avenel Lee (Miami)

John Lewelling (Fort Walton Beach)

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Paula Sentovich (Rockford)

Indiana

Matthew Carboneau (Goshen)

Crystal Weber (Anderson)

Maine

Mark Algara (Portland)

Joe Forbes (Wells)

Massachusetts

Deborah Carbullido (Halifax)

Scott Haley (Palmer)

Ted Herrmann (Vineyard Haven)

Katie Nason (Northampton)

Dan Routhier (Harvard)

Beth Walker (Harvard)

Michigan

Dave Buikema (Rockford)

Trever Emmons (Menominee)

L. Scott Marier (Saint Johns)

Kristopher Stakley Jr. (Kalamazoo)

Minnesota

Jim Konczak (Duluth)

Ed Lawrence (Rosemount)

Missouri

Michael Larkey (Belton)

Montana

John Cooper (Missoula)

Daniel Rasmussen (Billings)

Debbie Selva (Helena)

Kathryn Smith (Helena)

Nevada

Christopher Coolidge (Pahrump)

Joan Fish (Las Vegas)

North Carolina

Martha Bisson (Winston-Salem)

Barbara Dawson (Greensboro)

Ohio

Patrick McMullen (Ashtabula)

Oklahoma

Heather Boles (Tulsa)

Bill Wallace (Broken Arrow)

Oregon

Maria Baxter (Depoe Bay)

Nina Busch (Grants Pass)

Travis Clark (Salem)

Cindy Fenton (Willamina)

Robert Geppert (Depoe Bay)

Ryan Hicinbothom (Willamina)

Vance Morris (Toledo)

Keri Ricketts (Eugene)

Laura Roderick (Depoe Bay)

Rhode Island

Brian Pagliaroni (Middletown)

South Dakota

Adam Else (Brandon)

Karlie Else (Brandon)

Bill Meinen (Sioux Falls)

Jeff Nugent (Piedmont)

Denny Voss (Sioux Falls)

Texas

Seth Ellsworth (Austin)

Virginia

Shannon Rose (Midlothian)

Nancy Stelling (North Chesterfield)

Washington

Christopher Anderson (Spokane)

David M. Crescitelli (Poulsbo)

Jim Deskins (Centralia)

Mike Holloman (Seattle)

Beth Johnson (Cheney)

Brendan Kelley (Seattle)

Gaye Kinkopf (Olympia)

Kris Merriman (Puyallup)

Kris Neely (Spokane)

Laura Neely (Spokane)

Wisconsin

Jake Benedict (Marinette)

Travis Boyer (Colby)

Chris Gross (Waukesha)

Tim Jandt (Waukesha)

Samantha Kuenne (Medford)

Lyle McFarland (Sauk City)

Wyoming

Danny O'Donnell (Casper)

Ryan O'Donnell (Casper)

Roger Tipton (Sheridan)

Why is Terry Weber smiling? According to CW's embedded reporter in Kenosha WI, whenever Terry is broke and needs a quick buck, he visits Kenosha Club 197. On February 15 he did it again, but this time with a grand slam 19/9 +139!

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Sacramento Kickoff #1 (Sacramento CA; Jan. 4–5)	Bob Bartosh & Alice Souza	40 players HQ. Alice Souza (35) 1. Ronnie Murakami (105) 2. Basil Rudnick (70) 3. Terry Higgins (42) 3. Alice Souza (42)	32 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (12) 1. Bob Bartosh (40) 2. Ann Trotter (24) 3. Kai Lemrise (12) 3. Cy Madrone (12)	29-hand: Lloyd Boyd*	
Sacramento Kickoff #2 (Sacramento CA; Jan. 7)	Bob Bartosh & Alice Souza	50 players HQ. Lori Boyer (40) 1. James Clark (105) 2. Bill Schlabes (70) 3. Jeanne Jelke (42) 3. Lori Boyer (42)	32 players HQ. Diana Weiland (12) 1. James Aleschus (40) 2. K. C. Carder (24) 3. Ronnie Murakami (12) 3. Darlene Stier (12)	28-hand: Cy Madrone*	
Sacramento Kickoff #3 (Sacramento CA; Jan. 8)	Bob Bartosh & Alice Souza	40 players HQ. Roland Hall (35) 1. Roland Hall (105) 2. Bob Bartosh (70) 3. Peggy Shea (42) 3. Alice Souza (42)	18 players HQ. Ronnie Murakami (9) 1. Ronnie Murakami (40) 2. Wayne Morris (24) 3. James Clark (12) 3. Darlene Stier (12)		
Ocean State Open (Providence RI; Jan. 8)	Mike D'Elena & Joe Bowen	91 players HQ. Peter Grant (55) 1. Gerry Nardoza (147) 2. Charles Booker (105) 3. Tom Simolaris (NM) (70) 3. Peter Legendre (70)	32 players HQ. Claire Cook (15) 1. William Cormier (40) 2. Michael Sclafani (24) 3. Jack Chandler (12) 3. Marty Duchow (12)	28-hand: John Kerwin*	
Brewer Snow Bowl (Brewer ME; Jan. 14)	Joe Bowen & Steven Braley	36 players HQ. Joseph Bowen (40) 1. Robert Medeiros (105) 2. Steven Braley (70) 3. Dan Michela (42) 3. Laurie Hardy (42)	24 players HQ. Stephanie George (12) 1. Kendra Munkacsy (40) 2. Robert Hewes (24) 3. Stephanie George (12) 3. Carlyle Foss (12)	28-hands: Kendra Munkacsy* Jack Chandler*	

LEGEND

HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Brewer Winter Classic (Brewer ME; Jan. 15)	Joe Bowen & Steven Braley	29 players HQ. Debra Cotter (40) 1. David Statz (70) 2. Robert Medeiros (42) 3. Jack Chandler (21) 3. Ethan Guyaz (21)	16 players HQ. Dan Michela (18) 1. Stephanie George (24) 2. Dan Michela (12) 3. David Leissner (4) 3. Carlye Foss (4)		Canadian Doubles: Darlene Young & Joshua Parker
Depoe Bay Winter Challenge (Depoe Bay OR; Jan. 14–15)	Jack Shumate	26 players HQ. Erik Locke (35) 1. Erik Locke (70) 2. Petrus Maas (42) 3. Rick Baird (21) 3. Don Hansen (21)	16 players HQ. Christopher Holmes (9) 1. Jason Shumate (24) 2. Lee Brohel (12) 3. Christopher Holmes (4) 3. Geoffrey Young (4)		
Emerald Coast Open (Fort Walton Beach FL; Jan. 20–22)	James Hearon	73 players HQ. Andy Laventure (50) 1. Jason Matheny (147) 2. Andy Laventure (105) 3. Dan Taylor (70) 3. Larry Phifer (70)	40 players HQ. Sandy Shrum (15) 1. Sandy Shrum (60) 2. Keith Widener (40) 3. Scott Earley (24) 3. Paul Barnes (24)		
American Pride (Marinette WI; Jan. 20–22)	Al Karr	72 players HQ. Mark Habighorst (50) 1. Ann Trotter (147) 2. Mark Habighorst (105) 3. Nathan Devine (70) 3. John Syftestad (70)	56 players HQ. Lisa Wagner (24) 1. Richard Frost (60) 2. Lee Tesch (40) 3. Emilio Perez (24) 3. Jeanne Wauters (24)	28-hands: Steve Schneider* Dick Hammock*	Friday: Les Kvien Canadian Doubles: Wendy Pitts & Gerald Patins Saturday: Lewis Gurney

Tourney Tidbits

Ups His Game!

The January *Cribbage World* (page 11) reported that **Pete “Two for Two” Maas**



(Otis OR), a member of Lincoln City Club 420, had won the only two ACC tournaments he’d ever played—two Oregon consolations in July 2021 and July 2022. Pete had never played a main tourney, but on January 14 he was prevailed upon to play the Depoe Bay Winter Challenge to make the number even. Squeaking into the playoffs as the last qualifier, Pete came within a whisker of the championship. Taking second in your first main outing ain’t bad—especially when the only person who could take you down was the phenomenal **Erik Locke** (Wood Village OR), whose win that day earned him his Fifth Star!

Chaska Tidbits

Overall, there were big crowds, and the tournament ran super smoothly. It even started five minutes *early* on Saturday, with 89 players. This great facility was ridiculously cheap (only \$200 for three days), which meant great payouts!

Steve Schneider (Askov MN) made the finals of the Friday consolation, but **Kathy Pacocha** (Loveland CO) got him. Steve's a quick learner, so when he made the finals of the Sunday consy, he won the match and captured his first sanctioned win!

On Saturday morning, **Dan Conlin** (Big Lake MN) signed up as a new ACC member. He qualified in the main, got *two* 28-hands, won two matches, and lost in the quarterfinals. Prior to this, Dan had held only one 28-hand ever! This awesome run hooked this super nice guy.

Tournament director **Bob Joslin** had a great run of cards (the official term is "on fire") in the main playoffs on Sunday, losing only three games in four playoff matches. Here's but one example: out of position playing **Terry Weber** (WI), Bob held 6-6-7-7, tossed K-K to himself, and got the 5 cut. The next hand, he's still out of position, so he tossed 6-9 to Terry's crib, held J-J-Q-Q, and—yep—cut the 10! Terry had two points in the crib. That's how you win tournaments!

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD
 Name: Dan Pluff
 ACC# 22817 Seat# A20

Game	Game Points	Spread Points		Opponents initials	Verification I.D. Number
		(+)	(-)		
1	0	10		AP	19
2	0	23			
3	0	06			15
4	0	04			
5	2	15			
6	2	28		Ed	11
7	2	19			
8	2	09			A7
9	2	03			
10	2	29		AS	A05
11	2	10			A4
12	2	15			
13	0		07		A0
14	2	14			
15	2	23		MH	12
16	2	01			
17	2	27		JM	3
18	2	10			
19	2	23			
20	3	31			A1
21	2	11			
22	2	24		TB	A2
Total Game Points	30	(+) 292	(-) 50	Win = 2 Skunk = 3	Loss = 0
Games Won	17	NET POINTS (+/-)		Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	
		+242			

Signature _____

Dan Pluff (Saint Paul MN) joined the Double HQ Club. After losing the first four games on Saturday, he then lost only one more game the rest of the day, posting 35/17 +242 and claiming the high qualifier's spot. He had a bye on Sunday morning, lost his first match, entered the consolation, and promptly posted a grand slam 20/9 +138! In the course of two days, Dan had *two* nine-game winning streaks plus an eight-game winning streak. And Dan has been on fire at Club 240, taking first (15/7), first (16/7), and second (16/7) in consecutive weeks.

OFFICIAL ACC SCORECARD
 Name: DAN PLUFF
 ACC# MN-817 Seat# B-6

Game	Game Points	Spread Points		Opponents initials	Verification I.D. Number
		(+)	(-)		
1	2	18			5
2	2	07		JAM	2
3	3	33		JM	1
4	2	14		AP	B12
5	2	01		AS	B-16
6	2	09		LN	B20
7	3	35			B17
8	2	17		PL	B13
9	2	24			B9
Total game points	20	(+) 158	(-) 0	Win = 2 Skunk = 3	Loss = 0
Games Won	9	NET POINTS (+/-)		Player must verify totals and sign below, accepting as correct.	
		158			

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Element3 Health Update

by BOD member Sandy Sands

Element3 Health has renewed what was originally a time-limited offer for clubs to receive \$100 for use in whatever manner they see fit in supporting or enhancing their Grass Roots club experience. (See page 2.)

Another mechanism has been made available for ACC members to contact Element3 Health to determine eligibility and report their monthly activity. This expanded opportunity gives members who don't have a Grass Roots club in their area, or who only play ACC online or weekend tournaments, to have their dues reimbursed. Revenue generated beyond reimbursement of an eligible member's dues can be directed to promoting and enhancing ACC initiatives.

Contact **Sandy Sands** (now4sands@msn.com) or **Diana Banuelos** (diana.banuelos@element3health.com) for more information or technical assistance.

“You don't change the world simply by looking at it.
You change it through the way you choose to live in it.”

—Amelia Wren character (played by Felicity Jones) in *The Aeronauts*

~~COOL~~ STUFF ON THE WEB

An online article in *The Free Press Journal* (an English-language daily newspaper published in Mumbai, India) published an article entitled “International Cribbage Day: Know how to Play the Fun Card Game.” Not everything in it, however, is “according to Hoyle”—let alone according to the ACC. Here is but one example:

The next step is to score your hand and the dealer's hand according to the point values listed below. After scoring, the player with the lowest score deals the next hand. Play then proceeds clockwise around the table.

- 1 point: For each Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 in your hand
- 2 points: For each 7 in your hand
- 3 points: For each 8 in your hand
- 4 points: For each 9 in your hand
- 5 points: For each 10 in your hand
- 10 points: For each Jack, Queen or King in your hand
- 4 points: For having a flush (all four cards of the same suit)
- 5 points: For having fivecard (a five-card run in sequence)

While *Cribbage World* appreciates the gesture behind this article, we caution that you use these instructions at your peril!

ACC Awards

ERIK ROYLAND LOCKE

Life Master (5★) #5 ♦ 30,050 MRPs

GN 2007 ♦ TOC 2014 ♦ TOC 2020 ♦ ACC Open 2010

National Champ — 2008, 2014, 2018, 2020, 2021

All American — fourteen times



PLAYING TIP FROM ERIK

When discarding, whether you have a good hand or a bad one, always discard at the same pace every time so you don't give your hand away.

Erik is the youngest player to become Life Master (5★)—and just about everything else. He has won three of the four biggest tournaments (Grand National, TOC, ACC Open). Only four players have more MRPs than he has (➡), and he is #3 in tournament wins. Congrats, Erik, on yet another milestone!

- 1 51,161 Duane Toll (Sutherlin OR)
- 2 44,671 DeLynn Colvert (deceased)
- 3 31,826 Roland Hall (Napa CA)
- 4 30,788 James Langley (Red Bluff CA)

{Terry's words} My father taught me how to play cribbage. And to this day he's the worst player I know (LOL)! I joined the ACC in 2003, but was never very active until 2011. My cribbage mentors are Rob Medeiros and Jerry Hardy. My first tournament win was in Portsmouth NH in June 2013 against Bruce Sattler. I've now won ten tournaments. My favorite tournament is Grand National by far, as it gives players a great opportunity to see a new city. My toughest opponent is definitely Keith Widener. My favorite cribbage moment was winning back-to-back tournaments on consecutive days in Raleigh last July. My primary non-cribbage interest is co-hosting a growingly popular Boston Red Sox related podcast.

Terrance Cushman Jr.
(Gray ME)
Grand Master #468



Editor's note: due to a programming bug (see page 35), Terry's stats have disappeared from the ACC website, which means that his strong finish last season (#11 in the Eastern Region—his best year to date) was not recognized in *Cribbage World* or on the website.



Darlene Stier
(Sun City AZ)
Grand Master #470

Darlene's mother taught her how to play cribbage at nine years of age. She joined the ACC in 1991 when she and her husband started Grass Roots Club 177 in Alaska; she directed the club for fifteen years. Darlene doesn't have a cribbage mentor, but says she watched so many of the greats and talked strategy with them, including DeLynn Colbert, Jim Langley, and Ron Logan. Now a member of Club 408 in Arizona, she was club champion twice in Alaska and once in Arizona. Her first tournament win was in Attleboro MA in 1995, and she's now won five tourneys. Her favorite tournament is in Sunnyside WA, and her toughest opponent is Alice

Souza. After thirty-two years in Alaska, Darlene retired to Sun City AZ with only one thing in mind: easier travel to cribbage tournaments so she could meet people of all ages and types who enjoyed playing cribbage.

New Cribbage Master

- 1034. Kai Lemrise (Crescent City CA)
- 1035. Jim Mahan (Appleton WI)
- 1036. Sandy Shrum (Virginia Beach VA)

A graduate of Central Michigan University, **Eric Jensen** (Grand Rapids MI) took advantage of the CMU logo on Michigan license plates to create this unique plate.



Cribbage Quiz

Everyone knows that four Aces are always and forever twelve points (see page 22). But—news flash!—did you know that it is actually possible to have more than a dozen points with four Aces. Can you figure out how?

answer on page 43

Quad City *by David Aiken*

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Who doesn't like four of a kind? Starting with 12 points in your hand is a great way to win a lot of games. But not all quads are created equal.

Most times the cut doesn't help, sometimes you end up with 20 or 24 points, but 14 and 28 are also possible. And what's with that oddball 21?

Another inequality: all quads are 12 points before the cut—except for quad 5s, which is 20.

Finally—but you already knew this, right?—four Aces is the **only** quad that can't be improved by the cut. In fact, four Aces is also the only cribbage hand of **any** kind that is impossible to improve (but see Cribbage Quiz on page 21).

The chart on the next page shows all possible quad combinations plus cut card. For ease in picturing these hands in your mind, this article assumes that the four of a kind is in the hand or the crib, but there is no difference in value whether the fourth card is in your hand or is cut—with the exception of four 5s, which can yield 29 points if you hold three 5s and the right Jack.

Assuming you didn't discard one of the potential cut cards, the odds of getting a cut in **each** square of the chart that has a number in it is ~8% (if two squares give you help, then the odds are ~16%). If you discarded one or two of the cuts you need, then the odds drop to ~6% and ~4% respectively.

Can't (or don't want to) remember the values in the chart? Then apply this rule of thumb in order to know if a quad can cut to 20 or 24: if it takes three of the quad cards plus the cut card to make 15-2, then the hand is worth 20 points; but if it takes only two cards plus the cut card to make 15-2, then the hand is a 24.

For example, quad 3s plus 6 as the starter card results in 20 points because $3 + 3 + 6 = 15$ and there are only four ways to make this 15-2 combination. On

By the Numbers

The top ten states based on highest ACC number assigned are listed here. ➔ Note: this is *not* current state membership but the total number of players who have applied for membership in these states since the ACC's founding.

Honorable mention must go to the smallest state: **Rhode Island**, which is #11 with 1,100 ACC numbers assigned.

Thanks to ACC membership secretary **Brenda Nason** for supplying these numbers.

state	highest assigned number
California	8,085
Oregon	4,673
Wisconsin	3,644
Washington	3,618
Massachusetts	2,905
Michigan	2,223
Florida	2,221
Minnesota	2,112
Colorado	1,368
Illinois	1,228

the other hand, quad 3s plus 9 as the starter card yields 24 points because $3 + 3 + 9 = 15$ and there are six ways to make this 15-2 combination.

You can enjoy our great game even without committing all of these numbers to memory, but it's kind of a nice feeling to see the cut card and automatically know you have 24 points without having to count it!

starter quad	A	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	J	Q	K
AAAA													
2222							14		20				
3333						20			24				
4444			20				24						
5555										28	28	28	28
6666			24						20				
7777	24							20					
8888							20						
9999						20							
1010 1010					20								
JJJJ					21								
QQQQ					20								
KKKK					20								

POINT VALUES FOR ALL QUAD COMBOS PLUS THE STARTER CARD

Oops!

Even the ACC's first president, **Joe Wergin**, sometimes forgot to update his address with the ACC's membership secretary. This USPS reminder is pasted on one of Joe's old *Cribbage Worlds* now in the CW Archives. Call or email the MemSec at **888-PEGGING** or **membership@cribbage.org** if you are moving. Don't be like Joe!





Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Whose Crib?

Recently I attended the Emerald Coast Open in Fort Walton Beach FL. It was a fantastic tournament directed by **Jim and Paul Hearon** with lots of help from Pensacola Peggers Club 396. This tournament drew seventy-three players from numerous states—a very strong showing.

During this tournament I had a judge call that you don't see very often: the dealer had tossed two cards to the crib, but he placed them on the pone's side of the board. The pone glanced down, picked two good cards to discard—thinking he was going to get the crib—then reached across to cut the starter card. However, before the card was cut, the dealer asked about the crib being on the wrong side. “Judge!”

When I went over, the pone wanted to retrieve the cards he threw in the crib and change them if it wasn't going to be his crib. The dealer wanted the crib moved over to his side of the board. What would you do?

The ACC rulebook covers this situation but you have to use two rules to resolve it. First of all, rule 5.1(d) states: “If all four cards are discovered to be on the pone's side, they shall be moved to the dealer's side.” Since the starter card had not been turned, this is cut and dried. The dealer gets the crib.

But wait! The pone threw good cards thinking it was going to be his crib! Can he get them back and change them?

Well, rule 5.1(c) allows that action “if only one player discards to the wrong side of the board,” but rule 5.3(a) says “no cards may be retrieved from the crib by either dealer or pone once both players have discarded to the crib.” All four cards were in the crib on the same side of the board, so the crib is formed and cannot be undone.

Keith Widener is head of the ACC's judging program. Send questions about rules and the rulebook to Keith at kwidener@triad.rr.com.

Rule 5.1(c)

Prior to the turn of the starter card, if only one player discards to the wrong side of the board, that player is permitted to retrieve the card(s) and reevaluate the selection.

Rule 5.1(d)

If all four cards are discovered to be on the pone's side, they shall be moved to the dealer's side, without exposure, unless the starter card has been turned and each player has played at least one card. In that event, the crib becomes the property of the player on whose side it lies and the other player becomes the pone and next dealer in that game.

Rule 5.3(a)

No cards may be retrieved from the crib by either dealer or pone once both players have discarded to the crib.

BOD

This year is the biannual election for the ACC's Board of Directors. BOD members will be elected for a two-year term beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2025. The BOD meets twice yearly—on the day before both the rotating Grand National tournament and the TOC in Reno NV—to handle the administrative and financial business of the organization.

Any current ACC member in good standing at least eighteen years of age can submit the paperwork to run for the board. (If you think another member should run for the BOD, please contact them directly and encourage them to file the paperwork.)

Candidates must submit an email containing a statement that they wish to run for the BOD, how you want your name printed on the ballot, ACC number, address, phone number, and a biography (200 words max). Letters and biographies must

be sent via email by April 1 to the chair of the nominating committee, **Megan Player**, at megan@monkeyplayground.net.

In addition, all candidates must submit a high-resolution digital picture for publication in *Cribbage World* by sending it via email to cwed152@gmail.com (do *not* send photos to Megan). Photos (head shot only) should be in sharp focus with no distractions in the background.

Biographies and the ballot will be printed in the May *Cribbage World*. To be eligible to vote, members must be at least eighteen years old, have current membership when the ballot is mailed, and have a valid mailing address. Joint members who normally get only one CW will get two in May. And members who normally read *Cribbage World* online will receive a paper copy in May.

Online voting will be available, or paper ballots may be mailed with a postmark no later than May 31. Candidates will be notified by the ACC's president after the results have been certified by the VP of Policy. The election results will be published in the July *Cribbage World*. **CW**

The Cribbage Cupid brought Judith Beay and Charles Rutherford together. They were married on January 27. They play in Club 193 (Ventura CA).



Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

Rod Swan, a member of Green Bay Club 61, sent me the photo and story of this board. He and some cribbage friends volunteered to help **Jerry Johnson** and his son **Tim** remodel their hunting camp on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

When the project was complete, Tim suggested that his father—a woodworking artist—make cribbage boards as a thank you gift. The boards were made from tree root burls found in the Upper Peninsula.

I don't have room to go into all the details of making the boards. But suffice to say, it took many, many hours to make these beautiful gifts.

Rod told me that the first time he used his board, he scored a 28-hand. This board is now retired to his cribbage board collection!



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).

Cribbage Ethics 101: Don't Leave!

by Keith Widener (chair of Ethics Committee)

One of the most frequent issues that the ACC's Ethics Committee deals with is when a player quits a tournament or Grass Roots session before all the games have been played. For whatever reason—they are getting bad cards and losing, or someone made them mad—they get up and leave without finishing out the remaining games in the session.

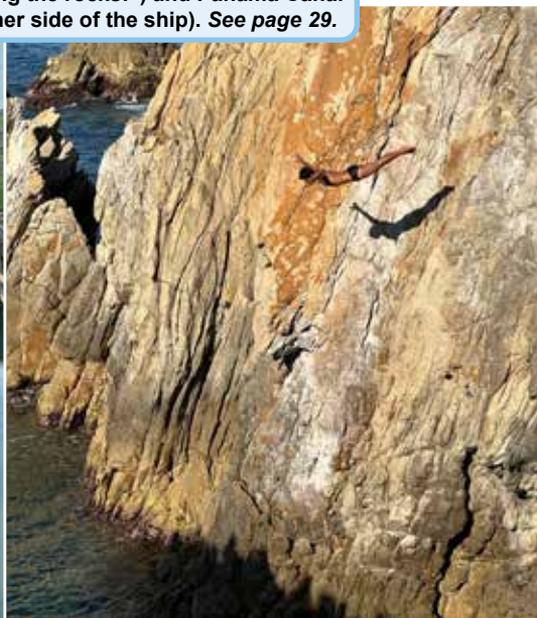
When this happens the Ethics Committee's hands are tied. The ACC Policy Manual chapter 9 §V.A states:

A member who fails to complete the qualifying round of a sanctioned ACC tournament or a Grass Roots session shall be suspended for a period of six months, plus refused entry into the next Grand National Tournament, Tournament of Champions, and the JPW/ACC Open. The only exception to this policy will be documented emergencies.

This is a pretty tough pill to swallow, so don't quit before you are done. If something comes up and you must leave, talk with the tournament director and see if something can be worked out. Don't just run out the door. Or else you will be watching cribbage on TV for the next six months.

The ACC Policy Manual can be found online at cribbage.org/Site_Map.asp.

Acapulco cliff divers (John Quist writes: "This is how I feel every time I play Maria . . . and I'm hitting the rocks!") and Panama Canal (with just inches to spare on either side of the ship). See page 29.



GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Teaching Tip

Here is an excellent teaching tip for parents/grandparents shared by **Suzi and Chuck Muller** (Paradise CA):

When Lyla was much too little to do any math (about 4 years old), she wanted to "play." Knowing that new players of any age can struggle with the concept of never touching the front peg, Lyla and I "played" cribbage by simply taking turns taking the top card off the deck and pegging the points. She loved that game and delighted in beating me when she reached the last hole before I did. Lyla learned the point value of each card, taking turns pegging, shuffling, and never touching the front peg.

Not only is this a great way of introducing a small part of cribbage to a preschooler, the developmental skills in the area of mathematics are invaluable for a child this age, to say nothing of fine motor skills honed through shuffling cards and moving pegs.

News

Coming soon to this column will be a series of interviews with youth players who play in Grass Roots or have participated in youth and/or adult tournaments. If you have a child or grandchild who plays at this level and would like to see them featured in *Cribbage World*, please contact me at danthefan@yahoo.com, and we will make it happen.

A huge thank you to the players at Depoe Bay Winter Challenge held in January, who raised \$40 for the ACC Youth Program. A special thank you to tournament director **Jack Shumate**, who includes a place for a voluntary donation to the youth program on the entry form to the Depoe Bay event each year. Between this and previously hosting five youth tournaments in North Lake Tahoe, I'd like to personally thank Jack for his efforts to support youth cribbage.

Teaching Manuals Requested

- **Karen Bentley** (Fairhaven MA)
- **Suzi and Chuck Muller** (Paradise CA)
- **Ivan Wells** (Tijeras MN)

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



by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
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Maria has taken a good lead in our ATW competition, as she ended our January games with a seven-game win streak. I have read “The Inside Track” by **Rob Medeiros** for seven years, using his recommendations often. Thankfully those tips have prevented several of my losses from being skunks, but Maria has played perfect strategies during the end of many close games. She prevented me from gaining ground on several occasions. Maybe I should play backgammon and join the ABC (American Backgammon Congress), since I am in a heated competition with the cruise director of our ship! Just for the record, two of my cribbage wins were achieved *after* we went on tequila tastings in Mexico. Maria was a little more beatable after six to twelve shots of tequila!

We have enjoyed playing at several “bucket list” destinations. The fortress in Cartagena (page 7) was on the list, adding that to the list after watching the movie *Romancing the Stone*. The Panama Canal (page 27, left) was on the list because of the great engineering feat in completing the route. In Acapulco, watching the cliff divers (page 27, right) was amazing as they jumped from higher and higher positions on the cliff. And in many ports, we went to visit Mayan ruins, now having seen six different cities that are being excavated. One amazing statistic we learned was that only 10% to 20% of lost cities have been excavated to date.

We are heading south to Antarctica in February. Hopefully the cold weather will cool Maria off!



Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

Happy March! The month of green, lucky charms, and leprechauns! How are you celebrating? In New England, we celebrate with Corned Beef and Cribbage hosted by our Dearheart, **Pat Llewellyn**! A day of green and fun and corned beef!



Before recapping the tournaments, I want to note that our Connecticut friend, **Bob "Fitzy" Fitzgerald**,

◀ passed away in December. Fitzy was one of the kindest gentlemen I met at cribbage

and a joy to play. Most recently, he was our "three-man team" coordinator. RIP Fitzy.

January 14–15 saw two one-day tournaments in Brewer ME, hosted by **Joe Bowen**. We were surprised to see **Ann Trotter**, all the way from Wisconsin, but **Bob Joslin** wins the trophy for the player from farthest away! When **Mary Burlington** posted the playoff bracket, she mentioned that in 2022 it was 3° but 30° this year. In Maine we call this a heat wave! On Saturday, thirty-six players competed in the Brewer Snowball, and **Rob Medeiros**

came in first over local **Steve Braley**. ◀ In the 22-player consolation, **Kendra Munkacsy**, who has been playing tournaments only eleven months, got her first win over an-



other local, **Bob Hewes**. On Sunday, 29 players returned for more cribbage. This final saw two out-of-staters fight for the final: **David Statz** and **Rob Medeiros** (yawn . . . he's now banned from Maine). David came out on top, and Rob was second. The 14-player consolation saw another first-time winner, **Steph George** (a local) over **Dan Michela**. It was a great time up north, and we hope to see you all next year.

Jim Hearon writes that the first Florida Panhandle tournament was well received.

There were 73 peggers staying warm there.

When the pegging dust settled, it was **Jason Matheny**, ▶ visiting from Houston TX over top qualifier **Andy Laventure**.

I have joked that Jason comes East just

so I can mention him in my column!

The consolation saw high qualifier **Sandy Shrum** ▶ from

Virginia take the win over long-time executive committee and board member **Keith Widener**. Jim thanks **Megan Player, Terry Weber, Paul and Joy Barnes**, and **Pensacola Peggers 396** for all the help over the weekend, and he looks forward to next year.



Finally, we come to the fourteenth annual Medeiros Memorial, aka Vicki's Birthday Bash! In my mind, it was a great weekend. The beautiful Windrifter is one of the oldest resorts in the United States. It was below zero on Friday and Saturday, but Sunday shot up to 30° (another heat wave!). Sixty-seven players



from around New England braved the cold, but **David Statz** did not let the cold get to him. His fiancé was ill, so he came alone and posted the high qualifying card of 36/17 +231. In the end, his Club 26 clubmate, **Charlie Booker**, came in first place, with David as runner-up. The consolation saw **Adam Sarmanian**, who came in second in the consolation in 2022, get his first win over **Harvey Boudreau**, both from Massachusetts. It was a great weekend honoring our friends **Bill and Sharlene Medeiros**.

An Irish blessing to close out the month:

May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!

At the upcoming Grand National in Virginia Beach VA, the BOD will award the Eastern Region's next Grand National, scheduled for 2026. ACC members interested in hosting this event must inform Executive VP Rick Shea (31for14@gmail.com) of their interest by August 31. Detailed information is not necessary at this time; a general plan is sufficient to consider the bid.



New Pegs If **Steve Steinmetz** ever finds where to buy these Jack Daniels pegs, I will have to up my previous count from 4 against 1 to 6 against 1. It just ain't fair, I tell ya.

Irish My friend **Michael O'Brien** traveled 863.2 miles to play cribbage at Lake Delton

WI. Someone asked Jane Vander Loop who he was. Jane replied: "Oh, that's Mike O'Brien, the veterinarian." The inquirer's instant response was that he thought Mike was an Irishman. To which Jane replied that he was an Irishman first and then a veterinarian.

Birthday Boy **Ron Shave** (Custer WI) chose a novel way to celebrate his birthday. During the 72-player American Pride main, it was announced he was buying a round. The players responded by singing "Happy Birthday." One reason we love playing at the Best Western in Marinette WI is the inexpensive drink prices they charge cribbage players.



The tab for the drinks was only \$147! Thanks for the drinks, Ron, and sorry for singing off key.

New Royalty At last month's Jingle Bell Open, we saw **Dan Taylor** as the

double bridesmaid. This month we have new royalty: **Wayne Steinmetz** is sporting the bridesmaid crown that he earned at the American Pride main.



The Jinx This first-game-skunk jinx is confusing. I skunked

my first opponent in the Schaefer Shuffle consy and lost only one game afterward, for a 16. One would think in an eight-game tourney, it would be high qualifier but a grand slam 16 dropped me to second. Playing in the desert at Pahrump I again challenged the first-game-skunk jinx. This time it worked like a charm. I lost every game until the last one. Of course that one was the one **Dick May** needed to qualify for the consy. Then **Ann Trotter** took in one step farther. She started the main with a skunk and lost the next five, four of them by skunk. What is worse is that it continued working all the way through the consy.

When Things Go Your Way A special shoutout to **Dick Hammen** (Little Chute WI). Dick plays Grass Roots at Appleton's Club 90 and has been an ACC member for twelve years. Dick scored his first 30-card, which was good for the thirteenth spot at America's Pride main. He even had a 28-hand against **Henry Brandner**. His first playoff was against the pegging machine **Jimmy McCarty**. Jimmy had a 24-crib but could not stop Dick. His next match, against **John Syftestad**, had him settling



for the 5–8 finish. Good job, Dick.

Busted While drowning my sorrows at the bar, I made the mistake of complaining about the bad cards I had at the last two tournaments. **Jim (“Little Moose”) Huser** overheard me and replied: “But you just won two mains in a row before that.” Busted.

Don’t Poke the Bear Recently on Facebook, I posted a comment about **Erik Locke**. ↓ I had no idea I would soon



be playing him in the consy finals of the Schaefer Shuffle. From now on it is “Sir Erik.” It only makes sense with his middle name of Royland. Just switch *l* and *a* around and you have *royal*. Darn them quad 7s. The next day he told me how I should have played the hand by leading the ace. Then I may have got the quads. A true champion and good sport.

House Rules I learned from a player to the north about a Canadian rule that if you are inside of five points out and cut a Jack, you can’t count it. And if you are in Colorado playing at **Troy and Kathy’s** home, they have so many house rules that my column space is not large enough to print them all [*editor’s note*: see November 2021 *Cribbage World*, page 4]. But what’s nu you say? Nu pronounced “new” is the

thirteenth letter of the Greek alphabet, and that ends today’s lesson.

HQ It all started during the 2022 Montana Fall Roundup. I dominated **Dave Yaeger** (Kettle Falls WA) by never letting him win a game in seven tries. It continued at Pahrump NV with a close win over him. Dave was not to be denied as he became high qualifier with 23/10 in the twelve-game main.



MRP Chase **Bob “MRP” Chase** recently retired and as a result decided to devote himself to the current cribbage season. Typically only an occasional tournament player, although a Life Master (★), this is the second season in his career in which he has played more than a few events. In a span of four months (October 1–January 28), Bob won five official tourneys (three mains and two consolations). So with half a season to go, it will be very interesting to see how’s Bob’s season ends up. Thanks to **Dan “Smoothie” Selke** for this article. How did I repay Smoothie for the article? The easiest way I know how: at the Go Green Bay tournament, “Mr. 28” cuts him a 5 for a smooth 28!

Internet Cribbage

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I am thrilled to announce that **June Fordham** (*June6*) has earned her red badge and is now a full-fledged member of both the eCribbage and ACC TD teams! Please welcome her, and thank her for her service to all of us.

Always ignore any Java updates you receive as eCribbage will not recognize the newer versions. Many thanks to our wonderful ACC webmaster, **John Hazlett**, for updating the internet section of the website regarding eCribbage. He and **Jennifer Curnow** (*JJx7Fan*) spent countless hours and flying emails to get every detail correct. If you are curious about playing online ACC tournaments, please check it out. Spread the word to any of your friends who have been locked out of the site as the log-in process has been totally fixed and made user friendly!

Welcome new online players! Thanks to many eCribbage logistical fixes, we are seeing more of you. Note that in the game lobby, at the top, is a link to ACC info for the site. You also have a profile box when you right click on your name. If we have not met yet and you don't see an ACC logo there, please let me know. I congratulate the top four winners in a results post from both sites on our Facebook page. You will also find the *Point Leader of the Month* and new IRP achievements—both near the beginning of each month, after statistics are tabulated. Sometimes, I post last-minute news. Please join us by finding “American Cribbage Congress—Community” on Facebook. It is for all facets of the ACC, and anything cribbage related!

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rank	IRPs	name
1	801	Peter Legendre (legend397)
2	711	Carl McCullum (absent)
3	708	Daniel Crete (dec)
4	675	Michelle Barthelmess (Frazu2)
5	660	Bernard Kitheka (Wanzelu)
6	646	Basil Rudnick (Basil 22)
7	608	Scott Earley (scottcrib)
8	582	Betsy Miller (weezieboop)
9	581	Sue Edwards (CO434Sue)
10	579	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)

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Point Leader of the Month

Sue Edwards (*CO434Sue*) @ 195 IRPs

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Internet 28-Hands

Jennifer Curnow (*JJx7Fan*)

Adam Switzer (*sprts2444*)

Internet Grand Slams

Ron Shelton (*red29rws*)

Carol Miller (*carol1946*)

Basil Rudnick (*Basil22*)

Michelle Barthelmess (*Frazu2*)

Bob Hanes (*ia801*)

Robert Read (*GeneralDawg*)



40 Years Ago

A 25-foot-long cribbage board made of hickory, cherry, and pine was touted as the world's biggest board. Featuring pegs 12 inches tall, this board resides at American Legion Post #4 in Norwich CT. Can any of our Connecticut members investigate to see if this board is still in existence?

25 Years Ago

The cover story reported that **Willie Evans** (WA) was high qualifier with 41/19 +236 at the ACC Open and **Gene "Moose" Biegler** (WI) won the main. An amazing *seventeen* 28-hands were scored at this 1,024-player event. Elsewhere we read that **Warren Sondericker** (Milwaukee WI) earned his Life Master (★) rating, becoming the seventh player to reach the 10,000-MRP plateau. Warren finished with 19,949 MRPs—a mere 51 points from Life Master (3★).



Additional MRP Leaders

Because of a glitch/flaw/bug (pick one) in the ACC's MRP software, new members and lapsed-then-rejoined members do not show up in the list of top fifty players on the following page. Until this bug is fixed (yes we are working on it, no we don't know when it'll be fixed), these players will earn their points, but we can't easily add them to the list of ranked players. For the record, here are the missing players, along with where they should be ranked and their yearly MRP total to date:

Western Region		
9	503	Bill Schlabes
30	210	Scott Bartosh
Central Region		
50T	135	Matt Klar
Eastern Region		
18	217	Kendra Munkacsy
49	123	Terrence Cushman



SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of February 10

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
MRPs name	MRPs name	MRPs name
1 1108 Bob Bartosh	1 1016 Ann Trotter	1 449 Barbara Barbour
2 704 Bob Brumley	2 646 Robert Chase	2 448 Robert Medeiros
3 697 Erik Locke	3 556 David Aiello	3 407 Mary Burlington
4 689 Alice Souza	4 483 Les Kvien	4 396 Donna LaFleur
5 651 Ronnie Murakami	5 470 Dale Magedanz	5 371 Vicki Soule
6 583 Betty Brumley	6 373 Jim Mahan	6 368 Lee Dillon
7 534 Terry Higgins	7 337 Jason Matheny	7 367 Charlene Cohen
8 532 Cy Madrone	8 334 Kristina Wright	8 351 Charles Booker
9 498 Todd Malmgren	9 329 Henry Brandner	9 326 Jerry Hardy
10 479 Kai Lemrise	10 324 James McCarty	10 318 David Clemmey
11 446 Roland Hall	11 313 Dennis Koehler	11 310 Keith Widener
12 440 James Langley	12 296 Terry Weber	12 293 David Statz
13 431 Ray Klocko	13 292 William Stacey	13 271 Paul Batterson
14 396 Rick Baird	14 287 Donald Flesch	14 251 Joseph Bowen
15 375 Peggy Shea	15 276 Chad Frischmann	15 237 Scott Johnson
16 340 Jeanne Jelke	16 272 Allan Stanek	16 234 Jim Maffa
17 303 William Eilers	16 272 John Syftestad	17 232 Larry Phifer
18 276 Margaret Fanucchi	18 250 Jane Vander Loop	18 216 Steven Braley
19 274 Gary Galetti	19 248 Bob Hanes	19 215 Louis Petosa
20 273 Bryan Gurden	20 241 Andy Stireman	20 211 Jack Chandler
20 273 James Clark	21 237 Wayne Steinmetz	21 210 Mark Soule
22 268 Lisa Humiston	22 232 David Aiken	22 206 Ethan Guyaz
23 267 David Bute	23 218 Patrick Healey	23 198 Stanley Fillpiak
24 262 Carole Herron	24 212 Ray Stahl	24 189 Phyllis Schmidt
25 248 James Seufert	25 208 Emilio Perez	25 187 Gerry Nardoza
26 238 Peter Jackson	26 201 Bob Joslin	26 181 Mike Misluk
27 237 Fred White	26 201 Clay Collier	27 180 Peter Legendre
28 233 Steve Hastie	28 193 John Bianco	28 176 Michael D'Elena
29 219 Carol Williams	29 192 Steven Steinmetz	29 174 Phillip Jenkins
30 196 Mary Gates	30 184 Dan Selke	30 172 Mike Due
30 196 Mike McDaniel	31 182 Edward Balcer	31 171 Arnold Ward
32 194 Winona McDaniel	32 173 David Boyer	32 170 Stephanie George
32 194 Billie Reddell	33 170 Betsy Miller	32 170 Henry Douglass
34 187 Margery Clark	33 170 Joyce Betz	34 167 Frank Abernathy
34 187 Julie Felkins	35 169 Dan Sand	35 162 William Shoemaker
36 185 Gary Nerton	36 168 Michael Henze	36 155 Todd Smith
37 178 Scott Milo	36 168 Lewis Gurney	37 152 Bruce Sattler
38 170 Gerald Oxford	38 164 Jeff Shimp	38 148 Rick Montague
39 166 David Hayden	39 157 Dan Taylor	39 147 Matthew Easterbrook
39 166 James Morrow	40 155 Mark Habighorst	40 146 Carlyle Foss
39 166 Troy Thorson	40 155 Andy Laventure	41 142 Debra Cotter
42 165 Junko Larsen	42 153 Lisa Wagner	42 140 Thomas Goeschel
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47 156 Beverly Castillo	47 143 Todd Schaefer	47 125 Jerry Hedden
48 153 Craig Smith	48 140 James Huser	48 124 David O'Neil
48 153 Pete Larsen	49 137 Richard Horvath	49 122 Rick Allen
50 152 Don Hansen	50 135 Allen Karr	50 118 Barry Spadea
50 152 Ronald Morgan		
50 152 Don Zeuschel		

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Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE		
<i>date</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>TD</i>
Oct. 10–15, 2023	Virginia Beach VA	Jack Howsare
Nov. 12–17, 2024	Las Vegas NV	Troy Thorson, Kathy Pacocha, David Aiken
Sep. 30–Oct. 5, 2025	Deadwood SD	David Aiken, Patrick Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett
TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE		
June 22–25, 2023	Reno NV	Peggy & Rick Shea, Scott Kooistra

CO ♦ Mar. 11, Mountain View Challenge
 VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537.
 TD: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (970.669.5886)

CA ♦ Auburn Open Doubleheader
Moose, 250 Sacramento St, Auburn CA 95603. TD: Scott Bartosh (530.274.2366) & Bob Bartosh
Mar. 11, Auburn Open #1
Mar. 12, Auburn Open #2

RI ♦ Mar. 12, Corned Beef and Cribbage
 St. Joseph Veterans Hall, 99 Louise St, Woonsocket RI 02895. TD: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613) & Leo Houle

WI ♦ Mar. 17–19, Mick Michaelis Classic
 Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverfront Ave, Marinette WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ♦ Mar. 17–19, Northwest Open
 VFW, 2005 Valley Ave, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Rob Palmer (541.519.7910) & Pat Reynolds

CA ♦ Placerville Open Doubleheader
Veteran's Memorial Bldg, 130 Placerville Dr, Placerville CA 95667. TD: Allan Amaro (916.847.6514) & Scott Bartosh
Mar. 18, Placerville Open #1
Mar. 19, Placerville Open #2

OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader
Eagles, 1160 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97479. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)
Mar. 24, Super Sutherlin One Day
Mar. 25–26, Sutherlin Scuffle

CA ♦ Vista Doubleheader
WildWood Crossing, 116 Civic Center Dr, Vista CA 92084. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Roy Cook
Mar. 25, Vista in March A
Mar. 26, Vista in March B

NH ♦ Mar. 26, Granite State Classic
 Brookline Event Ctr, 32 Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline NH 03033. TD: David Statz (603.247.4335) & Mary Burlington

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NC ♦ Spring Fling Doubleheader
DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player
Mar. 31, Friday Pre-Fling
Apr. 1–2, Raleigh Spring Fling

MN ♦ Mar. 31–Apr. 2, April Fools Challenge
 Moose, 415 3rd Ave, Proctor MN 55810. TD: Gordy Jurek (218.213.1946) & Ed Balcer

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OR ♦ Oregon Coast Cluster
American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 97365
Apr. 1–2, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial TD: Pete Larsen (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird
Apr. 3–4, Spring Crib Fest TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen
Apr. 5–6, Alsea River Open TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Morsen
Apr. 7–8, Dean Bauman Memorial TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

AK ♦ Apr. 8, Alaska State Championship
Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: C. J. Kim (907.245.2687) & Bonnie Kline

ME ♦ Apr. 8, Pine Tree Open
Vacationland Inn, 453 Wilson St, Brewer ME 04429. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

WY ♦ Cheyenne Doubleheader
American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. TD: William & Janice MacMillan (307.638.2398)
Apr. 14, Wyoming One-Day Challenge
Apr. 15–16, Cheyenne Spring Classic

CA ♦ Barn Café Doubleheader
Barn Café, 8976 Grant Line Rd, Elk Grove CA 95624. TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Alice Souza
Apr. 15, Barn Café Challenge #10
Apr. 16, Barn Café Challenge #11

WI ♦ Apr. 21–23, Black River Country Classic
Comfort Inn, W 10170 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls
WI 54615. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) &
Richard Frost

CA ♦ Apr. 22, Wine Country Spring Open
Moose, 3275 Browns Valley Rd, Napa CA 94558.
TD: Roland Hall (707.738.0799) & Yvonne Bowers

MT ♦ Billings Doubleheader
Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Ln, Billings MT 59102. TD: Richard Rudio (406.534.1293) & Greg Dibble
Apr. 22–23, Magic City Main
Apr. 24–25, Trailhead Main

SD ♦ Deadwood Cluster
The Lodge, 100 Pine Crest Ln, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett
Apr. 27–28, Deadwood Open
Apr. 29, Aces & Eights
Apr. 30, Calamity Jane Open

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NY ♦ Apr. 28–30, Western New York Open
Moose, 45 Church St, Hamburg NY 14075. TD:
Robyn Boldt (716.648.1830) & Russell Bentley

ME ♦ Apr. 30, Tulips in Topsham
Grange, 47 Pleasant St, Topsham ME 04429. TD: Jo-
seph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Mark Soule

WI ♦ May 5–7, Peg for Pink
Best Western, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI
54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

CA ♦ Humboldt Bay Doubleheader
Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)
May 5, Humboldt Bay One Day
May 5–7, Humboldt Bay Classic

CA ♦ Win-River Doubleheader
Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo
May 12–13, Jerry Montgomery Memorial
May 14, Mother's Day Open

WI ♦ May 12–14, Cribbage Weekend In America
Mad Apple, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914.
TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Bob Kiley

CO ♦ May 13, Mountain View Classic
VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537.
TD: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (970.669.5886)

WA ♦ May 19–21, Washington State Open
VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD:
James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

NC ♦ Winston-Salem Doubleheader
Courtyard by Marriott, 1600 Westbrook Plaza Dr, Winston-Salem NC 27103. TD: Keith Widener (336.971.8504) & Jennifer Johnson
May 19, Winston-Salem Open
May 20–21, North Carolina Open

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

OR ♦ May 26, Super Sutherlin One Day #2
Eagles, 1160 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97479. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

ID ♦ May 26–28, North Idaho Open
CDA Casino, 37914 South Nukwalqw St, Worley ID 83876. TD: Kevin Mansfield (208.515.8898) & Kat Hartsell

WI ♦ May 26–28, Brat Stop Open
Brat Stop, 12304 75th St, Kenosha WI 53142. TD: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (303.909.5125) & Chad Frischmann

OR ♦ May 26–28, Oregon State Open
Eagles, 1160 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97479. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

CA ♦ May 27, EEC Barnyard Bonanza
Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte (760.751.2073)

MT ♦ Montana Spring Roundup

June 2–4, Montana Championship
Eagles, 2420 South Ave West, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Rex Paddock (406.360.3333) & Sandy Sands

June 5–6, Montana Capital City
Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

June 7–9, Copper City Classic Roundup
East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands

June 10–11, Territorial Prison Classic
Elk Lodge, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Dave Hayden

WI ♦ June 9–11, Steinmetz Frosty Shuffle
Mad Apple, 3025 W College Ave, Appleton WI 54914. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

CT ♦ June 11, Conn State Open
American Legion, 114 West St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Michael Kopp (860.856.1705)

NV ♦ Rampart Doubleheader

JW Marriott, 221 N Rampart Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89145. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & Troy Thorson

June 15–16, Rampart Casino Midweek

June 17–18, Rampart Casino Open

MI ♦ June 16–18, Lake Superior Challenge
Rock River Lanes, 1011 N Rd, Ishpeming MI 49849. TD: Pat Healey (906.458.2065) & Tom Butcher

NV ♦ June 19–21, Les Sumner Memorial
Topaz Lodge, 1979 US 395, Gardnerville NV 89410. TD: Beverly Castillo (775.453.3715) & Jeanne Jelke

NV ♦ The Big One!

Sands Casino, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501

June 22 ♦ Candian Doubles
TD: Ron & Laurie Logan (406.493.2224)

June 23 ♦ TOC
TD: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059) & Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116)

June 24–25 ♦ JPW/ACC Open
TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Scott Kooistra

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NH ♦ June 25, Live Free or Die
Brookline Events Ctr, 32 Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline NH 03033. TD: Jerry & Laurie Hardy (207.730.3197)

OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader

Eagles, 1160 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97479. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

June 30, Super Sutherlin One Day #3

July 1–2, Sutherlin 4th of July Special

CO ♦ Mountain View Doubleheader

VFW, 305 N Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80537. TD: Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocha (303.909.5125)

July 7+9, Mountain View Championship

July 8, Mountain View Open

OR ♦ July 8–9, Shut Up and Deal
Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Greg Schleusner

ME ♦ July 14–16, Lobster Peg-Off
Seasons Grill, 427 Main St, Bangor ME 04412. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

IL ♦ Marv Lang Memorial Doubleheader

Cliffbreakers Events Center, 700 W Riverside Blvd, Rockford IL 61103. TD: Daniel Selke (847.977.3875) & Jerry Griffin

July 14+16, Marv Lang Memorial #1

July 15, Marv Lang Memorial #2

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CA ♦ Barn Café Doubleheader

Barn Café, 8976 Grant Line Rd, Elk Grove CA 95624. TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Alice Souza

July 15, Barn Café Challenge #10

July 16, Barn Café Challenge #11

WI ♦ Stetsonville Doubleheader

Stetsonville Community Ctr, 412 Centennial Ave, Stetsonville WI 54480. TD: Henry Brandner (715.748.3982) & Chad Frischmann

July 21–23, Heart of Wisconsin Classic

July 22, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic

WA ♦ Sunnyside Tripleheader

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

July 27–28, Weekday Challenge #21

July 29, Summer Classic

July 30, Western Region Championship

NC ♦ NOCT Cluster

Double Tree (RDU Airport), 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703

July 27–28, Open Opener

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Mark Soule, & John Hazlett

July 28–31, National Open

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson

July 31, Come Monday

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson

CA ♦ Sacramento Starter Tripleheader

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Alice Souza

Aug. 3–4, Sacramento Starter #1

Aug. 5, Sacramento Starter #2

Aug. 6, Sacramento Starter #3

CT ♦ Aug. 6, Patriot Kickoff Classic

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

CT ♦ Aug. 12–13, Northeast Peer Tournament

American Legion, 114 West St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Pat Llewellyn

ID ♦ Sep. 8–10, Gem State Classic

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Four Points by Sheraton, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451

Oct. 10, GN41 Opener

TD: Keith Widener (336.971.8504) & Laurie Schmitz

Oct. 11–12, GN41 Midweek

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson

Oct. 14–15, GN41

TD: Jack Howsare (757.696.2999) & Mark Soule

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IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS



Donald Flesch

Don Flesch (Brookfield WI) passed away on February 2 at the age of seventy-six. A member of Milwaukee Club 6, he won the club championship many times over the years. Don has been playing cribbage for more than forty years and had earned his Life

Master (3★) rating and the Gold Award in Grass Roots play. He enjoyed all of the people that he met while playing and loved traveling to tournaments with some of his closest friends, Marlene Lazachek and Wayne Steinmetz. As soon as Don was greeted into heaven, he probably found a game or a tournament going on! Don will be missed by us all. His grandkids are learning to play so that they can use all of the cribbage board trophies Don won over the years!

David Macculloch Johnson



Dave Johnson passed away in November 2022 at age seventy-three. Born in New Jersey, he grew up in Palo Alto CA. After graduating from Lewis & Clark College, he worked as a food salesman, real estate agent, and attorney for the rest of his life alongside

his wife Pamela. He served as president of the El Dorado County Bar Association and was a local politician, devoting his life to making Cameron Park a special place to live. Dave was a competitive cribbage player and had earned his Bronze Award.

Timothy Jurek

A native and longtime resident of Connecticut, Tim Jurek retired to Merritt Island FL fifteen years ago after a career in law enforcement. Tim grew up playing kitchen-table cribbage with his father. He honed his playing skills as he got older but never knew that Connecticut had a chapter or he would have been an ACC member long ago. He earned his Bronze Award and was furiously working on his Silver before he passed away in July 2022. Tim was club director and club champion at Space Coast Peggys Club 336. He loved the game and enjoyed many out-of-state tournaments over the years, especially Raleigh. He met some very nice people and had many friends in the cribbage world. Always the gentleman, he was known for always saying "good game" whether he won or lost. Tim would have wanted everyone to know how thankful he was to the game of cribbage for making his life complete. The camaraderie that the game allows and fair play that is warranted always kept him coming back. He is survived by his loving wife Martha.



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