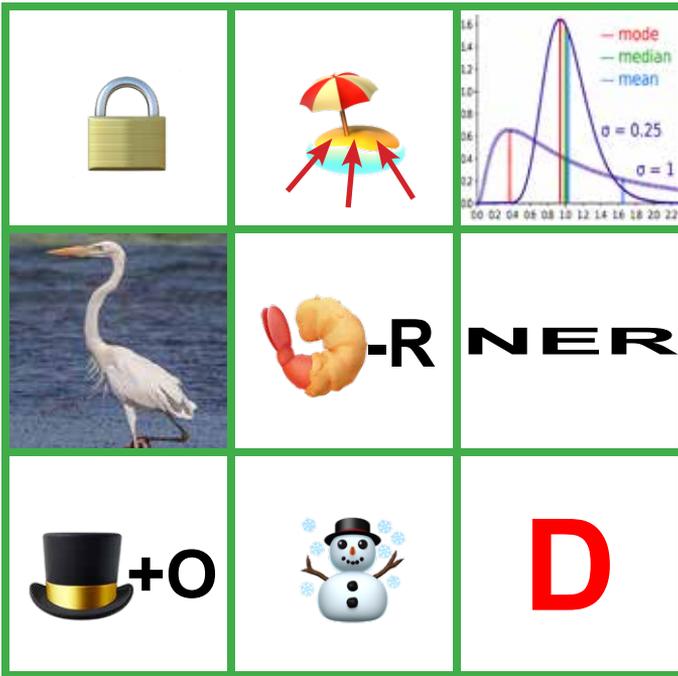


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Do you recognize these cribbage players?



hint on page 4



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Happy Birthday in October!

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President's Column

by James Morrow



Grand National It's September, the days are getting shorter. It is still summer, but the season feels like it is going to change any minute.

This means that Grand National is about to happen, and this year it is in Deadwood, South Dakota. With western history everywhere, famous people associated with Deadwood are predominantly figures from the Wild West era, including lawmen, gamblers, and outlaws like Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, town builder Seth Bullock, and notorious saloon owner Al Swearengen. Other figures include gambler Poker Alice, miner George Hearst, and even gunman Wyatt Earp, who came to Deadwood during the gold rush. Mount Rushmore is just 49 miles from Deadwood, and Crazy Horse Memorial is 78 miles. There is plenty to explore when not at the cribbage tables.

One of the jobs the Board of Directors will handle at its October 3 meeting is selecting where Grand National will be played in 2028. Stay tuned for that information.

Deadwood is the 43rd Grand National. It is the third time South Dakota has hosted Grand National, with Sioux Falls hosting in 2003 and Yankton in 2015.

Only twenty-one states have hosted Grand National. Wisconsin has the most—eight! Milwaukee has hosted three times, Wisconsin Dells twice, with Appleton, Eau Claire, and Green Bay hosting one each.

Oregon has hosted four Grand Nationals: two in Lincoln City, one in Portland, and one in have-you-ever-heard-of Prineville?

California, Nevada, and Virginia have three each, with both Virginia Beach and Las Vegas hosting Grand National two times.

Next year we travel to Niagara Falls, New York, for the first time, directed by **David Aiken**, **Katie VanHuis**, and **Mark and Vicki Soule**. Then for another first, in 2027 Washington State will host in Spokane, with **James Morrow**, **Kat Hartsell**, and **Rick Baird** directing.

You should be just coming home from Deadwood when you read this. So if you haven't put in for vacation time, booked a room, or looked up extracurricular things to do in 2026, don't worry you have time. But start planning now!

With twenty-nine states and Canada yet to host the Grand National, where would you like to see Grand National played?

Hint #1: players are listed in the same column as they appear on page 34 of the September *Cribbage World*, plus they are listed in MRP order within each column. (Still need a hint? Go to page 10.)

Your Deal



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Identical Hands

I am a member of Club 118 in Portland OR. **David Aiken**'s editorial in the September *Cribbage World* [about no two games being the same] propelled me to send this email. The following happened in a small bar league. I played my first card, a 2, and my opponent played her own 2. I then played a 9; she played a 9 of her own. I gritted my teeth and played a 3; she then gasped and played her own 3. My final card: an Ace; her final card: an Ace. It gets better! She picked up her crib, and both of us discarded 6-7! I'm still shocked.

Judy Parker (Portland OR)

Madame Blanc

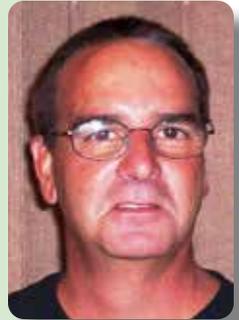
The Madame Blanc Mysteries (S1.E5) showed an elderly lady playing cribbage with some gentleman wagering on the game. They went twice around the board.

Charlette Springer (La Grande OR)

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Andy Hulcher

Andy Hulcher died on September 7, 2025, at age 67. A cofounder of the Richmond cribbage club, Andy was an avid player who participated in tournaments on the East Coast and nationwide. He was instrumental in bringing ACC cribbage to Richmond



VA and was a longtime supporter of local cribbage events. He earned both his Master rating and his Bronze Award. A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Andy was an entrepreneur who started and operated several businesses in the hospitality industry. Health problems limited his cribbage participation in recent years. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	29-24 (54.7%)	37-27 (57.8%)	√32-19 (62.7%)
biggest win	+39 vs. Roger Collinson (OR) @ Club 12	+41 vs. Mike Henze (IA) @ Hinckley IA	√+50 vs. Joyce Keay (MA) @ Patriot Kickoff
worst loss	-49 vs. Walter Engel (OR) @ Salem OR	√-35 vs. Ken Moomey (IA) @ Hinckley IA	-48 vs. Frank Corrado (CT) @ Patriot Kickoff

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

9,618 days. That's how long it has been since anyone had a 29-hand at Club 221 in Winston-Salem NC. All the way from May 11, 1999, to September 9, 2025. That's 26 years, 3 months, and 29 days. A total of 9,618 days! Here's the story.

A 29-hand desert

I get dozens of emails every month containing items destined for next month's *Cribbage World*. I transfer them to a folder on my laptop, which I creatively named "Next CW," and then I move on to the next email.

But sometimes these innocuous run-of-the-mill contributions turn into something else altogether. Such an email appeared on my laptop on September 10 from **Sharon Ober**, director of Club 221. In its entirety, it read:

On the eve of her 84th birthday, Martha Bisson scored a 29-hand!

Okay, got it. Move to "Next CW." Next email.

Two days later, I get a follow-up email from Sharon:

We've learned an interesting tidbit from Robert Reister at Club 221: no one has had a 29-hand at our club since 1999—a 26-year drought! Thank you Martha for getting us back on track!

Okay, Sharon, you got my attention. Now I'm interested.

Twenty-six years *seems* like a long time to not see a 29-hand at an active club, but maybe I better do the math to make sure it really is unusual.

First of all, I call **Robert Reister** (Winston-Salem NC) to confirm the story about the 29-hand in 1999. Come to find out, Robert was the last person to get a 29-hand at Club 221. And while this is not the point of my story, Robert got this big hand on his *first* time playing Grass Roots, on May 11, 1999!

Next I contact ACC software programmer **Scott Harker** and ask for a complete list of all tournaments played at Club 221 since 1999. The ACC's digital records go back to only 2003, but this gives me a start.

Scott sends a list of 736 club events containing date, number of players, and event type (club, GRRT, or GRNT). These twenty-one years of data contain 720 weekly competitions and 16 GRRTs or GRNTs.

I sort Scott's list by number of players and see that the smallest club meeting had 6 players. When 6 players are present, each will have a scorecard with 9 games, for a total of 54 games. But 54 games were not played that night, because each game is written down twice—once by the winner and once by the loser. So dividing 54 by 2 shows that when 6 players are present, 27 games are played.

I record in the database that all 6-player events (there were 36 of them over the years) have 27 games. I'll come back to odd numbers in a minute, but moving

on to 8-player events, I can now do the math quickly: $8 \times 9 = 72$ and $72 \div 2 = 36$. Check. Next: $10 \times 9 = 90$ and $90 \div 2 = 45$. Check. I continue this process through 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 players (the highest even number of players at Club 221).

Events with an odd number of players are slightly problematic because I don't know how the club handles the ninth game for sit-outs (even if I knew, the methodology may have changed over the years). I decide to err on the side of fewer games, so I assume that first sit-out plays second sit-out, third sit-out plays fourth sit-out, and so on—meaning that there is only one extra game on nights when there are an odd number of players; only the ninth sit-out will have to play someone with an already full scorecard.

Regardless, the math is the same: {number of players} $\times 9 =$ {games played} $\div 2$. Of course, this yields a half game because of the odd number; for example: $7 \times 9 = 63$ and $63 \div 2 = 31.5$. But since a full game was played by both players, I round up and enter 32 for all 7-player events. Repeat this process for 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 21 players.

And then I apply this same technique (for both even and odd numbers) to the GRRTs and GRNTs, except the first multiplier is 18 games played.

Okay, that takes care of 2003–2025, but what about 1999–2003? Since we have no records (digital or otherwise) for these years, we have to estimate (read: guess) the number of games in these early seasons. Somewhat arbitrarily, I decided to assign 1,000 games to 1999–2000 and then increase the number by one or two hundred games per season for these seasons, yielding the following values:

season	games
1999–2000	1,000
2000–2001	1,200
2001–2002	1,400
2002–2003	1,500

One last tweak: we have to add in the first two weeks of the current season. Club 221 had 8 players each week, so that adds 36 more games for weeks 1–2.

Adding all these numbers together, we get this grand total for number of games at Club 221 from 1999 to 2025:

years	games
1999–2000 (estimated)	1,000
2000–2001 (estimated)	1,200
2001–2002 (estimated)	1,400
2002–2003 (estimated)	1,500
2003–2025	36,945
2025-09-02 (8 players)	36
2025-09-09 (8 players)	36
	42,117

But we're not done yet, because we now have to multiply by two numbers: deals per game (nine, on average, according to DeLynn) and separate hands per deal (3 for hand, hand, crib); then we divide by the odds of getting a 29-hand. Yikes, More math!

total games in 1999–2025	42,117
average deals per game	$\times 9$
total deals in 1999–2025	379,053
three hands per deal	$\times 3$
total hands in 1999–2025	1,137,159
odds of a 29-hand	$\div 216,580$
how many 29-hands should have appeared in 1999–2025	5.25

Many of my numbers above are rock solid, but as shown throughout this article, we are forced to deal with assumptions:

- how Club 221 handles sit-outs

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CW Editorial (continued from previous page)

- attendance in Club 221's first four seasons
- that Robert's 29-hand was the last week of the 1998–1999 season
- an average of nine deals per game

I think my assumptions are fairly reasonable and put us in the ballpark. All of which means that Club 221 should have seen at least five 29-hands between 1999 and 2025, thus confirming my initial reaction—twenty-six years is a *very* long time to not see a 29-hand at an active club.

In sharp contrast to this dearth, Life Master (★) **Dan Selke** (Arlington Heights IL) held *four* 29-hands in the space of less than four years, or to be precise: in 1,342 days; that's an average of one 29-hand every 335.5 days! If Club 221 followed that pattern, they would've had twenty-eight 29s in 9,618 days. And I would have been writing about them for an entirely different reason!

So when you read this simple paragraph

on page 11 below . . .

Club 221 (Winston-Salem NC)—one day before she turned 84, **Martha Bisson ↓ scored a 29-hand! If that wasn't unusual enough, no one has had a 29-hand at Club 221 since 1999—a 26-year drought!**

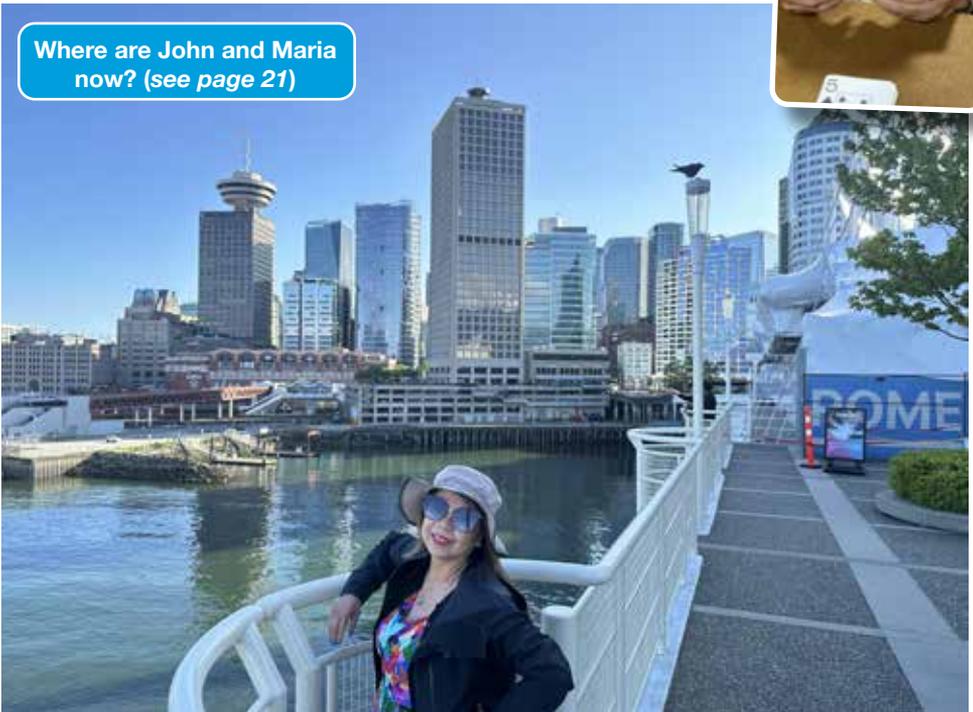
. . . now you know the backstory!

One more interesting tidbit: the 83-year-and-364-day-old Martha got her 29 against 93-year-old **Chuck Dolge**!

I hope you enjoyed this mathematical journey with me. More important, I hope that Club 221 doesn't suffer another 26-year drought of 29-hands. Maybe Dan would be willing to share one or two of his 29s with them! **CW**



Where are John and Maria now? (see page 21)



Growing your Cribbage Club



Opal's Seedlings

I was approached by Grass Roots Commissioner **Ivan Wells** to assist with marketing Grass Roots clubs. The goal of this column is to give ideas that have promoted growth in my groups, and maybe other clubs will find them useful. But first, here's a little bit about me.

I have been in the ACC twenty-five years. During this time I have played in several clubs due to traveling for my jobs (medical and flight attendant). My father, **Frank Horn**, and I started the Missouri Good Hands Club and Pensacola Peggers. From there I have spun off two Division 4 groups (Nibs & Nobs and Beulah Peggers), so I am very proud to say my small town of Pensacola FL has four active cribbage groups! Other than playing cribbage, my background includes the love of cars, embroidery, and learning guitar.

So here's the first monthly seedling. Appoint someone in your club to empower members with resources, identify recruitment venues, and drive marketing efforts. Recruitment venues can include fairs/shows (senior, craft, county, car, etc.), new store openings, ball games, and gaming stores. Basically anywhere you can set up a table to play cards or hand out literature about your club.

If you have questions or ideas, please reach out at mo_pilgrim59@msn.com.

Hint #2: here are their first names. (Answers on page 21.)

Erik	Scott	David
Carole	Jeff	Keith
Terry	Richard	Frank



edited by **Michael Barrett**



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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Club 5 (Hamburg NY)—on September 10, **Gloria Sibenik** had a big night. She joined the ACC, played her first club tournament, and got her first 28-hand. Way to go, Gloria!

Club 58 (Raleigh NC) saw a rare double skunk. **Andy Wagner** bested **Megan Player** by 61!

Club 490 (King of Prussia PA) had *two* 28-hands on their first night! Congrats to **Janice Paracka** and **Scott Harker**.



Shirley Ford (Bellaire MI) turns 100 years old on October 27 and is still very active in Club 368 Ishpeming MI.

28-Hands

Thomas Shearer (Club 71 in Grand Rapids MI)
Caleb Corson (Club 230 in Ormond Beach FL)
Steve Colgan (visiting Club 294 in Olalla WA)
Shane Morgan (Club 451 in West Valley City UT)

Chippewa Valley Cribbage Club 284 (Eau Claire WI) had a unique milestone: three members earned Gold, Silver, and Bronze in one season. **Marv Johnson** earned Silver, **Kathy Maresch** grabbed Gold, and **Randy DeMars** was Bronze.



New Feature!

The best Grass Roots scorecards so far this year!

Division 1
Mike Moodry
20/9 +195
(Club 476)

Division 4
Bob Huddleston
13/6 +144
(Club 395)

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See page 6 for more on this story.

more Grass Roots stories next month

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
River City Shake It Up Friday (Sacramento CA; 8/1)	Jennifer Bolles	57 players HQ. Farokh Ziari (40) 1. James Aleschus Sr. (105) 2. James Langley (70) 3. Bryan Gurden (42) 3. Farokh Ziari (42)	{no consy}		Early Bird: Bob Bartosh
River City Shake It Up Saturday (Sacramento CA; 8/2)	Jennifer Bolles	48 players HQ. James Langley (50) 1. James Langley (105) 2. Bryan Gurden (70) 3. Richard Shea (42) 3. Debra Wrightman (42)	34 players HQ. Alice Souza (18) 1. James Aleschus Jr. (60) 2. Barbara Stockham (40) 3. Alice Souza (24) 3. Marilyn White (24)	28-hands: Jennifer Bolles* Don Thienel*	Canadian Doubles: Kat Hartsell & Bryan Gurden
Natomas Open (Sacramento CA; 8/4)	Bill Schlabes	36 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (20) 1. Jones Horn (105) 2. Ray Hatcher (70) 3. Bob Bartosh (42) 3. Don Thienel (42)	28 players HQ. Don Thienel (12) 1. Wayne Morris (40) 2. Barbara Stockham (24) 3. Sara Sanner (12) 3. Don Thienel (12)		
Sacramento VFW #4 (Sacramento CA; 8/7)	Bill Schlabes	38 players HQ. Darlene Stier (80) 1. Jason Shumate (105) 2. Mark Hofschield (70) 3. Lloyd Boyd (42) 3. Jeanne Jeilke (42)	23 players HQ. Bryan Gurden (15) 1. Ray Klocko (40) 2. Dick Lind (24) 3. Bryan Gurden (12) 3. Barbara Stockham (12)		
Midwest Kickoff (Hinckley MN; 8/8)	Steve Schneider	82 players HQ. Edward Balcer (30) 1. Les Kvien (147) 2. Dan Taylor (105) 3. Paul Harris (70) 3. Reuben Sufka (70)	52 players HQ. Mary Sand (18) 1. Matt Klar (60) 2. Linda Carlson (40) 3. Sara Sandey (24) 3. Nick Severson (24)	28-hand: Jeffrey Bovitz*	

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HQ = high qualifier

* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

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Midwest Great Hinckley Fireball (Hinckley MN; 8/9)	Steve Schneider	97 players HQ. Dennis Koehler (55) 1. Les Kvien (147) 2. Henry Brandner (105) 3. Neil Fagerhaugh (70) 3. Dennis Koehler (70)	66 players HQ. Timothy Cuppy (24) 1. Rod Mandler (84) 2. Timothy Shaw (60) 3. Dave DeVowe (40) 3. Doug Whitlock (40)		Canadian Doubles: Thomas Beucler & Timothy Shaw
Patriot Kickoff Classic (South Windsor CT; 8/9)	Martin Duchow	65 players HQ. Robert Baker (50) 1. Peter Grant (147) 2. Roland Hall (105) 3. Robins Buck (70) 3. Debra Cotter (70)	42 players HQ. Roy Scheffer (12) 1. William Cormier (60) 2. Paul Batterson (40) 3. Scott Johnson (24) 3. Patrick Robrecht (24)	28-hand: Bonnie Fife*	Canadian Doubles: Marty Duchow & Deborah Taylor
Laguna Woods Tournament (Laguna Woods CA; 8/9)	Paul Dockstader	47 players HQ. Robert Galbraith (35) 1. Dawn Diaz (105) 2. Lono Kaai (70) 3. James Boren (42) 3. Lyford Smith (42)	20 players HQ. Cy Madrone (12) 1. Pamela Pomeroy (40) 2. Cathy Rendon (24) 3. Cy Madrone (12) 3. Kim Mixer (12)	28-hand: Lono Kai*	
Sacramento VFW #5 (Sacramento CA; 8/9)	Bill Schlabes	37 players HQ. Jennifer Bolles (30) 1. Stan Katzman (105) 2. Bob Brumley (70) 3. Mark Hofschield (42) 3. Farokh Ziari (42)	22 players HQ. Wayne Morris (15) 1. Darlene Stier (40) 2. Wayne Morris (24) 3. Jason Shumate (12) 3. Jack Shumate (12)	28-hand: Ray Klocko*	
Northeast Peer Tournament (South Windsor CT; 8/10)	Donald Janelle	57 players HQ. Kendra Munkacsy (60) 1. Mary Roberge (105) 2. Jack Silvia (70) 3. Mike Fetchel (42) 3. Jerry Hardy (42)	35 players HQ. Frank Reddy (9) 1. Debra Cotter (60) 2. Frank Reddy (40) 3. Scott Johnson (24) 3. Mike Misluk (24)		

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Sacramento VFW #6 (Sacramento CA; 8/10)	Bill Schlabes	34 players HQ. Lori Boyer (50) 1. Bob Bartosh (105) 2. Wayne Morris (70) 3. Lori Boyer (42) 3. Dan Selke (42)	11 players HQ. Bob Brumley (6) 1. Bob Brumley (24) 2. Paul Gregson (12) 3. James Aleschus Jr. (4)	28-hand: Randy Azelton*	
Socal in August (Bonsall CA; 8/10)	Obie Weeks	23 players HQ. Cy Madrone (30) 1. Dawn Diaz (70) 2. Cy Madrone (42) 3. Anthony DePinto (21) 3. Gregg Pericich (21)	consolation 12 players HQ. Ron Guidotti (9) 1. Michael Duffy (24) 2. Ron Guidotti (12) 3. Richard Meyer (4)	28-hand: Ron Guidotti*	Canadian Doubles: Deb Beddoe & Kevin Beddoe
Portland One-Day Peg-Off (Portland OR; 8/17)	Erik Locke	32 players HQ. Bryan Gurden (40) 1. Willie Evans (70) 2. Bryan Gurden (42) 3. Paul Hirschmann (21) 3. Matt Padrow (21)	16 players HQ. Junko Larsen (9) 1. Ray Klocko (24) 2. Todd Malmgren (12) 3. Suzanne Dagget (4) 3. Junko Larsen (4)		
John Medeiros Memorial (Durham NC; 8/22)	Jennifer Johnson	42 players HQ. Eric Davis (70) 1. Scott Earley (105) 2. Denise Fortin (70) 3. Martha Bryant (42) 3. Mike Due (42)	30 players HQ. Frank Abernathy (21) 1. Linda Brent (40) 2. Larry Phifer (24) 3. Catherine Perkins (12) 3. Keith Widener (12)		Early Bird: Scott Noble Canadian Doubles: Martha Bryant & David Smith
Taking the Long-View (Longview WA; 8/23)	Chris McComas	30 players HQ. Jack Shumate (40) 1. Chris McComas (70) 2. Jack Shumate (42) 3. Bob Brumley (21) 3. Gordy Wise (21)	14 players HQ. Bernie Nelson (12) 1. Laurie Crosslin (24) 2. Steven Macomber (12) 3. Junko Larsen (4) 3. Bernie Nelson (4)	29-hand: Don Hansen*	

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Capital City Fall Roundup 2025 (Helena MT; 8/29)	Sandy Sands	32 players HQ. Larry Holman (35) 1. Ray Klocko (70) 2. Bryan Gurden (42) 3. Larry Holman (21) 3. Bob Stone (21)	32 players HQ. Tom Gannon (12) 1. Bob Bartosh (40) 2. Tom Gannon (24) 3. Larry Holman (12) 3. William MacMillan (12)	28-hand: Todd Malmgren*	Friday Canadian Doubles: Sandy Sands & Gary Galetti Saturday Canadian Doubles: Ann Pearson & Debbie Selva
Portland's Fifteen Two and a Brew (Portland OR; 8/30)	Erik Locke	48 players HQ. Michael Wertz (50) 1. William O'Malley (105) 2. Trevor Poole (70) 3. Matt Constantino (42) 3. Carole Herron (42)	28 players HQ. Erik Locke (18) 1. Gordy Wise (40) 2. Erik Royland Locke (24) 3. Chris McComas (12) 3. Diana Webster (12)		
Peg for the Crown: Jimmy Yee Memorial (Sacramento CA; 9/5)	Annett Eiffert	42 players HQ. Denise Harding (45) 1. James Langley (105) 2. Paul Gregson (70) 3. Sylvia Bergquist (42) 3. Peggy Shea (42)	24 players HQ. Jones Horn (18) 1. Jones Horn (40) 2. Allen Amaro (24) 3. Scott Bedolla (12) 3. Chase Harding (12)		

Oops!

The semifinalist in the Come Monday main on July 21 was **Donald Brown** (CA), not Daniel Brown (OR), as reported in September. Here's what the report should have looked like:

Come Monday (Durham NC; 7/21)
124 players
HQ. David Statz (50)
1. Mike Fetchel (147)
2. Adam Switzer (105)
3. **Donald Brown** (70)
3. Matthew Easterbrook (70)

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1. Don Hansen (OR); Taking the Long-View (8/23)

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

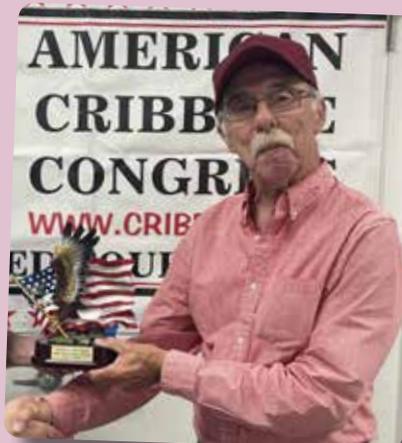
Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com ◆

Boo! Did I scare you? Just kidding, it's *that Vicki* with our Eastern Region recap for August tourneys! But right now it is pumpkin spice time. RIP **David Campbell!** His favorite was pumpkin *everything!* As this magazine comes out, some of us are ready to make the trek to Deadwood for Grand National 43! It is in a western town with a country-themed banquet! I have my dress, cowboy boots, cowboy hat; but, no, Mark will not be a cowboy! I have tried. Well, if you can't find a cowboy, you can celebrate these days with me. October 4 is National Trucker Day. I grew up in a family of truckers from the tip of Maine, and they delivered goods all over the United States. Thank a trucker! October 13 is the US Navy's birthday. Thank you to all who served, and a shout-out to my 22-year-old niece in the Naval Academy in Maryland. Thank you for keeping us safe and free. Besides being **the other Soule's** birthday, October 16 is National Dictionary Day (shout-out to CW editor **Dave Aiken**). Enjoy October as the temps drop and we transition into the cooler months.

On August 9–10, New England gathered in East Windsor CT, for two one-days. On Saturday, we played the Patriot Kickoff, with a moment of silence to commemorate the founder of this tournament, **Carl Deyette**, who was a staple in our community. **Peter Grant** ↓ came in the winner and our CA/VT friend **Roland Hall** was second. The consolation saw **Billy Cormier** → take the win over Connecticut's **Paul Batterson**. The New England Peer Tournament was held Sunday. In this tournament you play in the same league as players with approximately the same MRP totals. When the pegging and shenanigans were over, **Mary Roberge**, another almost hometown favorite, got her first win! **Jack Silva** came in second. The consolation saw two Grass Roots directors play in the finals: **Deb Cotter**, who runs the Plainville MA club, was victorious over **Raleigh Frank Reddy**, who runs the crazy Malden club. It was a fun weekend, and congrats to all.

Durham NC was the place to be on August 22–24 for the John Medeiros Memorial, hosted by his lovely daughter (and my favorite cow-loving person) **Jennifer Johnson**. Jennifer told me they had a new type of fun tournament, the pre-early bird, in which 19 peggers played five games, each with a variation, such as cutting before discarding, must throw 5s in the crib, and—the hands down favorite—no peek to lose. She said this event went so well that it will be part of the tournament going forward and may even pop up at





the Spring Fling. The winners for the main was the southern gentleman himself, **Scott Early**, and consolation winner was **Linda Brent**. Congratulations to all; it sounds like fun!

If you are friends with me on Facebook, you saw that the directors of Grand National 44 were in Niagara Falls in August, doing “research” for 2026. We will report more at a later date but for now, I just wanted to throw out a nugget: look who got all wet! ⬆

Happy Halloween, and good luck wherever you may play this upcoming month! Be nice, play smart and fair.

Vicki’s October Funnies

Remember, let the gourd times roll!!

Q. What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

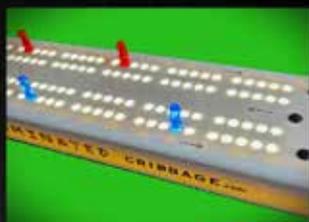
A. Squash.

Q. Why was Cinderella bad at football?

A. She had a pumpkin for a coach.

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I don't know if we in Southern California invented back-to-back one-day tournaments in two different venues, but I'm quite certain we perfected the concept. This format was often necessitated by venues seldom being available for two days. It also meant that people didn't mind traveling a bit, as there were two chances to earn points and money. In fact, for these reasons, during the early years the Board of Directors took a dim view of these tournaments. Those opposed felt that some folks were being penalized and that too many points and dollars were being made available. However, we more rational types convinced the naysayers that the tournaments were open to everybody, everybody had the same chance, and the ACC coffers were being enhanced by twice as much as a single two-dayer.

Over the years from the mid-oughts we've had dozens of these events. Ranging from Ventura in the north to Northern San Diego County in the south, these back-to-back one-day tournaments became quite popular and well attended. I can think of only one two-day tournament in SoCal: Peg for the Border in La Mesa, just east of San Diego. That's it. We've compensated for that with the back-to-backs. I fear now, however, that even those tournaments are going away. Directors **Norm Nikodym** and **Roy Cook** passed away. **Cy Madrone** doesn't have a venue. **Obie Weeks** is moving to Arizona. **Carol Williams** no longer has access to her clubhouse. I'm too old. Etc., etc. So, unless somebody steps up to the plate, for the foreseeable future, the SoCal area will have very few tournaments, either one- or two-day.

During the dozens of tournaments I mentioned above there had been, to my knowledge, only two players who won both mains in a single weekend. **Tom Cookman** (Eureka CA) and the late **Luther Lord** (Ontario CA) were the only double winners. Until now. Meet **Dawn Diaz** ➔ (Saugus CA), who won at both Laguna Woods and Bonsall on the weekend of August 9 and 10. A couple years ago I wrote about Dawn and a friend driving on their way to Vegas when they spied an RV with the ACC bumper sticker. Dawn wrote down the phone number, found there was a club near her (Club 257, the Burbank Bombers), and joined it. (As an aside and a real irony, the RV belonged to **Charlene Cohen** and **Ronnie Murakami**, who were traveling to Vegas for a tournament.) Dawn's previous best was a consolation win last year; now she has two main wins in two days.

Dawn recently retired from her job as a CPA and intends to volunteer at Special Education schools. She hopes to attend more tournaments in the future now that she is no longer punching the time clock. Dawn feels like she does better in tournaments than she does at Grass Roots. (I think a lot of us feel that way.)

Congratulations again, Dawn. Keep up the good work.

Over and out.





Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Not in the rulebook?!

On rare occasions something comes up that isn't directly covered in the rulebook. This is why we have rule 14.1: "Situations not covered in these rules," which allows the head judge to make a decision for that tournament. Many months ago, **Joe Daesch** of Coconut City FL sent us an email about one of these situations.

Player A dealt the cards, but had not picked them up yet. Player B picked up their cards and quickly tossed two cards to the other side. Unfortunately they threw them into the dealer's cards, which had not yet been picked up. Judges were called. The pone was asked what cards they threw, and they could not say. So at this point, the pone's hand is correct and the dealer has eight cards that are not yet picked up, and the judges were scratching their heads.

Solving issues like this takes some thought, and I believe you have to consider who made the mistake and who the innocent party is. In this case, the pone made the mistake when they quickly tossed their crib cards and mixed them with the dealer's cards, so any ruling cannot favor the pone.

The procedure here would be to try and determine if the cards tossed can be isolated. If the pone knows what was tossed, they could simply tell the judges and then the cards could be moved to the side for the crib. If both players agreed that the top two cards on the pile were the tossed cards, that would be sufficient as well. I would penalize the pone two points if this was the solution. However, if there was no way to determine what two cards were tossed, then I would allow the dealer to pick up all eight cards and form their hand and the crib, then reveal what cards were in the crib to the pone. In this situation there would be no two-point penalty because of the advantage that the dealer gained by setting their hand and crib from eight cards.

In the real world, the judges ruled a redeal with no penalty. There is nothing wrong with that and it's within their rights under rule 14.1. But I try to stay away from allowing situations that could be used by unscrupulous players, who might use this as a way to get a redeal.

If you have any situations that are unusual or that you would like a ruling on, please feel free to send me or **David Aiken** an email (he likes this stuff too!). We are always looking for interesting material.

And as always – let's have fun!

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

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

In the early years of the American Cribbage Congress, there were very few mandatory requirements for weekend tournaments. Directors were required to pay back at least 85% as player benefits. There had to be both qualifying and playoffs rounds (except for the National Open). Tournaments had to adhere to the ACC's rulebook. But apart from these rules, there were just a couple other requirements. This was a time of differing formats, playoff modifications, game points on scorecards, and so on. Here are some examples.

In the first couple years of the ACC, a double skunk was worth four game points. A group of us on the board analyzed double skunks and found that about one-third were from people pegging backward multiple times, about one-third involved cheating when a player threw the game to their opponent at the end of the day, and only one-third were true double skunks because of the cards. Very quickly, the BOD voted to eliminate four game points for a double skunk.

The first sanctioned tourney I directed was a one-day in the winter of 1981. There were twelve qualifying games, and we had two games against six opponents. Most of the two-day events in the early years had three games against seven opponents. In the qualifying rounds of those 3-vs.-7 tournaments, you cut before the first game and then it was loser deal. Needless to say, the board came up with more reasonable tournament guidelines after those first couple years.

In some playoff rounds in the early years, the better qualifying seed got to deal the first game. In other playoff rounds, if the match went to a deciding third or fifth or seventh game, the players cut the cards to see who would deal first in the final game.

In the first four or five years, there was no requirement that the top 25% qualify for the playoffs, but rather only a loose recommendation that a director qualify to the nearest even number where there would be no byes. For instance, I had 230 players at the 1984 Minnesota Open, and we had 64 qualifiers, no byes. An important note here: no Master Rating Points were given for main tourney qualifying rounds until 1986.

There are many more interesting examples of tournament modifications from those early years, and I will write about them in future columns. Overall, I am very pleased that tournaments are now much more standardized, and it certainly is more fair to the players. But it was fun to experiment; some things worked and many things didn't!

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.



by John Quist
 ~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
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Sometimes our travels to a foreign location have no connection to cribbage. Maria and I will walk around a city, taking potential photos for *Cribbage World* that might then be used for readers to guess where we are. During recent ACC tournaments that Maria and I attended, many players have said they rarely guess the location. Other players know the international skylines because they have visited those cities. While in Vancouver, we took many skyline photos for the “where are they now?” hints for *Cribbage World*. Was the Vancouver skyline easier to identify because it is closer to the United States?

While walking around the Vancouver waterfront, we found many informational markers and plaques. Positioned all along the boardwalk, these markers documented fun facts and stories about Canada. Here’s our favorite.

Did you know that Winnie the Pooh was based on a real bear from Canada? An overly friendly bear cub was befriended by a Canadian Army veterinary doctor heading to England for WWI. He purchased the bear, named it Winnipeg (after the Canadian city), and then took the bear to England as a companion during his tour of duty. When the doctor returned to Canada, he donated Winnipeg (now nicknamed Winnie) to the London Zoo. Winnie was the favorite zoo creature of Christopher Robin, the son of author A.A. Milne. Winnie the London Zoo bear, along with a stuffed bear from Harrod’s, were the creative origins for the Winnie the Pooh stories.

So what’s the cribbage connection? Maria won two of three games for the third month in a row and was as energetic as Tigger. I, on the other hand, was more like Eeyore as we wrote this story.

Answers to puzzle on page 1.

Erik Locke	Scott Sand	David Statz
Carole Herron	Jeff Shimp	Keith Widener
Terry Hatto	Richard Frost	Frank Reddy

Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson
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Time to highlight another player! This time it is someone you all know, our wonderful ACC TD **Nick Severson** (*ogshmo*). It is very difficult for a TD to earn their eMaster award because they are working tourneys so

often, but this year, Nick, **Jennifer Curnow** (*jjx7fan*), and **June Fordham** (*june6*) all achieved this feat! Kudos to all of them! (Proud Commissioner here.) Nick achieved three other milestones in the same month: tied for most wins this year, point leader of the month, and the biggest thing of all: internet champ! Kudos to Nick on all of these honors, and here's his personal life story.

I was born in St. Paul directly behind the capital building and have lived in Minnesota for most of my life, except for a stint in northern California. I've been a truck driver of one sort or another for work, so I've seen every state more than once while travelling for work and for fun. I was a bar player in a partners league for a long time. My dad, Pete, who is still active in the ACC, told me about the ACC because he and my mom both played. I played in the Saint Paul MN club for

Point Leader of the Month
Timothy Julkowski (*tim_oregon2854*)
@ 214 IRPs

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)
Basil Rudnick (*bmrel2233*)

Internet 28-Hands
Roger Baxter (*rdbaxter*)
Sally Henderson (*sallyann3*)
Carol Miller (*carol1946*)
David Smith (*thecuse5*)

Internet Grand Slams
Jennifer Bolles (*jebbifer*)
Brad Henderson (*ousooner*)
David Smith (*thecuse5*)

internet . leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	214	Tim Julkowski (<i>timoregon2854</i>)
2	152	Gary Brandt (<i>eaglear39</i>)
3	149	John Schafer (<i>netview85</i>)
4	123	Bryan Gurden (<i>gurdzszilla</i>)
5	122	June Fordham (<i>june6</i>)
6	119	Matt Constantino (<i>cyclonestone</i>)
7	118	Brad Henderson (<i>ousooner</i>)
8	115	Kelly Ann Bugar (<i>lithummp</i>)
9	103	Frank Reddy (<i>drvodka</i>)
10	103	Jennifer Curnow (<i>jjx7fan</i>)

a few years and won a championship. I moved away, so now I play only a few live tournaments a year. I found internet cribbage in the late '80s or early '90s. I was a player/host for a few years at MSN Game Zone, and then the site vanished. A couple of years ago I looked for a replacement, and I found eCribbage. I live in a 500-square-foot house with a 600-square-foot deck and five-acre yard in central Minnesota with my queen, Theresa Harding. She has two adult children, and they've made me a grandpa of three, so far!



The
Kat Hartsell
EXPERIENCE

No wi-fi, no outlets, plenty of pegging. **Kendra Munkacsy** flew from Boston to Seattle, and I took her straight to Olympic National Forest. We set up a tent, found a picnic table, turned on a lantern, and dealt. If cribbage hadn't happened to us, we probably would never meet. Because of cribbage, we're counting fifteens by starlight and arguing about whether she should toss the 5 to my crib.

Meanwhile, the headlines feel heavy and loud. It's easy to believe the world is split into sides, each sure the other is the villain. But the ACC keeps handing me a different story: we sit down, we shuffle, and we meet people before we meet their positions. You hear about a grandkid's game or a spouse's surgery. You learn someone's travel plans, or how their car died on the way in. You can log fifty games against fifty people and still not know how they vote—but you will know who can smile after a skunk, who brings extra pens or pegs, who never forgets to say "well played," and who offers a tissue when your pegging falls in position at hole 115.

That matters. Generalizing a group is the shortest path to contempt; meeting a person is the fastest path out of it. The ACC puts us across from each other long enough to remember that most folks want the same basics: a little dignity, a little joy, a weekend where the cards finally break even. We disagree on plenty. We agree to cut for deal, play to the best of our ability, and shake hands at the end. That agreement is a bridge.

The ACC is a model, whether we intend it to be or not. A cribbage board turns strangers into opponents—and, often, into friends. We compete hard, laugh harder, and then help clear tables when it's over. We exist together while we do our favorite thing—even though the paths that brought us here could not be more different. That's the point. That's the hope.

Kendra and I didn't solve anything bigger than whether to toss the 5. We may have gotten bitten by all the mosquitoes, singed a few hairs off our heads, and enjoyed some of the most breathtaking scenery we have ever experienced. Unexpectedly, we reminded each other that friendship doesn't require sameness. It requires time, attention, and a shared table. Turns out that cribbage gives us all three.



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Tournaments **MRPs**

as of September 10

WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	474	Bryan Gurden	1	329	Les Kvien	1	223	Peter Grant
2	397	James Langley	2	157	Henry Brandner	2	195	Robert Medeiros
3	312	Bob Bartosh	3	155	Dennis Koehler	3	178	Deborah Taylor
4	258	Darlene Stier	4	149	David Aiello	4	171	Roy Scheffer
5	246	Bob Brumley	4	149	Dan Taylor	5	153	Debra Cotter
6	236	Jones Hom	6	139	Rod Mandler	6	140	Scott Earley
7	233	Ray Klocko	7	115	Denise Fortin	7	120	Paul Batterson
8	232	Roland Hall	8	110	Richard Frost	7	120	Mary Roberge
9	230	Dawn Diaz	9	104	Robert Chase	9	116	Charles Booker
10	229	Wayne Morris	10	102	Matt Klar	9	116	Jack Silvia

Top Ten—100 MRPs minimum
The full list of regional standings will return.

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COOL STUFF WE FOUND ON THE WEB

Daryl DesJardin, ACC member and retired USAF chaplain living in The Villages FL, wrote an article about cribbage and life in the September issue of *Officers' Call: Newsletter of the Lake & Sumter Counties Chapter, Military Officers Association of America*. Entitled "Chaplain's Corner," it begins: "Earlier this month, I flew to Raleigh to the John Medeiros Memorial cribbage tournament. As I played 57 games of cribbage with very experienced opponents/friends, I couldn't help but reflect on how this centuries-old game mirrors so many of the lessons we've learned throughout our military careers and retirement years."

Daryl concludes: "Whether we're navigating the complexities of retirement or simply trying to peg out before our opponent, success often comes down to making the best decisions we can with the information we have, treating our companions with respect, and maintaining perspective about what truly matters."

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SCHEDULE OF ACC LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

GRAND NATIONAL		
date	location	tournament directors
Sep. 30–Oct. 5, 2025	The Lodge 100 Pine Crest Ln Deadwood SD 57732 <i>phone: 877.393.5634</i>	David Aiken Patrick & Linda Barrett Dan Selke, John Hazlett
Oct. 13–18, 2026	Sheraton 300 3rd St Niagara Falls NY 14303 <i>phone: 716.278.2695</i>	David Aiken 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 6–8, 2026 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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SD ♦ Grand National 43

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

Sep. 30–Oct. 2, GN43 Midweek

Oct. 3–5, Grand National 43

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MA ♦ New England Classic Doubleheader

Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Debra Cotter (781.801.3858) & Susan Baker

Oct. 10, New England Classic Warmup

Oct. 11–12, New England Classic

OR ♦ Oct. 10–12, Oregon Championship

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

WI ♦ Oct. 17–19, Wisconsin Championship

Lake of the Torches, 510 Old Abe Rd, Lac Du Flambeau WI 54538. TD: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.323.5027)

ME ♦ Oct. 18, Seaside in Wells Classic

Ogunquit Senior Center @ Moody, 300 Post Rd, Wells ME 04090. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

OR ♦ Oct. 18–19, Salem Classic

Millers BBQ, 4600 25th St NE #165, Salem OR 97301. TD: Bruce Hammond (503.507.7432) & Eric Frey

WA ♦ Chautauqua Doubleheader

Chautauqua Lodge, 304 NW 14th St, Long Beach WA 98631. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Jason Hofbauer & Kat Hartsell

Oct. 24–25, ACC World Championships

Oct. 24, One Day at the Beach

WI ♦ Oct. 24–26, Oktoberfest

Best Western, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

CA ♦ Oct. 25, Oroville Halloween Masquerade

Eagles, 2010 Montgomery St, Oroville CA 95965. TD: Lori Boyer (530.566.6454) & Paul Gregson

ME ♦ Oct. 25, Spooktacular Cribbage

Seasons Grille, 477 Main St, Bangor ME 04401. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader

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

Oct. 31, Palmetto State Open

Nov. 1–2, Soda City Classic

WI ♦ Oct. 31–Nov. 2, Northeast Wisconsin Open

Best Western, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost

OR ♦ Oct. 31–Nov. 2, Spooktacular Special

Pioneer Villa Truck Plaza, 33180 OR-228 (exit 216), Halsey OR 97348. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Bob Simpson

CA ♦ Nov. 1, Pegging for Vets

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

NV ♦ Topaz Winter Wonderland Tripleheader

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

Nov. 1–2, TWW #1

Nov. 3–4, TWW #2

Nov. 5–6, TWW #3

NH ♦ Nov. 2, New Hampshire Open

American Legion, 11 Court St, Nashua NH 03061. TD: David Statz & Mary Burlington (603.247.4335)

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NV ♦ Nov. 7–9, Veterans Day Classic

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

MA ♦ Nov. 9, Boston Regional

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

MA ♦ New England Fall Classic

American Legion, 9 Houghton St, Webster MA 01570. TD: Stephen Dugas (774.406.8761) & Bonnie Fife, Rick Montague

Nov. 14, New England Fall Classic #1

Nov. 15–16, New England Fall Classic #2

IL ♦ Nov. 21–22, Cheddar Curtain Challenge

American Legion, 820 S Liberty St, Elgin IL 60120. TD: Les Kvien (847.420.4075) & Jerry Griffin

CO ♦ Fort Morgan Doubleheader

Elks, 430 State St, Fort Morgan CO 80701. TD: David Bute (303.618.7409) & Steve Sundet

Nov. 22, Fort Morgan Wide Open #1

Nov. 23, Fort Morgan Wide Open #2

CT ♦ Nov. 23, Yankee Classic

Elks, 9 North Park St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Phil Martin (860.768.2681) & Mike Fetchel

MI ♦ Thanksgiving Doubleheader

American Legion, 401 N Park St NE,
Grand Rapids MI 49525. TD: David Aiken
(616.401.8311) & John Hazlett

Nov. 28+30, Reindeer Games

Nov. 29, Wishbone Open

OR ♦ Nov. 28–30, Thanksgiving at the Mill

Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR
97459. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

ME ♦ Nov. 29, Chris Greeley Classic

Holden School, 590 Main Rd, Holden ME 04429.
TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

WI ♦ Dec. 5–7, Jingle Bell Open

Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI
54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

VA ♦ Virginia Beach Christmas Doubleheader

Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, VA
Beach VA 23451. TD: Laurie Schmitz
(757.214.2327) & Megan Player

Dec. 5, Virginia Beach Christmas Classic

Dec. 6–7, Virginia Beach Christmas Classic 2

OR ♦ Dec. 6, Willamette Valley Classic

Millers BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR
97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill
O'Malley

CA ♦ Dec. 6, Pegging for Vets

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

OR ♦ Dec. 7, Winter Won Day

Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230.
TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Bryan Gurden

NH ♦ Wolfeboro Doubleheader

Windrifter Resort, 337 South, Wolfeboro NH
03894. TD: Mark & Vicki Soule (120.744.2900)

Dec. 12, Windrifter Classic

Dec. 13–14, David Campbell Memorial

CO ♦ Dec. 13, MVP Winter Classic

VFW, 305 Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80536. TD:
Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

OR ♦ Midwest Doubleheader

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

Dec. 26, Steve Lewis Memorial

OR ♦ Dec. 27–28, Depoe Bay Challenge

WI ♦ Wisconsin Dells Deal Doubleheader

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

Jan. 2, Wisconsin Dells Deal 1

Jan. 3–4, Wisconsin Dells Deal 2

WA ♦ Jan. 3–4, Spokane New Year Kickoff

Neon Moon, 5028 N Market St, Spokane WA
99217. TD: Kat Hartsell (509.850.6077) & Jason
Ramelow

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader

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

Jan. 8–9, Sacramento #1

Jan. 10, Sacramento #2

Jan. 11, Sacramento #3

NC ♦ Smoky Mountain Doubleheader

Comfort Suites, 890 Brevard Rd, Ashe-
ville NC 28806. TD: Jacob French
(678.517.2090) & Alan Rogers

Jan. 9, Smoky Mountain Classic Opener

Jan. 10–11, Smoky Mountain Classic

OR ♦ Jan. 10, Willamette Valley Challenge

Millers BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR
97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill
O'Malley

FL ♦ FWB Doubleheader

VFW, 213 Carol Ave NW, Fort
Walton Beach FL 32548. TD: Grant
Crawford (850.461.9390) & Jim Cook

Jan. 16, Land Shark Open

Jan. 17–18, Emerald Coast Open

OR ♦ Jan. 17–18, It's a New Year Tournament

Senior Activity Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon
OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick
Shea

NV ♦ Vegas Doubleheader

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

Jan. 23, Sin City Shuffle

Jan. 24–25, Schaefer Shuffle

AZ ♦ Jan. 27–28, Arizona Screaming Eagles

Crooks House, 10938 W Tropicana Circle, Sun City
AZ 85351. TD: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234) & June
Fordham

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7 pm Canadian Doubles \$50-Team \$20- Side Pools, 9 Games, No Playoffs

Saturday November 8, 2025

7 am Pick Up Scorecards, Complimentary Coffee and Danish
8 am Main Tournament, \$73, \$10-\$20-\$50 Side Pools, 22 Games, J Resort Added Money
5:30 pm Main Tournament Playoffs, Best 3 of 5

Sunday, November 9, 2025

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

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Daytime Phone w/Area Code _____ E-Mail _____

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_____ \$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

_____ \$ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

AZ ♦ Roadrunner Doubleheader

Sun Lakes Country Club, 25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd, Sun Lakes AZ 85248. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson

Jan. 30, Cactus Classic

Jan. 31–Feb. 1, Roadrunner Classic

PA ♦ Keystone Doubleheader

Trinity Episcopal Church, 966 Trinity Ln, King of Prussia PA 19406. TD: James Ravenscroft (267.897.3404) & Scott Harker

Feb. 6, Keystone Classic 1

Feb. 7, Keystone Classic 2

OR ♦ Feb. 7, Willamette Valley Open

Millers BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR 97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill O'Malley

CA ♦ Feb. 7, Pegging for Vets

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

WA ♦ Feb. 7–8, Super Sat Weekend

Eagles, 2829 W Sylvester St, Pasco WA 99301. TD: James Morrow (509.830.2318) & Kat Hartsell

OR ♦ Feb. 14–15, Come Sea Bandon

Senior Activity Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

VA ♦ Winter Wonderland Doubleheader

Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, VA Beach VA 23451. TD: Laurie Schmitz (757.214.2327) & Megan Player

Feb. 19–20, VA Beach Winter Wonderland

Feb. 20–22, VA Beach Winter Wonderland 2

WI ♦ Feb. 20–22, Point Open

Stevens Point Country Club, 1628 Country Club Dr, Stevens Point WI 54482. TD: Brian Napiwocki (715.340.7967) & Patrick Barrett

CA ♦ Feb. 20–22, Pacific Coast Championship

American Legion, 694 Legion Way, Marina CA 93933. TD: Dick Lind (831.595.9920) & Randy Borchardt

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)

entry form online!

MI ♦ Mar. 21, Battle in the Creek

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

Tournament Trail continued online

Youth News

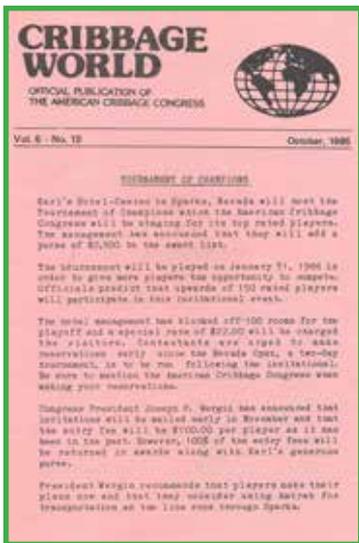
from Don "Grumpy" Howard

Youth News

Joe Bowen has been appointed youth commissioner for the Eastern Region; contact him at 207.659.6111 or bowenmaine@gmail.com for ideas to establish a youth tournament in your area.

Youth Tournament Trail

- October 25 • Halloween Classic (Oroville CA)
- December 6 • Ready Springs Youth Tourney (Penn Valley CA) ← **PROMO ON PAGE 2**
- January 10 • Sacramento VFW Youth Tourney (Sacramento CA)
- June 27 • Youth Grand National (Reno NV)



40 Years Ago

The front cover announced details for the fourth Tournament of Champions, to be held at Karl's Hotel/Casino in Sparks NV in January 1986. The first three TOCs had been held in November or December at Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, but attendance was low (only



25 Years Ago

The front cover announced the winners of Grand National 19, held in Eau Claire WI in 2000: **Warren Sondericker** (WI) won the 390-player main, and **Doug Page** (WI) won the 250-player consolation. Page 9 pictured an impressive 44/19 +374 scorecard, scored by **Terry Hurtgen** (Phoenix AZ). Even though this was scored at Grand National 15 in 1996, four years later, it was still the top 22-game scorecard.

42, 22, and 36), so the ACC changed both the city and the date.

New Members

46 last month

United Kingdom

Nathan Elliott (Scotland)

Arizona

Kurtis Semanko (Tucson)
Jeff Young (Glendale)

California

Kathy Antrobus (Oxnard)
Lorraine Antrobus (Oxnard)
Sandra Avina (Fremont)
Ross Biatak (Grass Valley)
Chuck Bradshaw (Folsom)
Maryly Bradshaw (Folsom)
Mary Casasanta (Tracy)
Les Gomez (Oxnard)
Greg Johnson (Walnut Creek)
Tom Moses (Carlsbad)
David Musser (Penn Valley)
Barbara Overlie (Rancho Palos

Verdes)
Paul Smith (Modesto)
William Ureda (Santa Barbara)

Colorado

Joel Hirsh (Louisville)

Florida

Jamie Allyn (Dunedin)
Roland Moulin (Dunedin)
Douglas Stone (Spring Hill)

Maine

Alex Launi (Topsham)
Unknown Unknown (Topsham)

Massachusetts

Janet Holding (Plainville)
Laurel Post (Webster)
George Sweezey (Mansfield)

Missouri

Brian Weider (Eureka)

Nevada

Bill O'Malley (Steline)

New York

Jennifer Haught (Brooklyn)
Christian Martinek (Pulaski)

Misty Martinek (Pulaski)

North Carolina

Larry Lee (Waynesville)

Oklahoma

Jack Hansen (Oklahoma City)
Mary Miqueli (Tulsa)

Oregon

Jim Baggett (Beavercreek)
Suzanne Baggett (Beavercreek)
Debbie Mueller (Bandon)
Susan Nichols (Albany)
Jonna VanDeWalker (Eugene)

South Dakota

Dave Hague (Rapid City)

Texas

Nathan Smith (Coppell)
Philip Smith (Coppell)

Washington

James Marden (Edmonds)
Henry Webb (Tacoma)

Wisconsin

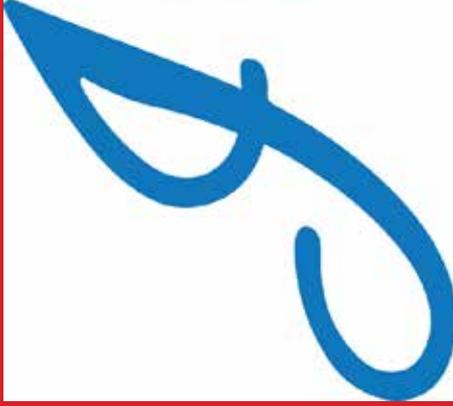
Derek Dunbar (Iron River)
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