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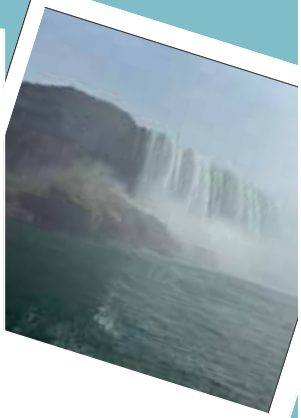

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- **Patrick Raney** (Indianapolis IN)
- **Craig Wilkey** (Poulsbo WA)

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Happy Birthday in March!

80—**Keith Miller** (NC)
80—**John Morch II** (NC)
80—**Patrick Healey** (MI)
50—**Kevin Emlinger** (MA)
30—**Callie Ostrowski** (MA)

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as of January 30

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President's Column

by James Morrow

Ethics Committee

The ACC has always had an Ethics Committee that has dealt with issues that come up between players, cheating, conduct/behavior, and rules that are laid out in our bylaws and procedures.

When an ethical issue comes up, several actions happen.

The first action comes from a victim or a witness: a letter explaining what was witnessed, what happened, who did what.

The second action comes when the ethics chair receives the letter, begins an investigation and then has a meeting with the Ethics Committee.

In some cases, they issue a warning to those involved. In some cases, such as walking out of a tournament, this is an automatic six-month suspension and includes suspension from the three legacy tournaments and the Tournament of Champions.

In other cases, depending on previous letters or issues, the Ethics Committee determines the probation or suspension based on the weight of the transgression; the evidence and letters that are presented or on file are also weighed.

If you ever have to write a letter to the Ethics Committee, you should send your letter in, make sure to sign it, because they can't do anything with an anonymous letter. Then let the Ethics Committee do their job. They will need to investigate, try to catch the person in question repeating the offense, or get more information from others who witnessed the offense. Putting a grievance out into the public's view or gossiping about the event will only hinder what the Ethics Committee needs to do, and doing this the right way protects the ACC and its members from future issues. It may or may not give the player in question due process or have other players give them the benefit of doubt they may or may not deserve.

The Ethics Committee is not a job people line up for, as it is not fun suspending or putting people we know on probation.

I want to personally give a huge shout-out to former ethics chairs: **Keith Widener**, **Todd Schaefer**, **Valerie Sumner**, and **Sharon Hejtmanek**. This is a hard job, and they have done a standup job over the years that I have been a member.

Currently our new VP of Ethics, **Megan Player**, is running this committee with **Todd Schaefer**, **Tammy Gibbons**, **Darlene Stier**, and the three commissioners **Patrick Barrett**, **Rick Shea**, and **Mark Soule**.

Thank you to all the former Ethics Committee members for doing the hardest job.

I hope no one ever has to write a letter to the Ethics Committee.

Safe travels, and hope to see you soon.

Your Deal

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Quads

I just opened the February *Cribbage World* and saw the article on quads by **Andrew Laurence**. I have a related story. During a game of Canadian Doubles, **Theo Mattingly** (Fremont CA) dealt the cards, then set and distributed the hands. The count was 27 when it reached Theo, so he played an Ace to make it 28. Everyone at the table responded with "go," so Theo paired his Ace (29-for-2), tripped his Aces (30-for-6), then quadded his Aces (31-for-12+2-for-31) for 22 pegging points. Wow!

Tracy Yott (Newark CA)

A Young 28!

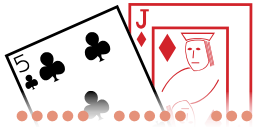
My grandson, 11yo **Andrew Teague**, ➡ played in his first Grass Roots tournament on February 4. While scoring only ten points, he did have a 28-hand! He will be joining as a junior. Kudos to my club members, who were wonderful in welcoming him.

Laurie Schmitz (Virginia Beach VA)

Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	40–34 (54.1%)	50–45 (52.6)	√ 52–38 (57.8%)
biggest win	+59 vs. Roger Collinson (OR) @ Club 12	√ +61 vs. Emilio Perez (IL) @ Baraboo	+50 vs. Ryan Olson (NH) @ Club 104
worst loss	√ –36 vs. Jean Mendenhall (OR) @ Club 12—again!	–48 vs. Dave Aiello (WI) @ Baraboo	–48 vs. Mason Andruskiewicz (MA) @ Club 104

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

Here's a tip for cribbage players:

If you are dealt 3-4-5-6-facecard-anything, toss 3-anything into the crib.

Prosaically named the "Joe Bernard Rule" in honor of the late, great **Joe Bernard** of Antioch IL, this rule of thumb practically dazzles us with its simplicity.

The Joe Bernard Rule

I honestly don't remember who told me this cribbage pearl, but it definitely wasn't Joe, who was notoriously stingy with tips. To be honest, I have no proof that Joe used this rule, let alone formulated it. All I know is that the now-unknown person who told me this nugget associated it with Joe, and so I have continued calling it the Joe Bernard Rule.

Some obvious caveats must be factored in. First of all, the rule doesn't make work if 4, 5, or 6 are duplicated; that is, you wouldn't break up 4-4-5-6 (toss 3-X) in order to hold 4-5-6-X (toss 3-4). Second, you likely wouldn't break a pair of Jacks if it's your crib (i.e., hold 4-5-6-J and toss 3-J), nor would you seldom hold 4-5-6-X and toss 2-3 into your opponent's crib.

Speaking of crib: whose crib is it anyway? This rule obviously plays out quite differently depending on who owns the crib.

I admit to having used this rule of thumb many times, while keeping an eye on (read: while formulating) the caveats listed above; but here is the main point of my editorial: is this really the Joe Bernard Rule? Has anyone else heard of it—especially directly from Joe? If so, did Joe add any qualifications to the rule (again, as listed above)?

Finally, if you use the Joe Bernard Rule (or something similar) in your play, please let me know. Does it works for you? Have you created any additional caveats or restrictions to add?

Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee follows the policies and procedures laid out in the ACC Policy Manual. A signed letter (not anonymous) from a witness is needed to begin an investigation, with an explanation of what happened with names. Send the letter to the committee at **ethics@cribbage.org**. The committee then begins an investigation into the allegations. If the allegations are found to be true, then actions are taken. The accused receives due process, including thirty days to respond. The ACC does not comment on any open investigations or complaints that may still be in progress.

ACC *Awards*

Henry Brandner
(Medford WI)
Life Master

I learned to play cribbage in high school from a couple of elderly brothers who told me and my friends they would teach us, but only if we played for 10¢ a game. It didn't take long, and I was winning more than I was losing. I joined the ACC in 2012 after Jerry Fischer introduced me to it. I consider Jerry my cribbage mentor, as he got me started in the Greenwood WI club and also in weekend tournaments. Jerry was standing over me when I won my first tournament in Maplewood MN in September 2014. As of now I have thirteen wins: six mains and seven consolations. I earned my Life Master at the Baraboo WI tournament in January by qualifying in the consy: I started with two skunks, followed up with three wins, and then had to win game nine to qualify. My favorite tournament is the Jingle Bell Open directed by Al Karr in Marinette WI. I have won the main there once and the consy twice. My toughest opponent is Jimmy McCarty. We probably split in wins but have played some really great games. My favorite moment this year was being surprised at the Marinette tourney in February when Marlene Lazachek presented me with my Life Master board. Thanks, Marlene, for getting it expedited for me in case I don't get to Niagara Falls this fall. Happy pegging, and hope to see everyone on the Tournament Trail.

New Cribbage Grand Master

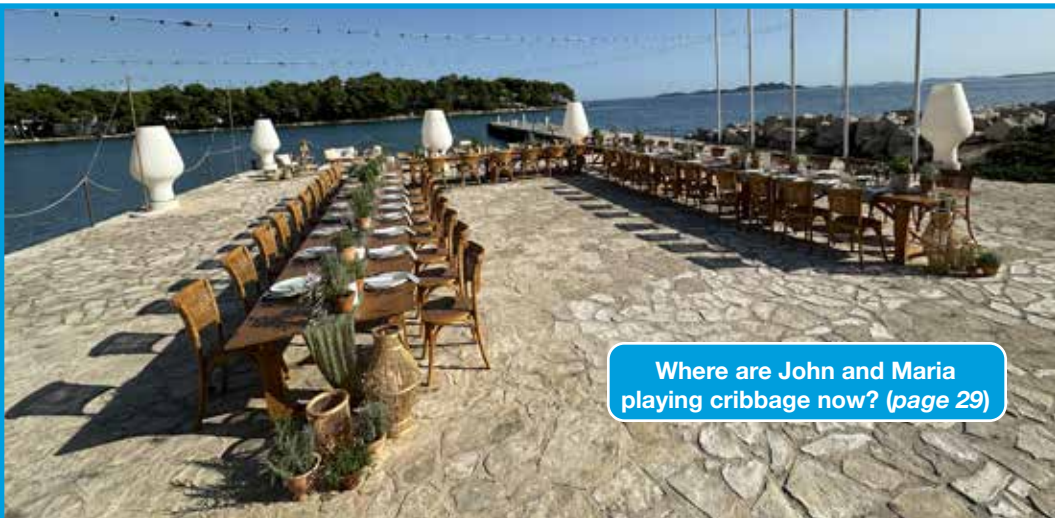
Terry Hatto (Edmonton AB)

New Cribbage Masters

Debra Cotter (Norwood MA)
Patrick Robrecht (Methuen MA)
Jay Shaffer (Roseville CA)

CLUB 29

1. Lono Ka'ai (OR): Laguna Woods (8/9)
2. Don Hansen (OR): Taking the Long-View (8/23)
3. Wayne Koski (ID): Garden City Classic (8/22)
4. Matt Klar (MN): GN43 Midweek (9/30)
5. Jim Chadwick (ME): Spooktacular Cribbage (10/25)
6. Gary Pinkley (WA): Big Deal James Birthday (1/2)
7. Debbie Governale (SC): Smoky Mountain Classic (1/10)
8. Bob Brumley (OR): It's a New Year (1/17)



Where are John and Maria playing cribbage now? (*page 29*)

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

This is the second of three columns I am writing about what is currently contained in the archives of the American Cribbage Congress.

We have a large tote of publications dealing with cribbage in general and the ACC in particular. This includes twenty books dealing with cribbage, which I list below. This tub contains all of the ACC rulebooks and revisions, starting in 1981. There are also *Cribbage Anyone?* pamphlets, along with many magazine and newspaper articles about cribbage and the congress.

The archives had a number of cribbage books, and I added a few from my collection. I list them here in chronological order, according to year of publication (from 1901 to 1993, with title, author, year, and page count).

- *Bezique and Cribbage*. Berkeley. 1901. 63p.
- *Cribbage American Style*. Thomas B. Stauff. 1939. 49p.
- *Cribbage Fundamentals Fine Points*. Sidney S. Lenz. 1948. 55p.
- *Cribbage as I Think It Should Be Played*. Allen J. Jarvis. 1948. 15p.
- *All about Cribbage*. G. Douglas Anderson. 1971. 97p.
- *Cribbage Is the Name of the Game*. Richard E. Lowder. 1974. 60p.
- *The Skillful Play of Cribbage*. Heines House. 1975. 20p.
- *Key to Cribbage*. William H. Green. 1975. 84p.
- *All about Cribbage*. G. Douglas Anderson. 1977. 135p.
- *Encyclopedia of Cribbage*. John W. Mixer. 1980. 165p.
- *How to Win at Cribbage*. Joseph P. Wergin. 1980. 225p.
- *Play Winning Cribbage*, 1st ed. DeLynn Colvert. 1980. 130p. ⬇
- *Cribbage: A New Concept*. John E. Chambers. 1983. 95p.
- *How to Play Cribbage Well*. Frank L. Brown. 1985. 61p.
- *Miracles on Fourth Street*. Dan Barlow. 1988. 56p.
- *Cribbage for Kids*. Joseph P. Wergin 1990. 116p.
- *The Cribbage Generation Is Here*. Joseph P. Wergin. 1990. 13p.
- *Cribbage: A New Concept*, rev. ed. John E. Chambers. 1992. 174p.
- *The Cribbage Generation Is Here*, 2nd ed. Joseph P. Wergin. 1993. 43p.
- *Play Winning Cribbage*, 2nd ed. DeLynn Colvert. 1993. 154p.

Those are the cribbage books currently in the ACC archives. If you have a book, at least half of which is devoted to cribbage, that you would like to donate to the archives, please let me know by text (605.661.7081) or email (**gn40cribbage@gmail.com**).

Opal's Seedlings

Pull Up a Chair: Helping New Players Feel at Home

Have you ever been the new person in the room? A new neighborhood. A new haircut. A new route to work. Even when we think we know what we're doing, walking into unfamiliar territory can feel a little intimidating.

Now think back to your first cribbage tournament—or the first time you showed up at a weekly local game. Chances are you knew only one person, the one who invited you. Today, thanks to social media and quick online searches, many players discover clubs without knowing a soul. That first night matters.

Our goal should be simple: make newcomers feel welcome, not overwhelmed. We want clubs to grow, not accidentally scare off tomorrow's best pegger.

Even experienced players are still new to us. A recent newcomer mentioned seeing cards tossed quickly across the board, with little time to count or settle in. Yes, cribbage has rules—but it also has manners.

Our flyers talk about making new friends. Let's be sure our voices and actions match the message. According to our Code of Ethics, new prospects are given four weeks to adjust to how we play—so let's honor that spirit. A little patience, a friendly tone, and the occasional reminder that bad cards are nobody's fault go a long way.

After all, today's new player could be tomorrow's tournament partner, club officer—or the person who brings the best snacks.

There are helpful materials online about growing your club with business cards, flyers, and pamphlets. Download them, share them, and most importantly—keep the table welcoming.

Because the best part of cribbage isn't just the pegging . . . it's the people.

Questions? Ideas? Reach me at mo_pilgrim59@msn.com.

GRASS ROOTS CLUBS

official GRPs only, as of 2/15

GRPs

Division 1 ➡

rank	GRPs	name (club)
1	283	Thomas Beucler (388)
2	227	Douglas Myers (329)
3	221	William O'Malley (46)
4	215	James Endres (11)
5	212	James Ravenscroft (175)
6	204	Thomas Kay (89)
7	200	Richard Anderson (204)
7	200	Terry Goatz (463)
9	199	Barbara Berg-Fennessey (230)
10	197	Bobby Ramelow (198)
10	197	Peter Setian (72)
12	196	Harvey Bourdeau (308)
12	196	Jeremy Krieger (46)
14	195	David Peterson (218)
15	194	Frank Danielski (90)
16	193	Lee Frostad (69)
17	192	Steve DePouw (229)
17	192	Robert Medeiros (104)
19	190	Howard Pearson (96)
20	189	Bernard Brentar (390)
21	188	Frank Hanson (198)
22	187	Paul Dysart (251)
23	186	Jerry Ellis (119)
24	184	Gerald Sabick (399)
24	184	Greg Schleusner (46)
26	183	John McCready (104)
26	183	Carol Williams (600)
28	182	Scott Bartosh (472)
29	180	Joe Peterson (410)
29	180	Peyton Reum (430)
31	179	Haley Hintze (3)
31	179	Scott Sand (94)
31	179	Sara Sandey (215)
31	179	Duane Toll (62)
35	178	Mike Berberich (204)
35	178	Edward Cuerth (347)
35	178	Marc Hachey (190)
35	178	Tom Jackson (440)
39	177	Chris Kim (177)
39	177	Jack Lien (113)
41	176	Ted Kuchta (61)
42	173	Kris Bailey (79)
42	173	Gerald Nickels (108)
42	173	Michael Sofaly (243)
45	172	Brian McCoy (104)
45	172	Rick Westerman (379)
47	171	Mike Fetchel (26)
47	171	Doug Griffith (295)
47	171	Diane Harvey (113)
47	171	Timothy Julkowski (377)
47	171	Sharon Liotta (147)
52	170	William Eilers (360)
52	170	Stanley Filipiak (104)
52	170	David Hayden (391)
52	170	David Smith (454)
56	169	Jennifer Bennett (329)
56	169	Linda Brent (272)
56	169	Nancy Hawkins (246)
56	169	Adrian Levy (374)
56	169	Dennis Misenar (415)
56	169	Barry Spadea (464)
56	169	Gordy Wise (243)
63	168	Bob Prochnow (79)
64	167	Michael Barrett (120)
64	167	Jason Eck (46)
64	167	Kevin Post (215)
64	167	Stanley Primc (199)
68	166	Peter Grant (161)
68	166	John Healey (368)
68	166	Duane Jones (69)
71	165	Bob Bartosh (453)
71	165	Chad Frischmann (445)
71	165	Doug Whitlock (17)
74	163	Joseph Ferguson (393)
74	163	Jerry Hardy (431)
74	163	Sheri Howard (204)
74	163	Jessica LeBeau (285)
74	163	Monica Newton (127)
74	163	Cary Vedin (218)
80	162	Dennis Crooks (408)
80	162	John Morch (58)
80	162	Tad Pilecki (374)
80	162	Lou Tousignant (368)
80	162	Robb Witters (46)
80	162	Farokh Ziari (43)

Division 4 ➡

rank	GRPs	name (club)
1	187	Robert Lewis (54)
2	178	David Bute (433)
3	157	Kyle Morrill (395)
4	155	Erik Locke (28)
5	150	Lynn Rieke (194)
6	147	Rich Ekman (395)
7	141	Rhonda Perry (336)
8	137	Tony Dierickx (477)
8	137	Brad Seger (39)
8	137	Howard Terry (336)
11	135	Dennis Kassebaum (344)
12	134	Lonnie Williams (461)
13	130	Quentin Campbell (475)
13	130	James Kulpa (376)
15	128	Bethany Rolfson (154)
16	127	Christopher Cook (461)
17	126	Kaden Bowman (395)
18	122	Peggy Shea (194)
19	120	Katrin Litsjo (376)

Division 1 = 2,969 players ◆ Division 4 = 732 players

Contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to
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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

edited by Michael Barrett

more Grass Roots stories next page

from Roger Wilson—playing on a Saturday afternoon with Club 23, as dealer I was dealt 4-4-7-8-8-9. Obviously I threw the pair of 4s to the crib. The pone was dealt 4-4-J-Q-Q-K. I was at the top of third street, he was nearing fourth street and trying to get into position to get a skunk, so he also threw a pair of 4s. I was hoping for a 7-cut for a 24-hand, not realizing that if I got it, I would also have a 24-crib. I have never seen that happen in my forty years of ACC play; the odds for it happening have to be higher than a 29-hand. I didn't get the 7-cut, but I did get a 3-cut and waved to the pone as I went by him with my 12-hand and 20-crib.

Club 397 (Yankton SD)—club director **Edward Kniffen** has had three 28-hands in the first ten tournaments of the season!

While visiting Club 204 (Olalla WA), **Jim Franklin** (his home club is #243) got a 29-hand on January 7.

After 9,618 days without a 29-hand following **Robert Reister**'s 29 in 1999 (see October 2025 CW, page 6), Club 221 (Winston-Salem NC) has now had ***two*** 29s in 126 days: **Martha Bisson** got hers on 9/9/25, and **Jim Zech**'s ➡ was on 1/13/26.

January Big Hands (name, state, club)

29-Hands (3)

Jim Franklin (WA), 204 ⬆
Frank Hanson (WA), 69
Buster Riley (MT), 391

28-Hands (44)

Scott Attridge (WA), 232
Tom Bair (OR), 414
Craig Bennett (MI), 300
Sheryl Brekke (CA), 194
Steve Brescia (MA), 464
David N Carlson (CA), 207
Deborah Colbert (MT), 391
Michael De Weese (WA), 393
David Elliott (FL), 22
Jerry Ensminger (AK), 177
Alisa Fernandez (FL), 444
Paul Gagnon (FL), 454
Terry Gatzke (WI), 24
Joseph Georgeson (SD), 251
Ronald Goble (WI), 399
Robert Gromek (NV), 400
Frank Hanson (WA), 69
Mark Hauser (MI), 295
Carole Herron (OR), 127
Ronald Hilson (FL), 444
Todd Hohn (CO), 34
Carolan Johnson (WI), 284
Crystal Johnson (CA), 54
Betty Jo Jurek (MN), 399
Edward Kniffen (SD), 397 ⬆
Tim Kunst (MN), 399
George LaValley (WI), 399
Dennis Marshall (OR), 46
John McKenna (MA), 104
LeRoy Mehring (MT), 391
Bill Meinen (SD), 251
Ken Moomey (IA), 17
Cynthia Morgan (OR), 414
Shelly Morton (OR), 113
Bob Murray (CT), 72
Richard Nourse (MA), 464
Callie Ostrowski (MA), 161
Elly Paegelow (WI), 120
John Pappas (NH), 488
Dick Pedersen (WA), 393
Chris Poole (OR), 395
Benjamin Robbins (IN), 398
Jim Rosso (WY), 211
Alan Sanborn (MI), 390
Greg Sanborn (ME), 375
Hunter Schreifels (MN), 94
Mike Servant (WI), 22
Joanne Sipes (OR), 113
Michael Sofaly (WA), 243
Barry Spadea (RI), 464
Gloria Stapleton (WA), 274
Dan Travis (WA), 377
Stella Ulrich (MN), 492
Robb Witters (OR), 450

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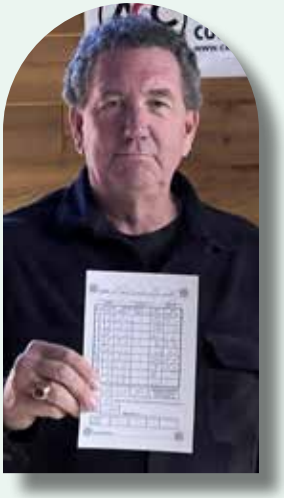
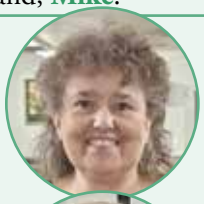
Club 360 (Pahrump NV)—**Carla Jameson** scored a grand slam on January 21. Last October, **Pam Kelley** had a 28-hand against her husband, **Mike**.





Best Grass Roots scorecards this month!

Division 1
Margie Woodford
21/9 +196
(Club 69)

Division 4
Courtney Locke
16/6 +185
(Club 28)

Best Grass Roots scorecards this season!

Division 1
John McCready
24/9 +299
(Club 104)

Division 4
Courtney Locke
16/6 +185
(Club 28)

January Slams (name, state, club)

Grand Slams (21)

Patrick Barrett (WI), 120 ⬆
Barbara Berg-Fennessey (FL), 230
Richard Carel (MN), 388
Scott Earley (FL), 430
Daniel Ernster (OR), 46
Gerald Hahn (OR), 62
Jeffrey Hautala (MI), 390
Tom Jackson (OR), 440
Carla Jameson (NV), 360
Olivia Kelley (WI), 6
Bill Leichner (WA), 379
Steve Minich (MT), 25
Raymond Oglesby (MA), 161
Jeff Olson (WA), 69
Mike Snow (MI), 432
Wayne Steinmetz (WI), 6
Michael Williamson (TX), 281
Margie Woodford (WA), 69

Lite Slams (44)

Diego Alvarez (WA), 156
Sue Anderson (OR), 38
Steven Aziz (VA), 461
James Blackwell (OR), 376
Thomas Borkowski (MI), 97
Gary Brandt (AR), 484
Quentin Campbell (CA), 475
Pete Davis (OR), 465
Tony Dierickx (MN), 477
Albert Dionne (NH), 488
Joyce Dupont (MO), 323
Kelly Foster (OR), 376
Richard Gilley (CA), 205
Harold Green (WY), 211
Vincent Hahn (NC), 443
Dana Harvey (WA), 118
Jerry Hilzer (CO), 433
Fred Howe (OR), 98
Linda Jacobson (NH), 488
Eunice Kendall (OR), 395
Doug King (MN), 452
Frank LaPan (MI), 97
Nedira LeBlanc (MN), 452
Robert Lewis (CA), 54
Courtney Locke (OR), 28
Josh Luttrell (OR), 493
William MacMillan (WY), 211
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Larry Pisha (OR), 28
Pat Reynolds (OR), 38
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Stella Ulrich (MN), 492
Steven Umbro (OK), 500
Judy Whitfield (CA), 389
Thomas Wilson (OR), 2

Tom P. Anderson
(La Grande OR)
Platinum #28

My dad taught me how to play cribbage when I was three. I joined the ACC in 1993. I don't really have a cribbage mentor, but DeLynn Colvert and George Rassmussen were big influences. I have been club champion twenty times: eight times at Club 38 and twelve times at Club 356. I needed 70 points for Platinum at the beginning of the season and reached it on January 22. My first weekend tournament win was the 1993 Hermiston OR consy. Since then I've won two main tourneys. This year my toughest opponent at club seems to be Johnny Fitzgerald. My favorite cribbage moment this year was earning my tenth grand slam on February 12. The last fourteen months I have been taking care of my 95yo mother. I like fishing and camping with my oldest daughter and studying the Bible with friends and family. I hold the Grass Roots single season record of 478 points.

Mike Ritthaler
(Yachats OR)
Gold #261

I learned to play cribbage in the mid-1950s with the help of my parents. I also played a lot of cribbage while in the US Navy aboard a nuclear-powered submarine. In the early 1990s I joined the ACC and Grass Roots Club 127 in Newport OR and was a past director. My mentor was George Rasmussen. We worked together at the Angel Job Corps Center in Yachats OR and played four games weekly when possible. In 1994 I won the Portland Winter Open consolation and have won three more consolations since but never a main event. My toughest opponent at club is Monica Newton. I earned my Gold ranking at the GRNT on January 24 after sitting at 3,992 points for a couple of weeks. I try to attend a half dozen tournaments per year: two in Montana and three or four in Oregon. My other interests are my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I play in the BCA Pool League, fishing for chinook salmon in the Yachats and Alsea rivers, and searching for agates on the beaches after big storms.

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GOLD

Robert Reister (Winston-Salem NC)
Richard I. Anderson (Seabeck WA)

SILVER

Vic Sever (AB), 261
Lisa M. Spellenberg (CA), 194

BRONZE

Harvey Bourdeau (MA), 308
Darnel Chevrette (MI), 368
Joseph Jaros (MI), 295
Jeanette Lambert (FL), 444
Alan Luke (WA), 148
Anthony Rieger (VA), 124
Craig Rothbach (CA), 43
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The Kat Hartsell EXPERIENCE

You will never guess, but I went to a Spokane tournament and didn't have to direct it! Do you know how incredible that felt? I just got to show up, play cards, and help with side pools. That's it. No bags full of supplies, no last-minute printer issues, no lugging around boards, no making sure we have enough scorecards. Just . . . cribbage.

James Morrow had been running this Super Saturday One-Day for years, but decided it was time to pass the baton since he's been directing quite a few per year. He gave it up, and what's even better? **Tim Julkowski**, **Jason Ramelow**, and Tim's beautiful wife, **Shannon**, grabbed it and decided to run with it. They believe traditions like this one can't expire, and I absolutely love that. We need more people like them stepping up and keeping these tournaments alive.

I made it as low qualifier in the playoffs and got knocked out in the second round by an incredible clubmate, **David Hogle**. James ended up high qualifier and then won the whole thing—his third time winning this one, and who knows how many HQ-to-champion he has had. **Nikki Anderson** ➡ also won her first consolation ever, which is such an exciting feat!

But here's what I really want to talk about: marketing!

I am so excited to take on the new role as marketing director for the ACC. Like, ridiculously excited. I have some really cool ideas and systems that will hopefully change the way the ACC does marketing, and by the time you're reading this, we should have the six new committees up and running to help push marketing down the road.

The six new committees are internet, social media, promotional, tournament, analytics, and Grass Roots.

Everyone who was on the marketing committee is being grandfathered in if they wanted to stay on, but now we've invited members-at-large to join us. Each committee will have three or four people selected based on their abilities and enthusiasm to continue making the ACC the incredible organization it is.

As the director, I'll help guide these committees along, vet potential projects, be the go-between for committees as needed, organize and help execute marketing projects as they come along, and obviously so much more that I haven't even thought of yet. (I'm sure it'll be fine. Probably.)

Don't worry folks! **Opal Gunn** and her Grass Roots marketing column isn't

The Inside Track
by Rob Medeiros

Successful pegging and positional play requires constant attention and frequent pivots. Sometimes the play of one card alters our whole outlook of a particular situation.

Let's say we are dealing and the score is tied at 85. It's about as close to a tossup as possible. We keep the flush of A-5-6-7 and discard Q-K. The cut is a 3, and pone leads the wrong J. What's our strategy for the hand?

Well, we need 36 points; we have an 11-point hand with limited crib potential so unless the pone leads an 8, which could result in us pegging a possible 7 to 9 points, we should play defense and limit the pone's pegging.

So I will make the count 17 with my 7, hopefully getting the first go while retaining my 5-6 combo to reassess on the next series. However, there is a fork in the road. The pone plays a 4, making the count 21.

That play usually means a hand of 4-5-6-X, so what's our next choice: A, 5, or 6? Obviously it's not the 5, so I will play the A and give up the first go to have the pone reveal his hand first. If we play the 6 and get the first go ourselves, we have to use the A and leave our lone 5 exposed to a potential three pegging points, which is crucial at this juncture of the game. I'd rather match their 5 on the last card for three points.

In these positions, always be thinking one card ahead.

Rob always thinks one card ahead! Email questions to mrob2199@aol.com.

going anywhere! I am so proud to work alongside her, and we are going to make some incredible marketing efforts happen together.

If you have any thoughts or marketing ideas, feel free to shoot me an email at **kathartsell@gmail.com**. If you're interested in joining a committee or a project or just want to know more, reach out! We need people who care about this game and want to see it grow. And if you're not into marketing but know someone who is, send them my way. Let's make some noise for cribbage! We'll have our official marketing emails up and running sooner than later, but for now, my personal one will work just fine.

Marketing has been a weaker point within the ACC, and I am excited to make it a strong point for the organization. My articles might do a bit of a twist from just my experiences on the trail to more of what's happening on the inside, but follow along for this incredible experience! I promise to keep it interesting (and probably make some mistakes along the way, but we'll figure it out).

Next month I'll have more updates on how the committees are shaping up and what projects we're working on. Until then, hopefully I will be seeing you in Reno—and if you see me ***not*** running around like a crazy person, just know I'm living my best life as a regular tournament player for once!

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ **by Vicki Soule** ◆ **newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com** ◆

It's March! Are Irish Eyes smiling on you? Spring is just around the corner! Besides Saint Patrick's Day, keep your green on and celebrate one of these days! March 4 is National Snack Day. Hmmm wasn't there a fantasy draft around snacks? I usually do not put two days together, but March 15 is Everything You Think Is Wrong Day and March 16 is Everything You Do Is Right Day. Somone put a lot of thought into naming those days! Finally, March 22 is National Goof Off Day. Isn't that what we do at cribbage? If not, we are way too serious!

Asheville NC was the place to be on January 9–11, with director **Jacob French**. The Friday tourney saw **Terry Cushman** take the win over **Richard May**. The consolation saw **Scott Noble** take the win over **Larry Phifer**. In the main event, **Scott Noble** was still on fire as he qualified third and took the win over **Richard Governale**. In the consolation, two OGs faced off with Virginia's **Rick Allen** taking the win over **Mike Burnham**. Jacob, way to go and glad you got hooked! You are appreciated!

For the next weekend, we move further south to Fort Walton Beach FL for the Land Shark Open and the Emerald Coast Open—this year with a new team of directors: **Jamie Fincher**, **Grant Crawford**, and **Jim Cook**. Everyone went to Florida because it was cold everywhere else! In the Friday one-day LSO, **David Aiello** took top honors over **Barri Gehrand**. The fun continued in the two-day ECO with two Jims in the finals: **Jim Stuart** over transplant **Jim Correa**. ➡ In the consolation, **Pat Jewell** showed a lost Chiefs Fan from Wisconsin, **Chad Frischmann**, how to win. (Ask him how his Chiefs did this year!) The consolation saw another player far from home, **Bryan Gurden**, all the way from Vegas, proving why he is #1 in the country, taking the win over **Steven Nesbit**. I heard it was great time by all, and the three directors did an amazing job!

While it was hot in Florida, it was very cold and snowy in New England for the New Year Kickoff in East Windsor CT on January 17. Local **Paul Batterson** took the win over "this is not like last year" **David Statz**, and the consy saw **Bonnie Fife** get her first win over **Frank Bogus Jr.** from that crazy Malden club! Congrats Bonnie!

Us hardy Mainers traveled to Bangor ME on January 24–25, which was supposed to

Vicki's March Funnies

When it comes to gardening this March, IRIS that everyone would just daffo-chill!

Q. Why was the sports fan crazy?
A. He had March Madness.

Q. How is a clock like a frog in March?
A. They both spring ahead.

be the Winter Classic and the Snowbowl. New England was predicted to get snow, snow, and more snow. Director **Joe Bowen** had many cancellations and light numbers, but we were mighty. **Yours Truly** ➡ qualified first, but you know what happens: I had a bye and then lost, but at least to the eventual winner, **Linda Kennedy**, who got her first win over **Patrick Robrecht**. But Patrick got something more: his Master award! The consolation saw **Pete "the Legend" Legendre** get his umpteenth win over newer ACC member **Jim Chadwick**. On Sunday, eighteen diehards stayed around before the snow started, including 13yo **Wes Parker** ⬅ (son of **Josh Parker**), who was on fire: he got his first 28-hand and qualified second! **Craig Greene** came out victorious over Mainer **Lance Browne**. We were small but mighty!

I will post about Vicki's Birthday Bash next issue, but here are the results of the first-ever inter-ACC side pool on January 30, combining VBB in Wolfeboro NH and Adam's Birthday Bash in Chaska MN. Between the two tournaments, we had 100 entrants. It hurts to write this, but the Central took the top. That weekend **Todd Schaefer** was on fire (I may name him **Just Todd**). He took first place, and our buddy and codirector **Frank Reddy** was second. The Central had 321 points compared to the East's 220 points. I think we just wanted to lure them in so we can run this in the future, so we let Just Todd win (that's my story and I am sticking to it!). In all seriousness, congratulations to Todd and all who made the cut. Shout out to **Chad Frischmann**, **Adam Switzer**, **Bob Joslin**, and **Mark Soule** for agreeing to go along and making the birthday competition more fun! Just watch out next year!

Enjoy the pictures from Niagara Falls on page 2. Can't wait to see you in October!

Switzer's Flannel Gang

Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Be on time!

At recent tournaments that I have attended there has been some confusion about what to do and how to handle a situation when a person does not show up on time to play their opponent. How long do you wait? What is the correct procedure?

Let's say that you are playing in a twenty-two-game qualifier and there is a lunch break after eleven games. The tournament director should announce clearly to everyone what time to return from lunch to start game twelve. So what do you do if someone fails to show up at the designated time? Rule 11.4 covers this: **The tournament director will allow five minutes before forfeiting the game to the opponent. The opponent is awarded a win by 10 spread points and the late player a loss by 10 spread points. The late player will resume playing his or her next opponent in rotation.** Furthermore: **If a player returns after the start of the second game after lunch, they may be disqualified.** So don't eat a big lunch or go too far.

Now what about being late for playoffs? There are a lot of times when the start time for playoffs are not definite due to cross-checking. Sometimes tournament directors will announce that playoffs will start immediately following cross-checking. When ambiguous statements like this are made it is hard to enforce a player being late for playoffs, so it is very important to announce a time even if cross-checking gets done early and players who are present go ahead and start. Without a start time announcement, you cannot enforce Rule 13.1, which states: **If a qualifier does not appear at the time scheduled to begin the playoffs, the tournament director will allow five minutes before forfeiting the first game to the opponent. Additional forfeitures will be made every fifteen minutes until a match is completed or until a qualifier appears.**

So tournament directors: please take note and make sure you clearly announce return times after lunchbreaks (or any kind of break) as well as start times for playoffs. And players: please make sure you are available to play at those designated times. Don't be late!

As always folks – lets have fun.

Send questions about rules and the rulebook to keith@qtainc.com.

New Members

113 last month

Arizona
Ronald Kohner (Phoenix)
Hugh Law (Marana)
Katherine Law (Marana)
Amanda Schreiber (Tucson)
David Stancil (Tucson)

British Columbia
Lynn Scales (Abbotsford)

California
Chris Carroll (Berkeley)
Vance Cummings (San Juan Capistrano)
Jack Freeman (Sacramento)
Kevin Keech (Sunnyvale)
Ward Mengel (Fortuna)
Noah Schumaker (Sacramento)

Colorado
Gilbert Egle (Denver)
Richard Myers (Denver)
Maxwell Nikkari (Fort Collins)
Deborah Palm-Egle (Denver)
Paula Shewmake (Denver)
Zoe Stone (Denver)
Timothy Zeman (Peyton)

Florida
Sherry Hubbard (Port Charlotte)
Kim Kovacs (Gulf Breeze)
James Morse (Panama City Beach)
Renata Morse (Panama City Beach)

Georgia
Keith Kerby (Jefferson)
Sherrill Kerby (Jefferson)
Craig Kitchin (Brookhaven)
Beverly Rowsell (Newnan)

Illinois
Jerry Blazey (Elburn)
David Boston (Big Rock)

Iowa
Pam Kallestad (Peru)

Maine
Michelle Mercier (Lebanon)

Massachusetts
Craig Adams (Webster)
Arthur Kabilian (Quincy)

Michigan
Catherina Regis (Grand Rapids)
Russell Shepard (Grand Rapids)
Matthew Ward (Kalamazoo)
Janine Warfield (Richland)
Seth Warfield (Richland)

Minnesota
Travis Flack (Maple Grove)
Benjamin Hendrickson (Carver)
Lori Langsweirdt (Longville)
Galen Neigum (Sturgeon Lake)
Kathleen Neigum (Sturgeon Lake)
Ann Poppler (Corcoran)
Mark Veglahn (Marshall)

Montana
Gabe Nistler (Helena)

Nevada
Arielle Coston (Reno)
Nathan Coston (Reno)
Ryan Dettling (Carson City)
Jennie Louhela (Sparks)
Eric Molina (Henderson)

New Hampshire
Jim Molinari (Hudson)

New Jersey
Ilana Roth (Basking Ridge)

New York
Daniel Lasnick (Rochester)
Jenna Melvin (West Henrietta)
Kyle Sanson (West Henrietta)

North Carolina
Mike Klintworth (Mount Holly)

Ohio
Brian Stangel (Dayton)

Oklahoma
Rodney Crist (Edmond)
Marilyn Gulino (Edmond)
David Merlino (Edmond)
Lisa Merlino (Edmond)
William Oshlo (Edmond)
Robert Young (Edmond)

Oregon
Robert Boback (Prineville)
Nolan Davis (Seal Rock)
Andrew Fleming (Talent)
Chris Hamilton (Lincoln City)
Steve Hansen (Gresham)
Susan Hansen (Gresham)
Teresa Houck (Portland)
Greg Kuhns (Portland)
Gail Menasco (Bend)
Eric Mone (Bend)
Kristin Strait (Medford)
Clark Thomas (Sunriver)
Austin Waelty (La Grande)
Octavia Waelty (La Grande)
Randy Wiest (Bend)
Connie Woodward (Redmond)
Wes Woodward (Redmond)

Pennsylvania
Randy Ingbritsen (Yardley)
Kristina Jones (Shrewsbury)

Rhode Island
Kyle Angelo (Cumberland)

South Carolina
Bob Matz (Columbia)

South Dakota
Wayne Booze (Hartford)
Connie Karl (Baltic)
David Karl (Baltic)
Renae Livingston (Dell Rapids)
Todd McGoush (Sioux Falls)
Christopher Reistrokfer (Sioux Falls)

Texas
Timothy Wolff (Dallas)

Utah
David Silverstein (Salt Lake City)
Bri Weber (Salt Lake City)
Joe Weber (Salt Lake City)

Virginia
Steven Doane (Norfolk)

Washington
Lori Crossan (Shelton)
Mitch Royce (East Wenatchee)
Gary Smith (Tulalip)
Susan Weston (Bremerton)
Fran Williams (Bellingham)
Richard Williams (Bellingham)
Kathy Williamson (Spokane)
Pauline Woodman (Seattle)

Wisconsin
Will Brandau (Green Bay)
Paul Lee (Sheboygan Falls)
Sarah Lee (Sheboygan Falls)
Tony Leslie (Neenah)
John Nagel (Seymour)
Diana Reijo (Iron River)
Robert Scharping (Eau Claire)

Wyoming
Jennifer Frary (Casper)
Brian Kuznia (Cheyenne)

After reading about **David Aiken**'s spectacular 34-card in a fourteen-game qualifier as reported in January's *Cribbage World*, I had to reminisce about my own brush with immortality. On March 5, 2004, Yours Truly turned in a 43/20 +351 at the Road Runner, which was then held in Apache Grande AZ. I'm not saying I didn't get terrific cards and great cuts, but of the two games I lost, one was by one point and I missed two more skunks by one point each. If I get those four game points I have 47/21 +355, which would have been the record then and still today. Oh well, I can't complain but, believe me, I've thought about that frequently in the ensuing twenty plus years. Woulda, coulda, shoulda.

My other abiding memory of that tournament is that I vividly recall playing the late, great **Warren Sondericker** (Milwaukee WI) in the subsequent playoffs for maybe the last time ever. Warren has been forever destined to be at the top of the Two Stars, needing a mere 46 points for his third star. Warren was a big, burly, gruff, intimidating fellow but was, stereotypically, as nice as could be. You always knew when Warren was in the room, talking loudly and waving around his PBR (or brandy alexander, go figure). He is almost legendary in stunts he pulled. One year he won the Joseph Wergin (although I don't think it was called that in those days) and the $10,000 first prize. Unfortunately, he got into a craps game on the plane home from Reno to Milwaukee and lost the whole $10K as well as whatever pocket change he had. He had to borrow money for a phone call (before cells) so he could ask his mother to come and pick him up. He laughed about that story and I never once heard him complain about the loss. I also remember the time someone (I can't remember who) challenged him to a game of cribbage for $100 a game. Warren had his C-note out before the other fellow could even be seated. After Warren won the first game, the opponent challenged him to double or nothing. Again, not a problem for Warren. After Warren won the second game, the other dude suddenly remembered a prior engagement. I seem to remember that Warren took a bunch of us out for drinks, chortling all the way, but that may have been a different occasion.

I also remember when we were in the playoffs that year, I commented on how fast he played. He told me he hadn't made a cribbage decision in over twenty years. I said: "What? What are you talking about?" He said based on board position of him and the opponent and the cards in his hand, all decision-making was redundant and that's why he played so fast. No decision-making equals fast play. Elite position players will probably understand this, but it seemed pretty far-fetched to me. I've never seen anybody play nearly that fast before or since. A little later I did notice Warren studying his hand like he was unsure, but he said, "No, just admiring this beautiful hand." Did I mention that he was a Level One Trash Talker and BS-er? My recollection is that he beat me in straight sets playing at the speed of light but the 2004 tournament recap indicates otherwise. However, whichever way that match went, the opportunity to play him and listen

1 Year 2 Awards

Four ACC members have earned two awards in less than one year's time. All four of them earned both Grand Master (4,000 MRPs) and Life Master (6,000 MRPs) in less than 365 days. **Erik Locke** was both the first (2007–2008) and fastest (248 days). **Tom Cookman** was the only one to do it inside a single cribbage season (2012–13). Not surprisingly, all four players were ACC national champion in the year they won their Life Master. And it was the first national championship in each case.

player	award #1	award #1 date	award #2	award #2 date	days apart
Erik Locke	Grand Master	7/5/07	Life Master	3/9/08	248
Tom Cookman	Grand Master	10/13/12	Life Master	7/6/13	266
Jim Mahan	Grand Master	3/30/24	Life Master	1/12/25	288
Jeremy Krieger	Grand Master	6/8/18	Life Master	4/19/19	315

It's not too early to start thinking about Grand National 2029. The BOD will award the Eastern Region's next GN in October, so if you are interested in hosting this event, talk to Executive VP Rick Shea (31for14@gmail.com).

to him is something I'll always remember and appreciate.

Warren and his wife, **Martha Fingleton** (one-time executive vice president, ACC board of directors), a One Star winner and ACC Hall of Fame member in her own right, passed away within eight days of each other in June 2010. I still miss them, as I know their many friends around Cribbageland and particularly in the Milwaukee area do.

In closing, I should add that these few paragraphs do not do justice to either of them in terms of their impact on cribbage and the ACC as well as their generosity to the entire cribbage family and others. For more reading, editor **David Aiken** has a poignant column in his "My Deal" in the August 2010 *Cribbage World*, and **Lana Newhouse** has a delightful memoriam in the January 2018 magazine.

Over and out.

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Jingle Bell Open (Marinette WI; 12/5)	Al Karr	*51 players* HQ. Dennis Koehler (35) 1. Dennis Koehler (105) 2. John Syftestad (70) 3. Dan Sand (42) 3. Pete Severson (42)	*36 players* HQ. Jim Mahan (12) 1. Jim Mahan (60) 2. Gerald Parins (40) 3. Kevin Anderson (24) 3. Wayne Steinmetz (24)	*28-hands:* Fred Adolphson* John Syftestad*	*Friday:* Dan Sand *Saturday:* Robert Lenz *Canadian Doubles:* Christine Zager & Sheila Vojtech
MVP Winter Classic (Loveland CO; 12/13)	Vickie Humphrey	*34 players* HQ. Randy Berger (35) 1. Randy Berger (105) 2. Karen Westhoff (70) 3. Roy Foster (42) 3. Bruce Gorkowski (42)	*20 players* HQ. Mark Cochran (15) 1. Arun Sautter (40) 2. Mark Cochran (24) 3. Ken Nelson (12) 3. Steve Sundet (12)		
Steve Lewis Memorial (Depoe Bay OR; 12/26)	Jack Shumate	*26 players* HQ. Jack McClain (45) 1. Greg Schleusner (70) 2. William O'Malley (42) 3. Richard Gardner (21) 3. Jack McClain (21)	*16 players* HQ. Bernie Nelson (12) 1. **Tom Jackson** (24) 2. Bernie Nelson (12) 3. Daniel Ernster (4) 3. Bill McClain (4)		
Depoe Bay Challenge (Depoe Bay OR; 12/27)	Jack Shumate	*18 players* HQ. Dennis Misenar (45) 1. Dennis Misenar (70) 2. William O'Malley (42) 3. David Brokken (21) 3. Howard Hanson (21)	*10 players* HQ. Tom Jackson (12) 1. Tom Jackson (24) 2. Jack Shumate (12) 3. Ian Aylward (4)	*28-hands:* Tom Jackson* Christi Lewis* Devin Thiele*	
Wisconsin Dells Deal #1 (Baraboo WI; 1/2)	Wayne Steinmetz	*56 players* HQ. John Syftestad (40) 1. Terrance Cushman (105) 2. Les Kvien (70) 3. Neal Matzke (42) 3. Al Pernicek (42)	{***no consy***}		*Friday:* Larry Leidenheimer

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

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Wisconsin Dells Deal #2 (Baraboo WI; 1/3)	Wayne Steinmetz	*72 players* HQ. Jim Mahan (30) 1. Pete Severson (147) 2. Nathan Devine (105) 3. David Aiello (70) 3. John Syftestad (70)	*48 players* HQ. Les Kvien (24) 1. Rob Sepp (60) 2. Michael Grage (40) 3. Bob Hanes (24) 3. Les Kvien (24)	*28-hand:* Curt Donart*	*Saturday:* Olivia Kelley
The Big Deal James Birthday Edition (Spokane WA; 1/2)	Jason Ramelow	*31 players* HQ. Sandi Cuerth (40) 1. Bob Brumley (70) 2. Dave Yaeger (42) 3. David Hogle (21) 3. Timothy Julkowski (21)	*21 players* HQ. Jason Ramelow (12) 1. Dave Schwartz (40) 2. James Morrow (24) 3. K.C. Dors (12) 3. Jason Ramelow (12)	*29-hand:* Gary Pinkley*	*Canadian Doubles:* Gary Pinkley & Barry Larson
Spokane New Year Kickoff (Spokane WA; 1/3)	Kat Hartsell	*35 players* HQ. Casey Scott (35) 1. Casey Scott (105) 2. Keith Kuchner (70) 3. Lee Frostad (42) 3. Timothy Julkowski (42)	*27 players* HQ. Bob Brumley (18) 1. Bryan Gurden (40) 2. Tom Wilson (24) 3. Bob Brumley (12) 3. Jerry Vensel (12)	*28-hand:* Timothy Julkowski*	
Sacramento VFW #1 (Sacramento CA; 1/8)	Bill Schlabes	*53 players* HQ. Bryan Gurden (50) 1. Carolyn Washington (105) 2. Cy Madrone (70) 3. Matt Padrow (42) 3. Duane Toll (42)	*38 players* HQ. Darlene Stier (21) 1. Peter Jackson (60) 2. James Clark (40) 3. Jeanne Jelke (24) 3. Darlene Stier (24)		
Sacramento VFW #2 (Sacramento CA; 1/10)	Bill Schlabes	*60 players* HQ. Bryan Gurden (45) 1. Matt Padrow (105) 2. Ben Lewis (70) 3. Bryan Gurden (42) 3. Les Rasmussen (42)	*34 players* HQ. Barbara Stockham (9) 1. Jay Shaffer (60) 2. Darlene Stier (40) 3. Michael Crume (24) 3. Barbara Stockham (24)	*28-hand:* Diana Webster*	

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Sacramento VFW 2026 #3 (Sacramento CA; 1/11)	Bill Schlabes	*50 players* HQ. Ray Klocko (40) 1. Junko Larsen (105) 2. Debra Wrightman (70) 3. Tristan Bacoch (42) 3. Ray Klocko (42)	*26 players* HQ. Jim Mahan (18) 1. Roland Hall (40) 2. Duane Toll (24) 3. Paul Gregson (12) 3. Jim Mahan (12)		
Smoky Mountain Classic Opener (Asheville NC; 1/9)	Jacob French	*49 players* HQ. Donna LaFleur (40) 1. Terrance Cushman (105) 2. Richard May (70) 3. Keith Miller (42) 3. Deborah Taylor (42)	*30 players* HQ. Richard Governale (12) 1. Scott Noble (40) 2. Larry Phifer (24) 3. Jerry Ellis (12) 3. Sharyn Trucks (12)	*28-hands:* John Morch* Peter Morris*	*Early Bird:* John Morch
Smoky Mountain Classic (Asheville NC; 1/10)	Jacob French	*49 players* HQ. Terrance Cushman (55) 1. Scott Noble (105) 2. Richard Governale (70) 3. Terrance Cushman (42) 3. Michael D'Elena (42)	*28 players* HQ. Rick Allen (15) 1. Rick Allen (40) 2. Michael Burnham (24) 3. Barri Gehrand (12) 3. Steve Schmitt (12)	*29-hand:* Debbie Governale* *28-hand:* Jennifer Johnson*	*Canadian Doubles:* Donna LaFleur & Michael D'Elena
Snowbird Special (Yuma AZ; 1/9)	Robert Milk	*33 players* HQ. Robert Nelson (45) 1. Robert Milk (105) 2. Joe Clarke (70) 3. Kevin Decoteau (42) 3. Bob Prochnow (42)	*22 players* HQ. Steve Scadden (18) 1. Tom Gannon (40) 2. Charlene Cohen (24) 3. Carol Perko (12) 3. Steve Scadden (12)		*Canadian Doubles:* Jim Blakeley & Gary Sand
Willamette Valley Challenge (Salem OR; 1/10)	Greg Schleusner	*32 players* HQ. Erik Locke (30) 1. Paul Hirschmann (70) 2. Erik Locke (42) 3. Katrin Litsjo (21) 3. Rick Westerman (21)	*21 players* HQ. Jack Shumate (9) 1. Jack Shumate (40) 2. Carole Herron (24) 3. Matthew Blake (12) 3. Michael Wertz (12)		

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
American Pride (Marinette WI; 1/16)	Al Karr	*36 players* HQ. Kevin Anderson (25) 1. Kevin Anderson (105) 2. Adam Switzer (70) 3. Steven Steinmetz (42) 3. John Syftestad (42)	*22 players* HQ. Dan Selke (21) 1. Haley Hintze (40) 2. Fred Adolphson (24) 3. Richard Horvath (12) 3. Dan Selke (12)	*28-hands:* Jeremy Brandner* Dennis Koehler*	*Friday:* Jeremy Brandner *Canadian Doubles:* Steven Steinmetz & Joan Rein *Saturday:* Kevin Anderson
It's a New Year (Bandon OR; 1/17)	Scott Milo	*32 players* HQ. Junko Larsen (30) 1. Rhonda Sollars (70) 2. Peggy Shea (42) 3. Margaret C.-Deutsch (21) 3. Tom Jackson (21)	*18 players* HQ. Scott Milo (15) 1. Scott Milo (40) 2. John Hogue (24) 3. Bob Bartosh (12) 3. Carole Herron (12)	*29-hand:* Bob Brumley*	*Canadian Doubles:* Jennifer Bolles & Jeanne Jelke
New Year Knockout (South Windsor CT; 1/17)	Michael Kopp	*65 players* HQ. Jack Silvia (75) 1. Paul Batterson (147) 2. David Statz (105) 3. Paul Kane (70) 3. Jack Silvia (70)	*32 players* HQ. Frank Bogus Jr (12) 1. Bonnie Fife (40) 2. Frank Bogus Jr (24) 3. John Pappas (12) 3. Barry Spadea (12)	*28-hand:* Jack Silvia*	
Sin City Shuffle (Henderson NV; 1/23)	Al Schaefer	*59 players* HQ. Obie Weeks (65) 1. Bryan Gurden (105) 2. Obie Weeks (70) 3. Eric Molina (42) 3. Alan Talacek (42)	*32 players* HQ. Bob Bartosh (15) 1. Cy Madrone (40) 2. Michael Stevens (24) 3. Dawn Diaz (12) 3. Chad Loupee (12)		
Schaefer Shuffle (Henderson NV; 1/24)	Al Schaefer	*60 players* HQ. Donna LaFleur (35) 1. Bob Bartosh (105) 2. Dearl McCullough (70) 3. Bob Brumley (42) 3. Karen Mantie (42)	*24 players* HQ. Sharon Schaefer (24) 1. Sharon Schaefer (40) 2. Chad Loupee (24) 3. Alice Souza (12) 3. Cynthia Wark (12)		

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Winter Classic (Bangor ME; 1/24)	Joseph Bowen	*28 players* HQ. Vicki Soule (35) 1. Linda Kennedy (70) 2. Patrick Robrecht (42) 3. Stephen Dugas (21) 3. Vicki Soule (21)	*20 players* HQ. Jim Chadwick (18) 1. Peter Legendre (40) 2. Jim Chadwick (24) 3. Lauri Immonen (12) 3. Joshua Parker (12)		*Friday:* Richard Crosby
Bangor Snowbowl (Bangor ME; 1/25)	Joseph Bowen	*18 players* HQ. Craig Greene (35) 1. Craig Greene (70) 2. Lance Browne (42) 3. Stephanie George (21) 3. Wesley Parker (21)	{***no consy***}	*28-hand:* Wesley Parker*	
Winter in Wolfeboro One Day (Wolfeboro NH; 1/30)	Vicki Soule	*50 players* HQ. Mark Soule (30) 1. Lance Browne (105) 2. Mark Soule (70) 3. Jerry Hardy (42) 3. Barry Spadea (42)	*35 players* HQ. Joshua Parker (15) 1. Joshua Parker (60) 2. Mary Roberge (40) 3. Stephanie George (24) 3. Robert Medeiros (24)	*28-hand:* Frank Bogus Jr.*	
Medeiros Memorial (Wolfeboro NH; 1/31)	Vicki Soule	*69 players* HQ. Barry Spadea (45) 1. Mike Fetchel (147) 2. Donna LaFleur (105) 3. Phil Martin (70) 3. Barry Spadea (70)	*38 players* HQ. Charles Booker (15) 1. Michael D'Elena (60) 2. Charles Booker (40) 3. Mary Burlington (24) 3. Gail Somers (24)`	*28-hand:* Donna LaFleur*	*Friday:* A. J. Kabilian *Canadian Doubles:* Robert Medeiros & Kendra Munkacsy
Keystone Classic Part I (King of Prussia PA; 2/6)	James Ravenscroft & Scott Harker	*40 players* HQ. James Ravenscroft (30) 1. James Ravenscroft (105) 2. Mike Fetchel (70) 3. Jim Bracebridge (42) 3. Kit Ravenscroft (42)	*22 players* HQ. Joseph Murdock (12) 1. Stephen Dugas (40) 2. Joseph Murdock (24) 3. Tom Kilcoyne (12) 3. Michael O'Brien (12)		

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Keystone Classic Part II (King of Prussia PA; 2/7)	James Ravenscroft & Scott Harker	*43 players* HQ. Timothy Havighurst (70) 1. **Joseph Wurman** (105) 2. Howard Eisenberg (70) 3. Timothy Havighurst (42) 3. Chris Leishear (42)	*22 players* HQ. Kit Ravenscroft (9) 1. **Marcia Sommers** (40) 2. Kit Ravenscroft (24) 3. Steve Jesseph (12) 3. Denise Scobee (12)	*28-hand:* Timothy Havighurst*	

This Is Our Club

This is a letter that Club 71 (Grand Rapids MI) sends to potential club members. Feel free to crib from it for your club.

Our club is open to anyone who loves cribbage. There are three minimum requirements you have to meet: (1) be able to count your hand yourself, without help from written notes or another player; (2) be able to play a game in 15–20 minutes; and (3) stay for all nine games. If you can do these, then read on.

We are affiliated with the American Cribbage Congress (cribbage.org), and we play every Tuesday at 6:30p. The first four weeks you can attend the club for free, so that you get a chance to see if it is right for you. After that we'll ask you to join our national organization ($28/year) and then pay $4 dues each week that you show up. This is not like a bowling league, where you let the team down (or have to find a substitute) if you don't come every week. You come when it fits your schedule, and you pay the weekly dues only when you attend. Optional side pools are available if you feel confident enough about your game to enter them. Club dues pay for playing cards, scorecards, incidentals, and yearend awards.

As I said, you don't have to attend every week, but when you do attend you have to stay for the entire night. We play nine games a session, which may sound like a lot if you aren't used to this many, but we play at a pretty good clip (15–20 minutes a game, as noted above), and so wrap everything up in around three hours.

Our club has 50+ members, and we usually have 30+ in attendance each night. We have a wide variety of skill levels—from beginner to advanced—and the age range of our members is mid-20s to early 80s. We meet at the American Legion Boat and Canoe Club (address: 401 N Park Street NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525).

Newcomers are always welcome to come and check us out. If you enjoy cribbage as much as we do, I'm confident that you'll fit right in. I'd be happy to talk more about cribbage if you want to give me a call at 616.401.8311, or you can just show up at the American Legion some Tuesday and play. I look forward to seeing you soon. —*Dave Aiken*

Internet Cribbage

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rank	IRPs	name
1	776	Timothy Julkowski (timoregon2854)
2	694	Gary Brandt (eaglear39)
3	684	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
4	623	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
5	597	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
6	589	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
7	576	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
8	549	John Schafer (netview85)
9	545	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
10	539	David Smith (thecuse5)

Thanks to those of you who have adopted JJ's method of keeping the scorecard up on the screen throughout the tournaments at eCribbage! In doing so, many of you are moving more quickly when your game ends. It is very important that you move on to your next opponent quickly (at both sites). As soon as the winner's peg goes into the game hole, the score is reported in the lobby. The TD and your next opp are waiting and watching, and often we see that several of you haven't even left the table yet. It really should only take you ten seconds to leave the table, look at your scorecard for the next opp, find them to join, or set a new table.

A reminder to always look down the list of waiting players who have already set a table. Please do not set a table and move away from the screen, because if you don't let your next opp in or move to the already set table, you're the one who goes on the timer. You can check the righthand column of players to see where your next opp is. Look at their score to see how long it might be before they'll join you. You can also click your next opp's name on your own scorecard to see if they are your very next opp, or if they may have another game to play before you. This is due to several factors: a DQ may put you ahead because you got to skip a game, broken tables, moving players who didn't look down the list, boot timers, slow players, lousy hands, etc., etc. Sometimes, TDs may not see your issue (or answer your pm) immediately as we may be juggling other problems in the background that you are unaware of, or we may be in the middle of working on it already. Patience is much appreciated, as well as not complaining about waiting. The TD is very aware of how the tourney is moving along, since they are the very last person out of the room. It's not going to be perfect every time, but it's just a game. Have fun!

Point Leader of the Month
Nancy Roncetti (*nunzia*) @ 238 IRPs

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)
Jim Maffa (*jmm396*)

Internet 29-Hands
Gregory Gougian (*gougie00*)

CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

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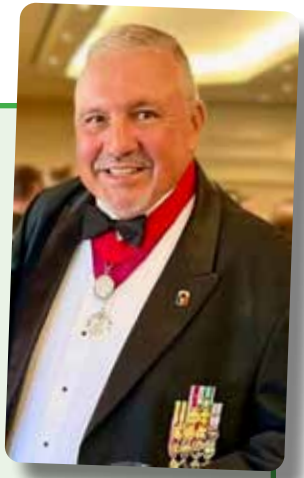
We have mentioned Marco Polo, Bill Gates, Beyoncé, and JayZ in recent stories. Keeping in line with the famous-traveler theme, we will now add Anthony Bourdain to the thread. Maria and I have referenced Anthony in previous CW stories, as his TV shows continue to provide us with advice about foodie destinations. Before I retired, my profession had me traveling all over the world to visit factories and customers. Anthony's series *The Layover* was very similar to what my business trips were like. Traveling from city to city, country to country, rarely staying more than a couple days at any location. I used *The Layover* series often to help determine dining locations as I traveled.

An example of how we connected our current travels to an "Anthony" story is related to my niece's wedding. ⬇ The wedding was set in a small Croatian coastal town, Biograd na Maru. The wedding location looked like it belonged in one of the Mamma Mia movies. Only a short drive from the wedding location was a favorite winery of Anthony's, Bibich Winery. According to Anthony, he had one of "the best meals" of his life there. The day before the wedding, Maria and I took our immediate family there and had a five-star meal. Maria befriended the owner of the winery, and throughout the evening he regaled us with behind-the-scenes stories about Anthony. The winery dinner was wonderful; the wedding was wonderful. And Maria thought the cribbage was wonderful, as she won two of three games.

THIS JUST IN!

+ DARYL DESJARDIN +



Two weekends. Two tournaments. No qualifications to show for it. I went from the Smoky Mountain Classic in Asheville NC, followed by the Land Shark and Emerald Coast Opens in Fort Walton Beach FL in January, and by the time I packed up and headed home, I was in a familiar and uncomfortable place—trying to make sense of losing at a game I genuinely love.

If you're reading this after a rough tournament, you're not alone. **Denise Fortin** recently reminded me of a statistic that hurts and helps at the same time: 75% of players at tournaments don't qualify. Three out of four competitors walk away without advancing. Most of us make that drive home on Sunday afternoon replaying hands, questioning decisions, and wondering what might have been different.

Cribbage isn't chess, where the better player almost always wins if given enough time. Cribbage blends skill, probability, and luck in ways that can humble even experienced players. You can make solid discards, peg carefully, count cleanly—and still lose to a lucky cut or a run of hands that refuses to cooperate. That's not an excuse. It's the nature of the game. And it's what makes losing streaks especially hard. When you know you're playing well but the results don't follow, doubt finds its way in quickly.

Reflecting on these two weekends, I've kept thinking back to the idea of losing honorably. What does that really mean? It means showing up, even when success isn't guaranteed. It means traveling to Asheville and Fort Walton Beach knowing the odds aren't in my favor. It's sitting across from your opponent with respect and focus, regardless of how your card looks. It's counting honestly, owning your mistakes, and genuinely congratulating your opponent without excuses. It's resisting the temptation to blame bad cuts or cruel luck, even when those things are real. Most importantly, it's remembering that your worth as a player—and as a person—isn't defined by whether you qualified this weekend.

When 75% of players don't advance, something unexpected happens: a quiet sense of community. These are the players loading their cars with the same questions running through their minds. Did I play that hand wrong? Am I practicing enough? Will it ever click?

That shared experience is part of what makes cribbage special. Everyone has lost. Often badly. The players qualifying today were in your shoes not that long ago, and the champions you admire have endured their own losing streaks.

So what comes next after back-to-back disappointments? For some, it's studying

1 Weekend 2 Wins

Most of us aspire to win a tournament, ***any*** tournament. But winning ***two*** tournaments on the same weekend is rare. This season, however, it has already happened ***five*** times:

Dawn Diaz wins mains at Laguna Woods and Bonsall CA (Aug. 7 & 9)

Les Kvien prevails in both mains at Hinckley MN (Aug. 8 & 9)

Donald Stockham, after twenty years in the ACC, wins his first—and second—tourney in the same weekend in Topaz NV (Nov. 3 & 5)

Clay Collier triumphs in both mains at Fort Morgan CO (Nov. 22 & 23)

Bryan Gurden carpetbags to Grand Rapids MI and wins a main and a consolation (Nov. 29 & 30)

Who will be next?

Cool Stuff We Found on the Web

Until recently, **Grover Cleveland** was known mainly for being the only US president to have served two nonconsecutive terms. But did you know that he also loved cribbage? To learn more about Grover and his love of the game, go to **greenwichhistory.org** and type "Cleveland cribbage" in the search box.

Thanks to Annett Eiffert (Fair Oaks CA) this reminder.

hands and tightening strategy. For others, it's stepping back, trusting their game, and letting the variance even out. There's no single right answer. What matters is that you keep showing up. That you stay connected to the game and the people who make it meaningful. The cards will turn eventually. Skill doesn't disappear during a losing streak—it waits for opportunity to meet preparation.

There's honor in winning, but there's also honor in losing well. Competing with grace when things aren't going your way is a kind of strength that reaches far beyond the cribbage table.

To everyone in the 75%: you showed up. You competed. You were part of something bigger than yourself. That matters. And next tournament, we try again.

SANCTIONED Tournaments MRPs

as of February 12

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	2288	Bryan Gurden	1	1076	David Aiello	1	1045	Mike Fetchel
2	1109	Bob Brumley	2	791	Haley Hintze	2	674	Robert Medeiros
3	1099	Ray Klocko	3	742	Les Kvien	3	646	Terrance Cushman
4	1045	Roland Hall	4	591	James McCarty	4	529	John Bartlett
5	995	Bob Bartosh	4	591	Doug Page	5	524	Donna LaFleur
6	882	Darlene Stier	6	572	Jim Mahan	6	495	Keith Widener
7	810	Paul Gregson	7	532	Dennis Koehler	7	481	Jerry Hardy
8	782	Duane Toll	8	510	John Syftestad	8	475	Debra Cotter
9	780	William O'Malley	9	498	Robert Chase	9	460	Peter Legendre
10	779	James Langley	10	456	Steven Steinmetz	10	442	Frank Reddy
11	718	Erik Royland Locke	11	446	Allen Karr	10	442	James Sullivan
12	606	Cy Madrone	12	445	Stephen Dugas	12	418	Paul Batterson
13	523	Alice Souza	13	432	Terry Weber	13	414	Richard Nourse
14	489	Bernie Nelson	14	395	Henry Brandner	14	403	Jack Silvia
15	480	Todd Malmgren	15	390	Richard Frost	15	399	David Statz
16	463	Bill Schlabes	16	388	Kevin Mansfield	16	392	Keith Miller
17	455	Donald Stockham	17	368	Jerry Griffin	17	389	William Cormier
18	454	Charlene Cohen	17	368	Doug Whitlock	18	380	Barry Spadea
19	420	Matt Padrow	19	343	Joe Clarke	19	377	Phil Martin
20	401	James Clark	20	337	Marsha Mahan	20	361	Deborah Taylor
21	382	Ryan Huffman	21	325	Wayne Steinmetz	21	359	Frank Bogus Jr
22	378	Wayne Momsen	22	315	Dan Selke	22	335	Vicki Soule
23	372	Paul Hirschmann	23	313	Clay Collier	23	316	Charles Booker
24	369	Jones Hom	24	298	Al Pernicek	24	315	Mary Burlington
25	367	Jeanne Jelke	25	289	Chad Frischmann	25	314	Paige Thomas
26	365	Junko Larsen	25	289	Wade Skaja	26	311	Patrick Robrecht
27	361	Carole Herron	27	286	Scott Sand	27	307	Carlyle Foss
28	356	Wayne Morris	28	274	Deb Kvien	28	305	Michael D'Elena
29	348	Carol Perko	29	270	Pete Severson	29	304	Paul Kane
30	333	Gary Louderback	30	266	Kevin Anderson	30	301	James Ravenscroft
31	314	Dawn Diaz	31	259	Adam Switzer	31	294	Mark Soule
31	314	William Eilers	32	257	Bob Kiley	32	279	Peter Grant
33	310	Dearl McCullough	33	238	Edward Balcer	33	266	Marty Duchow
34	305	David Bute	33	238	Bob Hanes	34	257	Scott Johnson
35	304	Scott Bartosh	35	237	Chad Loupee	35	248	Scott Noble
36	301	Ivan Wells	36	236	Bob Joslin	36	243	Jamie Fincher
37	298	Robert Milk	37	231	Jason Matheny	37	242	Bonnie Fife
37	298	Barbara Stockham	38	230	Jeff Machovsky	38	241	Mary Roberge
39	294	Don Thienel	39	227	Greg Stuecheli	39	232	Jeff Olson
40	291	James Morrow	40	226	Cynthia Wark	40	229	Kendra Munkacsy
41	284	Jennifer Bolles	41	224	Marlene Lazachek	41	222	Scott Earley
41	284	Gordy Wise	42	216	David Brokken	41	222	Todd Smith
43	267	Rick Baird	43	213	Dan Sand	43	214	Lance Browne
44	260	Brad Seger	43	213	Dan Taylor	44	206	Joshua Parker
45	256	Willie Evans	45	209	William Stacey	45	201	Barri Gehrand
45	256	Chris McComas	46	208	Ken Moomey	46	198	Eric Davis
47	254	Tom Brown	47	207	Denise Fortin	47	194	Laurie Hardy
47	254	Carol Williams	47	207	Emilio Perez	48	192	Rick Allen
49	241	Jack Shumate	49	204	Michael Henze	48	192	Jim Correa
50	232	Monica Newton	50	200	Richard May	50	186	Roy Scheffer
						50	186	Peter Setian

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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SCHEDULE OF ACC LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

GRAND NATIONAL		
date	***location***	***tournament directors***
Oct. 14–18, 2026	Sheraton 300 3rd St Niagara Falls NY 14303 *phone:* 716.278.2695	David Aiken Katie VanHuis Mark Soule Vicki Soule
Nov. 1–7, 2027	Doubletree by Hilton 322 N Spokane Falls Ct Spokane WA 99201 *phone:* 509.455.9600	James Morrow Rick Baird Kat Hartsell
TOC & ACC OPEN		
March 6–8, 2026 March 4–7, 2027 March 2–5, 2028 March 1–4, 2029	J Resort 345 N Arlington Ave Reno NV 89501 *phone:* 866.386.7829	Peggy & Rick Shea Patrick Barrett Todd Schaefer
NATIONAL OPEN		
July 16–20, 2026	Double Tree (RDU) 4810 Page Creek Ln Durham NC 27703 *phone:* 919.941.6000	Megan Player Jennifer Johnson David Aiken

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CA ◆ Feb. 27–Mar. 1, Northern California Open
Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jennifer Bolles

WI ◆ Feb. 27–Mar. 1, Go Green Bay
Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

NV ◆ Mar. 2–4, Topaz Classic
Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardnerville NV 89410. TD: Bev Castillo (775.453.3715) & Alice Souza

Reno, Nevada ◆ The Big One!
J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501
March 5 ◆ Reno Opener TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)
March 5 ◆ Canadian Doubles TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett
March 6 ◆ TOC TD: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059) & Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116)
March 7–8 ◆ JPW/ACC Open TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)
see entry form online

OR ◆ Mar. 14–15, The Grape Escape
Ruby Vineyard & Winery, 30088 SW Egger Rd, Hillsboro OR 97123. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Steve Hendricks

MA ◆ Mar. 15, Corned Beef & Cribbage
American Legion, 9 Houghton St, Webster MA 01570. TD: Rick Montague (508.414.4684) & Paige Thomas

MA ◆ New England Festival Doubleheader
Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Mike D'Elena
Mar. 20, New England Festival #1
Mar. 21–22, New England Festival #2

OR ◆ Mar. 20–22, Northwest Open
Elks, 1896 2nd St, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Rob Palmer (541.519.7910) & Pat Reynolds

MI ◆ Mar. 21, Battle in the Creek
Westlake Presbyterian Church, 415 28th St S, Battle Creek MI 49015. TD: Dave Boyer (268.788.1289)

CHARITABLE DONATIONS BY TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Depoe Bay Challenge:
$55 to Youth Cribbage

American Pride:
$250 to DAV of Wisconsin

AK ◆ Mar. 21, Alaska State Championship
Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: C.J. Kim (907.245.2687) & Arlene Carle

AZ ◆ Mar. 21–22, Arizona Screaming Eagles
Crooks House, 10938 W Tropicana Circle, Sun City AZ 85351. TD: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234) & June Fordham

WI ◆ Mar. 27–29, Mick Michaelis Classic
Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ◆ Mar. 27–29, Willamette River Roundup
Moose, 2011 Laura St, Springfield OR 97477. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Betty Brumley

CT ◆ Mar. 28, Blarney Stone Battle
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Phil Martin (860.768.2681) & Barbara Barbour

MA ◆ Mar. 29, Weekend in New England
Mill at French River, 9 Frederick St, Webster MA 01570. TD: Stephen Dugas (774.406.8761) & Rick Montague

OR ◆ Newport Cluster
American Legion, 424 W Olive St, Newport OR 97365
Apr. 4–5, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial TD: Pete & Junko Larsen (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird
Apr. 6–7, Spring Fling TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen
Apr. 9–10, Alsea River Open TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Momsen
Apr. 11–12, Dean Bauman Memorial TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

NY ◆ Apr. 10–12, Western New York Open
VFW, 2985 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg NY 14075. TD: Robyn Boldt (716.648.1830) & Russell Bentley

NC ◆ Spring Fling Doubleheader
DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player
Apr. 10, Friday Pre-Fling
Apr. 11–12, Raleigh Spring Fling

MN ◆ Apr. 10–12, April Fools Challenge
Moose Lodge, 413 Third Ave, Proctor MN 55810. TD: Gordy Jurek (218.213.1946) & Ed Balcer

WY ◆ Cheyenne Doubleheader
American Legion, 2001 E Lincolnway, Cheyenne WY 82001. TD: Jim & Margaret Rosso (307.631.2741)

Apr. 11, Cheyenne Open One-Day Challenge
Apr. 12, Cheyenne Spring Roundup

WI ◆ Apr. 17–19, Dianne Gurney Memorial
Comfort Inn, N6295 Holiday Dr, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

CA ◆ Apr. 18, Napa Wine Country Open
Moose, 3275 Browns Valley Rd, Napa CA 94558. TD: Roland Hall (707.738.0799) & Yvonne Bowers

ME ◆ Apr. 18, Pine Tree Open
Sea Dog Brew Pub, 26 Front St, Bangor ME 04401. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Rich Crosby

OR ◆ Apr. 18–19, Somebunny's Getting Skunked
Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Craig Smith

MT ◆ Billings Doubleheader
Hampton Inn & Suites, 3550 Ember Ln, Billings MT 59102. TD: Richard Rudio (406.671.0339) & Greg Dibble
Apr. 18–19, Magic City Main
Apr. 20–21, Trailhead Main

SD ◆ Deadwood Doubleheader
Lodge at Deadwood, 100 Pine Crest Ln, Deadwood SD 57732. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Patrick & Linda Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett
Apr. 23–24, Deadwood Open
Apr. 25, Aces & Eights
Apr. 26, Calamity Jane Open

CA ◆ Apr. 25, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

NC ◆ Winston-Salem Doubleheader
Courtyard by Marriott, 1600 Westbrook Plaza Dr, Winston-Salem NC 27103. TD: Keith Widener (336.971.8504) & Jennifer Johnson
May 1, Winston-Salem Open
May 2–3, North Carolina Open

WI ◆ May 1–3, Peg for Pink
Best Western, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

CA ◆ Humboldt Doubleheader
Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503. TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.6747) & Sheryl Brekke
May 2, Humboldt Bay One-Day
May 2–3, Humboldt Bay Classic

CA ◆ May 9, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

OR ◆ May 9, Liberty, Luck & Skunks One-Day
Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Craig Smith

ME ◆ May 16, Maine State Championships
Elks, 317 High St, Ellsworth ME 04605. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Rich Crosby

CO ◆ Loveland Doubleheader
Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Mike Poole
May 16, MVP2.0 Spring Fling #1
May 17, MVP2.0 Spring Fling #2

NV ◆ Pahrump Doubleheader
Senior Center, 1370 W Basin Ave, Pahrump NV 89060. TD: Bill Eilers (919.457.6351) & Jennifer Bolles
May 16, Spring Paranormal Open #1
May 17, Spring Paranormal Open #2

CA ◆ Jerry Montgomery Memorial
Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jim Langley & Jennifer Bolles
May 22, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #1
May 23–24, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #2

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WA ◆ Spokane Memorial Doubleheader
DoubleTree, 322 N Spokane Falls Ct, Spokane WA 99201. TD: Kat Hartsell (509.850.6077) & James Morrow
May 22, Washington State Open
May 23–24, Spokane Memorial Weekend

CA ◆ May 23, EEC Barnyard Bonanza
Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte (760.751.2073)

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Youth Tourneys

March 28 ◆ Penn Valley Sierra (Penn Valley CA)

June 27 ◆ Youth Grand National (Reno NV)

MT ◆ Montana Spring Roundup
May 26–28, Capital City Spring Roundup Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn
June 2–4, Copper City Classic East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands
May 29–31, Garden City Classic Westside Lanes, 1615 Wyoming St, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Sandi Cuerth (406.207.8529) & Karl Paddock
June 5–7, Territorial Prison Classic Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Gary Louderback
June 8–10, Anaconda Spring Stack Elks, 223 Main St, Anaconda MT 59711. TD: Duane Brugman (406.560.0770) & Vicki Ross

CT ◆ May 30, Carl Deyette Memorial
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Charles Booker (860.726.6921) & Barbara Barbour

CA ◆ June 6, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

OR ◆ June 6, Willamette River Classic
Moose, 2011 Laura St, Springfield OR 97477. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Betty Brumley

MN ◆ Walleye Doubleheader
City Center, 121 Center St E #101, Roseau MN 56751. TD: Les Kvien (847.420.4075) & Bob Chase
June 12, Walleye Open #1
June 13, Walleye Open #2

CT ◆ June 13, Stars & Stripes Showdown
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Don Janelle (860.490.0712) & Barbara Barbour

SC ◆ Columbia Doubleheader
Hilton Garden, 8910 Farrow Rd, Columbia SC 29203. TD: Jennifer Curnow (803.240.2198) & June Fordham
June 19, Palmetto State Open
June 20–21, Soda City Classic

MI ◆ June 19–21, Yooper Classic
Northern Waters Casino, N5284 US-45, Watersmeet MI 49969. TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632) & Bernie Brentar

NV ◆ June 26–28, Independence Day Classic
J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.599.4605)

OR ◆ Springfield Doubleheader
Moose, 2011 Laura St, Springfield OR 97477. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Betty Brumley
July 3, Super One-Dayer
July 4–5, 4th of July Special

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

IL ◆ Marv Lang Memorial Doubleheader
American Legion, 820 N Liberty St, Elgin IL 60120. TD: Dan Selke (847.877.3875) & Jerry Griffin
July 10, Marv Lang Memorial #1
July 11, Marv Lang Memorial #2

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 10, Depoe Bay Shuffle
July 11–12, Shut Up and Deal

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NC ◆ NOCT Cluster
Double Tree (RDU), 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703
July 16–17, Open Opener TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Mark Soule, & John Hazlett
July 17–20, National Open TD: Megafer (919.518.3626)
July 20, Come Monday TD: Jennimeg (617.515.2232)

WI ◆ Stetsonville Doubleheader
Community Center, 412 Centennial Ave, Stetsonville WI 54480. TD: Henry Brandner (715.748.3982) & Tom Briski
July 23–24, Heart of Wisconsin Classic
July 25–26, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic

WA ◆ Pasco Tripleheader
Eagles, 2829 W Sylvester St, Pasco WA 99301. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Kat Hartsell
July 23–24, Weekday Challenge
July 25, Summer Classic
July 26, Western Region Championship

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July 2026

JULY 16-17	Open Opener - *Pay at door* - 7/16/26 Registration 1-2:20pm Consolation Friday 7/17/26 Registration 8:30-9am - Play at 10am
JULY 17 - 20	Many tournaments including the Friday Early Bird, Saturday Night Special, Loser's Losers, Canadian Doubles, and High Rollers
JULY 18-20	National Open Cribbage Tournament Double Elimination Playoffs $5,000 of extra prize money 20% boost of MRPs
JULY 20	Come Monday 12 games with play-offs in the afternoon. Play starts at 8:30 am

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40 Years Ago

The front cover reports that TOC #4 was won by **Frank Schweig** (IL), with **Dick Graham** (CO) in second. Dick would later win the 1993 TOC. TOC #4 was the last one held at Karl's Silver Club in Sparks NV.

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Kochenburg Repeats TOC Win

Dulin Wins JPW/ACC Open

25 Years Ago

The front cover reports that **Dale Kochenburg** (CA) won the TOC for the second time (he also won in 1986). To date, only Kochenburg, **Larry Samet** (1989 and 2002), and **Erik Locke** (2014 and 2020) have won this prestigious event twice. In a cribbage player's dream weekend, **Virgil Dulin** (NC) took second in the TOC ***and*** won the ACC Open!

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Bruce Bieri

Bruce Bieri (Greenville WI) passed away on February 5 at age 74. Bruce was a longtime cribbage player who joined the ACC in 2012. He fine-tuned his cribbage game at Barrett's Auction Center in the '80s and '90s while visiting their weekly auctions on Tuesday nights. Bruce was an accomplished auctioneer himself, winning auction awards and running a successful company in Wild Rose WI for many years. Bruce played his final tourney at GN 43 in Deadwood SD in 2025.

Anna Dunn

Our Northern California cribbage family lost one of its elders when Anna Dunn, 89, passed on January 22. Anna, from Redding CA, loved to play cribbage and turned that passion into promoting ACC cribbage in the north state over the last twenty-five years. She was one of the founders of Redding Peggers Club 205—and club director until 2014. She also started the ACC tournaments at Win-River Resort & Casino, where she was TD until 2015. She qualified in the 19th Northern California Open last March. Anna earned her Bronze Award and was more than halfway toward Silver. Anna was known for her sweet disposition, sense of humor, resilience, and cribbage prowess. Many an opponent struggled to get into position, only to become a victim of a skunk. Although retired for many years, Anna had an interesting career in the field of mental health counseling. She also taught at Shasta Community College. In her later years she was an avid crocheter, accompanied always by her beloved dog. Anna was matriarch of a large extended family, who, along with her cribbage friends, will miss her greatly. Thank you, Anna, for the many ways you've touched people's lives.

Bradley McCourt

Mat-Su Peggers Club 354 in Wasilla AK lost a wonderful member and cribbage player on January 20, when Bradley McCourt passed away at age 74. Family and friends packed out the United Methodist Church for his memorial service. Rest in peace, Brad. We already miss you!

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