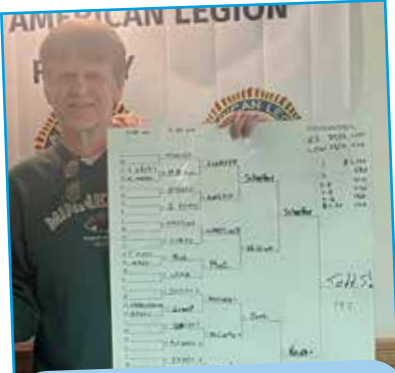


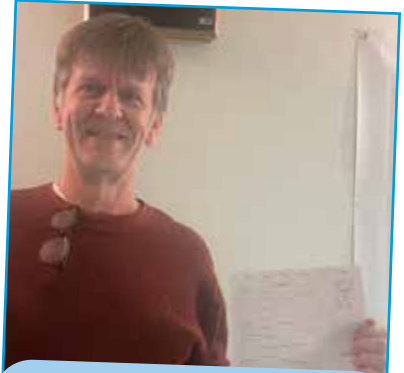
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Todd Schaefer wins **4** main tourneys in a row!



Minnesota Snowball
January 30 in Chaska MN



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January 31 in Chaska MN



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March 5 in Reno NV



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April 12 in Proctor MN





Niagara Falls is not just a vacation destination, it's also on most people's bucket list. As a result, prices for hotels and food are higher than at a typical tournament—but try booking a Niagara hotel without a group rate!

Grand National 44 is fortunate to be hosted by the Sheraton on October 14-18. We have free playing space in a beautiful venue only a couple blocks from the falls (easily walkable!).

The Sheraton is, however, filling up fast. The peak nights—Friday the 16th and Saturday the 17th—are still available at the Sheraton, but before and after these dates are available only at a sister property: Wyndham Garden (6141 Fallsview Blvd).

The Wyndham is honoring the same group rates as at the Sheraton. Unfortunately, the Wyndham is sold out on the peak nights, so you will have to book at both hotels, with a move from Wyndham to Sheraton on Friday.

To book at the Wyndham before 10/15 (checkout 10/16), go to this link: tinyurl.com/227kd8s3

To book at the Sheraton for Friday and Saturday nights, go to this link: tinyurl.com/y5jnpzc7

Finally, keep a watchful eye on your online reservation. When rooms are cancelled, they go back into the ACC's block and become available, so you may find a room at the Sheraton if you are vigilant.

GN 44 directors
David Aiken • Katie VanHuis
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Two months in advance, send info about member birthdays ending in a zero—and all birthdays over 100!—to cwed152@gmail.com or 334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404.

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President's Column

by James Morrow



Doc Bauman It's April, and that means the Oregon Coast Cluster is happening. There are four tournaments in eight days:

- Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial (directed by **Pete and Junko Larsen**)
- Spring Fling (directed by **Rick Baird**)
- Alsea River Open (directed by **Wayne Momsen** and **Carole Herron**)
- Dean Bauman Memorial (directed by **Monica Newton**)

We have eight days of cribbage action, including Grass Roots and a doubles event, plus a day off for sightseeing.

I traveled to the 2015 Grand National with **Dean Bauman** → and **Willie Evens**. From Tri Cities WA to Boise ID then on to Yankton SD.

Dean was a very fun man. He was a cowboy poet and shared his poetry at several GN banquets. He had many stories. If you didn't know him, I will share a few of his stories.

Doc was a veterinarian, and he liked to say: "My biggest client is Keiko the Whale." Keiko was the start of the *Free Willy* movie.

Doc traveled to Norway with Keiko to return the whale to its natural habitat. The plane broke a landing gear on the landing, so Doc and the crew were stranded on a small island waiting for parts. Of course, those parts arrived by helicopter, as the plane was sitting on the runway.

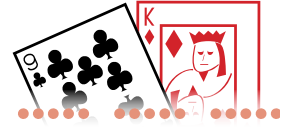
Doc had many adventures outside of cribbage, including travel to Alaska for the annual Iditarod Trail Dog Sled race. He didn't have a sled or team of dogs; he went to care for dogs that got hurt or exhausted during the race. He said all the dogs were taken to the women's penitentiary. The female inmates also helped care for the dogs. Doc said every morning he would check in through the security gates and walk into the area where they housed the dogs and announce: "Good morning, Ladies. Where do I get my latte?" He got a few chuckles but mostly dry looks.

On the last day of the race, he walked in and the ladies were all standing in a group (in my mind there are several hundred; it may have been only a dozen). They all stepped to the side, making a tunnel for Dean to walk down. The last lady stepped to the side, and there on the counter was a latte. He smiled and said: "I don't even wanna know what you gals had to do for this." He said that every one of them smiled that day.

It's great to have memorial tournaments for the great players and great people who came before us. Next time you attend a memorial, take time to ask about the person who is being remembered. Or, if you know them, tell a story or two about them.



Your Deal



Letters to CW will be printed on a space-available basis and may be condensed or edited for clarity and length (150 words maximum). Send letters to **cwedd152@gmail.com** or 334 Pine St, Coopersville MI 49404. Please include your name, city, and state.

Refuse to Play a Short Game

I just read your column on slow play [April *Cribbage World*, pages 6–7] and the new policy regarding starting positions when games start to get behind. I think this is a good policy. I have a question though. I was recently at a tournament and there was a backup of two full games. The tournament director was advised and told the next players that they needed to start the next game short (I believe it was at hole 30; this was before the policy was published). One of the players, who was a well-seasoned player, absolutely refused to start at that hole, saying that he would not as it could affect his ability to get a possible skunk. Several judges came over as well, but the player would not budge. Ultimately, the game was allowed to start as normal in the starting holes. So my question is: what recourse does a tournament director have when faced with this issue? Someone refuses to start at hole 28 (or 58 late in the tournament)? Is there any sort of policy for when this happens? I appreciate your response.

Debra Cotter (Norwood MA)

CW's response: Thanks for your question. The solution to this is simple: a player must follow the directions of the tournament director or they don't play. Tournament players are obligated to follow any deviations from the rules (like this one) in order to facilitate the smooth running of the tournament. Apparently, this player forgot that it is a privilege to play a tournament—not a right.

Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	53.9% (41–35)	54.3% (88–74)	✓54.4% (105–88)
biggest win	+45 vs. Eric Mone (OR) @ Club 12	✓+64 vs. Tim Cuppy (MN) @ Club 215	+42 vs. MikeD'Elena (RI) @ Abington
worst loss	✓-42 vs. Joanne Kicken (WA) @ Club 12	-43 vs. Richard May (IL) @ Reno	-52 vs. Scott Milo (OR) @ Reno Opener

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

The February *Cribbage World* published a quiz about the dealer and pone pegging 41 points between them. As stated, the Cribbage Quiz in that magazine is correct: there is only one way for the pone to peg 12 and the dealer to peg 29 points in a single deal.

Farokh Ziari (Fremont CA) pointed out to me that we can, however, increase these numbers. He proposes a new question: how can the pone peg 12 (or 14) points and the dealer peg 30 points in a single deal?

This requires the same general setup, whereby both the pone and the dealer hold two identical pairs. But in this scenario, we have three requirements: (1) one pair must be 7s; (2) the second pair must be 4s, 5s, or 6s; and (3) the 7s must be played first.

Here's how the first pegging sequence goes:

pone	7		7 (for 6)	
dealer		7 (for 2)		7 (for 13)
running count	7	14	21	28

And the second pegging sequence follows next, using the 4s in this example:

pone	4		4 (for 6)	
dealer		4 (for 2)		4 (for 13)
running count	4	8	12	16

This yields 12 pegging points for the pone just like above, but because there are two go's, the dealer gets an extra point to score 30 points!

But what about the parenthetical "or 14" a couple paragraphs above. How can the pone score 14 points? If the second sequence uses 5s, the pone will score 15-2 in addition to triple 5s:

pone	5		5 (for 8)	
dealer		5 (for 2)		5 (for 13)
running count	5	10	15	20

Keep those cards and letters coming. It's always fun to see what's bouncing around inside the creative minds of ACC players.

Official BOD Announcement

Membership Fees & Grass Roots Dues

Effective May 1, 2026, the entire fee structure for ACC membership, Grass Roots dues, and internet play has been revamped by the board of directors to create a **single membership fee** that covers all three systems—MRPs, GRPs, and IRPs.

This new structure will create a streamlined process that will alleviate chronic confusion experienced by new players (“What? I just paid \$20 and now I have to pay \$8 more?!”) and by ACC staff in transferring money from one account to another to make sure that all Grass Roots and ACC dues are properly accredited. In addition, this new fee structure will eliminate the service fee charged for using the online payment system.

To solve these problems and others, the BOD made the following changes:

- **Grass Roots dues go away.** Club directors will no longer collect dues, and players will no longer write \$8 checks for Grass Roots.
- **Youth play for free.** Charging youth to play Grass Roots never made much sense (they grow up too fast to earn awards), so now they do not have to pay anything until they age out of the youth program.
- **Membership fee increases.** The membership fee will increase to \$30 annually, with joint membership at \$45. This single, flat fee—with no extra charge for online payments—applies to all ACC members and allows full access to everything we offer: MRPs, IRPs, GRPs.
- **Life membership is eliminated.** Removing the life member option (announced in the April *Cribbage World*) will alleviate both accounting and logistical problems, plus we’ve averaged only a couple life members a year for the past decade or so. It just wasn’t a “bestseller”!

These changes are designed to be revenue neutral, although we may see a slight dip in revenue as we transition into the single-fee system.

These changes are designed to provide noticeable improvements in the services we provide to our members, but since increases in dues are usually met with derision, here are answers to a couple of objections:

- **“But I don’t play club!”** — We recognize that not every member plays in all three ACC divisions. But now all three divisions are available to all members without any additional fees.
- **“Joint membership goes from \$25 to \$45? That’s way too much!”** — Look at it this way: the previous joint fee was \$25, plus both joint members paid \$8 for Grass Roots, so they were paying \$41 annually prior to this. An increase to \$45 is only \$2 per person, which matches exactly the increase for individual membership: previously \$28 (\$20 + \$8) and now \$30.

Over the years, the ACC has been reluctant to raise dues. We started at \$2 a year in 1979, and the last raise was to \$20 in February 2016—over ten years ago! The current \$2 increase is more than justified by the benefits that the ACC provides our members.

THIS JUST IN!

✦ DARYL DESJARDIN ✦

Growing up, nearly every morning of our childhood, Mom and Dad would sit at the kitchen table and play three games of cribbage. It was a cherished routine, as constant as the sunrise. The sight of the board, cards, pegs, and the familiar counting of points became a comforting backdrop to our early days. As kids, we may not have fully grasped the significance of what we were witnessing, but we knew it held a special place in our hearts. My little sister, **Denise Fortin**, and I were captivated observers of this daily ritual. We were just kids absorbing it all.

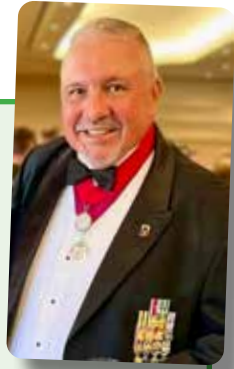
Denise and I watched, grew curious, and eventually—around five or six years old—Mom sat us down and taught us. The counting, the pegging, the crib, all of it. She was patient and clear, the way she was about most things. She also came with her own vocabulary. Count out a hand and you'd hear her sing out: "Fifteen-two, fifteen-four, that's all there is—there ain't no more." Miss on a count and she'd deadpan: "I got what Patty shot at." And when the dreaded 19 hand appeared, she'd offer a dismissive: "Ne rien"—French for "nothing"—with the air of someone who had made peace with that particular injustice long ago. To this day, you may hear Denise and me still proclaim those phrases, and Mom is with us whenever we do.

Little did she know that her guidance would instill a lifelong passion in us. Mom had a unique talent for planting seeds that would flourish long after she had moved on to other tasks.

Our mother, **Paulina DesJardin**, was the heart and soul of our family. She was not a mere background figure but the very essence of our home, radiating love and strength in all she did. A talented seamstress, she sewed clothes with precision and decorated cakes so exquisite that they were almost too beautiful to eat. Cooking was another one of her many talents, all of which she developed from scratch despite a challenging upbringing. Her warmth filled every room she entered, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her.

As we approach Mother's Day, the absence of Mom weighs heavily on my heart. I urge those of you who still have your mothers with you to shower them with love and appreciation. Don't wait for a distant tribute to express your gratitude; seize every opportunity to tell her how much she means to you. Cherish the moments you have together, for they are truly precious.

Denise and I found our way to the American Cribbage Congress because of the daily games played by our parents. Mom may not have known about the ACC, but she sparked our curiosity, love for the game, and the connections we've made along the way. With every move of the cribbage pegs, Mom's spirit remains present in the room. This Mother's Day, let's honor and celebrate the remarkable women in our lives who have shaped us into who we are today.



The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



During an end-game pegging situation, it's very easy to be so focused on the next card played that we lose focus on what chain of events that play could cause—and how it can cost us a game.

You are dealer from 8 out, and the pone needs 18 points with first count. You keep A-5-10-10, the cut is an Ace, and the pone leads a 4. At first glance our hold looks pretty good: we have enough to go out, and we have a pretty good separation of cards, so we can avoid getting stuck in potential runs. Our first play is pretty rudimentary: play the 10. The pone could have a 12-point hand with an A-4-X combo, but giving up only two points for that info should be to our benefit.

After our play, the pone plays a 6 to make the count 20. Okay, that's easy: we know he doesn't have an A, so we play our 10 and then our Ace for 31.

Is this a good play? Well, if you think that was a good play, then get ready to congratulate your opponent on a great win, as he has two 5s remaining and scores nine points to steal the game. After pone's second play, alarm bells should have been ringing that he had the 4-5-6 combo in some form, so he likely had a 14-point hand. That gave us three points to play with, so we have to avoid holding the lone 5 to the end. Make the count 21 with your Ace. If he makes the count 31 with a picture, his hand is not strong enough to win, so there is no harm. If he does he have the 5-5 combo we trap it for 31-for-4 and 15-for-3. This is not enough for us to peg out, but it shuts the pone out from any pegging at all.

So always think a play ahead in these situations, and you won't be having sleepless nights over lost opportunities.

Rob loves to stifle the pone's pegging! Email questions to mrob2199@aol.com.



Where are John and Maria playing cribbage now? (page 19)

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

The past two years, I have written columns about the National Open Cribbage Tournament, which played a huge part in the formation of the American Cribbage Congress in August 1979. The NOCT started in 1974, and this terrific legacy event will celebrate its 51st anniversary this summer!

But this wasn't the only large cribbage event when the ACC was formed. In fact, in the early years of the ACC an annual western event was larger and had been around longer than the National Open.

The World Championship Cribbage Tournament in Quincy CA began in 1972 and was typically a one-day event held on the first Saturday of May. ACC legend **Everett Bey** helped start WCCT through his position as owner of Feather River Publishing Company in Plumas County CA. The Plumas County Chamber of Commerce and the Quincy Rotary Club provided a great deal of support for this full-day event, which included singles and doubles competition, along with lunch and dinner and an awards ceremony.

Ev was appointed to the ACC board of directors by President **Joe Wergin** in April 1980 and immediately assumed major positions in the ACC, culminating in president from 1994 to 1999. Bey was so involved from the start that he was elected to the ACC Hall of Fame in 1983, the fifth person to get that honor. I met Ev in August 1980 when he was my very first opponent at the National Open. In those days, the matches were best four of seven, with skunks counting as two wins. Bey crushed me by 57 points in the first game, but I won the next two games by 32 and 38 points and the match was over! We quickly became friends, and I really enjoyed working with the man known as the SOB (Sweet Old Bey) for the next twenty years on matters important to the ACC.

This column was inspired by **Thomas Brackett** from Oregon, who was a Quincy resident for many years. Bey encouraged me to attend the World Championship in Quincy, and I made the long trip west once in the early 1980s. The scenery around Quincy was spectacular, and the Plumas County Fairgrounds were really neat. I remember meeting people such as **Ron Logan** (longtime ACC director and Hall of Famer), **Plumas Stokes**, and **Nick Ayoob**. Ron and wife **Laurie** are one of the great all-time couples in ACC history. Plumas was such a wonderful guy with great stories, and Nick won the World Championship tourney three times! Brackett told me that Nick owned the largest department store in Quincy.

I also remember winning a whopping \$25 at the tournament! Because the WCCT \$40 entry fee included a buffet lunch, a steak dinner, and monies for Plumas County community service projects, the cash payouts for cribbage winners were not very large. But the friendship, scenery, and ambience were well worth the trip! I believe the WCCT

Scott knows so much ACC history because he has lived through most of it—and has done just about everything in the ACC: BOD member, VP, president, national MRP champ x2, All American x7, tournament director, and youngest person elected to the ACC's Hall of Fame.

Growing your Cribbage Club



Opal's Seedlings



Start a Club in Your Community

Are you looking for a fun way to connect with others in your community? Whether you're interested in a relaxed lite club gathering or a more structured traditional nine-game group, now is the perfect time to get involved and start something new.

Game-based clubs are a great way to bring people together, build friendships, and create lasting memories. From casual, social play to more competitive formats, there's something for everyone—no matter your experience level.

Starting a new group is easier than you might think. With just a few interested participants and a shared enthusiasm for games, you can create a welcoming environment where everyone feels included. These clubs can meet regularly, rotate locations, and even grow into larger community events over time.

If you're interested in starting a club, reach out to Grassroots Commissioner Ivan Wells at grcommissioner@gmail.com to learn more and get started.

Or, if you're interested in finding a group in your area, contact Membership Secretary Brenda Nason at membership@cribbage.org.

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

attracted 284 entries in 1981 for a long day of cribbage and amenities.

Through the ACC's early years, WCCT was annually the largest sanctioned tourney in the nation. To throw out some names: **Jesse Jarrell** won in 1983; **Plumas Stokes** was the 1985 champion when WCCT reached its largest total of 376 players; **J.C. Turner** (OR) bested 362 players in 1986; and **Greg Schleusner** won the 1987 title among 284 entries when the Quincy event was the third largest sanctioned tourney in the ACC.

In the 1990s, **Mike Taborski** of Quincy took over as director of WCCT, and **Ev Bey** won first place in 1992. The Silver Anniversary event in 1996 drew 372 players from across the nation, and **Jeff Monroe** (CA) captured the title. ACC Hall of Famer **Jim Langley** (CA) beat out 192 players to win the WCCT crown in the 30th annual event in his ACC championship year of 2001. In 2002, **Fred Bascom** (CA) won first place in the field of 188 players, and that was the final year the World Championship Cribbage Tournament was held.

All in all, it was quite a run of thirty-one years for this big cribbage event in the beautiful area of Quincy and Plumas County.

GRASS ROOTS CLUBS

official GRPs only, as of 4/12



Division 1	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	394 Thomas Beucler (388)
	2	299 Douglas Myers (329)
	3	296 Bernard Brentar (390)
	4	291 James Ravenscroft (175)
	5	272 David Peterson (218)
	6	266 Frank Hanson (198)
	7	265 Bobby Ramelow (198)
	8	261 Duane Toll (62)
	9	260 Richard Anderson (204)
	9	260 Peyton Reum (430)
	11	258 Mike McCammon (62)
	12	253 Greg Schleusner (46)
	13	252 Kris Bailey (79)
	14	250 Frank Danielski (90)
	15	249 Jerry Hardy (431)
	16	248 William O'Malley (46)
	17	245 James Endres (11)
	17	245 Chad Frischmann (445)
	19	243 Mike Fetchel (26)
	19	243 Dan Vogel (224)
	21	241 Harvey Bourdeau (308)
	21	241 David Gerke (300)
	21	241 Marc Hachey (190)
	24	239 Chris Kim (177)
	24	239 Dennis O'Neil (459)
	24	239 Peter Setian (72)
	27	238 Terry Goatz (463)
	27	238 Michael Leonard (396)
	29	237 David Hayden (391)
	29	237 John McCready (104)
	31	235 Gerald Sabick (399)
	32	234 Scott Bartosh (472)
	33	233 Jerry Ellis (119)
	33	233 Jack Lien (113)
	33	233 Albert Moy (290)
	36	231 Lee Frostad (69)
	36	231 Tom Jackson (440)
	36	231 Joseph Murdock (175)
	36	231 Bob Prochnow (79)
	40	230 Daulph Plummer (354)
	40	230 Farokh Ziari (43)
	42	227 Barbara Berg-Fennessey (230)
	42	227 Jeremy Krieger (46)
	42	227 Stanley Primc (199)
	45	225 Peter Koski (368)
	46	223 Bob Bartosh (453)
	46	223 Robert Lenz (445)
	48	222 Joseph Ferguson (393)
	48	222 Adrian Levy (374)
	50	221 Mike Berberich (204)

Division 1 = 3,141 players ♦ Division 4 = 816 players

rank	GRPs name (club)
51	220 Gary Rasmussen (232)
51	220 Rick Vee (96)
53	219 Steve DePouw (229)
53	219 William Eilers (360)
53	219 Callie Ostrowski (161)
53	219 Barry Spadea (464)
57	218 Haley Hintze (3)
57	218 Jessica LeBeau (285)
57	218 Howard Pearson (96)
57	218 Mike Poole (345)
57	218 Sara Sandey (215)
62	217 Paul Eugene Dysart (251)
62	217 Michael Sofaly (243)
64	216 Sylvia Bergquist (140)
65	215 Rick Westerman (379)
66	214 Diane Harvey (113)
66	214 Lou Tousignant (368)
66	214 Doug Weier (436)
69	213 Henry Brandner (445)
69	213 Tom Durkin (410)
69	213 Doug Griffith (295)
69	213 Sharon Liotta (147)
73	212 Terry Greenawald (127)
74	211 Edward Balcer (399)
74	211 Lee Bennett (459)
74	211 Richard Horvath (6)
74	211 Theo Mattingly (43)
78	210 Gregory Gougian (314)
78	210 Gerald Nickels (108)

Division 4	rank	GRPs name (club)
	1	249 David Bute (433)
	2	214 Robert Lewis (54)
	3	207 Lynn Rieke (194)
	4	198 Rhonda Perry (336)
	5	191 Erik Royland Locke (28)
	6	189 Quentin Campbell (475)
	6	189 Dana Harvey (118)
	8	179 Tony Dierickx (477)
	8	179 Kyle Morrill (395)
	10	177 James Kulpa (376)
	11	175 Dennis Kassebaum (344)
	12	174 Howard Terry (336)
	13	172 John Mealy (118)
	14	171 Pat Reynolds (38)
	15	170 Joseph Hays (499)
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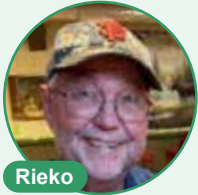


edited by **Michael Barrett**

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

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We now include all Grass Roots 28s, 29s, and grand slams in this column. The automated list is reducing the workload on our COO Mr. Aiken, but we still want to publish photos of the rare stuff: 29-hands are good ones to send. Congratulations to all the award winners so far, and the last quarter of the season promises many more.

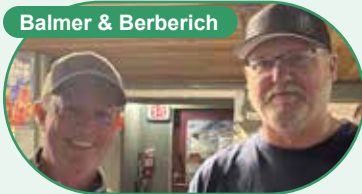


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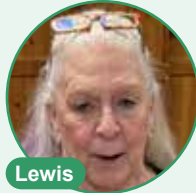
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Club 219 (Columbia NH)—on March 27, **Larry Pryor** ↑ told his opponent, **Mike Manley**, that his wife had scored her first ever 28-hand the previous week. Mike then proceeded to deal Larry his first ever 28-hand to even out the family bragging rights.

March Big Hands (name, state, club)

29-Hands (5)

Beverly Castillo (NV), 222
Joellen Froseth (SD), 251
Joe Gates (CO), 34
Guy Heald (CA), 374
Lynn Rieko (CA), 194 ↑

28-Hands (42)

Dan Balmer (WA), 415 ↑
Ernie Barnett (ID), 202
Craig Bennett (MI), 300
Mike Berberich (WA), 415 ↑
Verdell Brand (SD), 96
Brian Brandt (AK), 354
Regan Dean (MT), 410
Kevin Decoteau (NH), 408
Susan Flynn (NJ), 175 ↑

Lee Frostad (WA), 69
Gary Girard (AZ), 408
Paul Gregson (CA), 54
Dale Henry (NC), 346
Ronald Hilson (FL), 444
Jeff Hinrichs (WA), 232
Roy Hohn (CO), 34 ↑
Karen Holdstock (OR), 12
Garth S Howell (OR), 395
Joe Kirkwood (CA), 306
Steve Lancaster (WA), 274
Jessica LeBeau (OR), 46
Christi Lewis (WA), 108 ↑
Alan Luke (WA), 148
Brian McIntosh (WA), 108 ↑
John McPherson (FL), 147
John Miller (OR), 46
Karen Misluk (AZ), 408

Peter Morris (NC), 346
Ron Mundt (WA), 426
Valerie Nozick (WA), 108
Brian O'Connor (ID), 202
Jeffrey Potter (IL), 3
Lawrence Pryor (VT), 219 ↑
Ken Quast (WA), 39
Aldo Reitsma (MA), 109
Nancy Rojas (CA), 162
Bethany Rolfson (CA), 154
Randy Smith (SD), 397
Daniel Stobbe (OR), 414
Cliff Swift (LA), 499
Benjamin Varney (OR), 395
Laura Weier (OK), 500
William Wolfe (MI), 390

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Best Grass Roots scorecards this **month!**

Division 1

Albert Moy
22/9 +245
(Club 290)

Division 4

Ken Pimentel
14/6 +166
(Club 389)

Best Grass Roots scorecards this **season!**

Division 1

John McCready
24/9 +299
(Club 104)

Division 4

Rusty Anderson
16/6 +203
(Club 395)

Club 462 (Spokane WA)—on March 5, **Lorin Love** scored a 19/9 grand slam. Lorin is a retired librarian, now at the ripe old age of 92. This is his first grand slam—which really made his day!



Ferch

ACC Grass Roots									
Official Scorecard									
Date: 3-5-2020 Location: Home 2									
Name: KATE FERCH									
Club: 462									
Hand 1 to:									
Line	Rank	Score	Opponent	Opponent Score	Opponent Rank	Opponent Club	Opponent Name	Opponent Age	Opponent Club
1	2	016	W	11	4				
2	2	115	W	7	7				
3	2	118	W	5	5				
4	2	118	W	3	3				
5	2	012	W	1	1				
6	2	117	W	12	12				
7	2	115	W	10	10				
8	2	013	W	8	8				
9	2	114	W	8	8				
10	2	014	W	8	8				
11	2	114	W	8	8				
12	2	114	W	8	8				
13	2	114	W	8	8				
14	2	114	W	8	8				
15	2	114	W	8	8				
16	2	114	W	8	8				
17	2	114	W	8	8				
18	2	114	W	8	8				
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49	2	114	W	8	8				
50	2	114	W	8	8				



Irion

March Slams (name, state, club)

Grand Slams (22)

Tom Bair (OR), 414
 Kate Ferch (IL), 382 ↑
 Joseph Ferguson (WA), 393
 Jim Franklin (WA), 243
 Steve Hastie (CA), 453
 Monica Hunt (MT), 347
 Larry Irion (CA), 419 ↑
 Donald Janelle (CT), 26
 David Kabilian (MA), 109
 Conny Lepper (CO), 224
 Lorin Love (WA), 462 ↑
 Karen Misluk (AZ), 408
 Albert Moy (CA), 290
 James Ravenscroft (PA), 175
 Peyton Reum (FL), 430
 Richard Sain (MI), 390
 Jeff Sims (CA), 472
 Michael Sofaly (WA), 243
 Patrick Sullivan (MT), 25
 Don Tietgen (SD), 251

Terry Vanclieaf (AB), 261
 Laverne Zieske (MT), 427

Lite Slams (34)

Jordan Bauldic (MB), 491
 Jane Bohn (OR), 38
 Rodd Bruntjen (MN), 452
 David Bute (CO), 433 x2
 Jeff Cammack (WA), 28
 Mike Carter (MN), 477
 Amanda Castro (MN), 477
 Andrew Dembosky (OR), 420
 Joyce Dupont (MO), 323 x2
 Howard Eisenberg (PA), 438
 Rich Ekman (OR), 395
 Collin Evanson (MA), 439
 Paul Hirschmann (OR), 465
 John Hunt (PA), 318
 Derrick Jacobsen (MN), 492
 Jeanne Jelke (CA), 205
 Rita Jewett (NC), 466

Dennis Kassebaum (MO), 344
 Steve Krzmarzick (MN), 477
 James Langley (CA), 205
 Frank LaPan (MI), 97
 Michael Leonard (FL), 468
 Thomas Litke (MN), 452
 Jim McDevitt (VT), 488
 Jerrie Millman (OR), 395
 Peggy Morin (OK), 500
 Nedra Pedersen (TX), 498
 Ken Pimentel (CA), 389
 Dan Redeker (WA), 434
 Tyler Slusarenko (MB), 491
 Craig Smith (OR), 28
 Walter Smith (NC), 466
 Phil Stephenson (AR), 484
 Christina Strevey (CA), 194
 Linda Tea (CA), 389
 Steven Umbro (OK), 500
 Bill Wallace (OK), 455
 Josephine Waser (NY), 130
 Doug Weier (OK), 500

National Cribbage Day Food Drive Benefits Local Families

In celebration of National Cribbage Day, three cribbage clubs—Pensacola Peggers 396, Nibs & Nobs 468, and Beulah Peggers 479—demonstrated that the spirit of cribbage extends far beyond the board. Working together, members collected more than 151 pounds of canned, boxed, and bagged food items to benefit Manna Food Bank, helping



provide meals for families throughout their local community. Collection boxes were placed at Bogeys Golf Suites and the Beulah Senior Center, allowing both players and community members an easy way to contribute to the effort. Directors Mike Leonard, Connie Broadwell, Kandy Bellanova, Bob Miller, and Opal Gunn coordinated the drive, ensuring a smooth and successful collection. Their leadership, combined with generous donations from fellow players, made this initiative a meaningful way to mark the occasion. Pictured is **Jim Stewart** and **Opal Gunn** at the Manna Food Bank.



Club 238 (Casper WY) saw nine cards of the same suit held in one deal on March 30—and neither player could make a straight flush!

more Grass Roots stories next page

GrassRoots *Awards*

SILVER

Jeff Gonzales (TX), 387

Todd Hohn (CO), 34

Bruce McGillivray (OR), 46

BRONZE

Linda Clark (CA), 306

Jerome Kelliher (MD), 272

James Ravenscroft (PA), 175

Gloria J. Stapleton (WA), 274



David Suhr
(Boise ID)
Gold #265

After I got married in 1968, my wife taught me how to play cribbage. In 1986 or 1987, we were on a family trip through Reno and saw the ACC banner and thought it would be fun. Our daughter was too young to play, but we and our two sons played, and three of us qualified! It took me three or four years to qualify again. I started playing at Boise Peggers Club 202 in the early 1990s and am now one of the directors.

Everyone there serves as my mentor. I have been club champion twice. I won my first weekend tournament at the Gem State Classic in Boise in 2023. My toughest opponent used to be Jerry Keuter but now Laurie Logan has my number. My favorite cribbage moment was coming in 3/4

at the TOC this year. I like fishing, gardening, walking, and other card games in addition to cribbage.

I learned to play cribbage by watching my dad, mom, and grandfathers play when I was around twelve. I joined the ACC in the 2000/2001 season. Phil Martin showed me the ropes when I first started in the ACC, but I've also learned a lot from the entire Club 26 in East Hartford CT, where I have been club champion three times. On the night I earned my Gold Award, I had to win my last game of the night to get to 12.

The entire club is really tough, but my nemesis is Deb Taylor. My favorite cribbage moment this year was winning the main in Wolfeboro during Vicky Soule's Birthday Bash. Non-cribbage interests include watching sports, especially playoff hockey and baseball. Along with cribbage, I like to play backgammon over a bottle of wine with my wife, Vicky, at the more than forty beautiful vineyards in Connecticut.



Mike Fetchel
(Durham CT)
Gold #268



Kerry O'Connell
(Ventura CA)
Gold #269

My Mum taught me crib, with several of her own rules, because my Great Aunt and Uncle told her I was too young to learn!. Unfortunately I lost my Mum last year but on my last visit home we played twenty-nine games, and she whooped me eighteen of those games, which put a gigantic smile on her face each time. I think I joined the ACC about thirty years ago, after playing a tournament in a bar in Portland OR when Dennis

Misenar recommended I join. My cribbage mentor is Michael Green, who quizzes me on high hands that I was bound to miscout! I run Club 193 and it's been a tough season with low attendance but on the nights we don't have enough players I have taught them to play Canadian Doubles,

which has improved everyone's counting and pegging. I have been club champion quite a few times, no idea how many. I've no idea when or where my first tournament win was, but I was pretty chuffed to be #2 woman in the country under Phyllis Schmidt one year. I do think some of my seconds have been more impressive than my wins. I have not been playing many tournaments as I have been occupied with rebuilding my home in Australia (the roof blew off twice!). My toughest opponent at club is a very new player, Mark Gale; he will be a great tournament player once he retires after this summer. My favourite cribbage moment this year was last week, when 10yo Olivia Orea skunked me in a short game! I like to play frisbee golf, do macro photography (making tiny bugs and birds look like something out of Jurassic Park), and I love living on the beach, both here and in Melbourne.

ACC Awards

Oops!

The April *Cribbage World* incorrectly announced Bruce Sattler and Todd Schaefer as winning their Life Master (★). In reality, they won their Two Star awards, and the picture captions should've looked



Bruce D. Sattler
(Nottingham MD)
Life Master (2★)



Todd D. Schaefer
(Oakdale MN)
Life Master (2★)

like this:



Max D. Steplyk
(Pleasant Prairie WI)
Life Master

My dad, Max Sr., taught me how to play cribbage. I joined the ACC in 1990. My cribbage mentors were Joe Bernard and Warren Sondericker. My first tournament win was in Crystal Lake IL, where I had to beat Martha Fingleton in the finals. I now have four wins. I earned my Life Master ranking in Reno; the most memorable happening was sitting next to Emilio Perez during one tournament; we had terrible cards and won only three games between us in the first twelve games! My favorite tournament is Appleton. My toughest opponent used to be Jim McManus, now it is my brothers. My favorite cribbage moment this year was watching my brothers win Canadian Doubles in Green Bay. Non-cribbage interests include golf, pai-gow, trips,

and walks with my wife, Joyce. In my twenties, I and a friend rode our ten-speed bicycles from Waukegan IL to Saint Louis MO (over 300 miles). We got separated outside of Saint Louis; he rode his bike back solo, while I took Amtrak! One other tidbit: my birth name is Maximillian. All the kids made fun of it, so when I was twenty, I went to court and legally changed it to Max. Now I wish I had it back.

Cribbage Quiz

How can the dealer score 15 points with her last card?

answer on page 42

New Cribbage Masters

Robert Baker (Plymouth MA)

Last month I told you the ACC marketing pilot was approved — and this month we actually got to dig in! I have been

so energized by finally being able to move forward in this role. Committees are starting to take shape, some exciting partnerships are in the works, and it genuinely feels like we are building something. I have always believed that marketing has been the ACC's Achilles heel, and now we actually get to do something about it. I could not be more excited!

On a completely separate note, because yes, I wear multiple hats and apparently thrive on chaos, I have also been knee deep in Memorial Day Tournament mode! For those of you who don't know, the Memorial Day Cribbage Tournament here in Spokane has been running for over thirty years. *Thirty years!* There was a time this tournament had over 200 players walking through the door. It is a piece of ACC history and I am bound and determined to bring it back to its former glory!

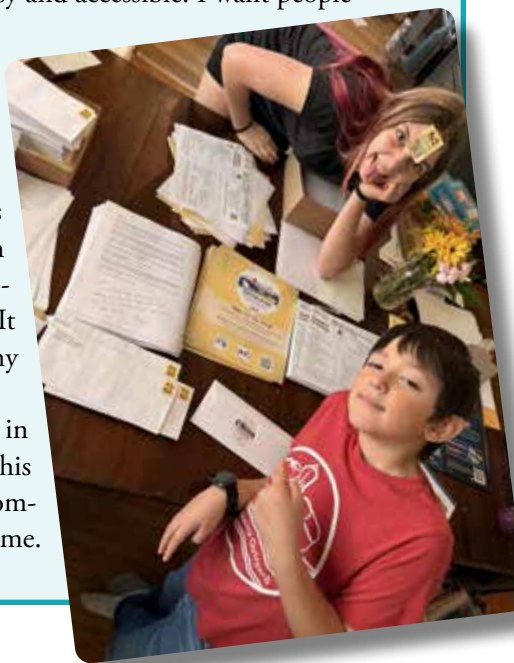
This month, with the help of the whole family, we turned the living room into a full assembly line, and we got about 300 mailers out to past attendees and area club directors. I have also been working hard to streamline the registration process. You can now sign up right on the website, pay with a credit card, use an electronic payment app, or just pay in person if that's your thing. Whatever works for you! Getting credit card payments up and running felt like a big deal to me, because I want attending this tournament to feel easy and accessible. I want people to come. I want the room to be full again!

Now. Can we talk about this Bronze Award for a second? I am seven points away. *Seven.* And I have been seven points away for well over a month now. My bestie **Tracie Swanson** is three points from hers and also hasn't moved an inch. We are both attending club weekly, and yet we are frozen, while the cribbage gods laugh at us. It is truly, genuinely, almost impressively funny at this point. It's fine. I'm fine.

I cannot wait to see so many of you in Spokane for Memorial Day—let's make this one to remember! As always, questions, comments, feedback? You know where to find me. See you next month.



The
Kat Hartsell
EXPERIENCE



CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
 ~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
3 4	4 1

Near Venice, there are two island cities that have two very different industries. The island of Burano is famous for fine handmade lace. Used for clothing and for decorations, Burano lace has been acquired by well-to-do families for centuries. The houses in Burano are also famous for the vibrant colors used to paint them. Burano is one of the favorite destinations for tourists who want to escape the crowds of Venice.

The other island is Murano. Glass has been made in Murano for eight hundred years. Murano glass has always been sought after by the rich and famous and can be found in almost every castle throughout Europe. When Maria and I visited the Murano glass museum, we saw glassware from each of the last eight centuries. While that was interesting, there was also a modern glass section of the museum.

One glassmaking artist chose a very interesting theme for their modern glass exhibit: playing cards! Each glass card was approximately 4 inches by 8 inches. The artist then made the glass cards into large sculptures. While it is debated as to where playing cards were invented, Italy is one of the places that has used cards to play games for approximately seven hundred years. Because of that history, it would be natural for playing cards to be part of the art exhibit in Murano, Italy. What wasn't natural? I beat Maria in all three games!



Long Match Ledger

Long Match

winner

runner-up

semifinalists

Iowa LM

Ed May (Urbandale)

Bob Hanes (Ankeny)

Joe McChurch (Altoona)
 Mike Miller (Des Moines)

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com ◆

April showers bring May flowers! I hope we see them soon in New England. I spent ten days in Florida in March and forgot to bring home the sun! I am ready for flowers! Along with Cinco De Mayo and, of course, Mother's Day (don't forget to call your mom if you're lucky to still have her!), you can celebrate the following May days: May 10 is National Washington Day, our 42nd state! Also, the home of our distinguished ACC president (do I get brownie points?). May 20 is National Be a Millionaire Day (anyone passing out free money?). And May 25 is National Towel Day? Who knew? Happy Mom's Day to the ACC moms in every region!

On March 15, New England gathered in Webster MA for Corned Beef and Cribbage, hosted by **Rick Montague** and his "green girls"! ↓ One of New England's newer players, **A.J. Kabilian**, was high qualifier (he qualified with 22/11, losing only the last game!), but he wasn't done there. He also got his first win as the CBC champion. Runner up was **Marty Duchow**. The consolation saw two members

of the Malden club take top honors: **Guy Spezzaferro** took the win over his director, **Frank Reddy**. Shout out to our dear **Pat Llewellyn**, who started this tournament years ago. We miss you!

The New England Cribbage Festival was held in Abbingdon MA on March 20–22. On day one, we saw **David "I had a good year a year ago" Statz** pick up another W, with **Bonnie Fife** in second. The consolation saw **Bill Cormier** take the win over **Jerry Hardy**. A little birdie told me that two Hardys met in the playoffs and that Jerry *is still* sleeping on the couch! Day 2 saw **Just David** acting like it was last season! He took high qualifying honors and ran the playoffs as the eventual winner. I think he was inspired by our friend **Todd Schaefer**! PA visitor and new tourney director **James Ravenscroft** came in second. The consolation was won by first-time winner **Mike Keogh** over Maine's own **Carlyle Foss**. Sounds like a great time was had by all, especially if your name was Just David!



The last weekend of March was the Weekend in New England. We had two one-day tournaments, one in Connecticut and one in Massachusetts. The Blarney Stone Battle, held in South Windsor CT, was won by the guy still on the couch, **Jerry Hardy** (no, he didn't play Laurie), with almost hometown hero **Joe Cupcake Zimmitti** in second. **Sue Baker** won

Vicki's Monthly Funnies

Q. What do you call a bee born in May?

A. May Bee

Q. Which state loves spring the most?

A. MAY-NE

Q. What is a cow's favorite holiday?

A. Moo-thers Day!



the consolation with Corned Beef director **Rick Montague** (no he was not in green) taking second. The second tournament on Sunday was held in Webster MA, directed by **Stephen Dugas**, who came from Kentucky for a visit. Funny story, it was a Paul vs. Paul final match: **Paul Batterson** from Connecticut took the win over **Paul Kane** from Massachusetts! In the consolation, my friend and fel-

low banker **Kerry Gonzalez** took high honors, but in the end (insert eye roll) **Just Rob** took the win, again over **Dave Fontaine**. Thank you, Phil, Barbara, Doogie, and all the friends who took on this weekend.

There are only 24 weeks until Grand National and guest rooms are going fast. See page 2 for instructions on how to make a room reservation. **Dave, Katie, Mark, and I** would

like to thank everyone so far who have bought and sold raffle tickets, bought and sold quilt tickets, offered to help, plus our friends who have offered to drive things there for us. We may be the directors, but as anyone who has run a grand national knows, it takes a village, so we appreciate the ACC family and look forward to an amazing time in Niagara Falls.





Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Exposure!

How many times can you remember a card being flipped or otherwise exposed while someone was dealing? This happens more often than you think. Do you know what to do? Do you know when to redeal and when not to?

Rule 4.2 on page 19 covers the dealing of the cards. Rule 4.2a talks about how the cards are to be dealt. Rule 4.2b states: **The pone has a responsibility to observe the dealing and to call attention to any irregularities.** Rule 4.2c states: **The pone shall not reach for or touch the cards before the distribution is completed, except to use the hand or arm as a backstop to prevent cards from falling off the table while being dealt.**

Now that we have explained the dealing of the cards, Rule 4.3 covers exposed cards. This will answer any question about when to redeal. Rule 4.3a states: **If the dealer exposes a card or cards while dealing, the cards shall be reshuffled and redealt.** But wait—there's more. . . .

Rule 4.3b states: **During the deal, if the pone looks at any of the cards or causes a card or cards to be exposed, there will be no redeal.** Well, that explains when you do not redeal.

And finally, rule 4.3c states: **If a card is found face up in the pack during the dealing, the cards shall be reshuffled and redealt.**

In summary, if you are the pone and you pick up your cards before they are finished being dealt and/or you cause a card to be flipped and the dealer sees it, don't expect an automatic redeal. It's not going to happen. Leave the cards alone until the dealing is done.

Let's have fun, folks!

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

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)
9. Casey Scott (OR): JPW/ACC Open (3/5)
10. James Huser (WI): Go Green Bay (2/27)

New Members

110 last month

Alaska

Patrick Dooley (Big Lake)
Luke James Gunderman
(Fairbanks)
Scott Skaleski (Anchorage)

Arizona

Andrew Arthur (Tucson)
Kathleen Arthur (Tucson)

California

John Baylor (Berkeley)
John Blaszke (Lakeside)
Sarah Gorton (Santa Rosa)
Denis Leyva (Redding)

Colorado

Judy Bignami (Lakewood)
Larry Blankenship (Longmont)
Kevin Martens (Fort Morgan)
Teresa Martens (Fort Morgan)

Florida

Terry Lynn Campbell (Fort Walton
Beach)

Georgia

Michael Meeks (Cumming)

Idaho

Bruce Wilson (Pinehurst)

Illinois

Joshua Harris (Peoria)
Barbara Mivshek (Wadsworth)
Darrell Mivshek (Wadsworth)
Barb Struwing (South Elgin)
Marty Struwing (South Elgin)

Kentucky

Sue Cook (Louisville)
Valerie Faddis (Owensboro)
Jeremy Kiner (Louisville)
Thomas Pope (Owensboro)
JD Sailors (Owensboro)
Adam Willhite (Louisville)

Maine

Ali Pope (Portland)
Liam Wilson (Union)
Gary Wyman (Hermon)

Massachusetts

Chuck Cassidy (Plainville)
Jared Drennan (Quincy)

Frank Fenner (Chilmark)
Merrily Fenner (Chilmark)
Bob Fynbo (Edgartown)
Mary Giordano (Edgartown)
Robert Kenyon III (Athol)
Alecia Knight (Chilmark)
Judy LoRusso (Chilmark)
Dwight "Butchie" Mitchell
(Dudley)
Terry Vital (Ludlow)

Michigan

Bob Briggs (Rockford)
Sadario Hardiman (Wyoming)

Minnesota

Claudia Gonzalez-George
(Northfield)
Derek Larson (Saint Paul)
Cara Simpson (Marshall)
Logan Zahnnow (Marshall)

Montana

Harlan Erskine (Helena)
Alan Holm (Missoula)

Nebraska

JR Berens (Lincoln)

Nevada

David Budish (Sparks)

New Hampshire

Chris Aulbach (Brookline)

New Jersey

Travis Herr (Clark)

New York

Jennifer Lidgus (New York)

North Carolina

Kevin Craig (Raleigh)
Marty Grum (Charlotte)
Brenda Hooks (Shallotte)
A Duer Pierce (Winston Salem)
Scott Staley (Winston-Salem)
Shannon Williams (Belmont)

Ohio

Steve Andras (Rocky River)
Tim Boers (Cleveland)

Oklahoma

Aliyah Strawn (Oklahoma City)

Ontario

Derrick McNamara (Oshawa)

Oregon

John Audette (Bend)
Shannon Baldwin (White City)

Cliff Brewer (Metolius)
Debbie Caldwell (Hillsboro)
William Hewitt (Tigard)
Philip O'Keeffe (Klamath Falls)
Corey Ryder (Terrebonne)
Sami Smith (Hillsboro)

South Dakota

Mark Berg (Montrose)
Coy Bifulco (Rapid City)
Willie Crews (Tyndall)
Fred Flategual (Mitchell)
Libby Lewis (Sioux Falls)
Scott Nielsen (Sioux Falls)
Josef Zdenek (Yankton)

Tennessee

Yvonne Bales (Gainesboro)

Texas

Debbie Bakic (San Antonio)
Greg Ninedorf (San Antonio)
John O'Rear (Fort Worth)

Vermont

Sara Zoric (Dorset)
Steven Zoric (Dorset)

Washington

Rebecca Decater (Renton)
Julianna Haven (Olalla)
Nathan Haven (Olalla)
Donna Loughlin (Seattle)
Andrea McLaughlin (Reardan)
Denise O'Toole (Seattle)
Gary Paulson (Kennewick)
Andrea Peterson (Silverdale)
David Peterson (Silverdale)
Joel Rinehart (Edgewood)
Jack Shea (Walla Walla)
George Shortreed (Vancouver)
Andrew Szalay (Seattle)
Natalie Harper Ward (Bellevue)

Wisconsin

Dave Birch (Pewaukee)
Jeanne Flaskrud (Eau Claire)
Bev Hilton (Eau Claire)
Brad Hilton (Eau Claire)
Kevin Kalk (Weston)
Jake Ketchem (Gillett)
Kurt Mehtala (Brule)
Bruce Ridley (Trevor)
John Tuura (Brule)
Melissa Wysocki (Stevens Point)

Wyoming

Buck Weaver (Cheyenne)

The following has nothing to do with cribbage. Except. If you see me at a tournament and it's lunch time and you're scarfing down barbeque or fried chicken or a big fat deli sandwich and you see me eating some carrot and celery sticks, maybe an apple, you'll know why.

I'm 87. I've lived a good life
not much worry, and a great wife.
But now I'm on a salt-free diet
if you think it's easy, you should try it.

Hey, I know I'm not faultless
but asking me to go saltless
it's bad, it's worse than a crime
to do that 'til the end of time?

No more chips, no more dips,
no more lovely sausage flips,
no more cold cuts, no more ham,
no more nuttin' worth a dam.

No more Ruffles with the ridges,
no more snacks, no more smidges,
no more nothing in a can.
On all that, there's been a ban.

No more trips to the deli,
no more pastrami in the belly,
no more crackers, no more cheese,
no more cheese? Jeez Louise.

No more ribs, prime, or pork,
no more need for knife and fork,
and from Asia no more joy,
too much salt, too much soy.

No more ketchup, no more mustard,
that stuff makes me way too flustered,
no more pasta, that's for sure,
no more Tex-Mex will I endure.

No more crab by lump or claw,
that could be a fatal flaw,

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no more oysters from the sea,
boy, it sucks to be me.

Sure, a skinless chicken, a piece of fish,
maybe some kale in a side dish,
lettuce leaves with oil and vinegar,
or perhaps something similar.

Wait! What? Oh great.
Now they want me to lose weight.
My life which was lived in clover
is now basically . . . OVER.

. . . *and out.*

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Rod Hovey Memorial (Kalamazoo MI; 2/13)	Steve Nuyen	49 players HQ. Les Kvien (50) 1. Les Kvien (105) 2. John Hazlett (70) 3. Daniel Fettig (42) 3. Eric Jensen (42)	31 players HQ. Michael Henderson (12) 1. Stephen Lyons (40) 2. Jim Egan (24) 3. Jerald Adams (12) 3. Jeff Shimp (12)		
Virginia Beach Winter Wonderland 1 (VA Beach VA; 2/18)	Laurie Schmitz	40 players HQ. Mike Due (35) 1. Larry Phifer (105) 2. James Ravenscroft (70) 3. Mike Due (42) 3. Sandy Shrum (42)	30 players HQ. Terrance Cushman (15) 1. Scott Noble (40) 2. Terrance Cushman (24) 3. June Fordham (12) 3. Bill Whiting (12)	28-hand: Frank Abernathy*	Wednesday: June Fordham
Virginia Beach Winter Wonderland 2 (VA Beach VA; 2/20)	Laurie Schmitz	44 players HQ. Larry Phifer (50) 1. Ray Klocko (105) 2. June Fordham (70) 3. Frank Abernathy (42) 3. Terrance Cushman (42)	26 players HQ. Jamie Fincher (12) 1. Jamie Fincher (40) 2. Bob Junion (24) 3. Jerry Gooden (12) 3. Bryan Gurden (12)	28-hand: James Ravenscroft*	Friday: June Fordham Canadian Doubles: John Pappas & Gail Somers
February Frenzy (South Windsor CT; 2/21)	Barbara Barbour	54 players HQ. Peter Setian (50) 1. Robert Medeiros (105) 2. Paige Thomas (70) 3. Michael Dostoomian (42) 3. Deborah Taylor (42)	22 players HQ. Paul Batterson (18) 1. Donna LaFleur (40) 2. Paul Batterson (24) 3. Michael D Elena (12) 3. Bonnie Fife (12)	28-hand: Peter Grant*	
Go Green Bay (Green Bay WI; 2/27)	Al Karr	90 players HQ. Bob Joslin (35) 1. Daniel Minesal (147) 2. Rick Kuehn (105) 3. Mike Hackett (70) 3. James Knorr (70)	32 players HQ. Gary Hansen (9) 1. Danny Gallenberger (40) 2. Don Pohlman (24) 3. Curt Donart (12) 3. Jeff Shimp (12)	29-hand: James Huser* 28-hand: Don Pohlman*	Friday: Patrick Healey Canadian Doubles: Dave & Craig Steplyk

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

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Northern California Open (Redding CA; 2/27)	Jeanne Jelke	53 players HQ. Jack Shumate (55) 1. Kai Lemrise (105) 2. Bob Brumley (70) 3. Mike McDaniel (42) 3. Wayne Momsen (42)	35 players HQ. Matt Constantino (27) 1. James Clark (60) 2. Bob Bartosh (40) 3. Matt Constantino (24) 3. Erik Royland Locke (24)		Early Bird: Doug Dresbach Canadian Doubles: Jeanne Jelke & James Langley Saturday: Carolyn Washington
The Grape Escape (Hillsboro OR; 3/14)	Erik Locke	29 players HQ. Jack Shumate (55) 1. Robert Simpson (70) 2. Jack Shumate (42) 3. Jack Lien (21) 3. Courtney Locke (21)	21 players HQ. Ray Klocko (18) 1. Ray Klocko (40) 2. Wayne Momsen (24) 3. Greg Schleusner (12) 3. Edgar Tuttle (12)	28-hand: S.J. Ferrigno*	
Corned Beef and Cribbage (Webster MA; 3/15)	Rick Montague	82 players HQ. A. J. Kabilian (45) 1. A.J. Kabilian (147) 2. Marty Duchow (105) 3. Michael Dostoomian (70) 3. Gall Somers (70)	42 players HQ. Frank Bogus (15) 1. Guy Spezzaferro (60) 2. Frank Reddy (40) 3. Peter Legendre (24) 3. Bob Murray (24)		
New England Festival 1 (Abington MA; 3/20)	Joseph Bowen	46 players HQ. Cynthia Wark (35) 1. David Statz (105) 2. Bonnie Fife (70) 3. Donna LaFleur (42) 3. Phil Martin (42)	32 players HQ. Peter Legendre (15) 1. William Cormier (40) 2. Jerry Hardy (24) 3. Laurie Hardy (12) 3. Barry Spadea (12)		Friday: Craig Greene
Northwest Open (Baker City OR; 3/20)	Rob Palmer	47 players HQ. Nikki Anderson (55) 1. Erik Royland Locke (105) 2. Dennis Misener (70) 3. Nikki Anderson (42) 3. Gary Hohstadt (42)	32 players HQ. David Suhr (15) 1. Brad Seger (40) 2. Waylon Rasmussen (24) 3. Tom Anderson (12) 3. Steve Lancaster (12)	28-hand: Paige Gacayan*	Early Bird: Bill Hill Canadian Doubles: Hoss & Pat Reynolds

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Battle in the Creek (Battle Creek MI; 3/21)	Dave Boyer	54 players HQ. J.R. Berens (60) 1. Haley Hintze (105) 2. John Schafer (70) 3. J.R. Berens (42) 3. Rick Redding (42)	27 players HQ. Andy Stireman (24) 1. Andy Stireman (40) 2. William Stacey (24) 3. Eric Jensen (12) 3. James McCarty (12)	28-hands: Brian Bennett* Harry Williams*	
Arizona Screaming Eagles (Sun City AZ; 3/21)	Darlene Siter	38 players HQ. Steve Scadden (35) 1. Gary Girard (105) 2. Steve Scadden (70) 3. Jim Crawford (42) 3. Ryan Huffman (42)	18 players HQ. Patricia Crooks (21) 1. Bryan Gurden (40) 2. Robert Milk (24) 3. Patricia Crooks (12) 3. Alan Talacek (12)	28-hand: Obie Weeks*	
New England Festival 2 (Abington MA; 3/21)	Mike D'Elena	60 players HQ. David Statz (45) 1. David Statz (105) 2. James Ravenscroft (70) 3. Barbara Barbour (42) 3. Chris Mirabito (42)	34 players HQ. Stephen Dugas (15) 1. Michael Keogh (60) 2. Cariyle Foss (40) 3. Stephen Dugas (24) 3. Joyce Keay (24)		Canadian Doubles: Barbara Barbour & Charles Booker
Alaska State Championship (Anchorage AK; 3/21)	C. J. Kim	25 players HQ. Gary Mathes (35) 1. Terry Volkman (70) 2. Gary Mathes (42) 3. John Clayton (21) 3. Allen Wilson (21)	{no consy}	28-hand: Patrick Dooley*	
Mick Michaelis Classic (Green Bay WI; 3/27)	Al Karr	71 players HQ. Janice Swiekatowski (40) 1. Kristina Wright (147) 2. Rick Kuehn (105) 3. Richard Horvath (70) 3. Janice Swiekatowski (70)	40 players HQ. Jim Mahan (18) 1. Jim Mahan (60) 2. Daniel Kuehn (40) 3. William Junion (24) 3. Marlene Lazachek (24)		Friday: Haley Hintze Saturday: Roger Eigenberger

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Willamette River Roundup (Springfield OR; 3/27)	Julia Schewanick	36 players HQ. Peggy Shea (40) 1. Richard Shea (105) 2. Duane Toll (70) 3. Don Hansen (42) 3. Robert Simpson (42)	24 players HQ. Clinton McRay (18) 1. Dan Marsh (40) 2. William O'Malley (24) 3. Monica Newton (12) 3. Jack Shumate (12)		Early Bird: Monica Newton Canadian Doubles: Betty Brumley & Scott Milo
Blarney Stone Battle (South Windsor CT; 3/28)	Phil Martin	60 players HQ. Joe Zimmitti (45) 1. Jerry Hardy (105) 2. Joe Zimmitti (70) 3. Donna LaFleur (42) 3. Bill Peters (42)	consolation 36 players HQ. Michael Kopp (15) 1. Susan Baker (60) 2. Rick Montague (40) 3. Mike Fetchel (24) 3. Michael Kopp (24)		
Weekend in New England (Webster MA; 3/29)	Stephen Dugas	47 players HQ. Bonnie Fife (45) 1. Paul Batterson (105) 2. Paul Kane (70) 3. Charles Booker (42) 3. Tom Ostrowski (42)	32 players HQ. Kerry Gonzalez (9) 1. Robert Medeiros (40) 2. Dave Fontaine (24) 3. Sarah May Cloutier (12) 3. Kerry Gonzalez (12)	28-hand: Stephen Dugas*	



Terry Weber (Madison WI) resigned from the Board of Directors effective March 26. Per ACC policy, the next highest Central Region vote-getter in the most recent BOD election will fill out the remainder of his term (through August 31, 2027). Please welcome **Kevin Harris** (Louisville KY) to the ACC's board. ↑



Michigan Consy King!

Since **Andy Stireman** started playing ACC cribbage in

2014, he has won eleven tournaments—two mains and nine consolations. Seven of the consolations have been in Michigan, most recently the Battle Creek consy on March 21. (He also has two seconds and six semifinal finishes in Michigan consolations.) So if you're planning to play a Michigan consy, be prepared for Andy—now a Grand Master—to beat you in the playoffs!

Internet Cribbage

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UPDATE: ACC member/site owner **Damien**

Blond is developing an entirely new playing site for us to keep playing ACC tourneys on at eCribbage! I'm going to answer some questions I've been getting about the changeover.

- The target date to open **ecribplus.com** to the public is May 1, if all goes according to plan. Damien is running both sites when he opens the new one to everyone because the new site will not have tournaments on it yet.
- The old site will remain up and running until everything is transferred completely, which will happen in stages. ACC tournaments will still be played on the old site until July 29. This also gives us the opportunity to add more ACC tourneys when the new season starts, and we then will play them in the ACC lounge.
- On August 1, we'll be bringing back the best-of-three bracket format by adding two daytime ACC tournaments on Thursdays and Sundays at 1p EST.

Point Leader of the Month

Jason Bick (*bickster15*) @ 185 IRPs

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)

Ross Newman (*pegmaster*)

Frank Reddy (*drvodka*)

Internet 29-Hands

Lori Boyer (*elmo4x4*)

Internet 28-Hands

Nancy Roncetti (*nunzia*)

Cliff Swift (*cliffswift*)

Todd Wolfley (*lobomente*)

Internet Grand Slams

Brad Henderson (*ousooner*)

Reuben Sufka (*butchsuf*)

Allen Wilson (*gdub*)

internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	965	Timothy Julkowski (timoregon2854)
2	951	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
3	876	Gary Brandt (eaglear39)
4	845	John Schafer (netview85)
5	838	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
6	811	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
7	809	Nancy Rojas (nancribdr)
8	788	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
9	782	David Smith (thecuse5)
10	740	Brad Henderson (ousooner)

- You'll keep your same screenname—do not change it, please. Your IRPs will add on to the current ones you've earned. Your stats and profile box will transfer over. PRO will still be optional, and carried over if you have it now.
- There is a strong possibility that we'll have a twenty-seconds-per-move timer (same as Game Colony), and an automatic DQ for stallouts by the AI program (not by the TD). The best news is no Java, so away go the launchers, boots, and glitches! The AI program will automatically move players to their assignments. A pause button may also be added similar to KC and Cross games. This means that the tourneys will be faster, and you need

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of **Timothy Shaw** at nineteen years of age on March 4. Tim won several youth tournaments.

Penn Valley Sierra Youth Tournament (March 28) Results

	name (age)	city state
Main		
champ	Tyden Shupe (16)	Smartsville CA
runner-up	Blake Salter (12)	Grass Valley CA
Consolation		
champ	Sasha Cordova (15)	Penn Valley CA
runner-up	Piper Pagan (18)	Grass Valley CA

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Tim Miller

Tim Miller (Georgetown TX), most recently of the North Dallas Cribbage Club, passed away peacefully on the afternoon of March 9. Cribbage has lost one of its biggest supporters. Tim first played ACC cribbage in a local eighteen-gamer in 2005. He won, so he celebrated by joining the ACC and ultimately reached his Silver Award during the 2018–19 season. Tim did not play a lot of tournaments, but had a notable Top Ten finish in a Reno consolation and made it to the top four in a GRTOC. Tim was high qualifier in the Tennessee Two Step tournament and took first place in a local GRNT. Locally, Tim was a

two-time club champion—once at each of the two Dallas area clubs. Tim was a passionate player. He would get heated and excited and be hopping mad one minute and laughing the next. He was a tough competitor and a good friend. A few years ago, Tim and his wife moved to Georgetown TX to be closer to grandchildren. Eventually cribbage followed him, and a new club was established in Georgetown in 2025. Unfortunately, circumstances did not allow Tim to play with the new club, much to his dismay. Tim will always be remembered for calling out the 5 of Hearts for his cut-card of choice (which was cut with alarming regularity) and for recommending you throw 2-3 into your own crib when the cards allowed.

to plan to sit and stay to play, as there should be no time gaps to run off to do something else.

- The new version has true, AI-driven card randomization.
- You can play the new version on all devices: phone, desktop, tablet, or Mac.

Our thanks to Damien for all of the hours and hours involved in this project. While he continues to ask for our input and opinions during the development phase, remember that he is the sole site owner, not the ACC, so we play there as his guests. We are very grateful for any improvements that allow our members to hold our tournaments there. Please watch the ACC Facebook page for more updates as they occur. Many thanks to Damien, Jen, Scott, and the beta testers!



SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of April 9

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	2675	Bryan Gurden	1	1304	Les Kvien	1	1084	Mike Fetchel
2	1506	Ray Klocko	2	1088	David Aiello	2	891	Robert Medeiros
3	1462	Bob Brumley	3	1042	Jim Mahan	3	824	Terrance Cushman
4	1252	Roland Hall	4	971	Haley Hintze	4	741	Donna LaFleur
5	1233	Erik Locke	5	931	Scott Sand	5	693	David Statz
6	1147	Bob Bartosh	6	835	James McCarty	6	656	John Bartlett
6	1147	James Langley	7	824	Todd Schaefer	6	656	Jerry Hardy
8	1047	Duane Toll	8	758	Dennis Koehler	8	635	Peter Setian
9	1035	Darlene Stier	9	682	John Syftestad	9	616	Paul Batterson
10	993	Paul Gregson	10	668	Robert Chase	10	547	Debra Cotter
11	928	William O'Malley	11	631	Doug Whitlock	11	511	Phil Martin
12	739	Cy Madrone	12	624	Bob Joslin	12	507	William Cormier
13	627	Betty Brumley	13	617	Doug Page	13	506	Peter Legendre
14	625	Jeanne Jelke	14	594	Allen Karr	14	502	Keith Widener
15	587	William Eilers	15	556	Al Pernicek	15	501	Bonnie Fife
16	579	Carole Herron	16	523	Stephen Dugas	16	496	Richard Nourse
17	540	Bill Schlabes	17	502	Steven Steinmetz	17	491	Frank Reddy
18	527	Todd Malmgren	18	484	Henry Brandner	18	476	James Ravenscroft
19	525	James Clark	19	477	Terry Weber	19	442	James Sullivan
20	523	Alice Souza	20	467	Marsha Mahan	20	431	Paul Kane
21	519	Wayne Momsen	21	451	Wayne Steinmetz	21	427	Barry Spadea
22	516	Bernie Nelson	22	433	Clay Collier	22	426	Paige Thomas
23	504	Jones Hom	23	426	Edward Balcer	23	415	Jack Silvia
24	495	Charlene Cohen	24	404	Rick Kuehn	24	410	Carlyle Foss
25	480	Ryan Huffman	25	399	Dan Selke	25	408	Deborah Taylor
26	460	Jack Shumate	26	392	Bob Kiley	26	398	Michael D'Elena
27	455	Donald Stockham	27	390	Richard Frost	27	396	Marty Duchow
28	446	Winona McDaniel	28	388	Kevin Mansfield	28	393	Charles Booker
29	442	Robert Milk	29	383	Dan Taylor	29	392	Keith Miller
30	437	Dennis Misenaar	30	370	Marlene Lazachek	30	377	Larry Phifer
31	427	Scott Bartosh	31	368	Jerry Griffin	31	359	Frank Bogus Jr
32	420	Matt Padrow	32	353	Jeff Machovsky	32	354	Scott Noble
33	415	Richard Shea	33	349	Adam Switzer	33	337	Patrick Robrecht
34	410	Peggy Shea	34	343	Joe Clarke	34	335	Vicki Soule
35	397	Ronnie Murakami	35	338	Cynthia Wark	35	329	Frank Abernathy
36	396	Brad Seger	36	329	Patrick Barrett	36	327	Mark Soule
37	395	Wayne Morris	36	329	Chad Frischmann	37	323	Peter Grant
38	392	Dearl McCullough	38	315	Bob Hanes	38	322	Mary Burlington
39	385	Bob Prochnow	39	314	Jason Matheny	39	302	Jamie Fincher
40	380	Junko Larsen	40	311	Pete Severson	40	284	Scott Johnson
41	372	Paul Hirschmann	41	300	Larry Leidenheimer	41	280	Louis Petosa
42	348	Carol Perko	42	299	Chad Loupee	42	268	A.J. Kabilian
43	341	Carol Williams	43	298	Andy Stireman	43	267	Kendra Munkacsy
44	338	Scott Milo	44	294	Sara Sandey	44	241	Mary Rotberge
45	336	Steve Sundet	45	293	Donald Curry	45	234	Rick Montague
46	334	Rick Baird	46	289	Wade Skaja	46	232	Stanley Filipiak
47	333	Gary Louderback	47	287	Kevin Anderson	46	232	Jeff Olson
48	329	Jim Crawford	48	284	Steve Scadden	48	222	Scott Earley
49	317	Gordy Wise	49	274	Deb Kvien	48	222	Todd Smith
50	314	Dawn Diaz	50	265	Don Pohlman	50	214	Lance Browne
50	314	Chris McComas						

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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SCHEDULE OF ACC LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

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

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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
Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI 54313. 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 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 9, Well in May
Wells Ogunquit Senior Center, 300 Post Rd, Wells ME 04090. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

WI ♦ May 8-10, Cribbage Weekend In America
AmericInn, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138)

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

WY ♦ May 16-17, Oil City Open
Eagles, 306 N Durbin St, Casper WY 82601. TD: Dave Harris (307.267.5014) & James Chase

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)

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
May 29-31, Garden City Classic Westside Lanes, 1615 Wyoming St, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Sandi Cu-erth (406.207.8529) & Karl Paddock
June 2-4, Copper City Classic East Side Athletic Club, 3075 Dexter, Butte MT 59701. TD: Gary Galetti (406.491.5892) & Sandy Sands
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

WA ♦ May 30-31, Mount Rainier Open
Olalla Grange, 7554 Fragararia Rd, Olalla WA 98359. TD: Dave Liesse (253.343.3445) & Bill Klem

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TOURNAMENT PLAYERS**
Go Green Bay: \$500 to Cerebral Palsy

WI ♦ Baraboo Doubleheader

AmericInn, 626 W Pine St, Baraboo WI 53913.
TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

June 5, Madison Masters 1

June 5–7, Madison Masters 2

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

AK ♦ June 13, Midnight Sun Open

AmVets, 1591 N Creste Floris St, Wasilla AK 99654.
TD: Marli & Doug Holden (907.631.1933) & C.J. Kim

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, Waters-
meet MI 49969. TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632) &
Bernie Brentar

ME ♦ Mid-Maine Doubleheader

American Legion, 1 Columbus Dr,
Brunswick ME 04011. TD: Joe Bowen
(207.659.6111) & Jerry Hardy

June 19, Hardys' Mid-Maine Festivals #1

June 20–21, Hardys' Mid-Maine Festivals #2

NV ♦ June 21–23, Topaz Lake Summer Classic

Topaz Lodge, 1979 US 395, Gardnerville NV 89410.
TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

NV ♦ June 24–26, 2026 Topaz Summer Bash

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

MN ♦ Hinckley Doubleheader

Community Center, 102 Dunn Ave N,
Hinckley MN 55037. TD: Chad Frischmann
(715.492.5337) & Scott Sand

June 26–27, Hinckley Summer Shuffle

June 27, North Star Open

↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGES 36–37 ↓

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 ♦ June 28, Boston Summa Special

Irish American Hall, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148.
TD: Frank Reddy (617.974.7562) & Bill Cormier

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, De-
poe 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

↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 41 ↓

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)

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2 pm Registration Opens for Early Bird, Mid Roller and Main Tournament
3 pm Early Bird, \$20, 7 Games, No Playoffs
7 pm Canadian Doubles \$50-Team \$20- Side Pools, 9 Games, No Playoffs

Saturday June 27, 2026

7 am Pick Up Scorecards, Complimentary Coffee and Danish
8 am Main Tournament, \$73, \$10-\$20-\$50 Side Pools, 22 Games, \$1,000.00 J Resort Added
Lunch is not provided
5:30 pm Main Tournament Playoffs, Best 3 of 5

Sunday, June 28, 2026

7:30 am Main Tournament Playoffs Continue, Complimentary Coffee and Danish
8 am Consolation Registration
9 am Consolation, \$40, \$10 Side Pool, 9 Games, \$500.00 J Resort Added
1 pm Consolation Playoffs, Best 2 of 3

Tournament Directors Rick and Peggy Shea 707-599-4605. All Prize Funds Pay 1:4, All Side Pools Pay Graduated 1:6. Cut for deal. Current ACC membership required. **Deadline to mail**

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Name _____ ACC# Required _____ Stationary Seat

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone w/Area Code _____ E-Mail _____

_____ \$20 Early Bird

_____ \$25 per person Doubles partner _____

_____ \$20 Doubles Side Pool

_____ \$73 Saturday Main Tournament Make Payable To: Independence Day Cribbage

_____ \$10 Main Side Pool Mail To: Peggy Shea

_____ \$20 Main Side Pool 6282 Humboldt Hill Road

_____ \$50 Main Side Pool Eureka CA 95503

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

CA ♦ July 25, Pegging for Vets

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

CO ♦ Loveland Doubleheader

Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland, Loveland
CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey
(970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

July 25, MVP2.0 Summer Sizzler #1

July 26, MVP2.0 Summer Sizzler #2

CA ♦ July 26, Timmy Shaw Memorial

Veteran's Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Dr, Pla-
cerville CA 95667. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232)
& Lori Boyer

CA ♦ River City Tripleheader

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Cen-
tro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834

July 31, River City Shake It Up Friday

TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas

Aug. 1–2, River City Shake It Up Saturday

TD: Jennifer Bolles (916.203.6636) & Nancy Rojas

Aug. 3–4, Natomas Open

TD: Bill Schlabs (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacra-
mento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlabs
(530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh

Aug. 6–7, Sacramento Starter #1

Aug. 8, Sacramento Starter #2

Aug. 9, Sacramento Starter #3

MN ♦ Hinkley Doubleheader

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

Aug. 7, Midwest Kickoff

Aug. 8–9, Midwest Great Hinkley Fireball

CT ♦ South Windsor Doubleheader

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand
Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074

Aug. 8, Patriot Kickoff Classic

TD: Marty Duchow (860.324.8019) & Deb Taylor

Aug. 9, Northeast Peer Tournament

TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712)
& Barbara Barbour

OR ♦ Aug. 14–16, Blue Mountain Open

Union County Senior Center, 1504 N Albany St,
La Grande OR 97850. TD: Charlette Springer
(541.975.3176) & Sue Raynor

WI ♦ Aug. 21–23, DockHounds Challenge 1

Lake Country DockHounds, 1011 Blue Ribbon Cir-
cle N, Oconomowoc WI 53066. TD: Wayne Stein-
metz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

ID ♦ Sep. 11–13, Gem State Classic

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

SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader

Hilton Garden Inn, 8910 Farrow Rd,
Columbia SC 29203. TD: Jennifer Curnow
(803.240.2198) & June Fordham

Sep. 11, Palmetto State Fall Open

Sep. 12–13, Soda City Fall Classic

CT ♦ Sep. 12, September Sizzler

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd,
South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Barbara Barbour
(860.543.2244) & Matt Binkowski

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader

Senior Center, 1370 W Basin Ave,
Pahrump NV 89060. TD: Bill Eilers
(919.457.6351) & Jennifer Bolles

Sep. 12, Fall Paranormal Open #1

Sep. 13, Fall Paranormal Open #2

IA ♦ Marshalltown Doubleheader

Rock Island Inn, 3303 S Center St, Marshall-
town IA 50158. TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632)

Sep. 18, Iowa Classic 1

Sep. 19–20, Iowa Classic 2

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YOUTH GRAND NATIONAL 7

Saturday, June 27, 2026

In Conjunction with the Independence Day Cribbage Classic

J Resort - 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, NV 89501

See Independence Day Flyer for rate (866)-386-7829

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Please send \$12 registration by June 20^h made out to: Gold Country Cribbage Youth

send to: Don Grumpy Howard - 6406 Old Orchard Way, Orangevale, CA 95662

[Please complete Youth Membership Registration or Renew prior to the Tournament](#)

NO WALKINS!

Please call Don Grumpy Howard for late Registration

Name: _____ Age on June 27th: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Youth ACC Number: _____

Email: _____

Registration \$ _____ Donations Appreciated _____ Check - Cash - Gift Cards - Pegs - Prizes

If you are not going to play in the Independence Day Classic and would like to HELP
Contact Don Grumpy Howard

OR ♦ Sep. 19–20, Oregon Championship
Elks, 63120 Boyd Acres Rd, Bend OR 97701. TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Jason Thornton

MA ♦ Norwood Doubleheader
Courtyard by Marriott, 300 River Ridge Dr, Norwood MA 02062. TD: Debra Cotter (781.801.3858) & Susan Baker
Sep. 26, New England Classic Warmup
Sep. 27, New England Classic

WI ♦ Oct. 2–4, Wisconsin State Championship
Lake of the Torches Casino, 510 Old Abe Rd, Lac Du Flambeau WI 54538. TD: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.323.5027)

NY ♦ Pre-GN Doubleheader
VFW, 2985 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg NY 14075. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss
Oct. 10–11, Western New York Festival Day #1
Oct. 12, Western New York Festival Day #2

↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 2 ↓
NY ♦ Grand National 44
Sheraton, 300 3rd St, Niagara Falls NY 14303. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Katie VanHuis, and Mark & Vicki Soule
Oct. 14–15, American Falls Classic
Oct. 16–18, Horseshoe Falls Classic
<i>entry form on cribbage.org</i>

WI ♦ Oct. 30–Nov. 1, DockHounds Challenge 2
Lake Country DockHounds, 1011 Blue Ribbon Circle N, Oconomowoc WI 53066. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

KY ♦ Kentucky Fall Classic
Triple Crown Pavillion, 1780 Plantside Dr, Louisville KY 40299. TD: Stephen Dugas (774.406.8761) & Wanda Berry
Nov. 13, Louisville Slugger
Nov. 14–15, Bluegrass Open

NH ♦ Nov. 15, Granite State Classic
Elks, 81 Roxbury St, Keene NH 03431. TD: John Pappas (617.803.5329) & Gail Somers

FL ♦ NCL Cruise Cluster
NCL Star Cruise Ship leaving from Miami FL. TD: Winona McDaniel (541.525.1292) & Troy Thorson
Nov. 22, NCL Cruise Paris One-Day
Nov. 25, NCL Cruise Portugal One-Day
Nov. 27–28, NCL Cruise Portugal Two-Day
Nov. 29–30, NCL Cruise Mid-Atlantic Two-Day
Dec. 1–2, NCL Cruise Home Bound Two-Day

OR ♦ Nov. 27–29, Thanksgiving at Ko Kwel
Ko Kwel Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

MN ♦ Dec. 4–6, Frosty Fingers Cribbage Clash
Jackpot Junction Casino, 39375 County Hwy 24, Morton MN 56270. TD: Jason Anderson (952.797.6277) & James Zahnow

CO ♦ Dec. 12, MVP2.0 Winter Wonder
Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

Youth Tourneys

May 9 ♦ Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA)

June 6 ♦ Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA)

June 26 ♦ Tim Shaw Memorial (Reno NV)

↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 39 ↓

June 27 ♦ Youth Grand National 7 (Reno NV)

July 16 ♦ National Youth Open (Durham NC)

July 23 ♦ New England Youth (Bangor ME)

July 25 ♦ Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA)

For more info and flyers, go to
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Tournament Schedule

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40 Years Ago

The front cover announced the (then) annual BOD election, with 31 candidates vying for 12 open positions. If the *Cribbage World* staff counted correctly, four of these candidates are still ACC members: **Gene Biegler, Scott Kooistra, Joan Rein, and Jeff Shimp.**

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that the late, great **Don Flesch** (WI) won the 140-player Milwaukee Challenge. Elsewhere we read that **Phil Martin** (CT) won the 124-player South Shore Open in Randolph MA and that **Scott Kooistra** (MN) won the 62-player Sunbird O'Classic in Sioux Falls SD. This was Scott's first win in South Dakota, despite living there for fifteen years—and it came right after he moved to Minnesota!



Cribbage Quiz Answer

Here's one way the dealer can score 15 points with her last card. The pone holds A-A-3-3, and the dealer holds A-A-2-3. It doesn't particularly matter in what sequence the first four cards are played, but the Aces must be held until last. Here's one way it plays out, with the dealer scoring a quad, a 15-for-2, and last card for a total of 15 points:

pone	3		3 (for 6)		A (for 3)	A (for 6)	
dealer		3 (for 2)		2		A (for 2)	A (for 15)
running count	3	6	9	11	12	13	14

This puzzle was adapted from the May 1986 Cribbage World.



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