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Kat Hartsell

EXPERIENCE



by Kat Hartsell

I learned about cribbage from my best friend in third grade, and after finding out I was interested, my grandfather, Dave Schwartz, started working with me. Twenty-six years later and now . . .

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Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

The founder and first president of the American Cribbage Congress was **Joseph Petrus Wergin** of Madison WI, and he deserves all the accolades and more for getting the ACC started.

Before writing the first three years of *Cribbage World*, Wergin was the author of the *Midwest Cribbage League* newsletter. ↑ I still have a couple of these in my possession.*

Joe's most famous saying was "Think Big"—repeated throughout the early years of *Cribbage World*. Here is a gem he wrote in 1980 ↓ about how one should address your cribbage opponents.

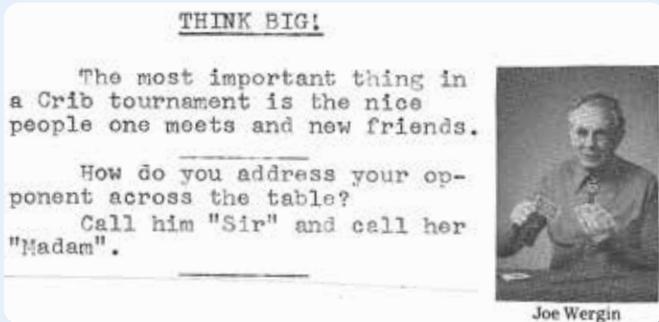
I would also like to recognize a few early pioneers for recruiting members and helping the ACC in the first couple of years.

John Chambers (RI) served on the first ACC Board of Directors, wrote multiple cribbage books, and directed the very successful Rhode Island Cribbage Association. In fact, John had all fifty-two RICA members join the American Cribbage Congress in its first few months.

Richard Kurz (WI) was very instrumental in signing up members from Wisconsin and organizing transportation to area tournaments. Kurz was one of the first ACC judges and Cribadier Generals to support the youth program.

Richard Graham (CO) served on the first Board of Directors and later was executive vice-president and directed BOD meetings for much of the 1980s. Graham was an early ACC judge and ran tournaments in Colorado and Nevada, including the 1985 Grand National.

**Editor's note:* the CW Archive in Coopersville MI contains five issues of the *Midwest Cribbage League* newsletter, dated between February 1980 and May 1981. If any ACC members have copies of MCLN that they'd like to donate to the ACC to insure that these cribbage ephemera survive, please contact *Cribbage World* at cwed152@gmail.com or 616.401.8311.



Joe Wergin

Why does Scott know so much ACC history? Because he has done just about everything in the ACC: BOD member, VP, president, national MRP champ 2x, All American 7x, tournament director, and youngest person elected to the ACC's Hall of Fame.

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New ACC Judges

- **John Bernshausen** (Phoenix AZ)
- **Scott Black** (Sioux Falls SD)
- **Jeanne Coleman** (Ocean Springs MS)
- **Steve Schneider** (Askov MN)

To take the judge examination, send email to accjudgetest@gmail.com.

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The Ethics Committee suspended **Robert “Bob” Lewis** (Salem OR) for six months ending March 7, 2024, for allegedly purposely overpegging in order to gain an advantage.

The Ethics Committee suspended **Roy McGillivray** (Chico CA) indefinitely, starting January 11, 2024, for leaving a Grass Roots tournament without completing all the games; this is a repeat offense.

ACC membership odometer

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President's Column

by James Morrow



Viva Las Vegas!



I just took a trip to play in the Henderson NV double-header.

Ray Klocko was nice enough to pick us up and take us on a sightseeing trip to Hoover Dam. If you're going to Grand National in November and want to see a historic sight, I suggest planning a trip to see the massive dam.

Built in 1935, it is 726 feet high and 600 yards wide at the base. You can stand in Nevada and Arizona if you walk to the middle of the dam; there are two clocks showing Nevada time and Arizona time. This project only took five years to complete at a cost of \$49 million.

Parking is only \$10, and if you wanted to take a tour of the inside of the dam you could pay to see that also.

After playing a little cribbage, **Bryan Gurden** became our tour guide, taking us up the main strip, where we saw the Globe, the Strat, Caesar's Palace, and even CVS.

Fremont Street is a must-see: magicians, dancers, singers,

mimes—all perform shows at random times, depending on how many tips they get. There were many live bands and shops to check out. People zip-line over the street, and the light show on the four-block barrel vault canopy keeps this non-stop action going. You can get a picture in Binion's Casino in front of \$1 million.

If this isn't enough to get you excited to head to Las Vegas, for as little as \$99 you can book a helicopter tour of the Grand Canyon. You can take in a show or even a sunrise hot air balloon ride.

Now is the time to start planning for everything that you will do on your trip to the Las Vegas Grand National.

Oh . . . but don't forget to send in your cribbage entry.

Thank you, thank you very much.



Your Deal



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January Takeaways

My wife recently found this photo in Island County archives, showing two gentleman playing cribbage on the front porch of a building on Front Street in downtown Coupeville WA. ➔ No date on photo, but with a bicycle in the background and the clothing, I'm guessing that it could be anywhere from 1890s to early 1920s.

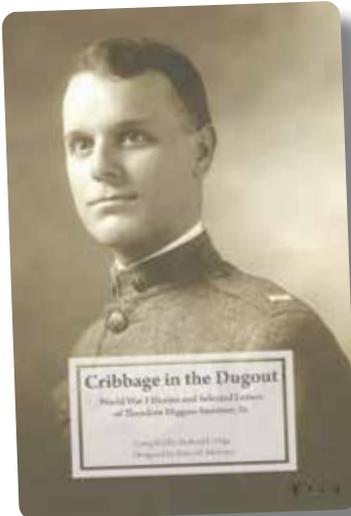
*Mike Diamanti (Coupeville WA)
Whidbey Island Peggers Club 459*



Cribbage in World War One

My stepdaughter gave me this book. I liked it for the WWI history. It references cribbage a bit and has cribbage in the title. The book contains letters from Theodore Sweetser, serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in WWI. I have attached the front cover ➔ and a page referencing the cribbage board sent to him in France. ➔ The author of the letters was from Minneapolis, so he was probably very familiar with cribbage.

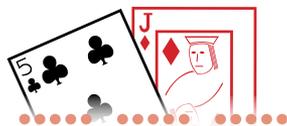
Elmer Phillippi (Bradenton FL)



January 2, 1918
No appetite at lunch, nothing for tea or dinner. Bad diarrhea.
My three Christmas parcels from home arrived this evening.
gloves from father
sweater from mother
scarf from sister!
cribbage from sister
socks 5 pairs
afterdinner mints
chocolate
diary
picture of home
shaving blades
shaving cream
cold cream
soap
soap box
tooth brush
They were mighty welcome; I had them scattered well around the library of the chateau before packing them away for the march. I wrote to Depot QM to have insurance premiums paid.

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

Every month *Cribbage World* reports the players with the most points in tournament play (MRPs—see page 32 below), club play (GRPs—page 8), and internet play (IRPs—page 18). On these pages we see the best of the best, those players who through perseverance, luck, and skill have risen to the top ranks. We consistently applaud their efforts and acknowledge their wins and awards.

But I'm going to let you in on a little secret. These players are *not* the backbone of the ACC. The names on the pages listed above are good, even excellent, players. But they represent a small percentage of the ACC's membership.

The heart-and-soul of the ACC are its rank-and-file members. Players who play only a few or no tournaments a year. Players who've never played in Reno, who will never make All American, who will never reach the Master level and may never hit Bronze.

These players show up most weeks at club. They love cribbage and respect the game. They help out whenever possible. They frequently play cribbage outside of

ACC-sanctioned tournament and clubs. These rock-solid people with hearts of gold would do anything to get in another game of "crib." Many of them are very good players, but because they don't travel, they don't get much recognition. *These people* are the ACC's most valuable players.

One such member was **Rod Hovey**, who joined the ACC in 2003. Rod played in most of my Michigan tournaments, winning a few of them, but he was mainly a club player.

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Tale of the Tape	 Rick Baird	 David Aiken	 Rob Medeiros
average	51.9% (80–74)	49.3% (36–37)	✓ 72.9% (43–26)
biggest win	+39 vs. Marilyn White (HI) @ Sacramento	+42 vs. Nate Bozman (MI) @ Club 71	✓ +55 vs. Jan Blanc (MA) @ Bangor
worst loss	✓ -34 vs. Debbie Wightman (CA) @ Sacramento	-46 vs. Hal Rosenberg @ Grand Rapids	-37 vs. Wayne King (MA) @ Club 104

In his very first Grass Roots tourney on November 6, 2003, at Club 300 in Battle Creek MI, Rod took first place with 17/7 +169. After playing at Club 300 for two years, he started Club 321 in the fall of 2005 in his hometown and named it “15-2 in Kalamazoo.”

Here are Rod’s Grass Roots stats:

years of ACC membership	21
Grass Roots Points	4,767
average points per year	227
club championships	12
club events played	752
times in first place	105
times in last place	23
grand slams	7
strings of pearls	2
got points at GRRT	6
got points at GRNT	5
Bronze Award earned	9-1-2008
Silver Award earned	9-1-2015
Gold Award earned	12-6-2020

Rod also earned 863 Master Rating Points in sixteen tournaments in three states (two in Nevada, one in North Carolina, and thirteen in Michigan). He won two mains and one consy, which is actually

a pretty good average for the few tournaments he played.

Rod played his last club event on January 29 and—after an incredibly full life—passed away fifteen days later at age 77.

Four years in the US Army were followed by seventeen years delivering dairy products and a twenty-five-year spin as a USPS mail handler.

A strong Christian from the age of twelve, Rod was active in his local church all his life, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and service to both church and community. A Red Cross blood donor since high school, he donated more than 24 gallons.

He enjoyed playing basketball, softball, and golf—and he also organized leagues in all three sports for many decades.

A man with the gift of administration, he left behind detailed instructions for his funeral and the dinner for hundreds of friends who attended.

In short, Rod was a well-rounded human who leaves behind a large, loving family and many friends who are grateful for having just known him. RIP, Rod.

The ACC needs every player we have. I appreciate all of them. But I have a special fondness in my heart for the Rods in our organization. They are the unsung players who provide the ACC with its *raison d’être*, the reason for our existence. May their tribe increase. **CW**

At the upcoming Grand National in Las Vegas NV in November, the BOD will award the Western Region’s next Grand National, scheduled for 2027. 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.

GRASS ROOTS Clubs



official GRPs only, as of 2/20

Division	rank	GRPs	name (club)
1 →	1	293	Tom Anderson (356)
	2	280	David Aiello (197)
	3	245	Duane Toll (62)
	4	234	Bob Bartosh (453)
	4	234	Verdell Brand (96)
	6	225	Thomas Beucler (388)
	7	222	Chris Kim (177)
	8	218	Dwight Christiansen (382)
	9	214	Dwayne Pankiw (261)
	10	212	Brett Brunner (240)
	11	211	Dennis Crooks (408)
	12	210	Timothy Julkowski (377)
	13	206	Kenneth Nicholls (1)
	14	205	Robert Donovan (219)
	15	204	Gerry Arseneau (308)
	15	204	Dick Lind (82)
	17	203	Brian Bell-Irving (62)
	17	203	Bob Prochnow (79)
	19	202	Bryan Gurden (400)
	20	201	Adrian Levy (374)
	21	199	Ray Klocko (400)
	21	199	Robert Medeiros (104)
	21	199	Raymond Tondorf (308)
	24	196	Jeff Olson (22)
	25	195	Grant Crawford (131)
	25	195	Paul Dysart (251)
	25	195	Jon Kline (190)
	28	194	Steve Colgan (467)
	28	194	Dan Sand (94)
	30	193	Jim Blough (71)
	30	193	Larry Phifer (58)
	32	191	Dale Newberry (202)
	32	191	Rex Paddock (347)
	34	189	Joy Barnes (230)
	34	189	Ben Holder (43)
	34	189	Scott Noble (124)
	37	188	Diana Webster (62)
	38	185	Roy Martin (306)
	38	185	Scott Sand (94)
	38	185	Dan Vogel (224)
	41	184	Wayne Momsen (127)
	42	182	Frederick Bertorello (390)
	42	182	John Piasecki (390)
	44	181	Rick Baird (12)
	44	181	Chad Frischmann (445)
	44	181	Steven Strobbridge (89)
	44	181	Jason Thornton (12)
	48	180	Robert West (34)
	49	179	Dave Parenteau (131)
	50	177	Bernard Brentar (390)

Division	rank	GRPs	name (club)
4 →	50	177	John Hazlett (71)
	50	177	Robert Lenz (445)
	50	177	Dave Schwartz (377)
	54	176	Jim Egan (321)
	54	176	Joseph Murdock (175)
	56	175	Richard Nourse (109)
	56	175	Craig Phipps (106)
	56	175	Nancy Rojas (162)
	59	174	James Endres (11)
	60	173	Steve Kaplan (408)
	60	173	James Ravenscroft (175)
	60	173	Bethany Rolfson (154)
	60	173	Vincent Jim Simone (399)
	60	173	Alice Souza (453)
	65	172	Gary Reichel (300)
	65	172	Phillip Whitehouse (295)
	67	171	Tamara Bonato (391)
	67	171	Allen Karr (61)
	67	171	James Pecoraro (328)
	67	171	Duane Schubauer (96)
	71	170	Robert Chase (215)
	71	170	Robert Reister (221)
	73	169	David Aiken (71)
74	167	Doug Dresbach (162)	
74	167	Gary Duvall (148)	
74	167	Ronald Geerdes (396)	
74	167	Gregory Gougian (314)	
74	167	Reuben Sufka (94)	
74	167	Don Tietgen (251)	
74	167	Carl Vennes (69)	
74	167	Patrick Whiting (276)	
74	167	Roger Widdowson (371)	
83	166	William Walker (89)	
84	165	Edward Balcer (399)	
84	165	Diane Harvey (113)	
84	165	Sharon Schaefer (400)	
84	165	Rick Vee (96)	
1	162	John Mealy (118)	
2	156	Brad Seger (39)	
3	141	Jack Shumate (420)	
4	139	Eunice Kendall (395)	
5	136	Jerry Hedden (318)	
6	134	Wes Du Mont (38)	
6	134	Doug King (452)	
8	133	Paul Gregson (54)	
9	130	Phyllis Day (336)	
10	129	Rhonda Perry (336)	
11	128	Carol Miller (118)	
11	128	Aaron Young (455)	
13	122	Bill Hill (2)	



edited by **Michael Barrett**



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

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Club 22 (Winter Park FL) had two big hands on the same night—and in the same seat! Guest **Peggy Ladd** got a 28-hand, and member **Rod McClure** got a 29-hand.



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Most clubs are halfway through the season, and more hot hands and unique plays are piling up.

Club 306 (El Dorado Hills CA) has had a string of luck, but not the good kind. **Five** strings of pearls in eleven weeks: **Don Howard**, **Jerry Crowe**, **Dawn Martin**, **Penny Anderson**, and **Paul Philips** all took it on the chin.

Club 368 (Ishpeming MI)—on February 14, **Pete Koski** had a grand slam and **Eric Bunce** held a 28-hand.

Club 108 (Lynnwood WA)—**Richard Winfield** proudly held a 29-hand after more than sixty years of playing, twenty of them in organized play. It took him only 9,000 or so hands to get it!



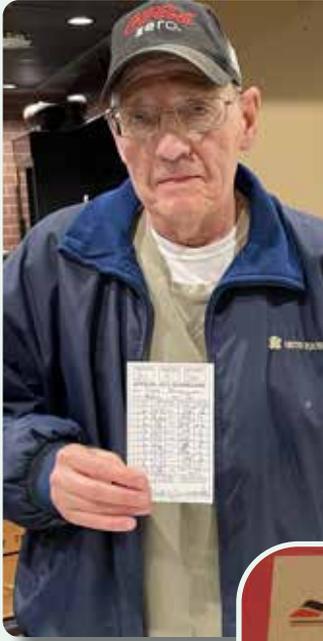
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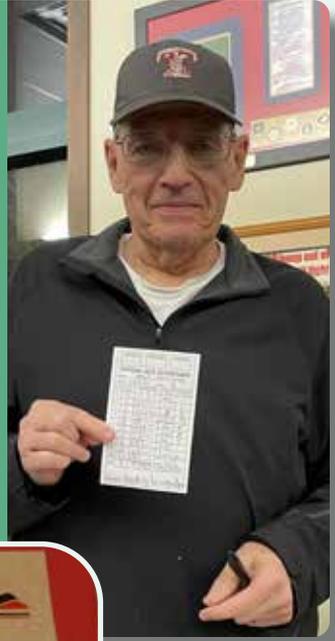
Gary Romaniak (Club 12 in Bend OR)

Elise Baron (Club 285 in Portland OR)

GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Club 460 (Stow OH)—the newly formed club already has a grand slam. On February 1 **Dave Sniegowski** (aka Ohio Dave) scored 20/9 +208. ◀ New player **Chris Brock** scored 16/8, with his only loss coming to Dave. Chris has attended only four weeks and gotten points on three of them! Then, on February 15 Ohio Dave struck again, this time with 23/9 +240! ▶ Prior to this, it has been twenty-seven years since Ohio Dave had his last grand slam! ↓



377 17 8 100

ACC GRASS ROOTS
 Official Scorecard
 12-29-23 022854 8
 Name: Tim Julkowski

Game	Score	Points	Opponent	Result
1	2 25	101	7	
2	2 29	12	43	
3	2 08	58	02	
4	2 02	75	46	
5	2 07	126	10	
6	3 40	23		
7	2 17	18		
8	2 05	22		
9	0	32	25	
10	17 132	32		
11	9	+100		

Tim Julkowski

Club 377 (Spokane WA)—on December 29, **Timothy Julkowski** had a grand slam going into the ninth game, ◀ when he ran smack into a brick wall named **Kat Hartsell**, who skunked him to not only stop him, but collect a bounty from the kitty as well. On January 19, Kat had a grand slam going into her ninth game. And who did the cribbage gods have ready for her to face in game nine? ▶ None other than Timothy, looking for revenge! Revenge he got, not a skunk, but close, to pocket his own bounty from the kitty!

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ACC GRASS ROOTS
 Official Scorecard
 Name: Kat

Game	Score	Points	Opponent	Result
1	2 24	103	13	
2	3 25	75	49	
3	2 07	58	5	
4	3 59	02	1	
5	2 13	11	4	
6	2 17	58	08	
7	2 19	11	2	
8	2 18	15	6	
9	0	29	5	
10	18 198	29		
11	8	-159		

Kat Hartsell



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follow the trail

28-Hands

- Mark Cochran (Club 34 in Denver CO)
- Roger Sodergren (Club 79 in Poway CA) ^{x2}
- Cedric Davies (Club 108 in Lynnwood WA)
- Rich Hawes (Club 109 in Abington MA) —
- Pete Seda (Club 131 in Walton Beach FL)
- Craig Deidrick (Club 190 in Auburn CA)
- Kathy Elliott (Club 218 in Gladstone MI)
- Bonnie Anderson (Club 218 in Gladstone MI)
- Ellen Swenson (Club 218 in Gladstone MI)
- Sharon Polyot (Club 230 in Ormond Beach FL)
- Jim Ney (Club 285 in Portland OR)
- Sue Raynor (Club 356 in La Grande OR)

Club 410 (Butte MT) has been a hot-bed of good cards. **Gary Louderback** had a 28-hand on December 7; **Liz Milodragovich** ↓ had a grand slam on December 14; and **Walt Immonen** ↓ had a grand slam on January 4.



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GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Fred Adolphson
(Fitchburg WI)
Gold #208

I learned to play cribbage from my grandfather, for whom I was named. I was, at the time, laid up in a hospital for two months in traction from an automobile accident. My grandfather hated hospitals but came several times weekly to spend time with me and teach me the game. I played with family members for many years until a Grass Roots club was formed in Palm Beach County. Throughout the years, I was club champion four times, until moving back to Wisconsin and joining the Madison club. I started playing tournaments in 2006. I have won several tournaments during my cribbage career, but my favorite memory was being high qualifier in Reno in 2008 with a 41/19 card and losing to Doug Page in the first playoff round. Because of too many great opponents through the years, it is difficult to say who was my toughest. Probably myself, as I always never got the right cards. I am proud that I accomplished Gold level in Grass Roots play this year, as I was awarded the Masters rating at the most recent Grand National tournament in Virginia Beach.



The cards are still hot at Club 295 (Rochester Hills MI)! On January 31, **Mike Loyd** (top left) had a 28-hand and **Laurie Sagal** (top right) had a grand slam. (This was Mike's second 28 and Laurie's third slam.) On February 21, one of our newest members, **Sue Weston** (bottom left and right), got her second 28-hand in less than a month. For those of you keeping score at home, this makes six 28-hands and five grand slams at Club 295 this season—so far!



Milestones!

Two months in advance, send info about member birthdays ending in a zero to cwed152@gmail.com or 334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404.

Happy Birthday in February!

80—**Victor Soden** (AZ)

Happy Birthday in March!

90—**John MacEwen** (MI)

80—**William Eilers** (Pahrump NV)

80—**Rudolph Rauen** (WI)

80—**Avon Ray** (CA)

70—**Dennis Crooks** (AZ)

40—**Ryan McNamee** (NY)

more Grass Roots stories next month

GrassRoots Awards

GOLD

Pat Llewellyn (Bellingham MA)

Boyd Lundquist (Northfield MN)

James Seufert (Hermiston OR)

Scott Buhrow (Dallas TX)

SILVER

James Aleschus Jr. (CA), 162

Richard La Crosse (MI), 218

Saundra Price (ID), 202

George Tanksley (MI), 300

BRONZE

Leroy Mill (MT), 427

Rick Morrell (WA), 415

Daulph Plummer (AK), 354

Dennis Richardson (CA), 205

Grand Slams

Robert West (Club 34 in Denver CO)

John Aiello (Club 55 Santa Rosa CA)

Steve Hays (Club 108 in Lynnwood WA)

Rick Montague (Club 161 in Bellingham MA)

Jeff Couillard (Club 218 in Gladstone MI)

Jaye Sedillo (Club 257 in Burbank CA)

Dan Balmer (Club 317 in Puyallup WA)

Jack Woo McClain (Club 450 in Eugene OR)

— on Sir John Suckling's birthday!

Mike Stevens (Club 451 in Salt Lake City UT)



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the trail

New Members

112 last month

Alabama

Robert McDowell (Hoover)

Alaska

Kevin Mader (Anchorage)
David Newlon (Wasilla)
Patricia Winegar (Anchorage)
James Young (Anchorage)
Michael Young (Anchorage)

Alberta

Trevor Scott Ransom (Red Deer County)

Arizona

Tracy Jourdan (Winslow)
Yvonne Lervold (Sun City)
Richard Weetman (Yuma)

Arkansas

Trey Doocy (Hot Springs)

California

John DeMeter (Walnut Creek)
Jane Goss (Crescent City)
Marc Hachey (Auburn)
Michael Hagan (Oakland)
George Isenhardt (Eureka)
Patrick King (San Diego)
Ben Kraemer (Napa)
Jennifer Reitz (Auburn)
Carol Wallstrom (Anaheim)

Colorado

Brandon Clang (Colorado Springs)
Bill Hurstik (Grand Junction)
Bob Salcetti (Colorado Springs)
Larry D. Smith (Loveland)

Florida

Stephen Lee (Pinecrest)
Robert Miller (Cantonment)

Hawaii

Keiko Jeuffel (Honolulu)
Kurt Mencil (Honolulu)
Barry Shain (Honolulu)

Idaho

Frank Masley (Boise)

Indiana

Cameron Melvoin (Mishawaka)
Patrick Raney (Indianapolis)

Iowa

Jotham Polashek (Des Moines)

Maine

Gertrude Atkinson (Brownfield)
Kassandra Barbour (Scarborough)
Laurance Barbour (Scarborough)
Debra Emmons (Lewiston)
Joseph Todaro (Brownfield)

Massachusetts

Arthur Dutrizac (Lynn)
John Hyde (Lynn)
Spoons Letryz (Lynn)
Vincenzo Lorenzo (Lynn)
Alan Towne (Westfield)
Steven Tyrer-Vasell (Lynn)

Minnesota

James Aho (Saint Paul)
Hendrie Grant (Saint Paul)
Nicole Michaels (Minnetonka)
Bryant Pederson (Arden Hills)
Brian Sand (Clearwater)

Mississippi

Mary Allbritain (Moss Point)
Robert Allbritain (Moss Point)
Doug Coleman (Ocean Springs)
Jeanne Coleman (Ocean Springs)

Missouri

Mark Morrison (Wentzville)
Starla Throckmorton (Wentzville)

Montana

Johannes Chandler (Butte)
Michelle Timmons (Yellowstone)

Nevada

Sebastian Fuchslin (Winnemucca)
Justin Gaudry (Las Vegas)
Aaron Goetz (Winnemucca)
Barbara Johnson (Pahrump)
Darren Senn (Stataline)

New Hampshire

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Beth Smith (Tamworth)

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Tim Jones (West Milford)

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Gordon Alexander (Rochester)

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Chris Brock (Seville)
Kathryn Durham (Sandusky)

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Ian Aylward (Depoe Bay)

Jesse Grow (Corvallis)
Mike Hodge (Bend)
Dave Lauridsen (Warren)
Jack Lien (Albany)
Jesse Mitchell (Philomath)
Sarah Coulter Mitchell (Philomath)
Nancy Noteboom (Gleneden Beach)
Daniel Raftevoid (Bend)
Ed Sharp (Roseburg)
Warren Young (Corvallis)

Pennsylvania

William Crusier (Yardley)
Chad Grimm (Windsor)
Helen McMullen (Pittsburgh)
Mark Seech (Pittsburgh)

Rhode Island

Christopher Boyette (Exeter)

South Dakota

Darell Brosdahl (Sioux Falls)
Michele Lehmann (Rapid City)
Pete Nebben (Dell Rapids)
Sydney Nebben (Dell Rapids)

Texas

Michael Stahl (Adkins)

Virginia

James Frampton (Stafford)
William Heck (Virginia Beach)
John McGibeny (Norfolk)
Terri McGibeny (Norfolk)
Leah Schiffbauer (Virginia Beach)

Washington

Tom Breyer (West Richland)
Michael Busey (Walla Walla)
DeAnna Colegate (Napavine)
Chester Howell (Othello)
Don Isenhardt (Kelso)
Michael Pettit (Bothell)
Gina Scavera (Kelso)
John Seeliger (Eitopia)

Wisconsin

Hannah Juza (Stevens Point)
Leslie Jo Obermeier (Wisconsin Rapids)
Lindsey Redetzke (Eau Claire)
Nathan Schmidt (Superior)
Ellis Stewart (Eau Claire)
Mary Stewart (Eau Claire)
Jill Yanke (Cottage Grove)

Wyoming

Bruce Gorkowski (Cheyenne)
Walter Smith (Cheyenne)



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Check the Cards!

If you play a lot of cribbage you will likely have encountered problems with the playing cards. Most of the time we are using less than new decks. They could have stray markings, bent corners, or any type of defect that could allow a player to know that card without seeing it. Rule 4.5, entitled “Imperfect Pack,” deals with this situation and describes when to correct the deck and how to do it.

Years ago while playing in a tournament in Altamonte Springs FL (hello **David Fournier!**), I was called to a situation where the pone and the dealer had counted their hands and mucked the cards, and the dealer was then counting her crib. She had a crib flush (all five cards the same

suit) with a double run. Holy crap! What do we do?

You can't really invoke rule 4.5.b (**play stops at time of discovery . . . points pegged or scored are retracted and the hands and crib**

are dead) because both hands had been played, counted, and mucked. And if you just call the crib dead you have severely and unfairly penalized the dealer. So here is a situation where we have to use some judgement (OMG!) and invoke rule 14.1: **In the event of a situation that is not resolved by these rules, the head judge's decision shall be final for that tournament.** We handled this particular incident by removing the duplicate card and allowing the player to count their four-card crib. We allowed the flush under these circumstances, along with a run. There were no 15s. Now before all of you decide to hit me with multiple emails, yes, there could have been other solutions. But this is what we decided on that given day.

At Grand National 28 in Grand Rapids MI in 2009, judges were called when **Jerome Tork** was holding four 6s and promptly cut the fifth 6! Jerome argued with me that he should be able to count and peg his hand. I said: “Jerome, you don't know how to count five of a kind anyway.” To which he replied: “Isn't it 48?”* We then invoked rule 4.5.b, got a new deck, and redealt the hand.

Such fun!

***Editor's note:** five of a kind (which appears when playing a cribbage variant using wild cards) is 20 points (that is, it has ten pairs). And five 5s—which has ten 15-2s—is worth 40 points!

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The

Kat Hartsell

EXPERIENCE



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... I am not only running a Grass Roots club, but I have taken on the role of tournament director. Until Grand National 2023, my tournament career consisted of playing in Sunnyside WA, Spokane WA, Missoula MT, and one Reno trip. Meeting all the great people who belong to this organization made me want to play even more.

As a working mother of four, spare funds for cribbage entries have been limited. I took a giant chance and put myself out to the cribbage community and my family and friends, in hopes that people might support me and my passion for the game. The response has been so positive.



I knew I needed to show everyone how much I appreciate their contributions, so I asked **Cher Morrow** to make a shirt showing the fifteen tournaments I will attend in 2024. To put this into perspective, I joined the ACC in 2008, and since then have played only fifteen tournaments. This is a huge experience, hence: "The Kat Hartsell Experience"!

I was excited to begin my personal tournament trail in Henderson NV on January 27, but not sure if I was really good enough to compete, let alone make those supporting me proud. After qualifying in the consolation, I advanced to the finals and brought home my first singles trophy board! ➡ At the next stop, the Arizona Roadrunner, this girl qualified #7 for her first ever main playoff! ⬅ The following week, in Sunnyside I qualified for the main playoffs again. It was so exhilarating to see my local club players filling in over half the bracket! Although I felt I played some of my best games, I didn't advance this time, but my grandfather did, winning the Sunnyside tournament over our good friend **Jason Ramelow**. ➡ These are the experiences that really make me want to shout out to all my supporters . . . **thank you all!**



DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULTS	PLACEMENT
11	2	02	22
12	2	02	22
13	2	02	22
14	2	22	22
15	2	22	22
16	2	02	22
17	2	12	22
18	2	14	22
19	2	05	22
20	2	24	22
21	2	15	22
22	2	04	22
23	2	12	22
24	2	12	22
25	2	12	22
26	2	12	22
27	2	15	22
28	2	04	22
29	2	15	22
30	2	15	22
31	2	15	22

The Kat Hartsell Experience continues next month in Reno

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



Does the old proverb “a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush” apply in cribbage? Let’s examine a pegging scenario and ruminate on it.

You are poned early in the game with A-A-4-9, discarding the innocuous 3-8. You lead the Ace and the dealer responds with a K. Yessss, you can score an immediate 15-2 with your 4, but is that the correct percentage play in the long run? If you take the 15, what is the most likely dealer response? I’m guessing a picture for 25, and then you must play your ace for 26. It’s probably at least a 50% chance (if not higher) that dealer has a 5 for 31-2, thus negating your early 15-2. The net pegging will be 3-2 in favor of the dealer.

But what if you played your 9 on that K, making the count 20? Again, the dealer’s likely response is a picture card to make the count 30, enabling your other Ace to come into play for 31-2. The net pegging in this scenario is 2-1 in *your* favor.

Obviously these situations will not always play out these exact ways, but it never hurts to have alternate courses of action for any pegging play.

Raise your hand if Rob has ever tossed you a 5! Contact him at mrob2199@aol.com.



Duane Toll teaches cribbage at Fremont School in Roseburg OR. The school librarian brought in this chess/cribbage board table made out of redwood, which has been in her family for thirty-five years.

Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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A reminder to tell the TD when you get a 28- or 29-hand so that they can report that to me. I send email certificates for those hands, as well as grand slams. (If you don't get a certificate, please email

me.) Grand slams are also posted on the ACC's Facebook page. People think that earning those achievements is easier online, while it is far from it. It took fifteen years of playing regularly at eCribbage for **Tim Julkowski** to earn his! Consider some math: an average week at eCribbage has about 275 players, in seven or eight tournaments. Multiply that by nine games, and then about nine deals per game. That's a lot of competition! (Game Colony has the best-of-three format, not GR9 style.) It's no small feat to earn those accolades, and that is why they are printed in this column monthly.

The awesome TD team who runs the ACC tourneys at Game Colony and I have made the decision to have the time limit for making moves be in line with

GC's policy. Their policy is a 20-second time limit, while the ACC's has historically been 30 seconds. In my opinion, that potentially prolongs the tourney for everyone when it's a best-of-three format, especially the TDs who are giving generously of their time for more than two hours. **John Schafer, Paula Earle, Brad Gronli,** and **Richard Rice:** a huge thanks for all you do for the ACC at GC! Thanks to Game Colony for allowing us to be their guests with reserved times weekly on Thursdays at 9p and Sundays at 5:30p Eastern.

Point Leader of the Month

Sue Edwards (*co434sue*) @ 200 IRPs

New Life eMaster (★) (10,000 IRPs)

Sam Sinram (*ia503*)

New Life eMaster (6,000 IRPs)

Don Howard (*grumpydopey*)

Internet 28-Hands

Sue Edwards (*co434sue*)

Don Olney (*olney47*)

Bernie Palmer (*bernie49251*)

Nick Severson (*ogshmo*)

Internet Grand Slams

Carol Miller (*carol1946*)

Tim Julkowski (*timoregon2854*)

internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	792	Nancy Rojas (nancridbr)
2	738	Terry Higgins (chainlink1)
3	720	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
4	719	Donald Olney (olney47)
5	695	Jerry Griffin (meatloaf627)
6	686	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
7	589	Sam Sinram (ia503)
8	561	Carl McCullum (absent)
9	547	Tammy Gibbons (mistressofcribbage)
10	539	Kelly Ann Burgar (lilthumper)



40 Years Ago

The cover reported a 29-hand at the Appleton WI tourney. The ACC paid its first \$100 for a 29-hand in March 1983. Since the start of the 1998 tournament season (unfortunately we no longer have records for the seasons prior to this), we have paid out \$41,500 for



29-hands; to those of you bad at math, that's 415 29-hands! Maybe you will be next!

25 Years Ago

The cover reported results from Reno: **Morris Schiffman** (OR) won the 512-player TOC, and **Lloyd "Gabby" Kraft** (WI) won the 1,014-player ACC Open. **Wayne Steinmetz** (WI) was high qualifier in the Open, posting a 41/18 +280!

Cool Stuff We Found on the Web

Article on page 16 of the *New York Times* on December 1, 1889.

CRIBBAGE AS AN EDUCATOR.

To the Editor of the *New-York Times*:

Having noticed that you take an interest in educational development I inclose the following:

C. E. B.

A young tutor finding his pupil rather dull of comprehension and despairing of being able to teach him simple addition, taught him the game of cribbage, having pasted upon the bottom of the board, for the mother's benefit, the following quotation from Herbert Spencer on "Education":

"The once universal practice of learning by rote is daily falling more into discredit. All modern authorities condemn the old mechanical way of teaching the alphabet. Arithmetic is now frequently taught experimentally."

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

☞ Happy March! March is one of the happiest months on the calendar. Flowers are budding, chocolate is on sale, and its major holiday is one big party! Hopefully, we all are looking forward to Reno as well. For those of us who haven't made it there yet, I for one am excited to see the new J Resort.

☞ **Jacob French** is a new tournament director. He directed the Smokey Mountain Classic doubleheader on January 11–14. The first main saw high qualifier **Frank Abernathy** win over **Keith Bryant**. The consolation saw the Megan half of “Megafer,” **Megan Player**, win over the Man in Orange, **Jack Howsare**. **Scott Earley** was high qualifier with a grand slam 19/9 +151. In the second tournament **Scott Earley** was again the high qualifier. No grand slam, but an impressive 39/17 +309. After the dust settled, **Jerry Ellis** came in first over **Joy Barnes**. For those keeping track, Scott finished 3/4. The consolation saw **Sharon Ober** over **Deb Taylor**. Jacob—great job on directing your first tournaments!



☞ Fort Walton Beach FL welcomed players to the Emerald Coast Open on January 27–28. Directed by the **Hearon Brothers, Jim and Paul**, they had an amazing turnout on Friday night of 68 peggers. **Jim Correa** ♠ came in first place with a grand slam. The main had 76 players. **Jason Matheny** ♣ likes Fort Walton Beach, claiming the winning spot for the second year in a row. I'm not sure if Jim will let him play again! **Bar-**

ri Gehrand ♠ came in second. The 41-player consolation saw TD **Paul Hearon** ♣ winning (is that legal?!), with **Sue Rasmussen**

in second. Jim would like to thank all who attended, with special

thanks to **Dave O'Neill, Keith Widener, and Paul and Joy Barnes**. Keep going, Hearon brothers. It is nice to see Florida tournaments again.



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¶ Then we come to February and Vicki's Birthday Bash, also known as the Medeiros Memorial, but I am sure Sharlene and Bill would give me their blessings. This year we added the Wolfboro One Day on Friday, and 50 peggers from New England joined us! There was lots of fun. In the "small room" as we call it, at one point girls were on one side and boys on the other. When the pegging and playoffs finished, **David Hayes** (new codirector of Club 494 in North Attleboro MA) got his first win over Connecticut's own **Charlie Booker**. There was a roomie battle between **Mike Fetchel** and **Phil Martin**. Phil won, but one has to wonder if they are still roommates. ↓ The consolation saw 36 players vie for the title. If anyone saw what my significant other did in the first game of the consolation—yes, he is still on the couch! In the end, **Ethan Guyaz** was first with **Barry Spadea** second. Saturday saw 62 players in the Medeiros Memorial aka Vicki's Birthday Bash! Out of the 16 qualifiers, the Somerville Skunks from Malden MA led the way with four qualifiers: **Rob Medeiros** was #1 (surprise), the father-and-son duo **Frank Bogus** and **Frank Bogus Jr.** were #5 and #7, and **Rob Hock** was #6! After all the card flinging and pegging, **Phil Martin** came out victorious—again! **Robert Baker** came in second. **Joyce Keay** and **Jan Blanc** were the only women to qualify, and they finished in the 3/4 round! The consolation saw 52 players (five new players), When this one finished, **David Statz** had the win over **Lou Petosa**. I may have gotten spoiled by the cribbage players. I loved my cake, ↑ and thank you to all. It's true: cribbage is family.



IN HONOR OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Q. Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?

A. You don't want to press your luck.

Q. What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?

A. A rash of good luck!

Q. What music genre do leprechauns listen to?

A. Shamrock 'n' roll!

In exclusive rights granted to this column for *Cribbage World*, we are pleased to announce the impending nuptials of Mr. **Erik Locke** and Miss **Courtney Chandler**, both of Wood River OR. The groom is a five-time ACC national champion, a sixteen-time All Star, and currently has Five Stars. The bride, a six-star in her own right, is undecided as to her dress, while we have been told, by a usually unreliable source, that the groom will be resplendent in a tuxedo by Armani. The wedding, to be held in Pacific Beach OR on August 29, will be followed by cribbage tournaments in Portland OR on August 30 and 31. Due to anticipated fatigue, the groom, who will be the tournament director, is appealing for assistance as necessary. Watch this space for further developments.



Game	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Total	26																					
Game	11																					
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While on the subject of **Erik Locke** and for the cribbage equivalent of golf duffers among us, an amazing thing happened at Peg for the Border in La Mesa CA. Erik had 23 points after fourteen games meaning he needed only 4 or 5 points in the remaining eight games to qualify. His scorecard (particularly games 15–21) shows the futile results. So, take heart duffers, it can happen to anyone. Erik returned to form the next week by winning Bill’s Bodacious Bash in Henderson NV.

In other news, **Zach Tone** a 19-year-old sophomore communications major at San Diego State University, played his first sanctioned ACC tournament at Peg for the Border on January 20. He came across the ACC website while surfing on his laptop, saw there was an upcoming tournament in La Mesa, and decided to give it a go. He conducted himself very well. Yours

Truly sat next to him and found him to be very good at discarding, counting, and pegging. His first game was against the ubiquitous **Erik Locke**, where he lost by only five holes. In a later game, he made one glaring error when he picked up his front peg after a large hand; that definitely cost him the game. According to director **Kris Bailey**, Zach was high nonqualifier so that mistake cost him a qualifying spot. I asked Zach what he thought about the tournament and he said he really enjoyed it; everybody was “super nice” (his words). He said twenty-two games was the most he had ever played at one time, and he started to flag just a bit toward the end. His grandparents taught him, and he has taught many friends to play. Bring ’em out, Zach, we need more young people such as yourself.

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Best Scores in Six-Game Clubs

Lite Clubs (Grass Roots clubs that play six games instead of nine) started in the fall of 2014. Here are the top grand slams (all of them 16/6) in Lite Club history.

score	player	club	date
16/6 +211	Rhonda Perry	336	1/18/21
16/6 +208	Jerry Russell	144	5/8/17
16/6 +192	Kirby Aasen	389	4/4/22
16/6 +187	Paul Poropatic	406	9/11/14
16/6 +178	Hugh Durkin	318	9/24/18
16/6 +172	Steve Jesseph	438	10/25/22
16/6 +169	Brad Collyer	156	11/11/21
16/6 +163	Rick Westerman	118	3/4/21

Club 144 in Newnan GA played the very first six-game event on 9/1/2014. **Roy Grayson** (Sharpsburg GA) won that night, so technically he set an ACC record for six-game club events with 12/5 +98. But just ten days later, **Paul Poropatic** (Arlington TX) had the very first 16/6, so he became the leader.

In all, three people have held the Lite Club scoring record with a 16/6:

score	player	club	date
16/6 +187	Paul Poropatic	406	9/11/14
16/6 +208	Jerry Russell	144	5/8/17
16/6 +211	Rhonda Perry	336	1/18/21

Thanks to Grass Roots programmer **Scott Harker** for providing this data.

Sacramento final tidbit: on Sundays, the American Legion where the Sacramento Kick-off Tournament was held serves breakfast to legion members. The members order, take a number, and wait to be called. The cribbage tournament is in the same area so when order #29 was called the players all stood and applauded, thinking a 29-hand had been achieved. Pretty funny, but maybe you had to be there.

Over and out.

American Pride in Marinette WI

¶ **Steve Schneider** (Askov MN) celebrated his forty-first birthday playing cribbage at Marinette WI. He ordered drinks for the sixty-two main entrants. A cart was pushed

around serving all who wanted a drink. The look on his face says it all: only \$107.47! The crowd joyfully sang “Happy Birthday” to him. Thanks, Steve. What a memory.



¶ A rare thing happened during a American Pride main match between **Ron Shave** and **Wendy Pitts**. Ron had a Heart flush, Wendy had a Club flush, and we all know Diamonds are a girl's best friend. Yup, Wendy also had a Diamond flush in the crib—and all three flushes in one hand!

¶ My favorite playing location is the Best Western in Marinette WI. The workers call many of us by name and bring us what we want before we even ask. One particular weekend **Wayne Steinmetz** was playing **Ed Balcer** (Duluth MN). Wayne is in hole 63 after a 21-hand. Next hand he gets 31-for-4, but picks up his front peg! His frustration shows as he takes only a go. A total loss of 24 holes, and he

still won by 42! **Dave Aiello** commented: “And that's why Wayne is in the Hall of Fame!” Wayne's witty reply: “I didn't want to double skunk him!”

MI Cribbage in Rives Junction MI

Andy Stireman (Lake Ann MI) was playing **Helen McMullen** (Pittsburgh PA) in the Sunday consy. On first street, he held 9-10-J-Q all Clubs and cut the K of Clubs for a straight flush. On second street, he held 4-5-5-6 and a 4 cut gave him 24. On fourth street, he tossed 7-8 into his crib. Helen also tossed 7-8, and when a 9 was cut, he had his second 24. That's how you win by 50.

Club 197 in Kenosha WI

Dave Aiello brought his dad, **Donald**, and brother, **Eric**, to the Kenosha club. Now it's always nice when you can bring home the bacon with a 1-2-3 finish. Dave didn't get the memo. Dad took first, Eric was in the middle, and let's all applaud Dave on his last place finish. Dave complained that it was the worst cards he had all season. Meanwhile at Milwaukee, I saved our club \$20 by stopping the grand slam of **Wayne Owen**. Wayne and brother **Roger** finished 1-2 for the night. They got the memo.

Editor's note: you don't have to feel too bad on those rare occasions when **Dave Aiello** is the bottom-feeder. He is leading his club by 70 points and is in second place in the nation.

Cruising

Whenever **Jane Vander Loop** sees a 22, she says: “That's my birthday number!”

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I know it well, since my birthday is also 12/22. I like 22 for many reasons. It's my favorite cribbage hand, and at Club 6, we pay you \$22. It's also my favorite blackjack dealer's hand. On a recent Disney cruise, we couldn't find a cribbage tournament, so we settled for bingo. The first two sessions were a bust. At the next, I was one away and gave my card to Jane. The next number called is I-22 and a solo win good for \$422. (See the irony.) The next day, Lucky Jane wins the big dollar blackout bingo, again by herself, and our next cruise is paid in full. Does this mean that we are giving up cribbage? Absolutely not!

Knibs

A special thanks goes out to **David Aiken**. I can now sleep at night knowing the difference between nibs and nobbs. The corrected issue was still at press when **John Syftestad** turned over the cut card revealing the King of Spades and took two points. Can he call it the King of nibs and still take two points? I would have loved to see the look on **Pete Wilbur**'s face. Pete looked at John's play for twenty seconds before John asked about the delay in leading. So it must be true that they play by

different rules if you're from Mount Horeb WI. There they refer to it as **Knibs** because of the King!

Go Green Bay in Green Bay WI

¶ **Emilio Perez** was a little slow to mark his first playoff win on the slip. He says: "I guess I better write it down." With a grin, his opponent **Eric Hinnenkamp** says: "I could have marked it!"

¶ Last year's main final featured the brother/sister **Steinmetz** battle, with **Val** taking home her first win over **Wayne**. This year I made the playoffs, only to have Val's son, **Lil Jimmy the Pegging Machine**, sweep me off the playoff board in three and cost me \$3. **Steve** tells me he forgot the Jack Daniels pegs I gave him. It must not be the pegs, as Steve won it all in five, over **Les Kvien**.

Only Thirteen

In my ongoing efforts to bring interesting "stuff" to my articles, here's one. How many letters are in the Hawaiian language? Only thirteen: A, E, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, P, U, W, and the okina. Your job: to find out what an okina is. You could ask **Fred White**.

The ACC needs to contact **Ron Stanley** (Los Osos CA), who played the Alaska Glacier Cruise doubleheader. If anyone knows Ron or knows how to get hold of him, please ask him to contact *Cribbage World* at cwed152@gmail.com or 616.401.8311.

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Abe Kealoha Extravaganza (Kailua HI; 12/23/23)	Fred White	19 players HQ. Robert Wright (40) 1. Robert Wright (70) 2. Marilyn White (42) 3. Mary Jane Esera (21) 3. Ronnie Murakami (21)	14 players HQ. Roy Wong (9) 1. Charlene Cohen (24) 2. Roy Wong (12) 3. Creighton Lee (4) 3. Kurt Mencil (4)	28-hand: Tsarkie*	
Sacramento Kickoff #1 (Sacramento CA; 1/4/24)	Bob Bartosh & Alice Souza	52 players HQ. Margaret Fanucchi (60) 1. Darlene Stier (105) 2. Rick Baird (70) 3. Roland Hall (42) 3. Steve Hastie (42)	42 players HQ. Don Brown (18) 1. Dick Lind (60) 2. Bill Schlabes (40) 3. Ronnie Murakami (24) 3. John Quist (24)		
Sacramento Kickoff #2 (Sacramento CA; 1/6/24)	Bob Bartosh & Alice Souza	56 players HQ. Bethany Rolfson (50) 1. Scott Bartosh (105) 2. Jones Horn (70) 3. Roland Hall (42) 3. Kevin Harris (42)	38 players HQ. Don Howard (18) 1. Ray Klocko (60) 2. Don Howard (40) 3. Margaret Fanucchi (24) 3. Peggy Shea (24)	28-hand: Phyllis Roderick*	
Sacramento Kickoff #3 (Sacramento CA; 1/7/24)	Bob Bartosh & Alice Souza	43 players HQ. Rick Baird (30) 1. Bill Schlabes (105) 2. Carole Herron (70) 3. Junko Larsen (42) 3. Darlene Stier (42)	22 players HQ. Steve Hastie (18) 1. Steve Hastie (40) 2. Dave Yaeger (24) 3. Wayne Morris (12) 3. Marilyn White (12)		
Smoky Mountain Classic Prologue (Asheville NC; 1/11/24)	Jacob French	43 players HQ. Frank Abernathy (30) 1. Frank Abernathy (105) 2. Keith Bryant (70) 3. Joy Barnes (42) 3. Larry Phifer (42)	35 players HQ. Scott Earley (24) 1. Megan Player (60) 2. Jack Howsare (40) 3. David O'Neil (24) 3. Eric Davis (24)		Friday: Barbara Berg-Fennessey

LEGEND
HQ = high qualifier
* = in sanctioned event
green = grand slam
red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Yuma Snowbird Special (Yuma AZ; 1/12/24)	Robert Milk	49 players HQ. Jim Crawford (45) 1. Darlene Stier (105) 2. Roland Hall (70) 3. Joan Young (42) 3. Carol Perko (42)	34 players HQ. Kim Corn (15) 1. Don Thienel (60) 2. John Michael Noe (40) 3. Kim Corn (24) 3. Jim Blakeley (24)	28-hands: Ronnie Murakami* Obie Weeks*	Canadian Doubles: Robert Milk & Dave Yaeger
Smoky Mountain Classic Epilogue (Asheville NC; 1/13/24)	Jacob French	48 players HQ. Scott Earley (65) 1. Jerry Ellis (105) 2. Joy Barnes (70) 3. Scott Earley (42) 3. Larry Phifer (42)	34 players HQ. Sandy Shrum (18) 1. Sharon Ober (60) 2. Deborah Taylor (40) 3. Wilbur Paul (24) 3. David O'Neil (24)		Canadian Doubles: Megan Player & John Morch
Bangor Winter Classic (Bangor ME; 1/13/24)	Joseph Bowen	32 players HQ. Robert Medeiros (35) 1. Vicki Soule (70) 2. Rick Montague (42) 3. Dave Leissner (21) 3. Jack Chandler (21)	24 players HQ. Debra Cotter (15) 1. Lance Browne (40) 2. Mary Burlington (24) 3. Debra Cotter (12) 3. Ethan Guyaz (12)		Early Bird: Robert Baker
Bangor Snowbowl (Bangor ME; 1/14/24)	Joseph Bowen	30 players HQ. Robert Baker (30) 1. James Mahon (70) 2. Robert Medeiros (42) 3. Patrick Robrecht (21) 3. Vicki Soule (21)	16 players HQ. Jack Chandler (18) 1. Jack Chandler (24) 2. Stephanie George (12) 3. Dave Leissner (4) 3. Jerry Hardy (4)		Canadian Doubles: Debra Cotter & Robert Baker
American Pride (Marinette WI; 1/20/24)	Al Karr	61 players HQ. Darlene Anderst (50) 1. Rick Kuehn (105) 2. Wayne Steinmetz (70) 3. Clay Collier (42) 3. Allen Karr (42)	48 players HQ. Gerald Parins (15) 1. Curt Thiel (60) 2. Tom Briski (40) 3. Jim Mahan (24) 3. Larry Leidenheimer (24)	28-hand: Clay Collier*	Friday: Marlene Lazachek Saturday: James McCarty Canadian Doubles: Les Kvien & Robert Chase

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Bandon New Year (Bandon OR; 1/20/24)	Scott Milo	42 players HQ. Rich Ekman (65) 1. Rich Ekman (105) 2. Carole Herron (70) 3. Beverly Vishnevsky (42) 3. Duane Toll (42)	29 players HQ. Greg Schleusner (18) 1. Roland Hall (40) 2. Marcia Glenn (24) 3. Don Dolezal (12) 3. Bob Bartosh (12)	28-hands: Rich Ekman* Kim Daubenspeck*	Canadian Doubles: Jim & Tim Jackson
Pacific Coast Championship (Marina CA; 1/27/24)	Dick Lind	34 players HQ. Jason Shumate (55) 1. Jason Shumate (105) 2. Richard Shea (70) 3. James Langley (42) 3. Jared Soekland (42)	12 players HQ. Christy Lens (12) 1. Dick Lind (24) 2. Christy Lens (12) 3. Jeanne Jelke (4)		
Bill's Bodacious Bash (Henderson NV; 1/28/24)	Bill Eilers	46 players HQ. Alan Schaefer (50) 1. Erik Locke (105) 2. Alan Schaefer (70) 3. Brenda Nason (42) 3. Cynthia Wark (42)	24 players HQ. William Eilers (12) 1. William Eilers (40) 2. Kat Hartsell (24) 3. Jim Mahan (12) 3. James Morrow (12)	28-hand: Cynthia Wark*	

Tourney Tidbits

It's About Time The ACC still has a ways to go in terms of gender balance, but it was nice to see more women than men playing at the Smoky Mountain Classic double-header in Asheville NC in mid-January.

Amazing Factoid of the Month

With his victory in the main at Bill's Bodacious Bash in Henderson NV on January 28, Life Master (5★) **Erik Locke** now has as many main wins as Life Master (9★) **Duane Toll**. They both have 72 main wins, **DeLynn Colvert** has 60. The next closest active player is **James Langley**, at 44.

Most Main Wins

1-tie



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ACC Awards



Jerry Newhouse
(Appleton WI)
Life Master #288

I watched my parents play kitchen-table cribbage when I was young, and I learned from them. I joined the ACC in 2001. Joe Bernard was my mentor (I respected him a lot). I've been club champion at least twice (but maybe more?). I don't remember where my first win was (**editor's note**: the 2005 That's a Go in Appleton WI), but I now have eight wins: five mains and three cons. I earned my life master in Appleton, when I also won the main tournament. My favorite tournament is Marinette. Wayne Steinmetz is my toughest opponent. My favorite cribbage moment this year was winning the Appleton main. Non-cribbage interests include playing sheephead, watching mov-

ies, and watching the Packers and Bucks. I have had ten perfect hands (only one in a sanctioned tournament) and two more that I threw away.

New Cribbage Grand Master

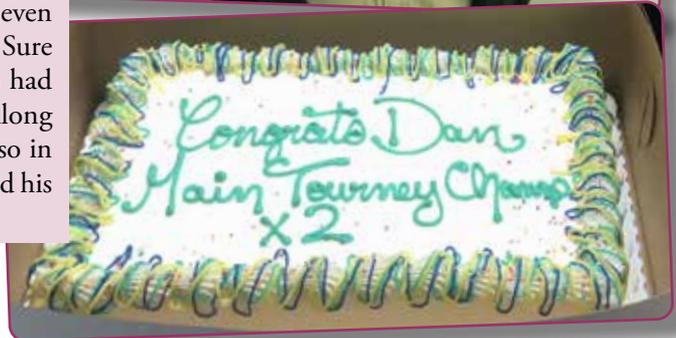
486. Paul Petit (Pawtucket RI)

New Cribbage Master

1058. Bill Schlabes (West Sacramento CA)

Tourney Tidbit

Double Your Pleasure Master **Dan Betz** (Muskegon MI) was hot in Rives Junction MI in early February. How hot was he? He won two main tourneys in the same weekend, on back-to-back days! Dan won both mains of the doubleheader on February 3-4, plus he qualified #1 and #2 in these two events. When asked if he had ever won two mains on the same weekend before, Dan replied: "I've never even won two mains *before!*" Sure enough, prior to this he had only one main win (along with four consolations), so in a single weekend he tripled his number of main wins!



Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

These boards were made by **Bennett Christman** who lives in Arlington VA. While researching cribbage boards he came across our ACC website. After going through the website, he contacted me to discuss boards. We had a long phone conversation, and I discovered that he has actually played on the board that I consider to be the most famous cribbage board in the world—the O’Kane submarine board that dates to WWII and submarine patrols in the Yellow Sea. I will not go into that story here, but please check it out in the December 2018 *Cribbage World* (pages 12–13) on the ACC website: cribbage.org (click Cribbage World > Archives > 2018).

Bennett has served on many submarines. That is why he decided to make these Pocket Cribbage boards. They are 3D-printed plastic, can

be personalized, and can ordered in many different colors. The boards in the photo have two different style tracks but are both 121-point boards. Check them out at pocketcribbage.com.

Now for another update on O’Kane’s

board. It was previously on the submarine *USS Chicago* where Bennett got to play on this board. The *USS Chicago* has been decommissioned, and the “Guardian of the Cribbage Board” is now the *USS Topeka*.



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).

GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



Teaching Tip

I am often asked what is the youngest group for cribbage in a classroom setting. A lot depends on the teacher's demeanor and comfort level with a particular age group. That said, I know instructors who successfully taught third graders how to play cribbage. In order to be successful with kids this young, the game has to be introduced slowly over time, and should be taught no less than three times a week until the students have a grasp of the game. With older kids, the pace and frequency of class time is not as critical. Personally, my favorite ages to teach are fifth grade through high school. Most kids are enthusiastically able to understand the nuances of the game and can play a game at a foundational level after four or five lessons. If you are interested in giving it a go, my teaching manual will guide you through the process with an adaptable five-day lesson plan. You may request it by sending email to danthefan@yahoo.com.

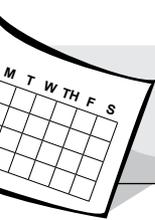
News

I get more and more requests from the parents of young players in the East and Midwest for opportunities to play in youth events. It's disappointing not to have many resources to offer them other than on the West Coast. If you have a youth movement in your area, or would like to start one, please consider hosting a tournament. The ACC Youth Program can support you with guidance, trophy boards for winners, and up to \$500 to offset the cost of hosting an event. For more info, please email me at danthefan@yahoo.com.

Marley Souza (10) from Lone CA spent the first weekend of the new year helping her grandmother, **Alice Souza** (codirector of the Sacramento Kickoff Tripleheader), handle some tourney logistics. Coming off a strong second-place finish at the December Ready Springs Youth Tournament, Marley decided to play the consolation. Though she didn't qualify, her excellent play earned the respect of all of her opponents. Marley is truly a top ranked youth player in the country.

Teaching Manuals

- **Fred Abound** (Omaha NE)
- **Ed Baer** (San Diego CA)
- **Adam Else** (Brandon SD)
- **C. J. Melvojn** (San Diego CA)
- **Kate Pickup** (Southwest Harbor ME)



SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of February 11

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs name			MRPs name			MRPs name		
1	1082	Erik Locke	1	820	Terry Weber	1	544	Donna LaFleur
2	860	Roland Hall	2	805	Robert Chase	2	482	Robert Medeiros
3	573	Darlene Stier	3	671	Clay Collier	3	468	Jerry Hardy
4	532	Bob Brumley	4	627	Jeff Shimp	4	447	Mark Soule
5	511	Peggy Shea	5	506	Allen Karr	5	439	David Statz
6	499	Charlene Cohen	6	487	Kristina Wright	6	436	Rick Montague
7	474	Bill Schlabas	7	432	Haley Hintze	7	416	Rick Allen
8	463	Dave Yaeger	8	396	Marsha Mahan	8	362	Scott Earley
9	448	Rick Baird	9	356	Daniel Pluff	9	327	Keith Widener
10	425	Carole Herron	10	329	Lana Newhouse	10	325	Patrick Robrecht
11	420	Bob Bartosh	11	312	Cynthia Wark	11	323	Ethan Guyaz
12	405	Ronnie Murakami	12	311	David Aiello	12	309	Terrance Cushman
13	398	Steve Hastie	13	292	Patrick Healey	13	303	Steven Braley
14	383	William Eilers	14	289	James McCarty	14	300	Kendra Munkacsy
15	382	James Langley	15	288	Dan Selke	15	286	Peter Legendre
16	375	Sandy Sands	16	287	Jim Mahan	16	279	Phil Martin
17	371	Troy Thorson	17	285	Darlene Anderst	17	273	Larry Phifer
18	360	Ray Klocko	18	277	Rick Kuehn	18	270	Mike Fetchel
18	360	Kevin Mansfield	19	276	Steven Post	19	262	Robins Buck
20	342	Jason Shumate	20	245	Don Thienel	20	246	Jack Chandler
21	338	Sara Sanner	21	242	Dale Magedanz	21	230	Fred Blanc
22	337	Steve Sundet	22	238	Wayne Steinmetz	22	216	Sandy Shrum
23	302	Jack Shumate	23	236	Ann Trotter	23	211	Deborah Taylor
24	294	Bob Prochnow	24	235	Doug Whitlock	24	209	Frank Reddy
25	284	Jim Crawford	25	233	Andy Stireman	25	208	Kenneth Johnson
26	273	Duane Toll	26	232	Tom Briski	26	205	David Flaherty
27	269	Carol Perko	27	220	Chad Frischmann	26	205	Michael Sclafani
27	269	Alice Souza	28	217	Henry Brandner	28	202	Peter Grant
29	265	James Morrow	29	216	Dan Taylor	29	199	William Cormier
30	255	Tammy Gibbons	30	208	Adam Switzer	30	198	Paul Petit
31	250	Junko Larsen	31	207	Steven Steinmetz	31	178	Michelle Gryka
32	244	Marcia Glenn	32	198	Doug Page	31	178	Mike Misluk
32	244	William MacMillan	33	187	Frank Duresky	33	177	Joy Barnes
32	244	William O'Malley	34	186	Les Kvien	34	173	Mary Burlington
35	243	David Bute	35	185	Bob Joslin	34	173	David Clemmey
36	242	Mike McDaniel	36	183	Marlene Lazachek	36	166	Jerry Ellis
37	240	Jones Hom	37	182	Bob Hanes	37	161	Carl Deyette
38	236	Rich Ekman	38	177	Bob Kiley	38	158	Vicki Soule
39	235	Bernie Nelson	39	171	Jason Matheny	39	153	Jack Howsare
40	230	Don Dolezal	40	161	Kevin Harris	40	152	Peter Setian
41	218	Margaret Fanucchi	41	159	Ed May	41	148	Charles Booker
42	205	Jim Rosso	42	155	Emilio Perez	42	147	Frank Abernathy
43	200	Cy Madrone	43	150	Todd Schaefer	43	144	Laurie Hardy
43	200	Richard Shea	44	144	Gerald Parins	43	144	James Hearon
45	198	Eric Boysen	45	142	Glenn Gauthier	43	144	Joshua Parker
46	197	Doug Dresbach	46	138	Eric Jensen	46	143	John Morch
47	190	Lori Boyer	47	135	Lewis Gurney	46	143	Michael Steeves
48	184	Robert Milk	48	130	Mike Miller	48	139	Robert Baker
49	181	Diana Webster	49	129	John Syftestad	48	139	Laurie Schmitz
50	180	Dan Marsh	50	122	Larry Leidenheimer	50	138	David O'Neil

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Rick Shea 707.599.4605 31for14@gmail.com	Patrick Barrett 715.323.5027 gnxvibarrett@gmail.com	Mark Soule 207.442.9001 soule1994@comcast.net

GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

<i>date</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>Tournament Directors</i>
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
Oct. 13–18, 2026	Niagara Falls NY	David Aiken, Mark Soule, Vlcki Soule

TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE

March 1–3, 2024	Reno NV	Peggy & Rick Shea, Scott Kooistra
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NV ♦ The Big One!

J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501

Feb. 29 ♦ Canadian Doubles

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

Mar. 1 ♦ TOC

TD: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059) & Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116)

Mar. 2–3 ♦ JPW/ACC Open

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

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OR ♦ Mar. 15–17, Northwest Open

Elks, 1896 2nd St, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Pat Reynolds (541.403.0172) & Rob Palmer

CO ♦ Mar. 15–17, Colorado Winter Open

Second Green Mtn Townhomes Clubhouse, 650 S Youngfield Ct, Lakewood CO 80228. TD: Katey Mayo (720.934.6656) & Nicki Nebbia

RI ♦ Mar. 17, Corned Beef & Cribbage

St Joseph Veterans Hall, 99 Louise St, Woonsocket RI 02895. TD: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613) & Leo Houle

NV ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader

Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395, Gardnerville NV 89410. TD: Bev Castillo (775.453.3715), Alice Souza, & CC Cohen

Mar. 4–6, Topaz Winter Wonderland #1

Mar. 6–8, Topaz Winter Wonderland #2

CA ♦ Oceanside Doubleheader

Mar. 23, SoCal in March A

Laguna Vista Mobile Estates, 276 North El Camino Real, Oceanside CA 92058. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Roy Cook

Mar. 24, SoCal in March B

Pit Stop Diner, 3825 Mission Ave D1, Oceanside CA 92058. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Roy Cook

CA ♦ Gold Country Doubleheader

Senior Center, 11960 Heritage Oak Place #15, Auburn CA 95603. TD: Jon Kline (650.279.0001) & Scott Bartosh

Mar. 9, Gold Country Classic #1

Mar. 10, Gold Country Classic #2

RI ♦ Mar. 24, Ocean State Open

Providence Firefighters Hall, 92 Printery St, Providence RI 02904. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Joe Bowen

OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader

Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497. TD: Bob Brumley (541.733.1136) & Betty Brumley

WI ♦ Mar. 15–16, Mick Michaelis Classic
 Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

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Mar. 29, Super Sutherlin One-Day

Mar. 30–31, Sutherlin Shuffle

MN ♦ Apr. 5–7, 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 98374

Apr. 6–7, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial

TD: Pete Larsen (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird

Apr. 8–9, Spring Fling

TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen

Apr. 10–11, Alsea River Open

TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550)
& Wayne Momsen

Apr. 12–13, Dean Bauman Memorial

TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034)
& Dana McClain

NH ♦ Apr. 7, Granite State Classic

American Legion, 797 Court St, Keene NH 03431.
TD: David Statz (603.247.4335) & Mary Burlington

NC ♦ Spring Fling Doubleheader

DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln,
Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer John-
son (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

Apr. 12, Raleigh Friday Pre-Fling

Apr. 13–14, Raleigh Spring Fling

WY ♦ Cheyenne Doubleheader

American Legion, 2001 E Lincoln-
way, Cheyenne WY 82001. TD: Jim &
Margaret Rosso (307.631.2741)

Apr. 12, Cheyenne Open One-Day Challenge

Apr. 13–14, Cheyenne Spring Roundup

AK ♦ Apr. 13, Alaska State Championship

Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD:
Chris Kim (907.748.2684) & C. J. Kim

ME ♦ Apr. 14, Pine Tree Open

Grand Hotel, 357 Odlin Rd, Bangor ME 04412. TD:
Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

WI ♦ Apr. 19–21, Dianne Gurney Memorial

Comfort Inn, W 10170 Highway 54 E, Black
River Falls WI 54615. TD: Wayne Stein-

metz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

CA ♦ Apr. 20, Wine Country Spring Open

Moose, 3275 Browns Valley Rd, Napa CA 94558.
TD: Roland Hall (707.738.0799) & Yvonne Bowers

MT ♦ Magic City Doubleheader

Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Ln, Bill-
ings MT 59102. TD: Richard Rudio
(406.534.1293) & Gregory Dibble

Apr. 20–21, Magic City

Apr. 22–23, Montana Trailhead

OR ♦ Apr. 20–21, Kirks Ferry Challenge

Kirks Ferry Trading Post, 217 Bishop Way,
Brownsville OR 97327. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley
(541.733.1136)

CA ♦ Apr. 21, George Shea Memorial

7 Flags Mobile Home Clubhouse, 300 International
Blvd, Sonoma CA 95476. TD: Rick & Peggy Shea
(707.599.4605)

SD ♦ Deadwood Tripleheader

Lodge at Deadwood, 100 Pine Crest Lane, Dead-
wood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311),
Patrick & Linda Barrett, John Hazlett, Dan Selke

Apr. 25–26, Deadwood Open

Apr. 27, Aces & Eights

Apr. 28, Calamity Jane Open

CA ♦ Apr. 27, Pegging for Vets

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823.
TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

↓ **PROMO IN AUGUST 2023 CW** ↓

2024 Atlantic Cruise Cluster

Norwegian Getaway cruise ship, depart-
ing New York City on April 29. TD: Wino-
na & Michael McDaniel (541.525.1292)

Apr. 30, New York Opener

May 2–3, Nova Scotia Challenge I

May 4, Nova Scotia Challenge II

May 5–6, Nova Scotia Challenge III

May 9, Belfast Challenge

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Bandon New Year: \$105 to Johnson Family Cancer Center

Sacramento Kickoff: \$755 to VFW Post 1267

Depoe Bay & Steve Lewis Memorial: \$30 to Youth Cribbage

CA ♦ Humboldt Doubleheader
Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)
May 3, Humboldt Bay One-Day
May 4–5, Humboldt Bay Classic

MA ♦ May 5, South Shore Open
Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Mike D'Elena (772.359.9023) & Deb Cotter

WI ♦ May 10–12, Cribbage Weekend in America
Mad Apple, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914.
TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Bob Kiley

AZ ♦ May 11–12, Arizona Screaming Eagles
Crooks House, 10938 W Tropicana Cir, Sun City AZ 85351. TD: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234) & June Fordham

WA ♦ May 17–18, 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 17, Winston-Salem Open
May 18–19, North Carolina Open

CA ♦ May 19, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823.
TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader
Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497. TD: Bob Brumley (541.733.1136) & Betty Brumley
May 24, Super Sutherlin One-Day
May 25–26, Oregon State Open

WI ♦ May 24–26, Brat Stop Open
Brat Stop, 12304 75th St, Kenosha WI 53142. TD: Dan Selke (847.977.3875) & Emilio Perez

WA ♦ Spokane Doubleheader
The Trailhead, 1102 N Liberty Lake Rd, Liberty Lake WA 99019. TD: KatHart-sell (509.850.6077) & James Morrow
May 24, Memorial Weekend One-Day
May 25–26, Memorial Weekend Two-Day

CA ♦ May 25, 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 28–30, Montana Championship Westside Lanes, 1615 Wyoming St, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Rex Pad-dock (406.360.3333) & Sandy Sands
May 31–June 2, Capital City Spring Roundup Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn
June 7–9, Spring Territorial Prison Classic Elks, 230 Main Str, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (140.656.0138) & Dave Hayden

WI ♦ May 31–June 2, America's Dairyland
Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Rd, Lake Delton WI 53965. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

CA ♦ May 31–June 2, Montgomery Memorial
Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Rancheria Dr, Red-ding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

MT ♦ June 4–6, Copper City Classic
East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands

WI ♦ June 7–9, Steinmetz Frosty Shuffle
Mad Apple, 3025 W College Ave, Appleton WI 54914. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

CA ♦ June 8, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823.
TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

NV ♦ Rampart Doubleheader
JW Marriott, 221 N Rampart Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89145. TD: David Aik-en (616.401.8311) & Brenda Nason
June 13–14, Rampart Casino Midweek
June 14–16, Rampart Casino Open

NV ♦ Topaz Doubleheader
Topaz Lodge, 1979 US 395, Gardnerville NV 89410
June 17–19, Summer Classic TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Bev Castillo
June 19–21, Les Sumner Memorial TD: Bev Castillo (775.453.3715) & Jeanne Jelke

NV ♦ June 21–23, Independence Day Classic
J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Rick Baird

WI ♦ June 21–23, Peg for Pink
Best Western, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

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AK ♦ June 22, Midnight Sun Open

Amvets, 1591 N Creste Foris St, Wasilla AK 99654.
TD: Mari Holden (907.631.1933) & C.J. Kim

OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader

Eagles, 116 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97497.
TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

July 5, Super Sutherlin One-Day

July 6–7, 4th of July Special

WI ♦ Stetsonville Doubleheader

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

July 12–13, Heart of Wisconsin Classic

July 13, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader

Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, Depoe Bay
OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668)
& Pete Maas & Greg Schleusner

July 12, Depoe Bay Shuffle

July 13–14, Shut Up and Deal

CA ♦ July 12–14, River City Shake Up

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacra-
mento CA 95834. TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636)
& Nancy Rojas

ME ♦ Bangor Doubleheader

Seasons Grill, 427 Main St,
Bangor ME 04401. TD: Joe Bowen
(207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

July 12, Running of the Lobsters

July 13–14, Lobster Peg Off

CO ♦ July 13–14, MVP Summer Sizzler

VFW, 305 S Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80538.
TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

WA ♦ Sunnyside Cluster

VFW, 614 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944.
TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

July 18–19, Weekday Challenge

July 20, Summer Classic

July 21, Western Region Championship

CA ♦ July 20, Pegging for Vets

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823.
TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

IL ♦ July 19–21, Marv Lang Memorial

Cliffbreakers Center, 700 W Riverside Blvd, Arling-
ton Heights IL 60004. TD: Dan Selke (847.877.3875)
& Jerry Griffin

NC ♦ National Open Cluster

Double Tree, 4810 Page Creek
Lane, Durham NC 27703

July 25–26, Open Opener

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311)
& John Hazlett & Soule x2

July 26–29, National Open

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626)
& Jennifer Johnson

July 29, Come Monday

TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232)
& Megan Player

MN ♦ Hinckley Doubleheader

Community Center, 102 Dunn Ave N, Hinckley,
MN 55037, Hinckley MN 55037. TD: Steve
Schneider (612.968.7280) & Adam Switzer

Aug. 2, Midwest Kickoff

Aug. 3–4, Midwest Great Hinckley Fireball

CA ♦ Sacramento Starter

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA
95823. TD: Bob Bartosh (209.365.3232)
& Alice Souza (209.365.3232)

Aug. 8–9, Sacramento Starter #1

Aug. 10, Sacramento Starter #2

Aug. 11, Sacramento Starter #3

Aug. 13–14, Sacramento Bonus Event

CT ♦ Aug. 11, Northeast Peer Tournament

Moose, 404 Prospect St, East Hartford CT 06118.

TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Marty Duchow

CA ♦ Jimmy Yee Memorial

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El
Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834

Aug. 16, Peg for the Crown

TD: Annett Eiffert (916.521.3208) & Nancy Rojas

Aug. 17–18, Yee Peg for the Hangover

TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636)
& Nancy Rojas

ID Sep. 13–15, Gem State Classic

Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD:

Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

NV ♦ Sin City Doubleheader

Pass Casino, 140 S Water St, Hen-
derson NV 89011. TD: Brenda Nason
(619.300.2628) & Sharon Schaefer

Sep. 20, Sin City Sunrise

Sep. 21–22, Sin City Spectacular

OR ♦ Sep. 27–29, Oregon Championship
Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Jason Thornton

WI ♦ Nov. 1–3, Northeast Wisconsin Open
Best Western, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

OR ♦ Nov. 2–3, Brownsville Open
Kirks Ferry Trading Post, 217 Bishop Way, Brownsville OR 97327. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

NV ♦ Nov. 8–10, Veterans Day Classic
J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Rick Baird

NV ♦ Grand National 42

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

Nov. 12–14, GN 42 Midweek

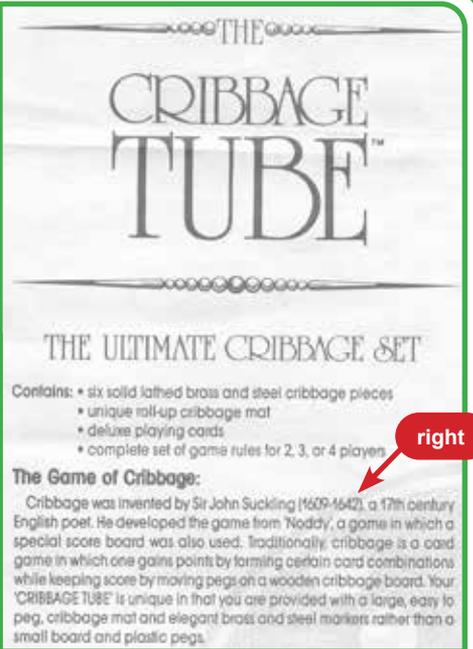
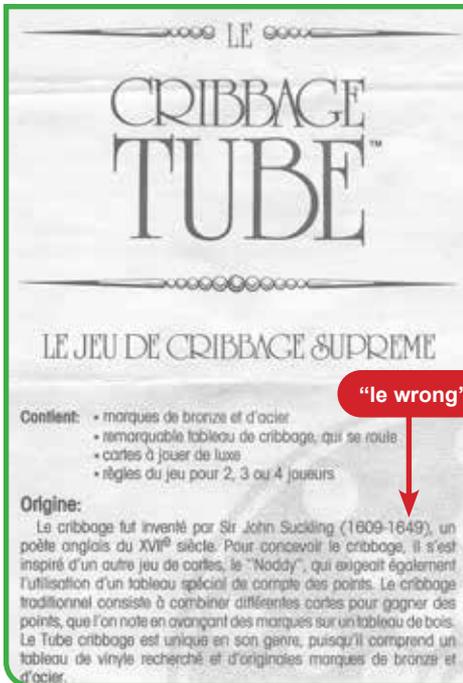
Nov. 15–17, Grand National 42

CO ♦ Dec. 7, MVP Winter Challenge
VFW, 305 S Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

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Le Cribbage Tube
by David Aiken

I have in my collection a cribbage board called “The Cribbage Tube,” or “Le Cribbage Tube” in French. This “board” is actually a flexible mat that rolls up and stores in a tube, hence the name.



The Canadian manufacturer, Cylinder Games (based in Guelph according to the instructions or in Mississauga according to the tube) helpfully included instructions in both English and French. One of the more interesting tidbits we learn is that **Sir John Suckling** lived seven years longer when he spoke French!

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Terry Bond

Terry Bond (Baker City OR) passed away on November 24 at the age of 79. A member of Grass Roots Club 38, he was also reigning champion and right at the top of club standings again this year. He enhanced our club and will be missed.

Kent Downs

On October 5, Burbank Bombers Club 257 suffered a tremendous loss. Kent Downs (Simi Valley CA) passed away after a long battle with cancer. Born in Minnesota in 1942, Kent learned to play cribbage from his mom. Kent was an avid sportsman with an emphasis on fishing and hunting (bears in particular). Kent joined the ACC and Burbank Bombers in 2003, where he earned his Bronze Award. He played cribbage almost every day, whether it was with the Bombers, friends, at a local senior center or perhaps with his favorite opponents, his grandkids. Kent was a fierce competitor who was gracious when he lost. He always reminded us of some of the biggest reasons we play cribbage—fun and comradery. Kent will surely be missed by all.



Rich Doyle

“Richie” Doyle (Fairfield CA) passed away last year. He made the game a pleasure, win or lose, but he won enough to earn his Silver Award. Rich always volunteered to do the heavy lifting when setting up tournaments. A game with Rich was what cribbage is all about. That he will be missed is an understatement.

Boyd R. McDonald

Boyd McDonald (Mountain View CA) passed away on December 28 at the age of 102. He was easily recognizable by his collection of string ties and his endless smile. Boyd was born and raised in Denver CO, graduated as an electrical engineer from the University of Colorado, served stateside

in the Army Signal Corps during WWII, and moved to California after his marriage in 1947. He first worked for Hughes Aircraft and Lockheed in Los Angeles, then moved with his family to Silicon Valley in 1958, where he lived for the rest of his life. His father, Harry, taught him to play cribbage at a young age, but he played only sporadically for many years until he joined the “lunchtime cribbage” group at Lockheed, regularly playing the single game that could be squeezed in during lunch. In 1991, he discovered the ACC and Grass Roots cribbage and began playing in the weekly club. Boyd became the director of San Jose Sharks Club 48 in 1992 and remained in that position for twenty-five years. After the pandemic, he transferred to Club 43 in Fremont and remained active there until age 101, when he had to stop driving. The week after his 100th birthday he scored a grand slam. In addition to traveling to weekend tournaments in all the West Coast states, after he retired from Lockheed he played ACC tournaments around the United States from Hawaii to Massachusetts, and even flew to Britain to play in a five-card crib tourney. In 2004 he was awarded Life Master status by the ACC and was ranked #140 with 9,705 MRPs at the time of his death; he had won fourteen sanctioned tournaments. He also achieved Gold status, being ranked #94 overall with 4,736 GRPs; he won his club championship six times. His family is grateful to all the members of the ACC, an organization that brought so many wonderful people and so much purpose and joy into Boyd’s life.



Gary Overstreet

Gary Overstreet (Vacaville CA) passed away in 2023. As time went by, he came earlier to the club to enjoy more practice. Gary kept track of his results in a phone app and was always working on his game. He was a good opponent and a good friend. We will miss the shine off his bald head,

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but most of all the pleasant experience of playing a gentleman.

Leo Rutledge

Lee Rutledge (Murrieta CA) passed away on December 19 at age 78. He served in the Air Force. Lee was an excellent cribbage player and was always a tough competitor; cribbage was his passion. He had earned



both his Master rating and Bronze Award. Lee enjoyed traveling, be it cruising or RVing, and many players enjoyed playing and traveling with him.

Willis Vowell

Willis Vowell (Baker City OR) passed away on January 20 at the age of 62. A member of Grass Roots Club 38, Willis was just exactly the personality type that you want in your cribbage club. He had the same attitude and smile—win or lose. He will leave a gaping hole in our family. Rest in peace.

CLUB 29

1. Jordan Hammond (IA): Iowa Classic (Sep. 16)
2. Terry Ward (CA): Barn Café Challenge (Sep. 24)
3. Diane Harvey (OR): Kirk's Ferry Trading Post (Nov. 18)
4. Marsha Mahan (WI): Jingle Bell Open (Dec. 2)
5. Chris McComas (WA): Depoe Bay Challenge (Dec. 9)



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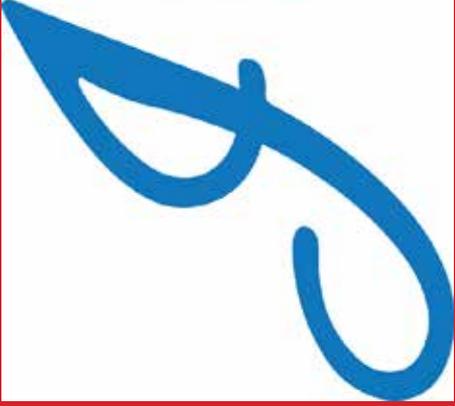
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