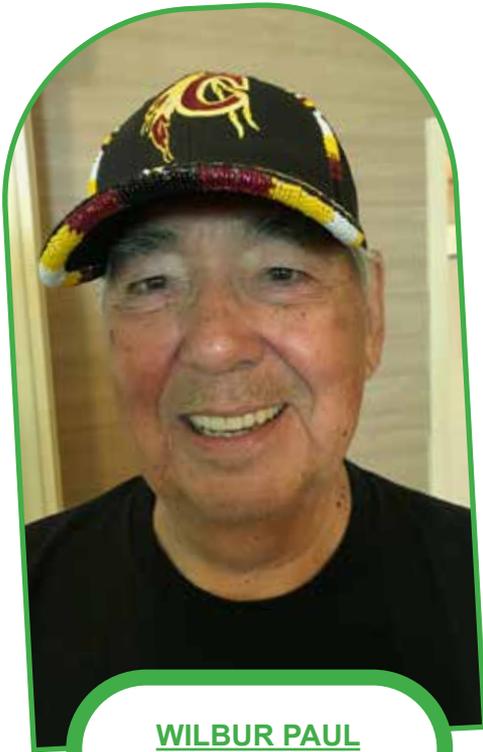
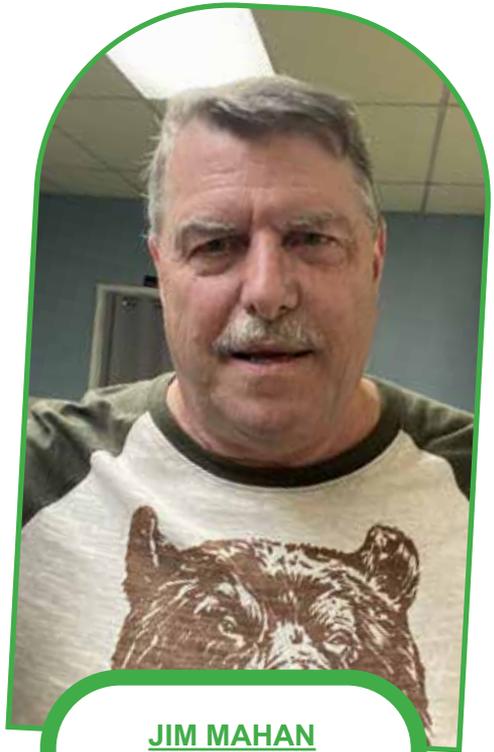


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President's Column

by James Morrow



Cribbage Happens As we play tournaments across the nation, there will always be situations beyond anyone's control. When things get out of control, our organization rolls with the punches.

What can you do when the cook drops a tray of lasagna? We eat smaller portions. When the lunch crew overestimates how fast they can make fifty hamburgers or chicken-basket lunches? We take a longer lunch break. When the manager double-books the venue and asks to set up by 3p for a party just hours before we start play? We change the consolation to seven games, then run playoffs while the family celebrates a fiftieth wedding anniversary. Power goes out? We play by cell phone lights. Brand-new decks snap mid-shuffle? We use slightly worn decks. The tournament director forgets the boards? We visit with each other while they drive home to get them.

One of the great things about the ACC is that *cribbage happens*.

Yes, cribbage may start a little later than expected, and it may last a little longer than we thought. Rotations get mixed up, people get sick and leave, scorecards don't get turned in, or they're found stuck to another card and not cross-checked. You may have to play a friend from your club—or even your carpool. (It might be Trevor Poole!)

Cribbage happens, and so do moments that can leave a sour taste in our mouths. That's why they invented mouthwash: rinse, swish, and spit. When something happens that's out of your control, remember: a ranting, raving fit never helps the situation. Relax, enjoy your cribbage family, and see if you can lend a hand.

Safe travels as you head down the cribbage trail. I look forward to seeing you at Grand National in Deadwood SD. What did you sign up to help with at GN?

Don't throw away your old *Cribbage World*

When you are done reading *Cribbage World*, take it with you on your next trip to the doctor, auto repair shop, community center, or lodge, so it can be enjoyed by others.

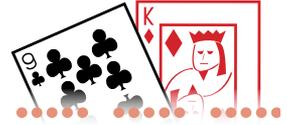
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Drink Plenty of Liquids *[editor's note: see page 29]*

As a friend of **Erik Locke**, I can get away with this. When Erik had his first string of pearls in Spokane *[editor's note: see July CW, page 8]*, Maria and I were there. (I actually won six of seven games.) Obviously, Erik wasn't hydrated enough during that competition!

John Quist (Seattle WA)

Cribbage in the Badlands

Chuck Denham (Colorado Springs CO) sent CW a heads-up about a cribbage board in Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child's *Badlands* (Grand Central Publishing, 2025):

It was a genuine old-time hunting cabin, built of hand-adzed logs notched, fitted, and caulked with oakum. A Franklin stove sat at one end, with a fire going—at nine thousand feet, the cool afternoon was turning into a chilly evening. An elk trophy with antlers was mounted on one wall, and a crossed pair of old snowshoes made with bentwood and gut were nailed to another. An old flintlock rifle hung over the door. A cribbage board hung on a hook, and an untidy shelf contained stacks of games and cards and old, half-full bottles of whisky and bourbon. A couple of battered leather chairs and a leather sofa stood in front of the stove, with a crude wooden table that looked like it had been made with a hatchet.

| Tale of the Tape | Rick Baird | Bob Chase | Rob Medeiros |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <i>average</i> | ✓ 79–45 (63.7%) | 82–69 (54.3%) | 63–56 (52.9%) |
| <i>biggest win</i> | ✓ +64 vs. Ronnie Murakami (USA) @ Durham | +53 vs. Bryan Gurden (NV) @ Durham | +46 vs. Steven Braley (ME) @ Bangor |
| <i>worst loss</i> | –48 vs. Lance Browne (ME) @ Durham | ✓ –46 vs. Jack Howsare (VA) @ Durham | –48 vs. Barbara Berg-Fennessey (MA) @ Bangor |

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

One reason I find cribbage so fascinating is that we never play the same game twice. Oh, sure, you'll see some of the same hands again and again. But a randomly shuffled standard 52-card deck can virtually *never* be shuffled in the same sequence twice. Here's how we know.

Never, ever the same!

First of all, let's figure out how many possible ways there are to shuffle 52 playing cards. We can compute this number precisely by multiplying $52 \times 51 \times 50$ and so on, all the way down to 1. This calculation is known as a 52 factorial (represented mathematically as $52!$).

When we do the math, we get this number:

**80,658,175,170,943,878,571,660,636,856,403,766,
975,289,505,440,883,277,824,000,000,000,000**

Which can be shorted to 8.066×10^{67} . That's an 8 with 67 zeroes after it!

While not infinite, this number is so large that it is practically infinite in terms of real-world scenarios. It's larger than the number of atoms on Earth. It's larger than the number of stars in the observable universe. It too large to comprehend, so let's turn to astrophysicist and author Neil deGrasse Tyson for an explanation.

Give a deck of cards to one trillion people (that's ten times the total number of people who have ever been born) and have them to shuffle one trillion times per second for a trillion years; and let that happen in one trillion civilizations in our universe; and let that play out in one trillion universes in the multiverse.

Okay, now you pick up a deck of cards and shuffle them randomly (i.e., seven riffles). There is only a 40% chance that the sequence of your cards will match one of the shuffled decks that have just been shuffled across the multiverse.

Tyson sums up this way: "So we can say with good confidence that properly shuffled decks of cards, in the history of card playing, their exact sequence, from the first to the last card, has *never* been duplicated."

And this is just a single deal. If the average cribbage game takes nine deals, then we need to multiply that very big number above by 9!

That's why we can never play the same game of cribbage twice. And that's why this game is so fun. All I can say is: shuffle up and deal!





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edited by **Michael Barrett**

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

It's the calm before the storm, as hundreds of clubs gear up to start the 2025–26 season in September. Good luck to all, and let's hear about all those 28s, 29s, and grand slams! Email your Grass Roots news to **ACCgrassrootscorner@gmail.com**. Be sure to spell names correctly and include club number and location.

Scott Hilborn ➔ (Sun City AZ) has been on the move this summer. He has played at these clubs during his summer travels: #451 (West Valley UT), #357 (Missoula MT), #427 (Laurel MT), and #224 (Grand Junction CO).

High Noon Club 328 (Bradenton FL) celebrated the 100th birthday of club director **Florence Ippolito** on June 21 (shown here with family).



29-Hands

Don Francis (Club 5 in Hamburg NY)
Theo Mattingly (Club 43 in Fremont CA)
Scott Hilborn (Club 408 in Sun City AZ)



Grand Slams

Bill Bingham
(Club 204 in Olalla WA)
Steve Serina
(Club 221 in Winston-Salem NC)



more Grass Roots stories next month

| tournament | director | main (MRPs) | consolation (MRPs) | very big hands | satellite winners |
|--|--------------|---|--|----------------------------|--|
| Mount Rainier Open (Federal Way WA; 5/31) | Dave Liesse | 74 players HQ. Bernie Nelson (60) 1. Rick Baird (147) 2. Bernie Nelson (105) 3. Bob Brumley (70) 3. Glen Humbert (70) | 40 players HQ. Duane Toll (18) 1. George Wanger (60) 2. Lowell Bailey (40) 3. John Goe (24) 3. Rick Westerman (24) | | |
| Rockford Open (Rockford IL; 7/11) | Dan Selke | 67 players HQ. Patrick Healey (60) 1. Emilio Perez (147) 2. Carol Perko (105) 3. John Schafer (70) 3. John Syftestad (70) | 42 players HQ. Bob Hanes (21) 1. Jeff Shimp (60) 2. Vicky Fry (40) 3. Ronnie Murakami (24) 3. Steven Steinmetz (24) | 28-hand: Andrew Grage* | Friday: Debbie Kuick Canadian Doubles: Joan Rein & Steven Steinmetz |
| Depoe Bay Shuffle (Depoe Bay OR; 7/11) | Jack Shumate | 21 players HQ. Jason Shumate (30) 1. Duane Toll (70) 2. Jason Shumate (42) 3. Benjamin Adams (21) 3. William O'Malley (21) | 14 players HQ. Bernie Nelson (15) 1. Bernie Nelson (24) 2. Kathee Bavart (12) 3. Carl Luckenbill (4) 3. Jack Shumate (4) | | |
| New England Summer Slam (Webster MA; 7/12) | Joseph Bowen | 35 players HQ. Barry Spadea (25) 1. John Bartlett (105) 2. Stephen Dugas (70) 3. Harvey Bourdeau (42) 3. William Cormier (42) | 29 players HQ. Jim Maffa (21) 1. Donna LaFleur (40) 2. Roland Hall (24) 3. Lance Browne (12) 3. Jerry Hardy (12) | | Canadian Doubles: Mike & Dave Schults |
| Shut Up and Deal (Depoe Bay OR; 7/12) | Jack Shumate | 26 players HQ. William O'Malley (25) 1. Bill Klem (70) 2. Brian Bell-Inving (42) 3. Jack Lien (21) 3. William O'Malley (21) | 15 players HQ. Edgar Tuttle (12) 1. Edgar Tuttle (24) 2. Christi Lewis (12) 3. Kathee Bavart (4) 3. Greg Schleusner (4) | 28-hand: Jason Shumate* | |



David Aiello

| tournament | director | main (MRPs) | consolation (MRPs) | very big hands | satellite winners |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| MVP Summer Sizzler (Loveland CO; 7/12) | Vickie Humphrey | 26 players HQ. Sara Sanner (40) 1. Sara Sanner (70) 2. Keith Widener (42) 3. Randy Berger (21) 3. David Bute (21) | 18 players HQ. John Quist (12) 1. John Quist (40) 2. Raymond Sautter (24) 3. Richard LaRiva (12) 3. Larry McKinney (12) | 28-hands: Vickie Humphrey* |  Eric Jensen |
| MVP Summer Sizzler (Loveland CO; 7/13) | Vickie Humphrey | 24 players HQ. Mark Cochran (35) 1. Tim Connors (70) 2. Larry Smith (42) 3. Mark Cochran (21) 3. Keith Widener (21) | 14 players HQ. Arun Sautter (9) 1. Arun Sautter (24) 2. Maria Quist (12) 3. Larry McKinney (4) 3. Al Pernicek (4) | 28-hands: Jamie Fincher* Marsha Mahan* |  Adam Switzer |
| Open Opener (Durham NC; 7/17) | David Aiken, John Hazlett, Mark Soule | 174 players HQ. Charles Booker III (70) 1. David Aiello (196) 2. Dan Selke (147) 3. Larry Phifer (105) 3. Doug Whitlock (105) 5. Laurie Hardy (70) 5. Michael O'Brien (70) 5. Steve Scadden (70) 5. Michael Stevens (70) | 158 players HQ. Barri Gehrand (24) 1. Eric Jensen (112) 2. Sam Sinram (84) 3. Chad Frischmann (60) 3. John Morch II (60) 5. David Aiken (40) 5. Edward Balcer (40) 5. Jerome Kelliher (40) 5. James Ravenscroft (40) | | |
| National Open (Durham NC; 7/18) | Megan Player | 225 players HQ. Wilbur Paul (36) 1. Wilbur Paul (236) 2. William Eilers (177) 3. James Ravenscroft (138) 4. David Fournier (114) 5. Bruce Sattler (94) 5. Keith Widener (94) 7. David Hayes (75) 7. Ed May (75) | 164 players HQ. John Hazlett (26) 1. Adam Switzer (135) 2. Laurie Hardy (101) 3. Robert Chase (72) 3. Robert Milk (72) 5. David Aiello (48) 5. Lana Newhouse (48) 5. Craig Smith (48) 5. Aiden Whitney (48) | 28-hands: Barbara Barbour* David Hayes* James Ravenscroft* Jeff Shimp* Joe Zimmitti* | Early Bird: Bryan Gurden Saturday: Betty Brumley Loser's Loser: Eric Jensen Canadian Doubles: Megan Player & John Morch High Roller: Eric Davis |

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green = grand slam

red = first win

continued

| tournament | director | main (MRPs) | consolation (MRPs) | very big hands | satellite winners |
|--|------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------|
| Come Monday (Durham NC; 7/21) | Jennifer Johnson | 124 players HQ. David Statz (50) 1. Mike Fetchel (147) 2. Adam Switzer (105) 3. Daniel Brown (70) 3. Matthew Easterbrook (70) | {no consolation} | | |
| Heart of Wisconsin Classic (Stetsonville WI; 7/24) | Henry Brandner | 74 players HQ. Deb Kvien (45) 1. Les Kvien (147) 2. Allen Karr (105) 3. Haley Hintze (70) 3. Bob Kiley (70) | 50 players HQ. Darlene Anderst (21) 1. Bob Hanes (60) 2. Wayne Steinmetz (40) 3. Darlene Anderst (24) 3. Al Pernicek (24) | 28-hands: Vicky Fry* David Schultz* | |
| Weekday Challenge (Pasco WA; 7/24) | James Morrow | 49 players HQ. Duane Toll (95) 1. Terry Hatto (105) 2. Christi Lewis (70) 3. Duane Toll (42) 3. Gordy Wise (42) | 39 players HQ. Carole Herron (21) 1. Bob Brumley (60) 2. Bill Schlabes (40) 3. Carole Herron (24) 3. Casey Scott (24) | | |
| Running with the Lobsters (Bangor ME; 7/25) | Joseph Bowen | 35 players HQ. David Statz (40) 1. Keith Widener (105) 2. David Statz (70) 3. Stephen Dugas (42) 3. Carlyle Foss (42) | 27 players HQ. Debra Cotter (15) 1. Donna LaFleur (40) 2. Lance Browne (24) 3. Debra Cotter (12) 3. Cynthia Wark (12) | | Thursday: Jack Chandler |
| Stetsonville Midsummer Classic (Stetsonville WI; 7/26) | Henry Brandner | 83 players HQ. Dan Taylor (55) 1. Christine Zager (147) 2. Bob Hanes (105) 3. Henry Brandner (70) 3. Steven Steinmetz (70) | 52 players HQ. Jim Mahan (18) 1. Jeff McKinney (60) 2. Jeremy Brandner (40) 3. Gary Chamberlain (24) 3. Les Kvien (24) | 28-hand: Henry Brandner* | |

Full Circle

Laurie Hardy (Topsham ME) won the first Eastern Region consolation of the 2024–25 season (Patriot Kickoff Classic in East Hartford CT on 8/10/24), and then finished second in the final Eastern Region consy of the season (Lobster Peg-off in Bangor ME on 7/26/25).



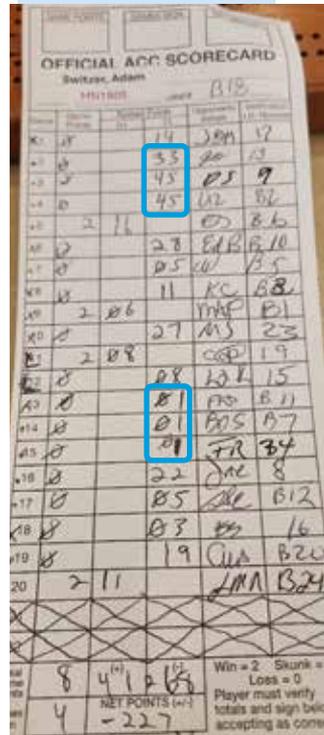
Mike Fetchel

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|---|-----------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Summer Classic (Pasco WA; 7/26) | James Morrow | 57 players HQ. Junko Larsen (50) 1. Jack Shumate (105) 2. Duane Toll (70) 3. Junko Larsen (42) 3. Ken Quast (42) | 35 players HQ. Bernie Nelson (21) 1. Brad Seger (60) 2. Christi Lewis (40) 3. James Clark (24) 3. Bernie Nelson (24) | 28-hand: Bill Schlappes* | |
| Pegging for Vets (Placerville CA; 7/26) | Alice Souza | 34 players HQ. Dick Lind (30) 1. Paul Gregson (105) 2. Richard Shea (70) 3. Alice Souza (42) 3. Pamela Taylor (42) | 21 players HQ. Dennis Morin (9) 1. Bob Bartosh (40) 2. Farokh Ziari (24) 3. Scott Bedolla (12) 3. Dennis Morin (12) | | |
| Lobster Peg-off (Bangor ME; 7/26) | Joseph Bowen | 51 players HQ. Craig Greene (45) 1. Stephen Dugas (105) 2. Debra Cotter (70) 3. Jerry Hardy (42) 3. Darlene Young (42) | 31 players HQ. Robert Baker (18) 1. Peter Legendre (40) 2. Laurie Hardy (24) 3. Robert Baker (12) 3. Roland Hall (12) | | Friday: Joseph Bowen Canadian Doubles: Karen Hawes & Jack Chandler |
| Western Region Championships (Pasco WA; 7/27) | James Morrow | 40 players HQ. Jack Shumate (35) 1. Dennis Misener (105) 2. William O'Malley (70) 3. Kat Hartsell (42) 3. Jack Shumate (42) | 19 players HQ. James Seufert (12) 1. James Seufert (40) 2. Terry Hatto (24) 3. Brad Collyer (12) 3. James Morrow (12) | | |

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Dilemma

Would you rather be skunked three games in a row . . . or lose in the dead hole three games in a row? **Adam Switzer** (Prior Lake MN) wasn't sure which option would be more enjoyable, so he experimented with both at the Open Opener in Durham NC on July 17. Not surprisingly, his 8/4 didn't qualify, but not to worry—Adam won the NOCT consy and took second in the Come Monday main!



There are several ways to measure success at the National Open Cribbage Tournament in Durham (formerly Raleigh) NC.

The easiest measurement of NOCT success is tournament wins. There have been fifty National Open champions. Forty-four players have won the NOCT once, and three elite players have won it twice:

Jim Hartley (NC): 1975 & 1988
Frank Reddy (MA): 2003 & 2015
Rob Medeiros (MA): 2019 & 2024

Racking up wins isn't the only path to NOCT success. The top players also score the most points (MRPs) at the tournament. The table on the next page shows the Top 100 MRP-earners at the National Open since 1997. Not surprisingly, **Frank** is #1 on this list, and **Rob** is #4.

We can also look at MRPs from a different angle—the average number of MRPs earned at each NOCT. The table below shows the top ten NOCT players according to MRP average (minimum of six tourneys scored in). Again our two-time winners are near the top: **Just Rob** is #2, and **Just Frank** is #4.

Finally, we can also look at the number of times that players have “played on Monday.” At eight o'clock on Saturday morning, the goal of every NOCT player

| player | MRPs | number of NOCTs | average per NOCT |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 Joe Bernard | 699 | 6 | 116.50 |
| 2 Rob Medeiros | 927 | 8 | 115.87 |
| 3 Rick Bryant | 955 | 10 | 95.50 |
| 4 Frank Reddy | 1,022 | 11 | 92.91 |
| 5 Megan Player | 670 | 8 | 83.75 |
| 6 Joy Barnes | 492 | 6 | 82.00 |
| 7 David Statz | 593 | 8 | 74.12 |
| 8 Bruce Sattler | 1,006 | 14 | 71.86 |
| 9 Peter Setian | 858 | 12 | 71.50 |
| 10 Bill Medeiros | 495 | 7 | 70.71 |

NOCT Success

story by David Aiken
 stats provided by Scott Harker

is to still be playing on Monday morning, which means you made it through Saturday and Sunday with no match losses or with only a single loss. You are now in the final six—yay! Some players seem to have their internal GPS programmed for Monday morning play, and they show up again and again. Here are the players who have played on Monday at least three times since 1997:

3 Times in the NOCT Top Six

Joe Bernard (1997, 2002, 2008)
Bruce Sattler (2008, 2011, 2025)

4 Times in the NOCT Top Six

Rick Bryant (2005, 2015, 2017, 2023)
Larry Phifer (2000, 2010, 2012, 2016)
Frank Reddy (2003, 2009, 2015, 2017)

5 Times in the NOCT Top Six

Rob Medeiros (2003, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2024)
Jeff Shimp (2005, 2006, 2016, 2017, 2022)

Special mention in this category goes to six players who played on Monday in consecutive years since 1997 (no, that's not a mistake: **Jeff Shimp** has done it twice):

Rita Jewett (2002 & 2003)
Rob Medeiros (2013 & 2014)
Megan Player (2017 & 2018)
James Ravenscroft (2024 & 2025)
Jeff Shimp (2005 & 2006)
Jeff Shimp (2016 & 2017)

Of course, trying to determine the best NOCT players is a bit like playing the stock market: it is virtually impossible to tell who next year's winners and losers will be based on history. So to wrap up this story, here are two anecdotes about NOCT winners.

Despite his son, **James Ravenscroft** (Ambler PA), playing on consecutive
continued at bottom of page 14

Top 100 MRP-Earners at the National Open since 1997

| | player | no. of | | ave. per |
|----|---------------------|--------|-------|----------|
| | | MRPs | NOCTs | |
| 1 | Frank Reddy | 1,022 | 11 | 92.91 |
| 2 | Bruce Sattler | 1,006 | 14 | 71.86 |
| 3 | Rick Bryant | 955 | 10 | 95.50 |
| 4 | Rob Medeiros | 927 | 8 | 115.87 |
| 5 | Peter Setian | 858 | 12 | 71.50 |
| 6 | Larry Phifer | 843 | 12 | 70.25 |
| 7 | Jeff Shimp | 780 | 12 | 65.00 |
| 8 | Jeff Raynes | 766 | 12 | 63.83 |
| 9 | Joe Bernard | 699 | 6 | 116.50 |
| 10 | Megan Player | 670 | 8 | 83.75 |
| 11 | Howard Terry | 649 | 10 | 64.90 |
| 12 | David Statz | 593 | 8 | 74.12 |
| 13 | Bernard Whitfield | 553 | 9 | 61.44 |
| 14 | Marvin Lewis | 548 | 10 | 54.80 |
| 15 | John Morch | 544 | 10 | 54.40 |
| 16 | Bill Whiting | 538 | 9 | 59.78 |
| 17 | Robert Fitzgerald | 535 | 11 | 48.64 |
| 18 | David Lambeth | 535 | 10 | 53.50 |
| 19 | David Clemmey | 534 | 8 | 66.75 |
| 20 | Keith Widener | 531 | 12 | 44.25 |
| 21 | Bill Medeiros | 495 | 7 | 70.71 |
| 22 | William Shoemaker | 494 | 9 | 54.89 |
| 23 | Joy Barnes | 492 | 6 | 82.00 |
| 24 | Donald Flesch | 483 | 8 | 60.37 |
| 25 | David Fournier | 482 | 7 | 68.86 |
| 26 | Phyllis Schmidt | 481 | 7 | 68.71 |
| 27 | Todd Schaefer | 478 | 9 | 53.11 |
| 28 | Jim Lunder | 449 | 9 | 49.89 |
| 29 | Keith Miller | 432 | 8 | 54.00 |
| 30 | Tony Santoro | 404 | 6 | 67.33 |
| 31 | Robert Reister | 387 | 6 | 64.50 |
| 32 | Matthew Easterbrook | 384 | 11 | 34.91 |
| 33 | Jeff Seidenstein | 380 | 10 | 38.00 |
| 34 | Robert Drukman | 377 | 3 | 125.67 |
| 35 | Fran Ward | 374 | 8 | 46.75 |
| 36 | Doris Denny | 373 | 5 | 74.60 |
| 37 | Kristy Haught | 372 | 5 | 74.40 |
| 38 | Russ Perkins | 366 | 9 | 40.67 |
| 39 | Barri Gehrand | 362 | 4 | 90.50 |
| 40 | Doug Page | 357 | 8 | 44.62 |
| 41 | Michael Burnham | 354 | 7 | 50.57 |
| 42 | David O'Neil | 352 | 9 | 39.11 |
| 43 | Lawrence Gould | 344 | 7 | 49.14 |
| 44 | Hugh Berry | 340 | 6 | 56.67 |
| 45 | Harry Palmer | 339 | 3 | 113.00 |
| 46 | Jack Howsare | 337 | 10 | 33.70 |
| 47 | Joe Ryan | 337 | 7 | 48.14 |
| 48 | Eric Davis | 336 | 6 | 56.00 |
| 49 | Janet Viands | 336 | 6 | 56.00 |
| 50 | Charles Dolge | 333 | 4 | 83.25 |

| | player | no. of | | ave. per |
|-----|----------------------|--------|-------|----------|
| | | MRPs | NOCTs | |
| 51 | Donna LaFleur | 326 | 7 | 46.57 |
| 52 | Michael Midgette | 326 | 5 | 65.20 |
| 53 | Lana Newhouse | 322 | 5 | 64.40 |
| 54 | Jim Townsend | 318 | 4 | 79.50 |
| 55 | Henry Douglass | 315 | 11 | 28.64 |
| 56 | Richard Scott Corbin | 313 | 7 | 44.71 |
| 57 | James Ready | 313 | 11 | 28.45 |
| 58 | Jerry Gooden | 311 | 7 | 44.43 |
| 59 | Jerry Hardy | 308 | 6 | 51.33 |
| 60 | Terry Weber | 304 | 2 | 152.00 |
| 61 | John Blowers | 299 | 6 | 49.83 |
| 62 | Rick Allen | 298 | 9 | 33.11 |
| 63 | Lance Browne | 296 | 4 | 74.00 |
| 64 | Andy Hulcher | 293 | 4 | 73.25 |
| 65 | William Kraatz | 288 | 8 | 36.00 |
| 66 | Frank Abernathy | 287 | 6 | 47.83 |
| 67 | Paul Barnes | 287 | 6 | 47.83 |
| 68 | John Campanella | 287 | 4 | 71.75 |
| 69 | Timothy Jurek | 286 | 7 | 40.86 |
| 70 | Rita Jewett | 285 | 5 | 57.00 |
| 71 | Kit Ravenscroft | 284 | 4 | 71.00 |
| 72 | James Hartley | 282 | 8 | 35.25 |
| 73 | James Ravenscroft | 282 | 2 | 141.00 |
| 74 | Dot Davis | 273 | 7 | 39.00 |
| 75 | Wilbur Paul | 272 | 1 | 272.00 |
| 76 | Roger Bouchard | 270 | 2 | 135.00 |
| 77 | Rhonda Dhanpaul | 266 | 4 | 66.50 |
| 78 | Richard West | 266 | 4 | 66.50 |
| 79 | David Smith | 264 | 3 | 88.00 |
| 80 | Carl Deyette | 263 | 7 | 37.57 |
| 81 | George Bickford | 262 | 5 | 52.40 |
| 82 | Frank Corrado | 251 | 5 | 50.20 |
| 83 | Barbara Gooden | 241 | 6 | 40.17 |
| 84 | Robert Moore | 239 | 5 | 47.80 |
| 85 | Wayne Steinmetz | 239 | 8 | 29.87 |
| 86 | William Eilers | 237 | 3 | 79.00 |
| 87 | Scott Harker | 236 | 3 | 78.67 |
| 88 | Chuck Yeomans | 236 | 4 | 59.00 |
| 89 | Terrance Cushman | 233 | 2 | 116.50 |
| 90 | Sue S.-Perkins | 233 | 2 | 116.50 |
| 91 | James Tanner | 233 | 3 | 77.67 |
| 92 | Dennis Lillo | 230 | 4 | 57.50 |
| 93 | Barbara Barbour | 227 | 5 | 45.40 |
| 94 | David Sniogowski | 226 | 5 | 45.20 |
| 95 | Charles Williams | 226 | 1 | 226.00 |
| 96 | Pat Llewellyn | 224 | 6 | 37.33 |
| 97 | Curtis Barbour | 220 | 5 | 44.00 |
| 98 | Catherine Perkins | 220 | 6 | 36.67 |
| 99 | Chad Frischmann | 219 | 2 | 109.50 |
| 100 | Marlene Lazachek | 219 | 7 | 31.29 |

Notes to Table

- (1) The third column counts MRPs earned since 1997 (that's as far back as the ACC's digital records go).
- (2) The fourth column ("number of NOCTs") counts only NOCTs that the player got MRPs in—not the total number of NOCTs that they played.

see also
pages 42–43

Season Wrap-up

by David Aiken

With his victory in Durham NC on July 21, **Wilbur Paul** (Cherokee NC) became the first full-blood Native American to win an ACC legacy tournament. Don't be thrown off by his city of residence, because he is actually a Blackfeet Indian who grew up in Browning MT. Over the years, he has contributed greatly to the Cherokee community.

Wilbur had a fantastic cribbage year, doing extremely well in two majors. He placed second at the TOC in Reno in March, and now he captured his largest tournament win to date by taking first in the 50th National Open.

How did he get there? By defeating these players:

- **Larry McKinney** (Lakewood CO)
- **Richard Scott Corbin** (McKinney TX)—*winner of the 2001 NOCT!*
- **Barry Crawford** (Round Rock TN)
- **Steven Aziz** (North Chesterfield VA)
- **Keith Bryant** (Portsmouth VA)
- **Kris Bailey** (San Diego CA)
- **Bruce Sattler** (Nottingham MD)

After seven rounds of play, Wilbur and Life Master **William Eilers** ➔ (Pahrump NV) were the only two undefeated players. When they played at ten o'clock on Monday morning, Bill won the match and knocked Wilbur into the once-defeated bracket. Wilbur then faced and beat . . .

- **James Ravenscroft** (Ambler PA)

. . . and thus earned the opportunity to face Bill Eilers again as the only two players left in the tournament. Every player—except the winner—has to exit the National Open with two match losses, so when Wilbur faced Bill at three o'clock, he was facing elimination: win or head home. Wilbur won, giving both players one match loss. They faced off for the final match of the weekend, and Wilbur won again!

To complete the full run of players who Wilbur defeated on his way to the championship, here are the last two matches that Wilbur won:

- **William Eilers** (Pahrump NV)
- **William Eilers** (Pahrump NV)

Congrats to Wilbur on his fine showing in Reno and Raleigh! And look out for him to make another deep run at the next legacy tournament on the calendar—Grand National in Deadwood SD on October 4–5.



see also pages 42–43

NOCT Success—continued from page 12

Mondays in 2024 and 2025 (giving him an average of 141 MRPs in these two NOCTs), **Kit Ravenscroft** is still two points ahead of James in total MRPs!

In 2015, **George Bryer** (Melrose MA) lost in the first round on Saturday morn-

ing. He played every match in the once-defeated bracket—all the way to Monday afternoon, when he finished third. To the best of *Cribbage World's* knowledge, this is the longest that anyone has ever lasted in the once-defeated bracket.

Shoes Optional

by David Aiken

In cruising to the 2025 national championship, Life Master **Jim Mahan** (Appleton WI) proved that you don't have to wear shoes to win. All you need is cribbage smarts, a lotta luck, and a pair of sturdy sandals.

Last season, Jim finished first in the Central Region, but he decided to aim higher



in 2024–25. Beginning with the very first month of the season, he jumped into the national lead and held it for three quarters of season. Apparently tired of trailing last year's champion, **Erik Locke**, who made a surge in February, March, and April, Jim flipped a switch and ended up outscoring his nearest competitor—**David Statz**—by nearly 600 points.

This is Jim's third trip aboard the All American Express (also 2022 and 2024), his second time as Central Region champion (also 2024), and his first time as national champion. His 2,766 MRPs is the most ever by a Central Region player. This number moves him to the fourth slot in all-time yearly MRP totals, ➔ missing the #2 slot by only 14 points!

Speaking of **David Statz**—he set a new Eastern Region record (besting **Larry Phifer's** 1,987 MRPs in 2015). Back in the prehistoric days, Eastern Region players won the national championship three times (**Arnold Crews** in 1981, **Phyllis Schmidt** in 1992, and **Rit Alkas** in

1995), but no Eastern Region player has finished as high as #2 since 1995—a full three decades! (See additional story about David on pages 16–17.)

Everyone else on the All American team has been there before (see nearby table) except for **David Statz** and **Scott Sand**, both of whom are first-time All Americans.

But despite all of the effort that Jim and David and Scott put into the 2024–25 season, alas, on August 1, the dials were all reset to zero for the start of the 2025–26 season. We will celebrate the All Americans ⚡ at the awards banquet in Deadwood SD on October 4. And then we'll start rooting for the next seasons' winners.

2025 All Americans

| rank | MRPs | player | region | AA |
|------|-------|-----------------|--------|----|
| 1 | 2,766 | Jim Mahan | C | 3 |
| 2 | 2,176 | David Statz | E | 1 |
| 3 | 2,072 | Erik Locke | W | 17 |
| 4 | 2,046 | Duane Toll | W | 22 |
| 5 | 1,973 | Bob Brumley | W | 3 |
| 6 | 1,792 | David Aiello | C | 2 |
| 7 | 1,658 | Scott Sand | C | 1 |
| 8 | 1,649 | Terry Weber | C | 5 |
| 9 | 1,620 | Bob Bartosh | W | 13 |
| 10 | 1,539 | Robert Medeiros | E | 8 |

Best Yearly MRP Totals

| rank | MRPs | player |
|------|-------|----------------|
| 1 | 3,121 | Duane Toll |
| 2 | 2,779 | Erik Locke |
| 3 | 2,771 | Duane Toll |
| 4 | 2,766 | Jim Mahan |
| 5 | 2,752 | Duane Toll |
| 6 | 2,744 | Duane Toll |
| 7 | 2,695 | Erik Locke |
| 8 | 2,662 | Duane Toll |
| 9 | 2,638 | Jeremy Krieger |
| 10 | 2,604 | Duane Toll |
| 11 | 2,542 | Roland Hall |
| 12 | 2,497 | Scott Kooistra |

David's All American Journey

By someone who was along for the ride

At the beginning of the 2024–25 season, **David Statz**'s cribbage resume was impressive on many levels:

twenty-seven tournament wins (fifteen main and twelve consy), 15,099 Master Rating Points (MRPs), Life Master (2★) rank, and eight appearances on the Eastern Region All Star team.

But one facet of a stellar cribbage career was notably missing. David had never earned a place on the ACC's All American team, comprised of the top ten cribbage players in the United States as measured by MRPs. Making All American was on David's bucket list, and this was the year he decided to go for it.

David did not begin the year with this goal in mind. From August to mid-October, it was a normal year, although David did manage to fit in a main win at Seaside in Wells (ME) two days before his Greek honeymoon, and then he overcame jet lag two days after returning from same honeymoon to place as high qualifier at the New England Classic in Abington MA.

In mid-October David realized that he was enjoying one of his best seasonal starts ever, having earned 373 MRPs in a little over two months. All signs appeared promising that this might be the year to transform his bucket list aspiration into reality.

To make the All American team, a player needs three things:

- a lot of skill
- a lot of luck
- the ability to attend a lot of tournaments

David definitely was a skilled cribbage player by any standard, so requirement #1 was easily met.

As every cribbage player knows and has experienced, luck can play a huge part in this game. The very best cribbage player can lose to the very worst cribbage player if they don't get the cards. No one can control luck; all you can do is ride the wave while it lasts. Requirement #2 was beyond David's control.

In some ways the most difficult component in achieving All American is the ability to attend a lot of cribbage tournaments. There are incredibly talented players who will never make All American because they do not have the time and/or resources needed to play in multiple tournaments to earn the requisite MRPs.

While David had not yet retired, he was easing his way toward that direction, having recently started a new, and more importantly, part-time job. The job not only gave him Fridays off, but also allowed very flexible use of PTO ("personal time off").

David's increased availability to play in weekend tournaments was coincidentally accompanied by a substantial expansion in the quantity of such tournaments held in New England during the 2024–25 season. While taking advantage of the easy geographic access to this historic high number of tournaments, the quest for All American required David and his trusty travel companion (moi) to journey beyond the Northeast.

Our travels on the cribbage trail encompassed moments such as surviving the worst snowstorm to hit Virginia Beach in decades; devouring shrimp and grits in South Carolina; and playing awestruck tourist at Mount Rushmore in South Da-

kota. But more than anything, we enjoyed meeting players from all over the country and adding members to our cherished cribbage family.

We were unable to take advantage of the newly implemented 20% bonus points offered at two of the three legacy tournaments due to scheduling conflicts (Grand National) and airfare cost (Reno). But we were on hand to celebrate the truly momentous fiftieth anniversary of the National Open in North Carolina, birthplace of the ACC.

When the year ended, David had attended forty-four tournaments, a little more than twice as many as his usual rota of twenty. He won six tournaments (four main, two consy), increasing his lifetime tournament win total to thirty-three.

David qualified in twenty-eight of the forty-four main tournaments he entered, at one time qualifying in an amazing thirteen mains in a row! He qualified in twelve of the nineteen consolation tournaments he played. And he was high qualifier four times.

David finished the year's journey with 2,176 MRPs, making him #1 in the Eastern Region and #2 in the country, achieving his goal of All American. In fact, his 2,176 MRPs set a new record as the highest number of points ever scored by a player in the Eastern Region, breaking the previous record of 1,987 MRPs set by Larry Pfifer in 2014–15.

David knows that a year like this

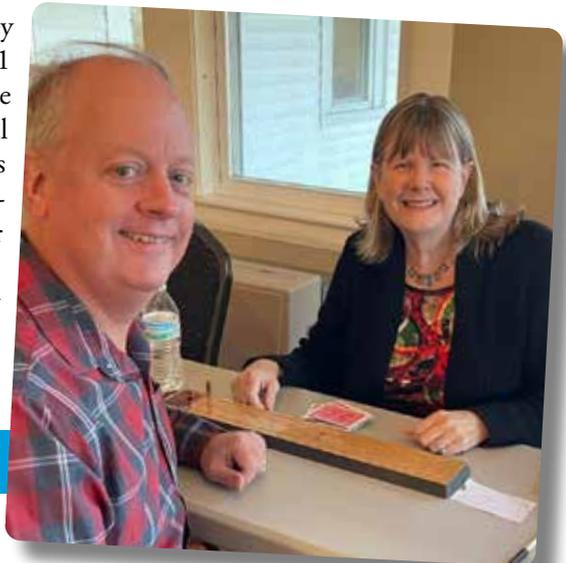
will never happen again, and that's okay because that's what makes it a bucket list year. He was blessed to have it happen once, and it was quite the ride.

Side Note from the Travel Companion

First and foremost, I am incredibly proud of my husband for achieving his lifetime bucket list goal of making All American.

Second, there were quite a few benefits to me in being along for the ride. I had my best year ever (no doubt for all time), finishing with 1,172 MRPs and earning my Life Master along the way. I finished #7 in the Eastern Region and #17 nationally (highest ranked woman). I will enjoy being on the Eastern Region All Star team with David as captain.

Finally, I do get a certain amount of snarky pleasure from the fact that David and I met four times in the playoffs during this momentous year, and I beat him every time (even though he kept threatening to make me sleep on the couch). Just think how many more MRPs he would have earned if he had been able to beat me?!



Mary beating David in the playoffs at the December Wolfeboro tournament.

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

September is here. Cooler days and nights (maybe). Cribbage season is revving up. We leave on September 30 for Grand National 43 in Deadwood SD! Never having been there, I am excited to see this town! If you want to celebrate some unknown days, you can celebrate National Bowling League day on September 3. (Many cribbage players also bowl.) September 13 is . . . and I'm not calling out anyone . . . National Bald Is Beautiful Day. (Who am I kidding? **Peter Legendre**—this day is for you!) September 20 is National Wife Appreciation Day! (**Mark Soule**—are you reading this?) Whatever you do as we transition into fall, enjoy and be present!

July 12 was the New England Summer Slam Double Double, directed by first-time director **Steve “Doogie” Dugas**, **Rick Montague**, and **Joe Bowen**. After the dust settled in Webster MA, **John Bartlett** won his first tournament!

Doogie tried to win his own tourney, but came in second. The consolation was won by our Rooster Girl, **Donna LaFleur**, and second place went to our favorite summer transplant, **Roland Hall**. Doogie did a great job, and we are excited to be going back in November.

This issue is dedicated to the National Open, so I will just make some notable East Coast mentions: **Laurie Hardy** from Maine came in second to **Adam Switzer** (my birthday buddy!) in the National Open consy. The nicest East Coast cribbage player—**Mike Fetchel**—won the Come Monday tourney, with **Adam Switzer** (still my birthday buddy) coming in second. Here's a teaser: Adam and I have something awesome planned for our birthday bashes! Stay tuned for details on our forthcoming flyers and in this column!

After the National Open, we traveled to Bangor ME for Running with the Lobsters and the Lobster Peg-off. On the one-day Friday event, the Longest Traveler award went to winner **Keith Widener**, and **Just David (Statz)** ➔ got his last accolade of





Friday night barbeque with friends!

the season by coming in second. The consy was won by **Donna LaFleur**, with **Lance Browne** in second. The weekend tournament saw **Steve Dugas** over **Deb Cotter**, and the consolation saw two Mainers **Pete “Legend” Legendre** over **Laurie Hardy**, who continued her streak from North Carolina. This is definitely a tournament you should try. Lobster rolls for lunch!



I hope everyone travels safe to Deadwood and has an amazing time. Remember, life is what you make of it. Play smart, play fair, have fun!

Vicki's September Funnies

Q. Why did the apple pie go to the dentist?

A. It needed a filling.

Q. How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

A. With a pumpkin patch.

Q. What has ears, but cannot hear a thing?

A. A cornfield!

Open Opener registration “helpers”



I've always been wary of going to the National Open Cribbage Tournament in North Carolina for several reasons, not the least of which is that it's quite a hop from Long Beach CA to Raleigh-Durham NC. Another more compelling reason for not going is that I was afraid I'd play two matches and be done.

The latter, while possibly true,

is alleviated by the fact that there are two other sanctioned tournaments as well as several satellites. Anyway, since this was the fiftieth anniversary of the NOCT and, like most of us I'm not getting any younger, I decided to chance it.

For those who have never been, the main tournament is a series of matches that are pretty much like the playoffs in a standard tournament. The primary difference is that the winner of each match is the first one to seven points, with two points for a non-skunk win and three points for a skunk win. So, matches can be anywhere from three to seven games. As you win, you advance in the "Winners' Bracket," and if you lose you are placed in the "Losers' Bracket" (or "Once-Defeated Bracket"). Two match losses, and you are history. I lost my first match and became a "loser." I then won two matches, and in the next I was unlucky enough to be matched against the #1 national player **Jim Mahan** (Appleton WI). Crafty Jim kept plying me with beer, and though we went the maximum seven games he prevailed. I should mention that for every beer he gave me, he drank two, so no real advantage there.

The winners and losers finally winnowed down to my friend and weeklong host **Bill Eilers** (Pahrump NV) from the Winners' Bracket matched against **Wilbur Paul** (Cherokee NC) from the Losers' Bracket. Since Bill had not lost heading into the final match and it's a double elimination tournament, Wilbur had to beat Bill in two matches—which he proceeded to do. Hats off to both Wilbur and Bill for outstanding play and being the final two of 225 starters!

Yours truly had a good qualifying run in the Open Opener and not so good in the playoffs. It was exactly the opposite in the Come Monday where I qualified 31st of 32 but made it to the final four, where I ran into **Mike Fetchel** (Durham CT). Mike whipped me soundly, aided in no small part in the deciding game by outscoring me 32-2 in one hand on third street. Mike went on to win the tournament. Well done, Mike.

I should add that, for whatever reason, in all the tournaments I played, my pegging and counting were sometimes atrocious. I lost more than one game due to bonehead plays. And, BTW, if you ever see me with four 4s and a 3, please



remind me that that is 20 and not . . . well, not what I took.

I need to give a shout out to NOCT co-directors **Megan Player** and **Jenifer Johnson** for an outstanding job. Due to the tournament's format, keeping track of winners and losers and figuring out who plays who and where and at what time is a massive undertaking. Known collectively by the portmanteau **Megafer**, ➔ they made it look easy even though it wasn't, and they did it with grace and aplomb. Great job, Megafer.



I do have questions about byes, which were not explained, at least not to me. I heard there were some thirty byes in the first round. What? Why? I heard that one person got a bye after a loss and that another person received two consecutive byes. Finally, included in those receiving byes in the first round were **Eric Locke**, **Rob Mederios**, and **Mark Soule**. Really? Isn't that like moving the fences in for Babe Ruth or lowering the basket for Wilt Chamberlain? Why didn't they give byes to poor schlubs like me? Believe me, I am not questioning the integrity of the process; I would simply like to know how byes are awarded (if that's the right word. assigned? granted?) and how can I get one!

Over and out. [editor's note to Don: ask and you shall receive ↓]

NOCT Byes

In order to clear up the confusion about byes at the National Open, Cribbage World asked NOCT director Megan Player to explain.

There seems to be some confusion between a "bye" and a "wait." In the olden days the once-defeated (one-loss) side played every two hours, and the winning side played every four hours. The main complaint I had from the winning side was there was too much waiting. I took this into consideration and revamped the entire way the boards work.

This year we had 225 participants in the NOCT, and that meant we had 31 randomly assigned byes (256 is a full bracket). We started play at 8a, when everyone played except 31 lucky people who got byes. The next round was at 10a, and once again everyone played except for 31 byes on the once-defeated side. After the second round, there were no more byes.

Some players confused a wait with a bye. On Saturday, when the main started, everyone played at 8a and 10a (except for the byes, as noted above). In the old days, the winning side would not have played until 3p and 8p. I moved the winning side up so they could play at 1p and 3p. This change gives the winning side the evening off to do whatever they wish. The normal rotation resumed on Sunday, with the once-defeated side playing every two hours and the winning side playing every four hours.

Side note: **Rob Mederios** got a bye and was knocked out in the 3p match; **Erik Locke** did **not** get a bye and was knocked out at 1p; and **Mark Soule** got a bye and was knocked out at 1p. None of them made it to the money round at 8p.

GRAND NATIONAL 43



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GN MIDWEEK

main ♦ 22 games

Wednesday morning
register 7a ♦ play 8:30a
\$100 (includes \$20 Q)
lunch included
playoffs 7a Thursday

consy ♦ 9 games

SATELLITES

- ♦ Tuesday 7p, singles
- ♦ Wednesday 7p, Canadian Doubles
- ♦ Thursday 7p, singles
- ♦ Thursday 7p, GRT OCC*
- ♦ Friday 9a, singles
- ♦ Friday 1p, DCAST*
- ♦ Friday 1:30p, singles
- ♦ Friday 7p, Canadian Doubles

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Thursday morning
 register 8a ♦ play 9:30a
 \$50 (includes \$10 Q)
 playoffs 2p

♦ **Saturday 7p, singles**
**two events are by invitation only:*
 GRTOCC – directed by Rick Baird
 DCAST – directed by Roland Hall

Sunday morning
 register 8a ♦ play 9:30a
 \$50 (includes \$10 Q)
 playoffs 2p



GN 43 REGISTRATION

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| name | ACC no. |
| address | <input type="checkbox"/> anchor seat? |
| city/state/zip | |
| email | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> checks payable and mail to Linda Barrett 8311 Hwy 13 S #55 Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494 </div> |
| phone | |

I agree to abide by the rules of the ACC and this tournament. I will not hold the ACC, the tournament directors, or The Lodge liable should my health be compromised by attending this tournament.

signature: _____

Wednesday doubles partner: _____

Friday doubles partner: _____

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| midweek main | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| GN 43 main | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| Tuesday singles | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 |
| Weds. Canadian | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40/team |
| Thursday singles | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 |
| Friday 9a singles | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 |
| Friday 1:30p singles | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 |
| Friday Canadian | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40/team |
| Saturday singles | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 |
| Awards Banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| total | |



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Table Talk

A new rulebook edition went into effect on August 1, 2025 (green cover), replacing the previous edition dated August 2020 (blue cover). There were several small changes and new additions to this update [*editor's note: see August Cribbage World, pages 14–15*].

One of the biggest additions was a new section on doubles play, whether it be Canadian or traditional doubles (see appendix B on pages 58–62). With the recent surge in popularity of Canadian Doubles it was necessary to create some rules and guidelines for play, especially since this satellite is usually played as a social event.

The intent is to bring people into cribbage who might not otherwise play in a singles tournament. For example, my wife, Leshia, is a pretty good cribbage player, but she won't play a singles tournament. She will play doubles with me as her partner, and sometimes others. We have met many other couples who are similar, where one plays singles and the spouse does not.

One of the items covered in this new appendix is entitled “Table Talk” (page 62). It gives us guidelines on what is acceptable to say to your partner and what is not. Examples of acceptable table talk are “You have thirteen points,” “That’s a run of four,” or “We need twelve points, and I have first count.”

Examples of unacceptable table talk include “Give me middle cards,” “Play your 5,” or “I have a Jack.” You can see that most of this is common sense. While this is a tournament, it is not sanctioned and MRPs are not awarded.

The intent of these social events is to relax and have fun, so please make that your main goal.



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

2025 GN SCHEDULE

Check as a reminder of what you signed up for

GRAND NATIONAL 43 DETAILS

Events and times are subject to change. Check the onsite schedule for the latest info.

- ♦ postmark deadline: **September 12** (meals included with main entry fees are not guaranteed after this date)
- ♦ registration for all events starts 90 minutes before announced playing times
- ♦ all seats randomly assigned
- ♦ mandatory Q-pool on all MRP tourneys
- ♦ both mains are 22 games; Friday singles are 7 games; all other events are 9 games
- ♦ the final match of the GN main is best-of-7 games
- ♦ all tournaments are cut-for-first-deal
- ♦ no muggins
- ♦ cash only at the door
- ♦ side pools available onsite for all events
- ♦ side pool signup closes ten minutes before playing time
- ♦ all sanctioned events pay 1-in-4
- ♦ all satellites pay 1-in-5
- ♦ \$10, \$20, and \$50 side pools pay 1-in-8
- ♦ \$100 side pool is Gruber Pool



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Grand National flyer on pages 22–23.

TUESDAY (Sept. 30)

7p Early Bird (\$20)

WEDNESDAY (Oct. 1)

7a main registration opens

8:30a midweek main (\$100)

7p Canadian Doubles (\$40/team)

THURSDAY (Oct. 2)

7a main playoffs

8a consy registration opens

9:30a midweek consy (\$50)

2p consy playoffs

7p Thursday singles (\$20)

7p GRTOCC*

FRIDAY (Oct. 3)

8a BOD meeting

9a Friday singles #1 (\$20)

1p All Star Tourney*

1:30p Friday singles #2 (\$20)

7p Canadian Doubles (\$40/team)

SATURDAY (Oct. 4)

7a main registration opens

8:30a GN 43 main (\$100)

6:30p awards banquet (\$50)

7p Saturday singles (\$20)

SUNDAY (Oct. 5)

7a main playoffs

8a consy registration opens

9:30a GN 43 consy (\$50)

2p consy playoffs

*invitation only

Where are John and Maria now? (Don't say the Swiss Alps.) (see page 29)



Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

In my August *Cribbage World* column, I wrote about a number of national celebrities who were short-term members of the ACC in the 1980s, or who played in a sanctioned cribbage tourney. I ran out of space before I discussed the grandest cribbage-related celebrities!

In the late 1980s, BOD member and ACC treasurer **Fred McGibney** met descendants of **Sir John Suckling**, who invented cribbage in the early 1600s. **Becky Suckling Corvi** and her sister **Sara Suckling** were eleventh-generation descendants of Sir John. Avid cribbage players, Becky and Sara were invited to attend the 1990 Grand National in Des Moines IA. The Suckling sisters accepted, became ACC members, and both played in the Grand National main. I remember having a very nice conversation with them over lunch and even though they didn't qualify for the big money, Becky and Sara both played well and made a fine showing. The Suckling girls were honored with framed awards noting Sir John's membership as the first ACC Hall of Famer at that banquet.

At the 2025 Grand National in Deadwood SD, **Todd Schaefer** (MN) will be inducted as the forty-eighth member of the ACC Hall of Fame. I'm so pleased that Todd was elected, as he is very deserving of that honor. Schaefer has served over twenty years on the Board of Directors, is the current chair of the Ethics Committee, and is a Life Master (★). Todd has directed numerous tournaments in Minnesota and is the current co-director of the Tournament of Champions. Congratulations, Todd Schaefer!

In the 1980s, eleven people were honored as the early ACC Hall of Famers. Many members know of the incredible achievements of those such as **Sir John Suckling**, **Joseph Wergin**, **Nick Pond**, **Jim Arblaster**, **Ev Bey**, **Bob Madsen**, **Syl Lulinski**, and **DeLynn Colvert**. But three others in the Hall of Fame may not be so well known by much of the membership.

G. Douglas Anderson ➔ of Halifax, Nova Scotia, wrote the book *All about Cribbage* in 1971. **Nick Pond** and **Frank Abernathy** visited him in Canada, which led to Anderson's eight-page section on rules in his cribbage book being used as the basis for rulings at the National Open in the 1970s. Even the very first ACC tournaments in the early 1980s used these rules until the ACC created its own tourney rules. Anderson was the first head judge at Raleigh. He passed away in 1977 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1985 at Denver CO.

Raymond E. "Rasty" Rasmussen ➔ of Marshalltown IA directed the Iowa State Tournament starting in 1932 and lasting until 1982. Rasty was famous for his grocery counter items awarded to any player getting a 24-hand. He also promoted doubles and team play as well as taught countless children how to play cribbage. He even set up cribbage events for veterans, seniors, and vacationers. Rasmussen was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1987 at Hartford CT.



The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



One of my greatest enjoyments in cribbage is matching wits with a very skilled opponent. This hand occurred in Raleigh versus, in my opinion, the best young player in the ACC **Trevor Poole**.

I was dealing from hole 55, and Trevor was already up to hole 70. So I'm in pretty big trouble. Starting the hand, I deal myself a pedestrian 2-3-J-J with 7-K discard. The cut is a 4, giving a little help for the hand but not so much for the crib. At this point I just have to hope Trevor has six or few points and that I can hold him down in pegging.

Trevor leads a 5, so what's my plan now? Well, the 6 or under hand is most likely out the window, so at all costs I have to limit his pegging. Yes, I could use some points here as well, but I think my best chance is Trevor having a couple of lackluster hands on fourth street. So do I take 15-2 with one of my Jacks? There are only two Jacks left but with the 5 lead it's likely that Trevor has some pictures backing it up. And a Jack would be a likely keeper, so I play the 2 and try to obtain a little more information.

Trevor plays a 10 for 17. My only play is the 3 for 20 and hope Trevor leaves himself with a lone Jack for the next series. Trevor plays a Jack to make the count 30. Doggone it! So close to a plan coming to fruition! Trevor had 5-10-J-Q and very smartly dumped his pictures from lowest to highest to avoid the most potential trouble. If I had taken 15-2 with my Jack, Trevor would have matched it for two and gotten a three-card run at the end to outpeg me 6-3.

So I think we both pegged the hand as well as we could. Trevor somewhat limped home on fourth street but not enough for me to pull out the victory. I owe you one, buddy!

So always look at least one step ahead before you play that first pegging card.

Does Rob always play his 2 on a 5 lead? Email questions to him at mrob2199@aol.com.

Nelson Ira Pendergast ➔ of Albany NY was a great promoter of cribbage, teaching and conducting tournaments for hundreds of veterans and outpatients at VA hospitals. He spent over 40,000 hours involved in cribbage at these hospitals. In 1983, he received the Guy Pence Award for recruiting ACC members and also got the President's Special Award from Joe Wergin. Pendergast served on the ACC board for a short time and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1989 in Prineville OR.



I hope to see you all in Deadwood and at the awards banquet in early October.

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.

New Members

35 last month

California

Benjamin Harvey Adams (Los Angeles)
Charlie Hanks (Placerville)
Steven Katz (Lawndale)
Matthew Lumsden (Carlsbad)

Connecticut

Steve Adkins (Clinton)
Geoffrey Constantine (Mystic)
Robert Gura (Ansonia)

Idaho

Dalton Routh (Boise)

Iowa

Eric Brockmeyer (Sheffield)

Andy Hoffman (West Des Moines)

Kentucky

Karen George (Windy Hills)

Maine

Richard Doiron (Glenburn)

Michigan

Christine Babcock (Clyde)
Tony Babcock (Clyde)
Jacob Hoover (Rives Junction)
Nicholas Zerilli (Saint Clair Shores)

Minnesota

Owen Klinker (Hutchinson)

Oklahoma

Kathleen Reese (Monkey Island)
William Reese (Monkey Island)

Oregon

Luke Dembosky (Depoe Bay)

Waylon Rasmussen (Prineville)

Pennsylvania

Kay Bettendorf (Philadelphia)
Jacob Devery (Horsham)

Texas

Gregory Baeten (San Angelo)
Alexandra Schilling (Houston)

Vermont

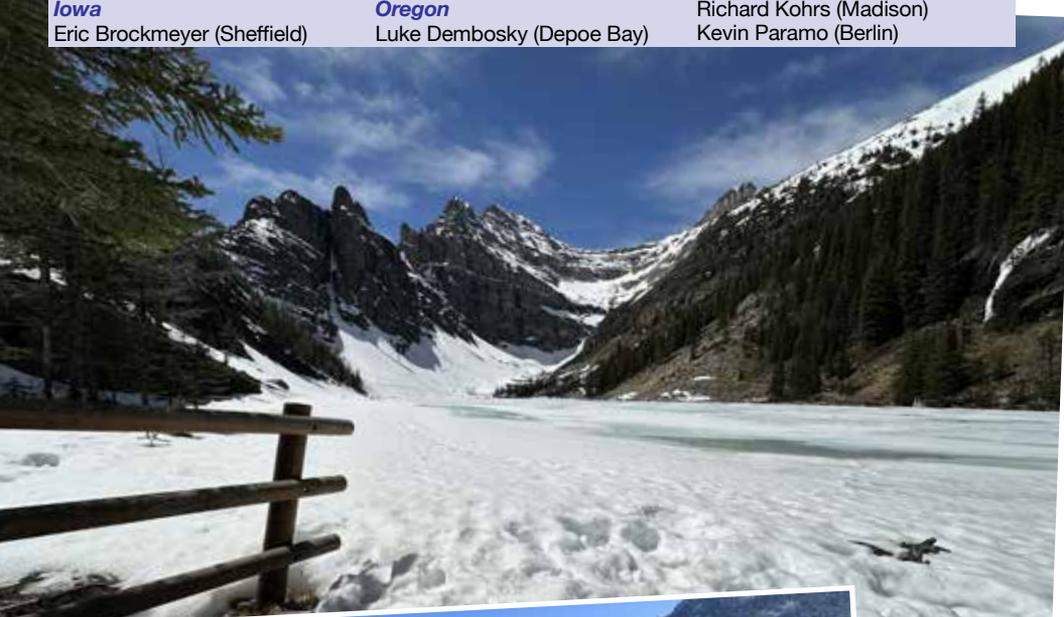
Jason Doiron (Stowe)
Madeline Doiron (Stowe)

Washington

Christy Cruver (Federal Way)
Dave Cruver (Federal Way)
Joseph McGough (Burien)
Jack Prendergast (Freeland)
David Staley (Spokane)
Tommy Ward (Newport)

Wisconsin

Richard Kohrs (Madison)
Kevin Paramo (Berlin)



John and Maria are in Canada at Banff. Do you recognize this lake? Lake Louise is one of the most photographed lakes in

CRIBbage AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John Maria

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Sticking to the storyline related to consumable liquids, we will focus on water in this story. Several scientific studies confirm that decision making deteriorates if a person doesn't drink water every 1–2 hours. That means during a 22-game tournament it is important to stay hydrated, as each player makes approximately 6,000 decisions during the tournament. Since **Duane Toll** and **Erik Locke** have won the most tournaments, does that mean they stay the most hydrated?

Maria and I traveled to Banff National Park in Alberta, Canada, and saw water in all its forms: ice, steam, liquid, and snow can be found in nearby national parks. There are hot springs creating steam. There are many snow-topped mountains, Mount Rundle being the most painted and photographed peak. The rivers, lakes, and waterfalls are beautiful. The turquoise water of Lake Louise  makes it one of the most photographed lakes in the world. And finally, the glaciers  are majestic.

In preparation for our three-game competition, Maria hydrated by drinking glacier water! Our guide said drinking million-year-old glacier water will make a person look seven-years younger. I'm not sure if this statement is true, but Maria must have been well hydrated, as she won two of three games.



the world because of the turquoise color it gets from melted glacier. The frozen lakes and the skylines of the Canadian Rockies are beautiful.

Internet Cribbage

by *Sally Henderson*
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After five years as internet commissioner, I have reviewed the policy regarding unacceptable behavior during ACC internet tournaments at either site. Please note the revised policy below.

An “unacceptable behavior” policy is in effect for occurrences such as, but not limited to, foul language in the lobby or PMs, refusing to comply with TD directions, leaving tournaments early, unethical issues, etc. During an ACC tourney, the TD(s) of that tournament have the right to warn, mute, and/or DQ any player in their tourney. Internet TDs are required to report such incidents in writing to the ACC internet commissioner. If there is an ethics violation, that may be reported to the ACC by any member.

A warning email will be sent to the player outlining the unacceptable behavior. The commissioner and the TD(s) involved will then decide appropriate action to be taken, at their discretion. This may involve a simple warning not to repeat the behavior, or any disciplinary action deemed necessary by the commissioner, including banning the player from future tournaments hosted by the TD(s) involved at either site. If the warning is not heeded and that behavior continues, or different unacceptable behaviors occur, the commissioner could then choose to enforce a

thirty-day suspension from all ACC internet tourney play at both eCribbage and Game Colony. Once the first suspension is lifted by the commissioner, any continued or new unacceptable behavior will then result in a three-month suspension from all ACC internet play at both sites. In addition, in order for the second suspension to be lifted, the player will be required to write to the commissioner and the TD(s) involved outlining how the behavior will change. If that is found to be acceptable and sincere, it is understood that the behav-

internet . leaders

| rank | IRPs | name |
|------|------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 1278 | Nick Severson (ogshmo0) |
| 2 | 1127 | Pat Liegl (patco1950) |
| 3 | 1098 | Brad Henderson (ousooner) |
| 4 | 1079 | Sue Edwards (co434sue) |
| 5 | 1054 | James Morrow (29seeker) |
| 6 | 1053 | Gregory Gougian (gougie00) |
| 7 | 1020 | Rick Allen (excitations) |
| 8 | 988 | Ron Shelton (red29rws) |
| 9 | 963 | Daniel Crete (dec) |
| 10 | 930 | Basil Rudnick (basil 22) |

2024–25 Internet Champion

Nick Severson (*ogshmo0*)

Point Leader of the Month

Nick Severson (*ogshmo0*) @ 198 IRPs

New Life eMasters (6,000 IRPs)

Terry Higgins (*chainlink1*)

Internet 28-Hands

Rick Baird (*rickyticky2201*)

Monica Newton (*oreo2757*)

Allen Wilson (*gdub*)

Internet Grand Slams

Tammy Egernier (*tammye432*)

DCAST

DeLynn Colvert All Star Tournament

The thirty-fifth annual DeLynn Colvert All Star Tournament will be held at the Deadwood Lodge in Deadwood SD on October 3 at 1p. The top eight players from each region play the top eight players from the other two regions in a sixteen-game tournament. The Central Region currently leads the Eastern and Western Regions by a count of 15-13-6. This year's teams are listed below. Contact director **Roland Hall** (roland29h@yahoo.com or 707-738-0799) if you have any questions.

Western Region

Erik Locke, captain

Duane Toll
Bob Brumley
Bob Bartosh
Bill Schlabs
Paul Gregson
Dave Yaeger
Bernie Nelson

Central Region

Jim Maban, captain

David Aiello
Scott Sand
Terry Weber
Steve Steinmetz
Jeff Shimp
Al Karr
Cynthia Wark

Eastern Region

Dave Statz, captain

Rob Medeiros
Peter Legendre
Jerry Hardy
Stephen Dugas
Keith Widener
Mary Burlington
Donna LaFleur

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ior(s) will stop. However, if another occurrence of unacceptable behavior occurs, the player will be banned indefinitely from all future ACC internet tournaments. The ACC's policy states that if you are suspended from any ACC division—internet, weekend, or Grass Roots—you are suspended from all sanctioned play.

The entire policy can be found at cribbage.org/NewSite/internet/rules.asp.

Thanks to the greater majority of you that this policy will never apply to. The TDs appreciate it!

Can you believe we're already trading sunscreen for school supplies? I'm labeling lunchboxes, shaking sand out of my peg bag, and wondering how summer disappeared that fast.

I planned to celebrate Raleigh's fiftieth, but management changes at work kept me home. Over 200 of you made it—what a turnout! I cheered from afar and promised myself a makeup trip. Enter: Sacramento.

And here's the twist: I decided to go barely two weeks out. That is not my normal. I'm a spreadsheet-and-early-bird-fare person. But it felt so good to say

yes fast, jump on a plane, and go play my favorite game with some pretty awesome people. I headed south for two tournaments with **Jennifer Bolles** and **Nancy Rojas**. We camped out at **Bill Schlabe's** ➔ with a whole crew (thank you, Bill!), and it felt like the best kind of reunion: late laughs, early coffee, and a lot of "good lucks" that actually worked. I won doubles



(again!) with my friend **Bryan Gurden** ◀ and qualified in one of the events. I also noticed I had to play **Darlene Stier** ➔ in every tournament—and she even managed to knock me out of the playoffs, earning herself a one-way ticket to the mirror. I'll see you every morning, Darlene.

Truth is, the momentum started the weekend before in Pasco WA, where I co-directed the season-closing Triple Crown Cluster. I stayed with my good friend **Brad Seger**—host-with-the-most and our right-hand man in making the event happen. Tournament directing has become second nature—I've got my one-bag setup down to a science: just pens, scorecards, tape, bracket boards, scissors, paper clips, stick notes, blank paper, my laptop,

and my trusty notebook. We wrapped the year with a bang: I won doubles with **James Morrow** and qualified in four of six tournaments. Best tournament weekend I've ever had.





Let's be friends

If you are on Facebook, add **American Cribbage Congress** to your list of friends.

If you're new here, I'm a Spokane Grass Roots director and a 37-year-old working mom who started traveling in late 2023. I don't have unlimited time or budget. Some months I'm boarding a plane; other months I'm organizing a carpool and checking Challenge between dinner and dishes. Either way, I keep showing up. A lot of you do, too.

As we head into fall, here's my simple checklist:

- Step 1: pack the backpacks. Check.
- Step 2: pack the peg bag. Check.
- Step 3: show up anyway—wins, whiffs, and all. Always.



To everyone who made Raleigh sparkle for the fiftieth—well done. To the Sacramento and Pasco crews—thank you for the laughs, the hospitality, and the cribbage lessons given and taken. To the players juggling jobs, budgets, and

bedtime stories: I see you. We try not to let bad cards get the best of us.

See you on the road. And if you beat me, smile for a quick photo. I've still got space on the mirror.

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Jim Fabian

by Scott Kooistra

Jim Fabian (Long Beach IN) passed away on July 15 at the age of eighty-one. Jim and I, along with Jeff Shimp, became great friends and traveling companions in the early 1980s. Jim was a charter member of the ACC; his Congress number is IL-19. At his passing, he was just a few points shy of his Life Master rating. Jim's parents, Lou and Anne, were also very early members of the ACC. Jim and his wife, Sue, brought his parents up in a raging snowstorm to play in the first sanctioned tourney I directed in the winter of 1981 in Kalamazoo MI. Their whole family was wonderful, and along with children Kevin, Diana, and Karyn, all enjoyed cribbage. As a teenager, Kevin placed second out of 415 players in the 1991 National Open at Raleigh NC. Jim was elected to the ACC Board of Directors in 1983 and served six years on the board. In 1985, Jim became the ACC's first national tournament commissioner. He was always willing to help out with judging, tabulating, and whatever it took to run a successful event. Thanks for your wonderful friendship and all you did for the ACC. Rest in peace, Jim.

Avon C. Ray

Club 55 lost a longtime member: Avon Ray (Santa Rosa CA), at the age of eighty-one. Avon was past president of our club, two-time club champion, an ACC member for over thirty years, and a Master rated player with over 3,500 masters points. On a personal level he was a fierce competitor, as honest as they come, and never afraid to speak his mind. You always knew where you stood with him! He was a memorable personality who will be greatly missed.



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Tournaments

MRPs

final standings

| WESTERN REGION | | | CENTRAL REGION | | | EASTERN REGION | | |
|----------------|------|-------------------|----------------|------|--------------------|----------------|------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2072 | Erik Locke | 1 | 2766 | Jim Mahan | 1 | 2176 | David Statz |
| 2 | 2046 | Duane Toll | 2 | 1792 | David Aiello | 2 | 1539 | Robert Medeiros |
| 3 | 1973 | Bob Brumley | 3 | 1658 | Scott Sand | 3 | 1285 | Peter Legendre |
| 4 | 1620 | Bob Bartosh | 4 | 1649 | Terry Weber | 4 | 1222 | Jerry Hardy |
| 5 | 1484 | Bill Schlabas | 5 | 1133 | Steven Steinmetz | 5 | 1184 | Stephen Dugas |
| 6 | 1342 | Paul Gregson | 6 | 1055 | Jeff Shimp | 6 | 1173 | Keith Widener |
| 7 | 1146 | Dave Yaeger | 7 | 1026 | Allen Karr | 7 | 1172 | Mary Burlington |
| 8 | 1136 | Bernie Nelson | 8 | 983 | Cynthia Wark | 8 | 1159 | Donna LaFleur |
| 9 | 1093 | Richard Shea | 9 | 981 | Al Pernicek | 9 | 1032 | Phil Martin |
| 10 | 1027 | Sara Sanner | 10 | 976 | Haley Hintze | 10 | 985 | Mark Soule |
| 11 | 985 | Bryan Gurden | 11 | 885 | Emilio Perez | 11 | 939 | Mike Fetchel |
| 12 | 973 | Rick Baird | 12 | 825 | Jason Matheny | 12 | 910 | Frank Abernathy |
| 13 | 914 | William O'Malley | 13 | 821 | Larry Leidenheimer | 13 | 886 | Terrance Cushman |
| 14 | 913 | Ray Klocko | 14 | 802 | Marsha Mahan | 14 | 855 | Barry Spadea |
| 15 | 885 | Todd Malmgren | 15 | 795 | Chad Frischmann | 15 | 820 | Bruce Sattler |
| 16 | 876 | Carole Herron | 16 | 756 | Bob Kiley | 16 | 735 | Vicki Soule |
| 17 | 874 | Peggy Shea | 17 | 754 | Bob Hanes | 17 | 700 | Robert Baker |
| 18 | 873 | Jason Shumate | 18 | 729 | James McCarty | 17 | 700 | Barri Gehrand |
| 19 | 821 | James Clark | 19 | 706 | Dan Selke | 19 | 698 | Larry Phifer |
| 20 | 817 | Carol Williams | 20 | 684 | Les Kvien | 20 | 663 | Steven Braley |
| 21 | 812 | James Morrow | 21 | 678 | Wendy Yafuso | 21 | 649 | Laurie Hardy |
| 22 | 802 | Jeanne Jelke | 22 | 650 | Dan Sand | 22 | 625 | Debra Cotter |
| 23 | 777 | Wayne Momsen | 23 | 632 | Henry Brandner | 23 | 620 | Kendra Munkacsy |
| 24 | 769 | David Bute | 23 | 632 | Robert Chase | 24 | 608 | Jack Howsare |
| 25 | 736 | Peter Jackson | 25 | 630 | Dan Taylor | 25 | 559 | Eric Davis |
| 26 | 723 | Chris McComas | 26 | 610 | Donald Curry | 26 | 553 | Donald Janelle |
| 27 | 700 | William Eilers | 27 | 605 | James Huser | 27 | 529 | Harvey Bourdeau |
| 28 | 650 | Darlene Stier | 28 | 584 | Edward Balcer | 28 | 513 | Carlyle Foss |
| 29 | 641 | Charlene Cohen | 29 | 546 | Doug Page | 29 | 500 | William Cormier |
| 30 | 627 | Don Thienel | 30 | 521 | Thomas Beucler | 30 | 486 | Frank Reddy |
| 31 | 621 | Terry Hatto | 31 | 507 | Kevin Mansfield | 31 | 479 | Joseph Bowen |
| 32 | 591 | Craig Smith | 32 | 504 | Clay Collier | 32 | 467 | Barbara Barbour |
| 33 | 574 | Bill Klem | 32 | 504 | Adam Switzer | 32 | 467 | Marty Duchow |
| 34 | 566 | Kai Lemrise | 34 | 502 | Kevin Harris | 34 | 455 | Richard Nourse |
| 35 | 554 | Pete Larsen | 35 | 467 | Wayland Kuhnel | 35 | 454 | Bonnie Fife |
| 36 | 551 | Kat Hartsell | 35 | 467 | Steve Scadden | 36 | 452 | Rick Montague |
| 37 | 534 | Mike McCammon | 37 | 466 | Jeff Machovsky | 37 | 435 | Charles Booker |
| 38 | 533 | Jennifer Bolles | 38 | 457 | Daniel Pluff | 38 | 422 | David Fournier |
| 39 | 524 | Winona McDaniel | 39 | 455 | Dennis Koehler | 39 | 407 | Roy Scheffer |
| 40 | 522 | Wayne Morris | 40 | 448 | Marlene Lazachek | 40 | 406 | Jack Silvia |
| 41 | 521 | Michael Crume | 41 | 432 | Ed May | 41 | 398 | Megan Player |
| 42 | 517 | Barbara Stockham | 42 | 431 | Wayne Steinmetz | 42 | 397 | Jack Chandler |
| 43 | 493 | Brian Bell-Irving | 43 | 411 | John Hazlett | 43 | 392 | James Ravenscroft |
| 44 | 481 | Joe Gates | 43 | 411 | Robert Lenz | 44 | 390 | Joe Zimmiti |
| 45 | 480 | Scott Bartosh | 45 | 398 | William Stacey | 45 | 389 | Keith Miller |
| 46 | 479 | Cy Madrone | 46 | 392 | Darlene Anderst | 46 | 383 | Paige Thomas |
| 46 | 479 | Trevor Poole | 47 | 390 | Sheila Vojtech | 47 | 370 | Wilbur Paul |
| 48 | 469 | Jones Hom | 48 | 380 | Peter Christensen | 48 | 365 | Dan Routhier |
| 49 | 466 | Diana Webster | 49 | 369 | Rick Kuehn | 49 | 359 | Howard Terry |
| 50 | 456 | Greg Schleusner | 50 | 367 | Richard Frost | 50 | 356 | Todd Smith |

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

ACC Tournament Commissioners

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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: 716.285.3361</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 |

SUSANVILLE UPDATE

Cribbage World received this note from **Jeanne Jelke**, director of the Susanville tournaments:

The Diamond Mountain Casino and Hotel is currently undergoing a major renovation. Unfortunately, tournaments in Susanville are suspended indefinitely. The next Susanville tournament is not likely to be scheduled until the 2026–27 season.

It will be added to the tournament schedule as soon as possible.

CA ♦ Sep. 5–6, Jimmy Yee Memorial

Stadium Club Estates, 4200 El Centro Rd, Sacramento CA 95834. TD: Annett Eiffert (916.521.3208) & Nancy Rojas

CT ♦ Sep. 6, September Sizzler

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

OR/ID ♦ ORE-IDA or Bust!

Sep. 5–7, Gem State Classic

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

Sep. 9–11, Oregon Trail Tournament

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

Sep. 12–14, Blue Mountain Open

American Legion, 301 Fir St, La Grande OR 97850. TD: Charlette Springer (541.975.3176) & Sue Anderson

TX ♦ Red River Doubleheader

Elks, 2470 Walnut Hill Ln/8550 Lullwater Dr, Dallas TX 75220. TD: Scott Buhrow (469.650.5740) & Doug Weier

Sep. 11–12, Red River Kickoff

Sep. 13–14, Red River Peg Out

WI ♦ Sep. 12–14, America's Dairyland Open

Mad Apple, 3025 College Ave, Appleton WI 54914. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

NV ♦ Paranormal Doubleheader

Senior Center, 1301 W Basin Ave, Pahrump NV 89060. TD: Cy Madrone (805.455.6079) & Bill Eilers

Sep. 13, Paranormal Open 1

Sep. 14, Paranormal Open 2

CA ♦ Sep. 13, Pegging for Vets

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

IA ♦ Iowa Classic Doubleheader

Rock Island Inn, 3303 S Center St, Marshalltown IA 50158. TD: Mike Henze (641.485.2604) & Bob Joslin

Sep. 19, Iowa Classic 1

Sep. 20–21, Iowa Classic 2

ME ♦ Sep. 20, Capital City Classic

Knights of Columbus Hall, 109 Spring St, Gardiner ME 04345. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

OR ♦ Sep. 20, Portland One Day Blitz

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

OR ♦ Sep. 21, Willamette River Run

Moose, 2011 Laura St, Springfield OR 97477. TD: Julia Schewanick (541.514.1131) & Erik Locke

MT ♦ Montana Memorial Doubleheader

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

Sep. 26–27, Montana Memorial

Sep. 28–29, Big Sky Open

MN ♦ Chaska Tripleheader

VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN 55318. TD: Adam Switzer (952.687.1642), Steven Schneider, Bob Joslin, and Chad Frischmann

Sep. 26, Minnesota Open One-Day

Sep. 27–28, Jerry Gruber Memorial

Sep. 29, Westward Ho!

GRTOCC

The GRTOCC is an invitation-only event. The abbreviation stands for Grass Roots Tournament of Club Champions, and that means if you have ever won your club championship, then you are eligible to play GRTOCC, which will be held in conjunction with Grand National on Thursday, October 2, in Deadwood SD. The cost is \$40 (cash at the door). Sign-up will start at 5:30p.

Forgotten if you are a club champion? Go to cribbage.org/grassroots/ and click "GRTOCC" at the bottom of the page to see if you are eligible.

The GRTOCC is directed by **Rick Baird** (rickyticky1954@gmail.com or 541.530.1112).

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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. 2–4, Grand National 43

entry form at centerfold!

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

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

SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader

Hilton Garden, 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

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

WI ♦ Dec. 5–7, Jingle Bell Open

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

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39th Annual
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NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025 RENO, NV
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Friday, November 7, 2025

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 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

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. Lunch is NOT provided. Current ACC membership is required. Visit www.cribbage.org or join/renew at tournament



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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**

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| 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

CO ♦ Dec. 13, MVP Winter Classic
VFW, 305 Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80536. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Berry

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader |
| VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlabes (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh |
| Jan. 8–9, Sacramento #1 |
| Jan. 10, Sacramento #2 |
| Jan. 11, Sacramento #3 |

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| NC ♦ Smoky Mountain Doubleheader |
| Comfort Suites, 890 Brevard Rd, Asheville 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

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| 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

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| 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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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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. 27–Mar. 1, Northern California Open
Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Ranche-
ria 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)

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, Bat-
tle Creek MI 49015. TD: Dave Boyer (268.788.1289)

WI ♦ Mar. 27–29, Mick Michaelis Classic
Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave, Marinette WI
54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ♦ Newport Cluster

American Legion, 424 W Olive St,
Newport OR 97365

Apr. 4–5, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial

TD: Pete & Junko Larsen
(503.724.0605) & Rick Baird

Apr. 6–7, Spring Fling

TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen

Apr. 9–10, Alosea River Open

TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550)
& Wayne Momsen

Apr. 11–12, Dean Bauman Memorial

TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034)
& Dana McClain

MT ♦ Billings Doubleheader

Hampton Inn & Suites, 3550 Ember Ln,
Billings MT 59102. TD: Richard
Rudio (406.671.0339) & Greg Dibble

Apr. 18–19, Magic City Main

Apr. 20–21, MT Trailhead Main

SD ♦ Deadwood Doubleheader

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

Apr. 23–24, Deadwood Open

Apr. 25, Aces & Eights

Apr. 26, Calamity Jane Open

CA ♦ May 22–24, Jerry Montgomery Memorial
Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Ranche-
ria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke
(509.521.3153) & Jim Langley

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

WI ♦ Stetsonville Doubleheader

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

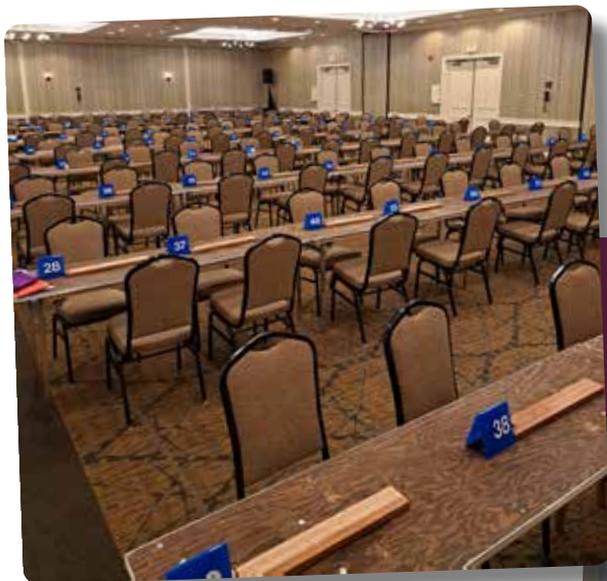
July 23–24, Heart of Wisconsin Classic

July 25–26, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic

Tournament Trail continued online



Who will be the first Grand National player to find this sign in Deadwood?



Saturday morning, the room is ready for the National Open to begin. Canadian Doubles winners Megan Player and John Morch.



Inside and outside ACC banners at the National Open in Durham NC.





40 Years Ago

The front cover announced the appointment of **Jim Fabian** (Naperville IL) as the ACC's first national tournament commissioner. A lifelong ACC member, Jim passed away just this past July. On page 5 we read that the late, great **Warren Sondericker** (Greenfield WI)



was the 1984–85 national champion with 770 MRPs. The 2025–26 champion, **Jim Mahan** (Appleton WI), scored 2,766 points—nearly 2,000 more!

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced **Phyllis Schmidt** (Williamstown MA) as the National Open winner; this win earned her the Eastern Region championship and a place on the All American team. **Larry Phifer** (Raleigh NC) finished second (Larry would later win the NOCT, in 2016). Elsewhere we read that **Gene Sissell** (Baker City OR) won the 186-player Portland Summer Open.

National Open champions: (left to right, kneeling) Megan Player (2018), Lana Newhouse (2022), Peter Setian (1996); (standing) Bernard Whitfield (1998), Catherine Perkins (1983), Rob Medeiros (2019 & 2024), Keith Miller (2013), Frank Reddy (2003 & 2015), Terry Weber (2017), Larry Phifer (2016), David Statz (2014), Lance Browne (2011), Richard Corbin (2001), Terrance Cushman (2023)



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