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President's Column

by James Morrow



Riding Shotgun Ray Klocko walked the last fifty miles home after they hit a deer. He had a tournament to get to and *nothing* was going to stand in his way. With one last shot to capture the MRP national title, he hit the road, this time solo. The result: one more main championship for the season. As soon as the 2026 season wrapped up, he got the 2027 season started.

I have traveled to cribbage tournaments with some great people. If it wasn't for Jack Moritzky inviting me to travel with him, I probably would have played only Grass Roots and local tournaments. I have covered the trail with Bob and Betty Brumley, Willie Evans, Brad Seger, Kat Hartsell, and of course Jack. Having someone to travel with makes the drive easier. It helps with room and gas costs for sure.

I have never driven 22,000 miles or flown 32,000 miles with anyone in a season. But this is how far Ray and Bryan Gorden traveled together during the 2026 season. They spent over 150 nights away from home.



Ray amassed 2,514 MRPs for the season, 28 more points than his two best seasons (2022 and 2023) combined. While Bryan tied the season record with eleven wins (five main, six consolations), Ray won four mains and three consolations, bringing his lifetime total to twenty sanctioned tournament wins.

On their way home from Pasco WA, they met a deer in the road. The car was drivable, so they made it home. (I fabricated the first paragraph above for excitement!)

Ray did finish the year with a main win. While it's rumored that Bryan isn't planning on another national tour, Ray may be hitting the trail, and all the records may be in jeopardy. He was so busy when I asked about his season, he replied: "You got me at a bad time, I'm in Sacramento and it's cribbage all the time."

Congratulations to the national points runner-up, and safe travels to one of the nicest guys to play the game!

Both Bryan and Ray had a great 2026 season, a record-breaking season. But the car, a 2019 BMW 540i, may actually be the real story here—setting the new season record at 6,514 MRPs, 21,000+ miles, and eighteen tournament championships plus a deer and \$4,000 in damage.

What car is taking you on a record-breaking season?

Your Deal



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Thanks for the Memories

It has been fun being an ACC member from Idaho, Oregon, and Montana for the last forty years or so. I enjoyed playing with Missoula MT and Baker OR clubs and meeting cribbage players from all over. It was a challenge to run the Snake River Open for those years. I still have fifty long boards to give away. I have continued to pay dues to hear about friends and their achievements, but more and more are gone, so I don't think I'll renew. Thank you for being a great part of my life. I wish everyone fun playing the game.

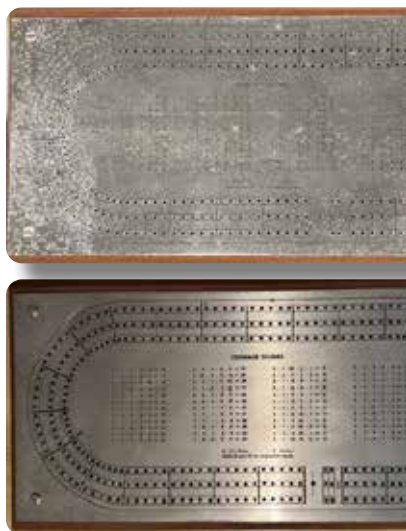
Michelle Park (Twin Falls ID)

Cribbage World Responds: we have now found a home for Michelle's boards. More important, we are going to continue to send *Cribbage World* to Michelle free of charge.

Before and After

At an antique fair in California, I found an old wooden cribbage board with a metal top that was oxidized. The vendor was a family friend and said I could have it for \$10. The next thing was how to clean it. A guy I work with does woodwork and metalwork, so I asked if he could clean it up. Wow, I did not expect what he brought in the next day! It had almost a mirror finish, and you can read all the scores. This board was maybe made by C. W. Le Count in South Norwalk CT around the late 1800s. Regardless of where and when, I love it! We are going to start using it in our family cribbage games.

Karen Roach (Redding CA)



Youth Donation

I have been working with **Dan Zeisler** on the *Cribbage Guide for Teachers*. I work with a group here in Indiana called Teachers Treasures and I am teaching teachers so they can teach cribbage to their students. Years ago, a Merchant Marine, **Jack Bush**, taught his son **Tim** the game of cribbage. Back in 1972 Tim was my schoolmate, and he taught me cribbage. While other kids were out smoking and drinking, Tim and I were shuffling and pegging. Even though five hours now separate us, we get together and play whenever we can. In honor of Jack and Tim, I enclosed a check for use in the Youth Program.

David Barrabee (Zionsville IN)

My Deal

by David Aiken



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

In lieu of my editorial this month, I asked **BRYAN GURDEN** for some thoughts on his record-breaking season. Here he is in his own words.



“I am extremely proud of what I accomplished and the dedication it took. When the season started, my only goal was to finish with one more point than the guy in second. That quickly changed as I built a lead, and then other goals started to materialize, such as the all-time record (done in 62 tournaments versus 55 for **Duane Toll**), my Two Star, and 4,000 MRPs.

I might have jinxed myself in Topaz. **Kai Lemrise** got his Grand Master. I was just short of 4,000 at that point (3,895), and it looked like I would cruise past the mark. I congratulated Kai on his Grand Master and then told him I was still trying to get mine this season. (He laughed, as I knew he would, or I would never had made the joke.) Everything from that point on was downhill, but I managed to sneak up to 4,000 exactly and maintain a 50-MRP average.

I played all over the country: in fourteen states, with eleven tournaments in the Central Region and seven in the Eastern. Other than Grand National and the NOCT, I had options to stay out west, but I wanted to play all regions. I won at least one tournament in every region, and I scored points in every state I played in except the last one (North Carolina).

All season I was able to put one game behind me and focus on the next one, until Raleigh started so bad in the Open Opener. Then I started to put a lot of pressure on myself to get to 4,000. I had horrible cards in July but I also didn't play my best; I was pressing something terrible. Raleigh was weird, as I got crushed in the MRP tournaments but I crushed the satellites.

One final thing: *Cribbage World* has published articles debunking the myth that starting with a skunk is bad. I can verify CW's findings: I started with a skunk twelve times this season. Of these twelve, I qualified ten times (five out of five in consolations and five out of seven in mains).”

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THIS JUST IN!

✦ DARYL DESJARDIN ✦

Every marriage is technically a treaty negotiation, but mine involves “my Canadian diplomat”—or so I’ve taken to calling Jackie, a retired Canadian Mountie who spent her career enforcing the law and has now, more impressively, agreed to spend her life putting up with me.

We met on a cruise, crossing internationally on the Panama Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific, fitting since ours has been a cross-border operation from the start: a Winnipeg-to-Florida move, a permanent resident card, a diplomatic accord more binding than anything our governments ever drafted. On September 26, we make it official. And because I am who I am, I had to go looking for the cribbage in it—doubles cribbage, specifically, since that’s the version where you and your partner sit across the table from everyone else, not from each other.

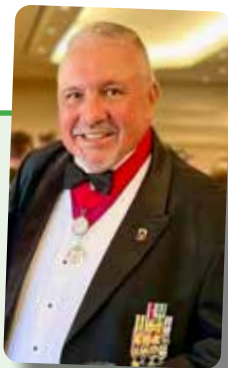
The Cut and the Deal—every cribbage game begins with a cut of the deck—an honest moment where fate hands your team a hand you didn’t choose and can’t take back. Sometimes you cut poorly. Sometimes the hand doesn’t play the way you hoped, and you and your partner sit with the loss and wait for the deck to come around again. Doubles players know this isn’t failure—it’s just cribbage. The same is true for anyone who’s sat down at a second table, or a third, in love. A new marriage isn’t a do-over that erases the last one. It’s the next honest cut, and this time you’ve got a partner across from you instead of a hand you’re holding alone.

Building the Crib—in doubles cribbage, one partner discards to the crib while the other holds back—you can’t both keep everything you want. Marriage asks the same discipline: you learn who’s setting aside this hand, trusting the other will next time, and that what your team builds together is worth more than what either of you could keep separate.

Fifteen-Two, Fifteen-Four—cribbage rewards combinations, not solo strength—and in doubles, that’s doubly true, since your partner’s cards count with yours. A lone Ace is worth nothing. But your Ace and your partner’s four make fifteen, points neither of you could peg alone.

The Muggins Rule—in cribbage, if a team misses its own points, the opponents can claim them—it’s called “muggins.” It’s a lesson in humility that my mom taught us from early on. You need a partner watching your hand closely enough to catch what you missed, and honest enough to call it.

The Whole Board—so if you’re keeping score in your own relationship—and cribbage players always are—stop counting who’s ahead. The board isn’t the point; your partner is. Deal generously. Build the crib without tallying whose turn it was to give. And when your team finally pegs out, may you find you went the whole way around the board with someone worth going around it with.



2026 EOY report: National Open



Peter at the NOCT

New England power pegger **Peter Setian** (Ludlow MA) is no stranger to the big stage. In March of this year, for example, he won the 284-player ACC Open consolation in Reno. ◀ But in July he laid claim to an even bigger trophy by capturing the fifty-first National Open title.

With this stellar performance, Peter joins an elite group of players who have won this legacy championship twice—and he becomes the **only** player to have made the final table at the NOCT four times (see tables on next page).

The National Open is one of three legacy events sponsored by the American Cribbage Congress (the ACC Open and the Grand National being the other two). The NOCT is doubly unique, however, in that it is the oldest tournament in the ACC (in fact, it started in 1974 and thus predates the ACC). It is also the only event to use a double-elimination format.

In NOCT matches, a win counts as two points, a skunk as three, and the first player to seven points wins the match. Every player except the champion exits the tournament with two match losses, so when a player loses their first match they move to the “once-defeated” bracket and—with enough luck—stay alive long enough to cycle back around to take on the winner of the undefeated bracket.

While no one ever really cruises to the NOCT championship, Peter seemed to be in real danger in only one match. In his first match against **John Pappas** ➡ on Monday, he fell behind three games to one, but then won the next three games to win that match and stay undefeated.

After a first-round bye, Peter’s path to this year’s NOCT championship went through these players:

- Kevin Harris (Louisville KY)
- Scott Earley (Tallahassee FL)
- Larry Phifer (Wake Forest NC)

2016 NOCT champ

- David Aiello (Racine WI)
- Richard Corbin (McKinney TX)

2001 NOCT champ

- John Pappas (Keene NH)
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John was playing his very first NOCT, so to hit the gold standard of playing on Monday morning—meaning he was one of only six players still standing—and then to improve on this by making the final table was an incredible feat. Having joined the ACC only two years ago, John will undoubtedly have many opportunities to win his first tournament—perhaps at the first tournament he will be hosting in November: the Granite State Classic in Keene NH with **Gail Somers**.

Peter played his first National Open (#18) in 1991, and apart from the Covid-cancellation years, he has not missed any tournaments since then. With that said, Peter wasn't sure he could even attend NOCT this year because his 91-year-old father was in hospice care. He passed away on July 11, so after the burial service and memorial lunch on July 15, Peter hit the road.

Peter drove 650 miles from Ludlow MA to Durham NC, and never stopped driving until he was a two-time NOCT champ!

Peter at the NOCT Final Table

NOCT	year	opponent	Peter's result
23	1996	Phil Martin (East Hartford CT)	champion
33	2006	Jeff Raynes (Cary NC)	runner-up
45	2018	Megan Player (Cary NC)	runner-up
51	2026	John Pappas (Keene NH)	champion

Players with Multiple Seats at the NOCT Final Table

times	player	champ	runner-up
4	Peter Setian (Ludlow MA)	1996, 2026	2006, 2018
3	Frank Reddy (Winthrop MA)	2003, 2015	2009
	Joe Bernard (Antioch IL)	2008	1997, 2002
2	Jim Hartley (Raleigh NC)	1975, 1988	—
	Robert Medeiros (Dorchester MA)	2019, 2024	—
	Rick Bryant (Jarrettsville MD)	2005	2017
	Scott Kooistra (Yankton SD)	1990	1984
	Dan McHugh (Pittsburgh PA)	1979	1981
	Al Miller (Nashua NH)	1993	1987
	Larry Phifer (Raleigh NC)	2016	2000
	Jeff Raynes (Cary NC)	2006	1998
	Robert Drukman (Middleboro MA)	—	1999, 2012
	Bob Julian (Milwaukee WI)	—	1986, 1994

2026 EOY report: National Champ

Great/Grand/Super/Majestic National Champion!

by David Aiken

After twelve grueling months, the 2025–26 cribbage season wrapped up on July 31. CW’s headline writer couldn’t decide which adjective best described this year’s national champion, so it looks like we’re going to use all of them! But in spite of this record-breaking, superlative-laden season, we are going to flip the script and start with the national runner-up.

The #2 player this year was **Ray Klocko** → (Henderson NV), who scored 2,514 points. Since 1981, the ACC has crowned forty-seven national champions. In thirty-eight of those seasons, Ray’s 2,514 MRPs would have been more than enough to earn him a national championship. But not this year!

“Unfortunate” may seem like the wrong word to use about someone who scored over twenty-five hundred MRPs and won seven sanctioned tournaments, but I’ll use it anyway. Ray had the *unfortunate* luck of going up against his traveling companion, who outscored him by 1,486 points and four tournament wins.



A year ago, **Mary Burlington** wrote these words in the September 2025 *Cribbage World*:

“To make the All American team, a player needs three things: a lot of skill, a lot of luck, [and] the ability to attend a lot of tournaments.”

This holds true for all All Americans. But despite Ray’s stellar year, it is now time to turn to the national champion.

Bryan Gurden (Las Vegas NV) averaged exactly 50 MRPs per event and scored exactly 4,000 MRPs! Bryan set so many records and ac-

2026 All Americans

rank	MRPs	player	region	AA
1	4000	Bryan Gurden (Las Vegas NV)	W	2
2	2514	Ray Klocko (Henderson NV)	W	2
3	2181	Bob Brumley (Boardman OR)	W	4
4	2016	Les Kvien (Mundelein IL)	C	1
5	1799	Bob Bartosh (Sacramento CA)	W	14
6	1643	Roland Hall (Napa CA)	W	17
7	1640	Duane Toll (Sutherlin OR)	W	23
8	1619	Haley Hintze (Carpentersville IL)	C	2
9	1549	Erik Locke (Troutdale OR)	W	18
10	1535	David Aiello (Racine WI)	C	3
11	1492	Robert Medeiros	E	9

complished so many feats this year that is it hard to know where to start.

Cribbage World asked Bryan to write up some notes summarizing his incredible cribbage season (see page 6). And since Bryan is a numbers nut, on the following pages we present various data points based on the numbers he collected this season. CW hopes you enjoy the data—and dream of doing this yourself!

Notes on the tables: (a) the TOC does not award MRPs so is not included in any of the MRP tables; (b) the NOCT does not have a qualifying round so is not included in table 3.



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Before this year, the best season ever was Duane Toll's 3,121 points in 2012. Bryan passed this mark in April at the Deadwood SD cluster, with three months to go in the season. Here are the top thirteen yearly MRP totals in ACC history.

rank	MRPs	year	name
1	4000	2026	Bryan Gurden
2	3121	2012	Duane Toll
3	2779	2014	Erik Locke
4	2771	2011	Duane Toll
5	2766	2025	Jim Mahan
6	2752	2014	Duane Toll*
7	2744	2010	Duane Toll
8	2695	2024	Erik Locke
9	2662	2009	Duane Toll
10	2,638	2019	Jeremy Krieger
11	2604	2015	Duane Toll
12	2547	2011	Roland Hall*
13	2497	2022	Scott Kooistra

**not national champion*

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Bryan won 62.03% of his games in main qualifying rounds.

format	played	qualified	%
22 games	39	24	61.54
20 games	2	0	0.00
18 games	10	6	60.00
16 games	1	1	100.00
14 games	10	5	50.00
12 games	17	13	76.47
total	79	49	62.03

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Bryan score more MRPs than the other two regional champs combined. Les Kvien (Central) totaled 3,508—but Bryan still beat them by 492 points!

2,016	Kvien
+ 1,492	Medeiros
= 3,508	
+ 492	
= 4,000	Gurden

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Bryan scored enough MRPs within the Central Region (892) to take #14 in this region. Even without points from the other two regions, his MRPs in the Western Region alone would still make him this year's national champion.

region	tourneys	MRPs
Western	62	2,938
Central	11	892
Eastern	7	170
total	80	4,000

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Bryan played 81 tournaments this season—certainly the most ever played in the ACC.

no.	date	tournament	no.	date	tournament
1	August 1	Sacramento #1	41	January 23	Henderson#1
2	August 2	Sacramento #2	42	January 24	Henderson#2
3	August 4	Sacramento #3	43	January 28	Sun City
4	August 7	Sacramento #4	44	January 30	Cactus/Sun Lakes
5	August 9	Sacramento #5	45	January 31	Roadrunner/Sun Lakes
6	August 10	Sacramento #6	46	February 19	Virginia Beach #1
7	August 16	Salem	47	February 21	Virginia Beach #2
8	August 17	Portland	48	February 28	Redding
9	August 23	Missoula	49	March 3	Topaz
10	August 27	Anaconda	50	March 5	Reno Opener
11	August 30	Helena	51	March 4	Reno TOC
12	September 3	Deer Lodge	52	March 5	Reno JPW
13	September 6	Boise	53	March 14	Hillsboro
14	September 13	Pahrump #1	54	March 21	Sun City
15	September 14	Pahrump #2	55	April 4	Newport #1
16	September 19	Iowa#1	56	April 6	Newport #2
17	September 20	Iowa#2	57	April 9	Newport #3
18	September 26	Billings #1	58	April 11	Newport #4
19	September 28	Billings #2	59	April 18	Billings #1
20	October 2	Deadwood Midweek	60	April 20	Billings #2
21	October 4	Deadwood Grand National	61	April 23	Deadwood #1
22	October 11	Bend	62	April 25	Deadwood #2
23	October 18	Sun City	63	April 26	Deadwood #3
24	November 1	Topaz #1	64	May 16	Pahrump #1
25	November 3	Topaz #2	65	May 17	Pahrump #2
26	November 5	Topaz #3	66	May 18	Spokane #1
27	November 8	Reno	67	May 19	Spokane #2
28	November 21	Elgin #1	68	May 27	Helena
29	November 22	Elgin #2	69	May 30	Missoula
30	November 28	Grand Rapids #1	70	June 3	Butte
31	November 29	Grand Rapids #2	71	June 6	Deer Lodge
32	December 2	Salem	72	June 9	Anaconda
33	December 3	Portland	73	June 22	Topaz #1
34	January 2	Spokane #1	74	June 25	Topaz #2
35	January 3	Spokane #2	75	June 27	Reno
36	January 8	Sacramento #1	76	July 16	Raleigh Open Opener
37	January 10	Sacramento #2	77	July 17	National Open
38	January 11	Sacramento #3	78	July 20	Raleigh Come Monday
39	January 16	Fort Walton #1	79	July 23	Pasco #1
40	January 17	Fort Walton #2	80	July 25	Pasco #2
			81	July 26	Pasco #3

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Bryan played in fourteen states this season and scored MRPs in all but one.

state	tourneys	MRPs
Nevada	16	740
Montana	13	710
South Dakota	5	673
California	10	418
Oregon	10	396
Arizona	5	333
Washington	7	257
Michigan	2	137
Florida	2	105
Idaho	1	84
Iowa	2	70
Virginia	2	65
Illinois	2	12
North Carolina	3	0
total	80	4,000

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Bryan averaged exactly 50 MRPs per event played.

month	tourneys	MRPs	average
August	11	541	49.18
September	8	303	37.88
October	4	334	83.50
November	8	330	41.25
December	2	51	25.50
January	12	729	60.75
February	3	77	25.67
March	5	227	45.40
April	9	629	69.89
May	6	414	69.00
June	6	326	54.33
July	6	39	6.50
total	80	4,000	50.00

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Bryan qualified in almost two out of every three tournaments he played.

main				
played	qualified	%	qualified top half	%
80	49	61.25	34	69.39

consolation				
played	qualified	%	qualified top half	%
40	22	55.00	13	59.09

combined				
played	qualified	%	qualified top half	%
120	71	59.17	47	66.20

	main	consy	combined
high qualifier	7	2	9
low qualifier	3	4	7

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Bryan earned nearly 50% of his MRPs in the main playoffs.

type	MRPs	%
main qualifying	1,256	31.4
main finishing	1,955	48.9
consy qualifying	169	4.2
consy finishing	620	15.5
total	4,000	100%

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Bryan won 60.217% of his games in the qualifying rounds.

type	games played	games won	%
main	1,478	890	60.216
con	357	215	60.224
total	1,835	1,105	60.217

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Bryan tied the record for tournaments won in a season, with eleven victories.

region	main	consy	state	main	consy
Western	2	4	Idaho	0	1
			Washington	0	2
			Nevada	1	0
			Arizona	1	1
Central	3	1	Michigan	1	1
			South Dakota	2	0
Eastern	0	1	Florida	0	1
			total	5	6

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Bryan traveled thousands of miles to play cribbage this season.

9.5	inches of snow in Grand Rapids on November 30—and Bryan won the consy!
164	nights not in his bed
201	days of travel
6,242	players at 81 events
19,303	miles driven
32,231	miles flown
\$11,146	travel expenses



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Bryan did better than the Dow Jones!

type	main ROI	consy ROI
buy-in	125.21	160.21
Q-pool	229.70	121.29
EQ-pool	153.67	—
\$10 side	200.00	160.26
\$20 side	211.88	149.38
\$50 side	200.25	114.25
\$100 side	165.75	87.50
Gruber pool	241.67	366.67
goes furthest	106.18	163.82
Henry pool	227.45	—
combo pool	132.14	—
GR9 pool	132.76	—
overall ROI: 169.29%		

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Bryan recorded skunks for and against him all season.

	games	skunks for	skunks against	get a skunk every	skunk ratio*
main	1,478	152	64	9.72 games	2.38
consy	357	35	13	10.20 games	2.69
total	1,835	187	77	9.81 games	2.43

*skunk ratio is "skunks for" divided by "skunks against"—in other words, every time he got skunked, he earned 2.43 skunks in his favor

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PREPARATION:

Players must bring
their cards, boards,
and a pen; no pencils



DEALER SELECTION:

Lowest card deals



BEFORE PLAY:

Cut cards before
the deal



SCORING:

2 points for a win,
3 points for a skunk,
0 points for a loss



MUGGINS:

You cannot steal
points missed by
your opponent



AFTER THE GAME:

move one chair
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CRIBOKU

I'm **Scott Harker**. I've been an ACC member for over twenty years, and I'm the ACC's chief computer programmer. In my spare time, I invented a puzzle called criboku. A new puzzle is posted every day at **criboku.com**, but here for the first time in print are a couple of criboku puzzles.

Criboku is a logic puzzle based on cribbage. You put sixteen cards in a 4x4 grid, which make twelve hands: the four rows, the four columns, and the four 2x2 corner squares. They all share the same starter card. Some cards are missing and some scores are missing. You have to fill in the blanks to make every hand come out to the right score.

At the top, the **pool** lists all cards used in the puzzle, sorted by suit and rank. Cards already in the grid are grayed out. A slot in the pool containing a question mark is a

CRIBOKU

Easy

A♥3♥4♥

5♠9♠10♠

A♦3♦8♦9♦Q♦

6♣8♣9♣10♣J♣K♣

STARTER

9♣

6

1

2

3

4

2

2

4

6

6

9♦

3♥

Q♦

8♣

9♠

J♣

A♥

6♣

10♠

4♥

A♦

TOTAL

46

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card you have to identify, and its position in the row is the clue. For example, in a row reading 3♥ 8♥ ?♥ J♥, the missing Heart is a 9 or a 10.

The expected **score** of each hand sits beside a row, below a column, or at a corner. The corner number belongs to the 2x2 block of cards next to it (the diagonals are not hands). An empty box is a score you have to work out for yourself. The total at the bottom is the sum of all twelve hands, which can help you figure out scores that aren't shown.

You get no points for his heels (a Jack as the starter card). Nobs still counts.

Every puzzle has exactly one answer, and you never have to guess. If you get stuck, hints are on page 53, and the answers are on page 54.

A new puzzle goes up every morning at **criboku.com**. It's free, no ads, no account needed, and there's a hint button that walks you through the next step when you're stuck.

CRIBOKU

Medium

Hand and Starter area:

Hand: ?♥, 3♥, 10♥, K♥, 7♠, 8♠, 9♠, 10♠, J♠, 2♦, 3♦, 7♦, Q♦, 2♣, 3♣, 6♣, K♣

Starter: 3♣

crib layout with scores:

4	J♠			
	K♥	3♦	6♣	7♦ 2
	Q♦			2♣ 10
			10♠	K♣ 8
	9	12	2	4

Additional scores: 4, 2, 10, 8, 9, 12, 2, 4

TOTAL 70

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Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

It's a good thing I like scrambled eggs, because I have egg on my face over an omission from my July 2026 column listing winners of three or more consecutive sanctioned main tournaments. In that column, I correctly identified **Jim Langley** (CA) in 2001, **Bob Julian** (WI) in 2002, and **Mike McDaniel** (OR) in 2010 as winning three mains in a row. And I also highlighted **Todd Schaefer** (MN) setting an all-time ACC record by winning *four* consecutive sanctioned main tourneys in early 2026!

But I totally missed and omitted one of my closest friends and traveling partners from that list! **Jim Mahan** (WI) won three sanctioned main tournaments in a row just two years ago at the start of the 2024–25 season. It was a stupid mistake by me, as Jim even had his picture on the cover of the October 2024 *Cribbage World* after his three-peat accomplishment! Mahan won the 57-player Yee Peg for the Hangover main on August 17 in Sacramento, followed by the title in the 77-pegger Portland (OR) Summer Festival on August 30, and then the 17-person Longview (WA) Midweek on September 6. The hot start propelled Mahan to the national MRP title that season with a Central Region record of 2,766 MRP. (I know that's a Central record because Jim topped my own previous record of 2,497 MRP set two years earlier!)

While I'm on the subject of Mr. Mahan, I did some additional research on my June 2026 column of 40+ GP scorecards prior to 1997. My stats in that column were taken from *Cribbage World* reports, which listed very few high qualifying marks in the early ACC years, because those qualifying totals did not lead to Master Rating Points at that time. But I looked back at my Lewis and Clark Cribbage Classic records from Yankton SD, and I found that **Jim Mahan** (MN, at that time) was the top qualifier in July 1988 with 41 GP. I also found two other top Minnesota peggers who hit 40 GP or better at my tourney: **Bill Sperry** was top qualifier in 1992 with 40 GP and HQ again the next year with 38; and **Frank Trojan** was HQ in 1994, then again in 1995 with 41, and then again in 2000 with 40. I directed that tournament for twenty years, and **Duane Toll** (WI, at that time) in 1999 had our highest total of 43 game points.

Speaking of Mr. Toll, here's another record he has. In 2015 at the Yooper Classic in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Duane had a 45/19 scorecard. Last year, Toll had another 45/19 card in Pasco WA. I believe we can say Duane is the only player in ACC history with two scorecards of 45 or better! He also has ten cards of at least 40 game points!

By the way, in those two 45 GP scorecards, not only did Toll have 14 skunks but he also was 10–1 in games decided by fewer than ten points. He is truly the GOAT of ACC peggers!

I also heard recently from **Willie Evans** (WA), **Roger Wilson** (CO), and **Betsy**

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.

Tale of the Tape	Here's how three top players did in July		
	Rick Baird	Todd Schaefer	Rob Medeiros
<i>average</i>	55.6% (69–55)	41% (25–36)	✓ 60% (84–56)
<i>biggest win</i>	+55 vs. Bill Hill (OR) @ Pasco WA	+43 vs. Sky Divya (FL) @ Club 240	✓ +64 vs. Wes Parker (ME) @ Bangor
<i>worst loss</i>	–52 vs. Roger Collinson (OR) @ Club 12	–53 vs. Deb Kvien (IL) @ Stetsonville	✓ –38 vs. Wayne King (MA) @ Bangor



Fish & chips! Where are John and Maria this month? (page 25)

Miller (MN). Evans recorded the first 46-point scorecard back in 2003 at the Greater Hermiston Open (OR). Willie won the last game in miraculous fashion that day with a perfect cut to hit a 14-hand—and finishing his then record 46/19 +476. Evans has four scorecards of 40 or better and relayed a story to me from his first monster card back in the '90s from Reno. He had 39 GP going into the final game and needed 16 points with first count to win. Willie held three Kings and a 5 with no help from the cut. Willie led a King and his opponent on fourth street matched him with the case King . . . and you know the rest. Funny how we avid cribbage players can remember a hand or game from decades ago, but we can't remember what we went into the kitchen to get!

Wilson sent a note about his 45-point scorecard at the Cowboy Country Open in Cheyenne WY in 2013. That day, Roger had four skunks in his final six games to end up with 45/19 +441, one of the top five scorecards in ACC history at that time.

Miller says she was high qualifier with 43/20 in July 2011 at Turtle Lake WI. Betsy lost in the second playoff round the next day in the deciding fifth game. She was in hole 120 with first count and was dealt a blank hand with no help from the cut, and pegged zero points to lose. Ugh!

Keep pegging, and good luck to all at Grand National in Niagara Falls!

ACC Awards



Bob Brumley
(Boardman OR)
Life Master (2★)

My oldest brother, Dick, taught me to play, when I was six years old. I joined the ACC in 1989 and have been champion at Club 156 three times. I'm now in a member of Club 2 in Hermiston OR. I have won thirty-six sanctioned tournaments and earned my Two Star at the Triple-Crown cluster in Pasco WA. The Summer Classic in Pasco WA is my new favorite tournament. I enjoyed my run with Ray Klocko for this year's All American race. My toughest opponent is James Morrow. When not playing cribbage, I travel to see my four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I enjoy all the friends I have met in the ACC.



Margery Clark
(Bend OR)
Life Master (★)

My brother-in-law taught me how to play cribbage when I was eighteen. I joined the ACC in 1990, and George Rasmussen was my cribbage mentor. A member of Club 12 in Bend OR, I have been club champion twice. I have won twelve tournaments, with the first one coming in 2004 in Hermiston OR. I earned my One Star when I won the Topaz consolation in June. My favorite tournament is Deer Lodge MT, and my toughest opponent is Rick Baird. My claim to fame was when I pegged out against DeLynn Colvert in Susanville one year. He pegged 16, but I pegged 21 points! I enjoy traveling.



Jack B. Shumate III
(Newport OR)
Life Master (★)

My dad taught me to play cribbage sixty years ago. I joined the ACC in 1995, and my cribbage mentors are Jesse Jarrell and Greg Schleusner. I am a member of Club 420 (Lincoln City/Depoe Bay OR), which I founded in 2015. I have been club champion fourteen times in four different clubs. My first tournament win was the Celtic Cribbage Clash in San Jose in 1995; I have now won twenty-seven tournaments. I earned my Life Master (★) ranking in Springfield OR at the Fourth of July Special by taking second and third in two different events. The tournaments I most look forward to are the ones I put on twice a year at the Depoe Bay Community Hall on the harbor. Emily and I enjoy hosting them, and it gives us great pleasure to see

how much the players enjoy attending them. My toughest opponent is Greg Schleusner. My favorite cribbage moment this year was winning the GR9 at the Memorial Day tournament in Spokane. Non-cribbage interests include making abalone jewelry and cribbage pegs. The Shumate family is unique in having two Life Master (★) players (my son Jason earned his star last year). We are also, as far as I know, the only two-generation All American (me once, Jason four times) and Western All Star (me three times, Jason five) family. Jason's son, Cameron, could make these three-generation records someday.

Is anyone traveling by car from Montana to Niagara Falls? We need to transport trophies and awards from Missoula to Grand National, and it would save a lot of money if someone had room in their car for two or three boxes. Contact cwed152@gmail.com if you can help.

I think I was born knowing how to play cribbage, as I have no memory of learning from my parents. I joined the ACC in 1985 when I started dating Ron Logan. I loved it! My first win came nine years later in Lincoln City OR. What a thrill! Since then I have won seven mains and nine consolations, and I earned my One Star in Pasco WA at the end of the 2026 season. The most memorable thing that happened there was that I left my clothes in my car in Baker City, so Walmart provided five days' worth of clothes! My mentors are Ron Logan, Willie Evans, and Jeanne Hofbauer. My favorite tournament is the Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial in Newport OR, honoring my best friend. I won the main the first year and the consy the second year! I play with Boise Peggers but have never been club champion. My favorite cribbage moments were when my hubby, Ron, was inducted into the Hall of Fame, presented the President's Award, and received the Sportsmanship Award. That was so emotional! When I'm not playing cribbage, I love jigsaw puzzles, playing hand and foot with my friends, and hanging out with my beautiful daughters and their amazing families.

Laurie Logan
(Meridian ID)
Life Master (★)



Just showing up is 80% of my success. I didn't know I achieved Grand Master status until Al Pernicek told me about it at the Deadwood tournament, and that still is my favorite tournament. Brad Stevens (now deceased) taught me how to play, and it was some very expensive lessons. I've never been the Denver club champion; my excuse is that Mary and I play only half the year in Denver. The rest of the year we are traveling in our motorhome, where we stop at many tournaments across the country. Mary and I play every night in our motorhome for three dollars a game; she's ahead.

Joe Gates
(Arvada CO)
Grand Master



My mom taught me to play cribbage when I was about eight years old. I joined the ACC in October 2008 right after the Portland Grand National (which I didn't know about!). I have so many cribbage mentors: Tim Julkowski (introduced me to the ACC and made sure my cribbage skills were passable), Rollie Heath (coached me on end game), and Duane Toll and Erik Locke (both tell me if I've done something good—or bad). The truth is, if you're paying attention, you learn something from everyone you play, and you should always be paying attention. Now a member of Club 425 Hillsboro, I was champion at Club 118 in North Portland twice. My first win was the 2013 Oregon Championship in Prineville OR. I qualified #2 in the consy and ended up beating Tom Cookman in the finals. That was the year he played everywhere; he was so kind to me and was very happy to be there for my first win. I have now won one main and four consolations. My favorite tournament is the Crown Jewel Cluster in Pasco WA, where I got my first main win in tourney #1 and earned my Grand Master in tourney #2. I would prefer not to play Erik Locke or Ross Newmann when it really counts. Any other time, all is good; but if I need the win, I'm doomed! I've lived in Michigan, Florida, North Dakota, Washington, and Oregon. I've visited forty-two states, but there is nothing like the Pacific Northwest when it comes to beauty. Oh and watch out for **mistressofcribbage** if you play on **ecribplus.com**!

Tammy Gibbons
(Hillsboro OR)
Grand Master



New Cribbage Masters

Kendra Munkacsy (Melrose MA)

Growing your Cribbage Club



Opal's Seedlings



Where Did the Summer Go?!

Hard to believe, but it's already time to start planning for the 2026–27 cribbage season!

Grass Roots Commissioner **Ivan Wells**, along with **Kat Hartsell** and her marketing team, are here to help clubs grow and welcome new players.

One of the biggest obstacles to growth can be negativity. Every player was once a beginner, so patience and encouragement go a long way. A friendly smile, a kind word, and a willingness to answer questions can make the difference between someone returning—or never coming back.

At the start of each season, our clubs review the ACC Code of Ethics. We remind everyone to:

- treat fellow players with respect
- avoid slamming cards or displaying poor sportsmanship
- keep political discussions to a minimum
- remember that we're all here to enjoy the game and each other's company

We also give every new player a welcome packet that includes contact information, a brief overview of a few ACC rules, and a copy of *Cribbage World* magazine. We also include the ACC Code of Ethics, which can be found on the ACC website (cribbage.org).

The Cribbage Club Code of Congeniality is printed on page 24.

As directors and experienced players, we set the tone for our clubs. Let's make this season our best yet by creating an atmosphere where everyone feels welcome. Chase the points, celebrate the wins, learn from the losses—but most importantly, remember that cribbage is about fun, friendship, and fellowship.

Patience is a virtue, especially when helping a novice player. The way we welcome today's beginner will determine the future of our clubs. Together, let's grow the game—one player at a time!

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

Contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to
ACCgrassrootscorner@gmail.com

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

**Cribbage World welcomes Vicki Marchand as
the new Grass Roots Corner columnist!**



I am excited to start the 2026–27 Grass Roots season and this new opportunity to help share your club stories in *Cribbage World*. While many of you have been playing for sixty plus years, I first learned to play when I was sixty years old. My boyfriend taught me during Covid times. Eventually, I could see the romance was ending but I wanted to keep playing cribbage.

In the spring of 2023, I joined Indianapolis Racers Club 398, which was two hours from my home, because Kentucky was still a cribbage desert. Two months later I met **Kevin Harris**, **Terry Goatz**, and **Debbie and Chuck Stephens**, and we started Louisville Sluggers Club 463 that fall. Our group of ACC veterans and newcomers continues to grow strong as we begin our fourth season.

During the past year I visited seven Grass Roots clubs: Grand Rapids Club 71, Fort Walton Club 131, Kalamazoo Club 321, Pensacola Club 396, Indianapolis Club 398, Owensboro Club 501, and Crossville Club 502. All welcomed me warmly. Each club, like each cribbage player, has a unique personality. What makes your club and members special? We all fifteen-two, what else do you do? Please email me at **accgrassrootscorner@gmail.com**.

We are looking for interesting stories about ordinary Grass Roots members doing extraordinary things. This includes community involvement, volunteerism, inspiring life experiences, social events, and unusual cribbage feats. Information about 28-hands, 29-hands, and grand slams is collected automatically from the admin page when club statisticians enter these items and print out the certificates for members. Please email Vicki at **accgrassrootscorner@gmail.com if you've got an interesting story to tell.**



Cribbage Club Code of Congeniality

**During a new player's trial period (four visits
or until they earn points—whichever is longer) . . .**

- We pledge to welcome new players warmly and make them feel wanted.
- We pledge to not penalize new players for violating ACC rules. (We will, instead, gently tell them what the rule is and what the penalty normally is.)
- We pledge to not let new players underpeg points or undercount hands. (We will, instead, explain errors and then allow new players to take all points they are entitled to.)
- We pledge to not make new players feel inferior when they miss points or make a bad play. (We will, instead, let them know that all cribbage players do this and that it is part of the learning process.)
- We pledge to not force new players to play a game in fifteen minutes. (We will, instead, be tolerant and not complain, remembering that we, too, started slow.)
- We pledge to allow new players to play for free or at the minimum cost of club expenses.

After the trial period is up . . .

- We pledge to continue to make *all* players—new and existing—feel welcome and comfortable at our club.

GrassRoots*Awards*

GOLD

R. Gregory Delaney (Glastonbury CT)
Doug Dresbach (Rancho Cordova CA)
Terry Trogstad (Marietta GA)
Cheryl Van Scyoc (Napa CA)
Diana Webster (Sutherlin OR)
Wendell Woodard (Colebrook NH)



**John and Maria's first grandchild.
Maria is already teaching her how to
play cribbage—at seven days old!**

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
40	47

Maria and I visited London again. The last time we visited London, it made the cover of *Cribbage World* (May 2024). We commute through London often as we visit other countries in Europe. Since England is the birthplace of cribbage, it is extra fun to try and tie cribbage to our travel story from there. For this article, we will pose a question: which is older, cribbage or fish & chips?

While CW readers ponder that question, let's talk about museums. London has some of the best museums in the world. The British Museum is one of those. We like to visit whenever we have time. My favorite object in the British Museum is the Rosetta Stone. ➡ The Rosetta Stone was written in three languages: Egyptian hieroglyphics, a cursive Egyptian script called Demotic, and Greek. This allowed experts to decipher the Egyptian writing system after being "lost" for over two thousand years.

Now back to fish & chips and cribbage. The iconic meal was first created in London around 1860. That means, cribbage was invented two hundred years before fish & chips! Unlike most fish & chips places in the United States, the meal in London almost always comes with mushy peas. The first time we had mushy peas, we thought it was some sort of condiment. Now Maria and I think mushy peas are delicious!

For the cribbage between Maria and myself, Maria needed a cribbage Rosetta Stone to help decipher my cards. I won all three games and turned Maria into a figurative bowl of mushy peas!



My Version of Niagara Falls

by Don Brown

Those of a certain age may recall the 1979 song by The Clash: “I Fought the Law (and the law won).” Well, I fought a fire hydrant and the fire hydrant won. Totaled my Lexus (nobody hurt) and lost my driver’s license (though not cited). As a result, I now depend on my understanding and sympathetic wife, Linda, to get around, while Art Whitney and Carl Wolinsky tote me to what few cribbage events I do go to. So, the lesson is: don’t take on a fire hydrant unless you have a Mack truck.



ROBERT LEWIS has been playing cribbage for sixty years, and in 2023 he started a cribbage club at his retirement community in Northbrook IL. With twenty-four members who love the game and its sociable nature, the club plays every Friday for two hours and averages sixteen players. Last April, during a four-person game of traditional doubles, two players held four-card Spade flushes and the cut card was also a Spade. And in a game during July’s doubles tourney, the count reached 27 and was followed by all four Aces being played for a total of twenty-two points!

CLUB

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1. Lono Ka'ai (OR): Laguna Woods (8/9)
2. Wayne Koski (ID): Garden City Classic (8/22)
3. Don Hansen (OR): Taking the Long-View (8/23)
4. Matt Klar (MN): GN43 Midweek (9/30)
5. Jim Chadwick (ME): Spooktacular Cribbage (10/25)
6. Gary Pinkley (WA): Big Deal James Birthday (1/2)
7. Debbie Governale (SC): Smoky Mountain Classic (1/10)
8. Bob Brumley (OR): It's a New Year (1/17)
9. James Huser (WI): Go Green Bay (2/27)
10. Casey Scott (OR): JPW/ACC Open (3/5)
11. Robert Chase (MN): April Fools Challenge (4/10)
12. Mike Comer (SD): Deadwood Open (4/23)
13. Joe Skibba (WI): Peg for Pink (5/1)
14. Brian Napiwocki (WI): Stetsonville Midsummer Classic (7/25)

The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



I recently had the pleasure of playing **Wes Parker**, the thirteen-year-old son of the fine Maine pegger **Josh Parker**. I had never played Wes before but I had watched him play a little and thought he was a pretty good young player.

Well it just happened to be one of those games where I got every cut and Wes limped along with two- and four-point hands. At the end of the game I had first count needing twelve and held 2-3-4-5. Wes was about six behind the double-skunk line. Never have I rooted so hard to **not** get a cut, but obviously the 4 was cut to give me twelve points. I ended up winning by 64.

After we signed the cards I said: "Sorry, Wes, that was a ridiculous game." Wes shook my hand and said: "It was fun playing you, Rob. Good luck in the rest of them." The class that he showed really made a great impression on me and gives me great hope that the future of the ACC is in great hands if young players like Wes are in charge.

I'm sure he is looking for his revenge, and I'm sure he will get it in the near future.

Rob doesn't usually double-skunk his opponents. Email questions to mrob2199@aol.com

In early August, ACC Membership Secretary Brenda Nason got a phone call from Alabama. The guy asked if this was the cribbage organization. She said yes. He then complained that his wife keeps beating him by having the right Jack, and he asked if we could change the rule! Meanwhile, his wife is laughing in the background!

Youth News

from Don "Grumpy" Howard

Youth Tournament Results

	name (age)	city state
National Open Youth Tourney (Durham NC, July 17)		
champ	Payton Reum (16)	Tallahassee FL
runner-up	Andrew Teague (14)	Virginia Beach VA
New England Youth Tourney (Bangor ME, July 23)		
champ	Wesley Parker (13)	Windsor ME
runner-up	Elias Chadwick (16)	Bangor ME
New England Youth Tourney Consolation		
champ	Wyatt Chadwick (15)	Bangor ME
runner-up	Avery Delnicki (14)	Baileysville ME



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main ♦ 22 games

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register 7a ♦ play 8:30a
\$100 (no Q-pool)
lunch included
playoffs 7a Thursday

consy ♦ 9 games

Thursday morning
register 8a ♦ play 9:30a
\$50 (no Q-pool)
playoffs 2p

SATELLITES

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

**two events are by invitation only*

GRT OCC – directed by Rick Baird

DCAST – directed by Roland Hall

HORSESHOE FALLS CLASSIC

main ♦ 22 games

Saturday morning
register 7a ♦ play 8:30a
\$100 (no Q-pool)
lunch included
playoffs 7a Sunday

consy ♦ 9 games

Sunday morning
register 8a ♦ play 9:30a
\$50 (no Q-pool)
playoffs 2p

GN 44 REGISTRATION

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total		☐ vegetarian

2026 GN 44 SCHEDULE

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

- ♦ postmark deadline: **October 2** (meals included with main tournaments are not guaranteed after this date)
- ♦ no preregistration for satellite events; cash only at the door
- ♦ registration for all events starts 90 minutes before announced playing times
- ♦ registration and side pools close 10 minutes before playing time
- ♦ all seats randomly assigned
- ♦ no Q-pool on 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
- ♦ side pools available onsite for all events
- ♦ all sanctioned MRP events pay 1-in-4
- ♦ all satellites pay 1-in-5
- ♦ \$10, \$20, and \$50 side pools pay 1-in-8
- ♦ \$100 Gruber Pool (50% HQ, 50% farthest)

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- ♦ Set sail on Maid of the Mist
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- ♦ Hike on Goat Island
- ♦ Soar on the Fallsview Balloon
- ♦ Win big at Seneca Casino
- ♦ Go over the falls in a barrel
- ♦ Discover more on your own!

WEDNESDAY (October 14)

7a **AMERICAN FALLS CLASSIC**
main registration (\$100)

8:30a **AFC** main starts

7p **Grass Roots** (\$20)
In Memory of Carl Deyette

THURSDAY (October 15)

7a **AFC** main playoffs

8a **AFC** consy registration (\$50)

9:30a **AFC** consy starts

2p **AFC** consy playoffs

7p **Thursday Singles** (\$20)
In Memory of David O'Neil

7p **GRTCC** (invitation only)

FRIDAY (October 16)

8a **BOD** meeting

9a **Friday Morning Singles** (\$20)
In Memory of Fred Blanc

1p **All Star Tourney** (invitation only)

1:30p **Friday Afternoon Singles** (\$20)
In Memory of Russ Perkins
Canadian Doubles (\$40/team)
In Memory of David Campbell

SATURDAY (October 17)

7a **HORSESHOE FALLS CLASSIC**
main registration (\$100)

8:30a **HFC** main starts

6:30p **awards banquet** (\$40)

7p **Saturday Singles** (\$20)
In Memory of Henry Douglass

SUNDAY (October 18)

7a **HFC** main playoffs

8a **HFC** consy registration (\$50)

9:30a **HFC** consy starts

2p **HFC** consy playoffs

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I hope everyone survived the summer! Before we know it we'll be talking about Grand National!



The
Kat Hartsell
EXPERIENCE

Speaking of tournaments . . . I finally won my first ACC main! And James won the consolation the same day! It's been my dream that we'd either meet in the finals or one of us would take the main while the other took the consy. And it happened in a tournament we directed, no less!

As exciting as that was, my favorite moment of the whole weekend might have belonged to **Tammy Gibbons**. ➡ Watching Tammy win her first main after eighteen years in the ACC was something else. There were squeals, tears, hugs, so many people genuinely thrilled for her. And then, just to put a bow on it, she went on to dominate the brackets the rest of the weekend! Tammy, you are a boss woman!

Cribbage can be a frustrating game. We've all driven home wondering if we'll ever break through, ever win a main, ever have our weekend. Tammy is proof that if you keep showing up, your time can come.



Those are the moments I love most about the ACC. Yes, we all want to win. But I absolutely love watching my friends win. I love seeing someone finally get the thing they've been chasing for years. The hugs, the happy tears, everybody crowding around the table to celebrate . . . It's those moments that make me so proud to be in the ACC community. Not only was it Tammy this weekend but **Laurie Logan** and her Life Master One Star, **Bob Brumley** and his Two Star, and how about **Bryan Gurdin** and his 4,000 MRPS?

On the marketing front, we've been doing a *lot* of behind-the-scenes work. It isn't the flashy stuff anyone sees, but it's laying the foundation for some projects I'm excited about. **Paul Gregson** has been an integral part of gathering and organizing data for us, and I appreciate everything he's been doing.

We're also looking for people who enjoy social media and would like to help the ACC grow its online presence. If you've ever thought "I'd love to help out," I would love to hear from you! Taking photos at tournaments, helping with Facebook or Instagram, or just throwing ideas my way . . . every little bit helps.



Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Pegging backward

I just returned from playing the 51st National Open Cribbage Tournament in Raleigh/Durham NC. This is the birthplace of the ACC, with the initial meeting (I was there!) being held in 1979 where everyone at the breakfast table was asked to throw in \$10 to get things rolling. Later, the American Cribbage Congress was officially incorporated as a nonprofit organization in North Carolina in June 1980.

I am always looking for material to write about, and something occurred at the NOCT that caused confusion among judges. As it happened, a longtime friend of mine from Florida had just started a game and his front peg was in hole 9, with his back peg in hole 8. He counted and showed a 14-point hand. For whatever reason, he picked up his front peg and placed it on fourth street in hole 114 and left it there. Judges were called. Was this a case of just placing a peg in the wrong track? Was this just a backward peg? What about the 14-point hand—does he get to peg it?

A discussion ensued and ultimately the head judge was called in to help. Even after this issue was resolved by the head judge—whose decision is final for that given tournament—there was still plenty of talk around the room as to what was correct or not correct. So rather than go into who said or did what as a result, I am just going to address the situation and the correct solution.

My Florida friend picked up his front peg and pegged his hand backward to hole 114 on fourth street and released the peg. Rule 8.5.a states: **If a player removes only his or her front peg when a score is not yet pegged . . . [and] completes recording the score in the wrong direction and releases the peg, both pegs shall remain where they are and that score and the previous score are forfeited. If a player pegs from first street back to fourth street, upon discovery the peg on fourth street is placed behind the peg on first street.**

He didn't jump tracks—he pegged backward and released peg. He lost his previous score and the score he was trying to peg. This happens every time someone pegs backward—unless they pick up their front peg and keep it in their hand, at which point the back peg becomes your front peg and you are allowed to peg your score from that point.

Think this is too harsh? We are always looking for ways to improve the rules. Our rulebook is very well written and covers many unusual situations like this one. Many thanks to all the Rules Committee members over the years who have struggled with and refined our rulebook into what it has become today.

Remember—let's have fun!

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

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com ◆

Is 2026 going too fast, or is it just me? I swear it's zooming by like someone pegged out while I was still counting my hand. We have less than two months to go until Grand National in Niagara Falls! I hope to see all 6,000 members there—although if everyone shows up at once, please have a scorekeeper nearby in case I need reviving. Before that, September gives us plenty to celebrate: Labor Day and Grandparents Day! To score brownie points with the editor, Read a Book Day is September 6. National Cheeseburger Day is September 18 (I'll take mine with ketchup, mayo, bacon, onions, and lettuce, because apparently I believe a burger should require architectural support). World Tourism Day is September 27, and cribbage players know a thing or two about travel—road trips, tournaments, and chasing that one person who always says: “Just one more game.” Enjoy September as fall sneaks in on us, probably wearing flannel and carrying a pumpkin spice Dunkin' coffee in memory of **David Campbell**.

On July 5, more than sixty players congregated in Abington MA for the South Shore Open. Everyone arrived full of burgers, hot dogs, and potato salad, which is either tournament fuel or a cry for help. The main event was won by **Paul Kane** and second place went to **Frank Bogus Sr.**—or as we call him: **Bogey Sr.** People stuck around for the consolation, probably because nobody was ready to admit the holiday weekend was over. Newcomer “**Just Jerry**” **Hardy** took the win over **Tom Ostrowski**. Jerry had to beat his driver—and friend—in the semifinal match to get to the finals. **Just Mark** still drove him home, which proves cribbage friendship is stronger than a tough playoff loss. Great tournament, **Mike D'Elena** and team!

A few shoutouts to New England at the National Open: I won't go into too many details because this issue is about the fun and all the action in North Carolina, but New England made plenty of noise. Shoutout to **Kendra Munkacsy** and **Nancy Riccio**, who finished

3/4 in the Open Opener, and to “**Just Rob**” **Medeiros**, who won the Open Opener consolation. Congratulations also to **Charlie Booker** and “**Just Dave**” **Statz**, who finished 3/4 in the Open Opener consolation. Big, big shoutout to **Peter Setian** and **John Pappas**: Peter won



the National Open, and John, who was there for the first time, came in second. That is one heck of a debut—some of us just hope to find the coffee on our first trip. The NOCT consolation saw **Carlyle Foss** from Maine finish 3/4, and Come Monday was won by the OG himself, **Phil Martin**. Way to represent New England!

On the final weekend of the season, we traveled to Bangor ME for the Running of the Lobsters and the Lobster Pegoff. Friday's main event was won by first-time player **Mike Polyt** and **Mr. Soule** came in second. The consolation was won by **Frank Bogus Jr.**—or **Just Jr.**—over hometown hero **Jim Chadwick**. The weekend tournament had an all-women final, with **Donna LaFleur** ➡ taking the win and **Bonnie Fife** ➡ in second. In the consolation, **Bill Cormier** came in first over his friend **Wayne King**. Fun fact: Wayne has a camp in a small, itty-bitty town called Hartland ME. Just Jr. and Bill came up, spent the weekend with him at camp, came to the tournaments, and they all won something. Very suspicious. I'm not saying there was a secret camp training program, but I'm not *not* saying it either. Also, the venue is right by the amphitheater. On Friday night, you could hear Billy Currington and Kip Moore—country, for those who don't know—and on Saturday, one of the best '80s hair bands, Mötley Crüe. It was quite the weekend in Bangor: cribbage, lobster, music, and enough volume to make your pegs rattle.



As I said before, get those entries in! Niagara will be here before we know it. Katie, David, Mark, and I are working very hard to make it the most enjoyable experience possible. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered—we are so grateful, and we cannot wait to see you there. Pack your cards, your pegs, and maybe a little patience, because 300 cribbage players in one place is both exciting and mildly terrifying.



Vicki's Monthly Funnies

I don't trust September. It starts out acting like summer, then suddenly it's dark at 6:30. That's suspicious.

September is basically nature saying: "Okay, you can have your pumpkin spice now."

September is the month when you go to the store for milk and come home with a pumpkin. No one knows how it happens; we just accept it.

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Anaconda Spring Stack (Anaconda MT; 6/8)	Duane Brugman	35 players HQ. Bill Schlables (35) 1. Gary Galetti (105) 2. Cy Madrone (70) 3. Bill Schlables (42) 3. Darlene Stier (42)	25 players HQ. Marsha Mahan (21) 1. Todd Malmgren (40) 2. Sandi Cuerth (24) 3. Marsha Mahan (12) 3. Sandy Sands (12)	28-hand: Bob Bartosh*	Canadian Doubles: Gary Galetti & Sandy Sands
Midnight Sun Open (Wasilla AK; 6/13)	Marli & Doug Holden	19 players HQ. Sondra Kaplan (45) 1. Sondra Kaplan (70) 2. Gary Mathes (42) 3. Arlene Carle (21) 3. John Clayton (21)	{no consy}		
Yooper Classic (Watersmeet MI; 6/19)	Bob Joslin	70 players HQ. Tom Briski (45) 1. William Knaack (147) 2. Dennis Koehler (105) 3. Darlene Anderst (70) 3. Beth Banks (70)	46 players HQ. Lewis Gurney (15) 1. Bernard Brentar (60) 2. Cheryl Cloud (40) 3. Steve Schneider (24) 3. Sheila Vojtech (24)		Friday: Betty Jo Jurek Canadian Doubles: Tom Johnson & Floyd Kienitz
Topaz Lake Summer Classic (Gardnerville NV; 6/21)	Jeanne Jelke	37 players HQ. Ronnie Murakami (45) 1. Roland Hall (105) 2. Jeanne Jelke (70) 3. Bryan Gurden (42) 3. Ronnie Murakami (42)	29 players HQ. Steve Hastie (12) 1. Margery Clark (40) 2. Dearl McCullough (24) 3. Steve Hastie (12) 3. Darlene Stier (12)		Early Bird: Bryan Gurden Canadian Doubles #1: Bob Brumley & Dave Yaeger Mid-Roller: Darlene Stier Canadian Doubles #2: Darlene Stier & Ray Klocko
Topaz Lake Summer Bash (Gardnerville NV; 6/24)	Bev Castillo	59 players HQ. Kai Lemrise (55) 1. Kai Lemrise (105) 2. Jones Hom (70) 3. Ray Klocko (42) 3. Russell Roach (42)	40 players HQ. Greg Schleusner (15) 1. Bob Bartosh (60) 2. Brenda Nason (40) 3. Jennifer Bolles (24) 3. Charlette Springer (24)		Early Bird: Scott Bedolla Canadian Doubles: Darlene Stier & Bill Schlables Mid-Roller: Diana Webster

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Hinckley Summer Shuffle (Hinckley MN; 6/26)	Chad Frischmann	62 players HQ. Thomas Beucier (55) 1. J.R. Berens (105) 2. Dan Sand (70) 3. Edward Balcer (42) 3. Scott Sand (42)	32 players HQ. Marsha Mahan (15) 1. Marsha Mahan (40) 2. Wade Skaja (24) 3. Dennis Koehler (12) 3. Larry Leidenheimer (12)		
North Star Open (Hinckley MN; 6/27)	Chad Frischmann	78 players HQ. John Keller (40) 1. David Aiello (147) 2. John Keller (105) 3. Wayne LaBree (70) 3. Daniel Pluff (70)	44 players HQ. Robert Chase (12) 1. Laura Johnson (60) 2. Robert Chase (40) 3. Derrick Jacobsen (24) 3. Scott Loons (24)		
Super One-Dayer (Springfield OR; 7/3)	Julia Schewanick	54 players HQ. Don Hansen (50) 1. Monica Newton (105) 2. Bob Brumley (70) 3. Bob Bartosh (42) 3. Jack Shumate (42)	29 players HQ. Edgar Tuttle (15) 1. Dan Marsh (40) 2. Michael Wertz (24) 3. Mary Hansen (12) 3. Wayne Morsen (12)	28-hand: Edgar Tuttle*	
4th of July Special (Springfield OR; 7/4)	Julia Schewanick	42 players HQ. Carole Herron (30) 1. Bob Brumley (105) 2. Jack Shumate (70) 3. Bob Bartosh (42) 3. Paul Gregson (42)	21 players HQ. Peggy Shea (18) 1. Betty Brumley (40) 2. Peggy Shea (24) 3. Erik Locke (12) 3. Scott Milo (12)	28-hands: James Clark* Michael Wertz*	
South Shore Open (Abington MA; 7/5)	Mike D'Elena	61 players HQ. Frank Bogus (45) 1. Paul Kane (105) 2. Frank Bogus (70) 3. Debra Cotter (42) 3. Barry Spadea (42)	34 players HQ. Jerry Hardy (21) 1. Jerry Hardy (60) 2. Tom Ostrowski (40) 3. Donna LaFleur (24) 3. Mark Soule (24)		

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Open Opener: top two in each event

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Marv Lang Memorial #1 (Elgin IL; 7/10)	Dan Selke	54 players HQ. David Aiken (35) 1. Andrew Grage (105) 2. David Aiken (70) 3. Stephen Dugas (42) 3. David Gerke (42)	{no consy}	28-hand: Lisa Wagner*	Canadian Doubles: John Hazlett & Eric Jensen
Marv Lang Memorial #2 (Elgin IL; 7/11)	Dan Selke	54 players HQ. John Schafer (35) 1. Steve Grage (105) 2. John Schafer (70) 3. Tony Kresl (42) 3. Chad Loupee (42)	34 players HQ. Betsy Miller (18) 1. William Scroggie (60) 2. Marsha Mahan (40) 3. Jim Mahan (24) 3. Betsy Miller (24)		 Due
Depoe Bay Shuffle (Depoe Bay OR; 7/10)	Jack Shumate	23 players HQ. Daniel Ernster (45) 1. Dennis Misenar (70) 2. Daniel Ernster (42) 3. Teresa Houck (21) 3. Duane Toll (21)	14 players HQ. Bobby Boback (15) 1. Katrin Litsjo (24) 2. Ian Aylward (12) 3. Bobby Boback (4) 3. Duane Ritchie (4)		 Nason
Shut Up and Deal (Depoe Bay OR; 7/11)	Jack Shumate	22 players HQ. Daniel Ernster (50) 1. Duane Toll (70) 2. Edgar Tuttle (42) 3. Curtis Beckham (21) 3. Daniel Ernster (21)	14 players HQ. Jack Shumate (15) 1. Bobby Boback (24) 2. Jack Shumate (12) 3. Katrin Litsjo (4) 3. William O'Malley (4)		 Medeiros
Open Opener (Durham NC; 7/16)	David Aiken	168 players HQ. David Aiken (55) 1. Mike Due (196) 2. Brenda Nason (147) 3. Kendra Munkacsy (105) 3. Nancy Riccio (105) 5. Eric Jensen (70) 5. Ed May (70) 5. Howard Petrea (70) 5. Jeff Shimp (70)	150 players HQ. Suzy Lindsey (30) 1. Robert Medeiros (112) 2. Russ Bracebridge (84) 3. Charles Booker (60) 3. David Statz (60) 5. Keith Bryant (40) 5. Betsy Miller (40) 5. Ted Panos (40) 5. Joe Zimmitti (40)	28-hands: Charlene Cohen* Carol Williams*	 Bracebridge

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National Open (Durham NC; 7/17)	Megan Player & Jennifer Johnson	208 players HQ. N/A 1. Peter Setian (236) 2. John Pappas (177) 3. Jacob French (138) 4. Keith Miller (114) 5. Megan Player (94) 5. Adam Switzer (94) 7. David Aiello (75) 7. Andy Wagner (75)	150 players HQ. Laurie Hardy (33) 1. Jean Bidegare (135) 2. Scott Field (101) 3. Carlyle Foss (72) 3. David Fournier (72) 5. Daryl DesJardin (48) 5. Phil Martin (48) 5. Ted Lee Southland (48) 5. Joe Zimmitti (48)	29-hand: Nathan Crumpton 28-hands: Barbara Berg-Fennessey* Christopher Cook*	Friday: Catherine Perkins Saturday: Rick Allen Loser's Loser: Joe Ryan Canadian Doubles: Joseph Bowen & Steven Braley High Roller: Ted Panos
Come Monday (Durham NC; 7/20)	Jennifer Johnson & Megan Player	114 players HQ. Haley Hintze (45) 1. Phil Martin (147) 2. Joy Barnes (105) 3. Les Kvien (70) 3. Howard Petrea (70)	{no consy}	28-hands: Scott Earley* Vicki Soule*	
Weekday Challenge (Pasco WA; 7/23)	James Morrow	41 players HQ. Dick Pedersen (65) 1. Tammy Gibbons (105) 2. Duane Toll (70) 3. Laurie Logan (42) 3. Todd Malmgren (42)	37 players HQ. Gordy Wise (12) 1. Diana Webster (60) 2. Gordy Wise (40) 3. Gary Louderback (24) 3. Pat Reynolds (24)	28-hands: Lawrence Hawkins* Ken Quast*	Canadian Doubles: Sandra Seger & Ken Quast
Summer Classic (Pasco WA; 7/25)	James Morrow	55 players HQ. Ken Cochlin (40) 1. Ken Cochlin (105) 2. Todd Malmgren (70) 3. Brad Collyer (42) 3. Tammy Gibbons (42)	33 players HQ. Tom Wilson (18) 1. John Garman (60) 2. Bobby Ramelow (40) 3. Bryan Gurden (24) 3. James Seufert (24)	28-hand: Bobby Ramelow*	Canadian Doubles: Dennis Misener & Christi Lewis
Western Region Championship (Pasco WA; 7/26)	James Morrow	51 players HQ. Casey Scott (50) 1. Kat Hartsell (105) 2. James Seufert (70) 3. Tammy Gibbons (42) 3. Gary Louderback (42)	20 players HQ. James Morrow (18) 1. James Morrow (40) 2. Tom McLean (24) 3. Ken Cochlin (12) 3. Jamie Fate (12)	28-hands: Brad Collyer* Sheri Howard*	LEGEND HQ = high qualifier * = in sanctioned event green = grand slam red = first win

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Heart of Wisconsin Classic (Stetsonville WI; 7/23)	Henry Brandner	84 players HQ. David Carlson (45) 1. Darlene Anderst (147) 2. Matt Klar (105) 3. Joe McChurch (70) 3. Dan Taylor (70)	58 players HQ. Jeff Shimp (15) 1. Jeff Shimp (60) 2. Thomas Beuler (40) 3. Robert Chase (24) 3. Lewis Gurney (24)	28-hands: Marlene Lazachek* John Syftestad*	
Stetsonville Midsummer Classic (Stetsonville WI; 7/25)	Henry Brandner	92 players HQ. Haley Hintze (40) 1. Dan Taylor (147) 2. Haley Hintze (105) 3. Richard Carel (70) 3. John Syftestad (70)	59 players HQ. Mike Vernon (21) 1. Roger Eigenberger (60) 2. Tom Briski (40) 3. Chad Frischmann (24) 3. Marsha Mahan (24)	29-hand: Brian Napiwocki* 28-hands: Richard Carel* Stephen Dugas* Chad Frischmann* Laura Johnson* Les Kvien*	
Running with the Lobsters (Bangor ME; 7/24)	Joseph Bowen	28 players HQ. Mark Soule (35) 1. Michael Polyot (70) 2. Mark Soule (42) 3. Dan Dumont (21) 3. Stephanie George (21)	22 players HQ. Bonnie Fife (18) 1. Frank Bogus Jr. (40) 2. Jim Chadwick (24) 3. Lance Browne (12) 3. Bonnie Fife (12)	28-hand: Michael Bettencourt*	Thursday: Carlyle Foss Friday: Michael Bettencourt
Lobster Peg-Off (Bangor ME; 7/25)	Joseph Bowen	33 players HQ. Bonnie Fife (50) 1. Donna LaFleur (105) 2. Bonnie Fife (70) 3. Joseph Bowen (42) 3. John Pappas (42)	25 players HQ. Wayne King (21) 1. William Cormier (40) 2. Wayne King (24) 3. Dennis Pehrson (12) 3. Patrick Robrecht (12)		Canadian Doubles: Joseph Bowen & Steven Braley
MVP2.0 Summer Sizzler #1 (Loveland CO; 7/25)	Vickie Humphrey	22 players HQ. J.R. Berens (40) 1. Jim Rosso (70) 2. Raymond Sautter (42) 3. J.R. Berens (21) 3. Vickie Humphrey (21)	13 players HQ. William MacMillan (9) 1. Dave Harris (24) 2. Buck Weaver (12) 3. David Bute (4) 3. William MacMillan (4)	28-hand: Buck Weaver*	

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MVP2.0 Summer Sizzler #2 (Loveland CO; 7/26)	Vickie Humphrey	25 players HQ. Roy Hohn (35) 1. Randy Berger (70) 2. Scott Dolan (42) 3. Dave Harris (21) 3. Roy Hohn (21)	12 players HQ. Michael Malmom (6) 1. Michael Malmom (24) 2. Steve Sundet (12) 3. David Bute (4)		
Pegging for Vets #19 (Sacramento CA; 7/25)	Alice Souza	49 players HQ. Dennis Morin (40) 1. Paul Gregson (105) 2. Stan Katzman (70) 3. Sue Dalton (42) 3. Dearl McCullough (42)	32 players HQ. Wilson Taguinod (18) 1. Sharon Sherbert (40) 2. Michael Rogers (24) 3. Scott Bedolla (12) 3. Wilson Taguinod (12)	28-hand: Scott Bartosli*	
River City Shake It Up Friday (Sacramento CA; 7/31)	Jennifer Bolles	53 players HQ. Cy Madrone (45) 1. Ray Klocko (105) 2. Cy Madrone (70) 3. James Aleschus Sr. (42) 3. Carolyn Washington (42)	29 players HQ. Gordon Dakin (9) 1. James Langley (40) 2. Raeanna Halvorsen (24) 3. Ben Lewis (12) 3. Dave Yaeger (12)	28-hands: Billie Reddell* Nancy Rojas*	

Being in Total Charge of Herself

Who knew that wearing a shirt to Columbia SC in June would blossom into seventeen shirts at the National Open?



Internet Cribbage

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I hope you are enjoying the new season and your choice of **three** playing sites!

Timers have arrived on eCrib+, similar to those at both Game Colony and Cribbage Pro. The timers are 20 seconds

for each discard, 10 seconds to play each card, and 5 seconds to cut. Every player gets two grace periods per game for each clock: discard graces are +10 seconds and pegging graces are +5 seconds. Then it will auto-play. When either player is on fourth street, the timers change to 25 seconds to discard and 13 seconds to play to help with your end-game strategy.

Tournament results are usually posted on the ACC website by **John Schafer**, assistant commissioner for statistics, and are usually available the next day (depending on his real life schedule). No more waiting until the first of the month for updates, thanks to **Paul Gregson**'s automation of the IRP system! Paul started working with us ten months ago on this huge project, and we are so appreciative of his talent and many hours of volunteering. Thanks again, Paul. You have mad skills! Get to know Paul, in his own words:

Point Leader of the Month

Brad Henderson (ousooner) @ 232 IRPs

New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)

Lori Boyer (elmo4x4)

New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)

Kathleen Seiferlein (baylito99)

David Smith (thecuse5)

Alice Souza (ldyisbad)

Internet 28-Hands

Matt Constantino (cyclonestone)

Paul Gregson (a2zcribbage)

Internet Grand Slams

Kathy Sieferlein (baylito99)

David Smith (thecuse5)

internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	1343	Brad Henderson (ousooner)
2	1239	Tim Julkowski (timoregon2854)
3	1229	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
4	1227	Nancy Roncetti (nunzia)
5	1145	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
6	1143	David Smith (thecuse5)
7	1063	John Schafer (netview85)
8	1018	Sue Edwards (co434sue)
9	1011	Gary Brandt (eagleair39)
10	993	Pat Liegl (patco1950)

- How did you learn to play cribbage? **I was born in England and it's a British card game by origin; my parents taught me.**
- How did you find internet cribbage? **I played online in college (1995–99) at Case's Ladder and MSN Zone.**
- Toughest internet player? **Sue Edwards beats me like a drum!**
- Club info: name, number, champ? **I won the Traveler's Club this season. Club 54 in Brentwood CA mostly, where I am a twelve-time club champion.**
- Live tournament wins? **22 mains, 6 cons**

New Members

94 last month

Alaska

Brent Cathey (Homer)
Laura Rasmussen (Homer)

Alberta

Matthew Charbonneau (Grande Prairie)
Syd Francis (Camrose)
Heather Manning (Spruce Grove)
Andre McLean (Lethbridge)

British Columbia

Clifford Lewis (Coquitlam)
Aiden O'Leary (Vancouver)
Daniel Singla (Kelowna)
Paul Sly (Vancouver)

California

William Beatie (Sebastopol)
Laura Beeson (Redding)
Roger Beseke (El Cajon)
Nancy Cecil (Discovery Bay)
Jamie Doe (Redding)
Michael Dorostkar (Mission Viejo)
Mychal Dourson (Oceanside)
Todd Johnson (Sacramento)
John Lapke (Temecula)
Kaye Mitchell (Rocklin)
Josephine Nail (Magalia)
John Nethery (Chatsworth)
Paul Olsson (Oakley)
Scott Owen (San Francisco)
Daniel Shelton (Oakland)
Leslee Tipping (Oceanside)

Colorado

Kathleen Babe (Denver)
Ian Hyde (Montrose)
Marcia Hyde (Montrose)

Connecticut

Daniel Rasmussen (Moosup)

Florida

Luna Carriere (Pensacola)

Buzz Wiser (Lehigh Acres)

Georgia

Will Morgan (Eatonton)

Illinois

Jonathan Gregory (Waukegan)
Raymond Suelzer (Island Lake)

Indiana

Christopher Thibodeau (Lebanon)
Jeff L Wilks (Chesterton)

Iowa

Andrew Juhl (Cedar Rapids)

Kentucky

Terri Bredeson (Louisville)

Massachusetts

Len Gay (Onset)
Bob Stanley (Dedham)

Michigan

Kristopher Kiel (Brighton)
Bill Slating (Greenville)
Krista Toriello (Brighton)

Minnesota

Connie Berg (Roseau)
Angie Ferrara (Saint Paul)
Nicklaus Grandstrand (Plymouth)
Steve Grandstrand (Plymouth)

Montana

Hudson Hubbard (Hinsdale)
Sheena Hubbard (Hinsdale)
Tyera Whitaker (Missoula)

Nebraska

Jeremy Wilkinson (Syracuse)

New Hampshire

Ernie Cohen (Claremont)

New Jersey

John Crowe (Hoboken)
Ralph Filosa (Cranford)
Sam Foster (Moorestown)

New Mexico

Seth Cohen (Santa Fe)

New York

Sean Bradley (Kenmore)
Adam Gogolski (Fairport)

Harper Gogolski (Fairport)

North Carolina

Larry Homminga (Taylorsville)

Ohio

Daniel Roland (Silver Lake)

Oregon

Josh Jones (Salem)
Matthew Walton (Eugene)
Cynthia Wharton (Siletz)

Pennsylvania

Scott Gordon (Bath)
Todd Marquardt (Valencia)

Texas

Brad Bailey (Fredericksburg)
Marshall Kovacs (Plano)
Kyle Magee (Carrollton)
Scott McAdam (Rowlett)
Jeremy McDowell (Friendswood)
Jocelyn McDowell (Friendswood)
Keith Pott (Cypress)

Vermont

Ali Mora (Saint Albans)

Virginia

Elizabeth Humphries (Herndon)
Ary McCullough (Gainesville)
John Sangaline (Berryville)

Washington

Craig Dayton (Bow)
Scott Dumas (Seattle)
Bryan Freeman (Allyn)
Jon Nichols (Gig Harbor)
Dyanne Parnel (Centralia)
Richard Parnel (Centralia)
Colin Perley (Kennewick)
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- Family, job, hobbies? **My parents and sister live in Michigan, my boys are now 22 and 19. I am a senior data analyst at State Farm in the Digital Channel Performance Department. I enjoy playing disc golf, but I'm terrible at it!**

Paul is the person who created the new certification program for screen/username so players can earn IRPs. This is separate from ACC membership. If you still need to certify, please go here: cribbage.org/internet/registration_lookup_player.php



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Tournaments

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WESTERN REGION			CENTRAL REGION			EASTERN REGION		
1	4000	Bryan Gurden	1	2016	Les Kvien	1	1492	Robert Medeiros
2	2514	Ray Klocko	2	1619	Haley Hintze	2	1358	Mike Fetchel
3	2181	Bob Brumley	3	1535	David Aiello	3	1214	Peter Setian
4	1799	Bob Bartosh	4	1519	Jim Mahan	4	1104	Donna LaFleur
5	1643	Roland Hall	5	1299	Scott Sand	5	999	David Statz
6	1640	Duane Toll	6	1122	Todd Schaefer	6	938	Jerry Hardy
7	1549	Erik Locke	7	1094	Stephen Dugas	7	922	Terrance Cushman
8	1368	Paul Gregson	8	1081	Robert Chase	8	905	Debra Cotter
9	1356	Darlene Stier	9	1038	James McCarty	9	884	Phil Martin
10	1352	Cy Madrone	10	983	Marsha Mahan	10	826	Larry Phifer
11	1283	James Langley	11	960	John Syftestad	11	823	Peter Legendre
12	1182	Todd Malmgren	12	943	Al Pernicek	12	750	Keith Widener
13	1125	Bill Schlabas	13	925	Dennis Koehler	13	740	Patrick Robrecht
14	1097	William O'Malley	14	869	Dan Selke	14	735	Bonnie Fife
15	925	Wayne Momsen	15	773	Steven Steinmetz	15	720	William Cormier
16	864	James Clark	16	757	Doug Page	16	715	Frank Reddy
17	863	Winona McDaniel	17	756	Allen Karr	17	712	John Bartlett
18	858	Jeanne Jelke	18	740	Wayne Steinmetz	18	678	Carlyle Foss
19	842	Carole Herron	19	697	Dan Taylor	19	656	Barry Spadea
20	804	Kai Lemrise	20	692	Terry Weber	20	647	Mark Soule
21	802	William Eilers	21	677	Doug Whitlock	21	629	Richard Nourse
22	798	Jack Shumate	22	658	Dan Sand	22	626	Mike Due
23	785	Dennis Misenaar	23	646	Edward Balcer	23	623	Paul Batterson
24	761	Jones Hom	24	627	Clay Collier	24	610	James Ravenscroft
25	748	Betty Brumley	25	624	Bob Joslin	25	596	Mary Burlington
26	655	Charlene Cohen	26	603	John Schafer	26	589	Keith Miller
27	643	Jennifer Bolles	27	573	Adam Switzer	27	561	Paul Kane
28	612	Junko Larsen	28	569	Henry Brandner	28	550	James Sullivan
29	594	Alice Souza	29	559	Bob Kiley	28	550	Paige Thomas
30	585	Ronnie Murakami	30	537	Emilio Perez	30	530	Eric Davis
31	569	Ryan Huffman	31	518	David Aiken	31	529	Charles Booker
32	557	Willie Evans	32	516	Chad Frischmann	32	520	Michael D'Elena
33	555	Mike McDaniel	33	513	William Stacey	32	520	John Pappas
34	549	Lori Boyer	34	510	Steve Schneider	34	519	Jack Silvia
35	531	Steve Sundet	35	496	Bob Hanes	35	505	Kendra Munkacsy
36	527	Brenda Nason	36	494	Jeff Shimp	36	503	Vicki Soule
37	516	Bernie Nelson	37	473	Chad Loupee	37	491	Jamie Fincher
38	510	David Bute	38	463	Patrick Barrett	38	480	Deborah Taylor
39	504	Peggy Shea	39	439	Jeff Machovsky	39	465	Nancy Riccio
40	502	Donald Stockham	40	435	Richard Frost	40	450	Laurie Hardy
41	496	Dearl McCullough	41	424	John Hazlett	41	447	Bill Peters
42	491	Robert Milk	41	424	Larry Leidenheimer	42	421	Barri Gehrand
43	488	Audrey Hatto	43	419	Darlene Anderst	43	418	Frank Abernathy
44	487	Scott Bartosh	44	418	Joe Clarke	44	411	Frank Bogus Jr.
45	485	Gordy Wise	45	416	Don Pohlman	45	408	Marty Duchow
46	483	Rick Baird	46	415	Jeff McKinney	46	406	A.J. Kabilian
47	481	Brad Seger	47	410	Jason Mathery	47	393	Jacob French
48	477	Arun Sautter	48	407	Ed May	47	393	Joshua Parker
49	467	Carol Williams	49	404	Rick Kuehn	49	373	Peter Grant
50	462	Paul Hirschmann	49	404	Wade Skaja	50	356	Jeff Olson

Tournament Trail

CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

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SCHEDULE OF ACC LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

GRAND NATIONAL		
<i>date</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>tournament directors</i>
Oct. 14–18, 2026	Sheraton 300 3rd St Niagara Falls NY 14303 <i>phone: 716.278.2695</i>	David Aiken Katie VanHuis Mark Soule Vicki Soule
Nov. 1–7, 2027	Doubletree by Hilton 322 N Spokane Falls Ct Spokane WA 99201 <i>phone: 509.455.9600</i>	James Morrow Rick Baird Kat Hartsell
TOC & ACC OPEN		
March 4–7, 2027 March 2–5, 2028 March 1–4, 2029	J Resort 345 N Arlington Ave Reno NV 89501 <i>phone: 866.386.7829</i>	Peggy & Rick Shea Patrick Barrett Todd Schaefer
NATIONAL OPEN		
July 2027	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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MT ♦ Fall Roundup

Sep. 1–3, Territorial Prison Classic
Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Gary Louderback

Sep. 4–6, Capital City Fall Roundup
Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn

Sep. 8–10, Anaconda Fall Stack
Elks, 221 Main St, Anaconda MT 59711. TD: Vicki Ross (406.654.4984) & Duane Brugman

ID ♦ Sep. 11–13, Gem State Classic
Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD: Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader

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

Sep. 11, Palmetto State Fall Open

Sep. 12–13, Soda City Fall Classic

WI ♦ Sep. 11–13, Americas Dairyland Open
AmericInn/Mad Apple, 3025 W College Ave, Appleton WI 54912. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Jim Mahan

CT ♦ Sep. 12, September Sizzler
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd, South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Barbara Barbour (860.543.2244) & Matt Binkowski

TX ♦ Red River Doubleheader

Elks, 8550 Lulwater Dr, Dallas TX 75238. TD: Scott Buhrow (469.650.5740) & Doug Weier

Sep. 17–18, Red River Kickoff

Sep. 19–20, Red River Peg-out

IA ♦ Marshalltown Doubleheader

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

Sep. 18, Iowa Classic 1

Sep. 19–20, Iowa Classic 2

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

CA ♦ Sep. 19, Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Lori Boyer

YOUTH CA ♦ Sept. 19, Youth Pegging for Vets
VFW, 7567 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Don Howard (916.212.2465)

MN ♦ Chaska Doubleheader

VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN 55318. TD: Adam Switzer (952.687.1642) & Steve Schneider & Bob Joslin

Sep. 25, Minnesota Open One-Day

Sep. 26–27, Jerry Gruber Memorial

MA ♦ Norwood Doubleheader

Courtyard by Marriott, 300 River Ridge Dr, Norwood MA 02062. TD: Debra Cotter (781.801.3858) & Susan Baker

Sep. 26, New England Classic Warmup

Sep. 27, New England Classic

CA ♦ JMM Doubleheader

IOOF Hall, 1445 Butte St, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jennifer Bolles

Sep. 26, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #1

Sep. 27, Jerry Montgomery Memorial #2

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

WY ♦ Oct. 3–4, Oil City Open
Eagles, 306 N Durbin St, Casper WY 82601. TD: Dave Harris (307.267.5014) & James Chase

MA ♦ Oct. 4, Boston Regional
Irish American Hall, 177 West St, Malden MA 02148. TD: Frank Reddy (617.974.7562) & Bill Cormier

NY ♦ Pre-GN Doubleheader

VFW, 2985 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg NY 14075. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

YOUTH Oct. 9, Youth Cribbage Festival

Oct. 10–11, Western New York Festival Day #1

Oct. 12, Western New York Festival Day #2

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NY ♦ Grand National 44

Sheraton, 300 3rd St, Niagara Falls NY 14303. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Katie VanHuis, and Mark & Vicki Soule

Oct. 14–15, American Falls Classic

Oct. 16–18, Horseshoe Falls Classic

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OR ♦ Oct. 23–25, Salem Classic
Millers BBQ, 4600 25th St NE #165, Salem OR 97301. TD: Bruce Hammond (503.507.7432) & Eric Frey

ME ♦ Oct. 24, Seaside in Wells

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

CA ♦ Oct. 24, Oroville Halloween Masquerade
Haunted Clubhouse, 1047 14th St, Oroville CA 95965. TD: Lori Boyer (530.566.6454) & Paul Gregson

YOUTH CA • Oct. 24, Halloween Classic Youth
Haunted Clubhouse, 1047 14th St, Oroville CA 95965 TD: Lori Boyer (530.566.6454)

WI ♦ Oct. 24–25, Oktoberfest

Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Lee Tesch

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

WA ♦ Long Beach Doubleheader

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

Oct. 30, One Day at the Beach

Oct. 31–Nov. 1, ACC World Championships

ME ♦ Oct. 31, Spooktacular Cribbage

Benjamin's, 46 Acme Rd, Brewer ME 04412. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

NC ♦ Nov. 6–8, John Medeiros Memorial
DoubleTree RDU, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player

NV ♦ Topaz Tripleheader

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

Nov. 7–8, Topaz Winter Wonderland #1

Nov. 9–10, Topaz Winter Wonderland #2

Nov. 11–12, Topaz Winter Wonderland #3

KY ♦ Kentucky Fall Classic

Best Western, 9802 Bunson Way, Louisville KY 40299. TD: Stephen Dugas (774.406.8761) & Wanda Berry

Nov. 13, Louisville Slugger

Nov. 14–15, Bluegrass Open

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NV ♦ Nov. 13–15, Veterans Day Classic

J Resort, 345 Arlington, Reno NV 89509. TD: Peggy & Rick Shea (707.599.4605)

NH ♦ Nov. 15, Granite State Classic

Elks, 81 Roxbury St, Keene NH 03431. TD: John Pappas (617.803.5329) & Gail Somers

AZ ♦ Nov. 21–22, Arizona Screaming Eagles

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

CO ♦ Fort Morgan Doubleheader

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

Nov. 21, Fort Morgan Wide Open

Nov. 22, Fort Morgan Wide Open Sunday

CT ♦ Nov. 22, Yankee Classic

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

FL ♦ NCL Cruise Cluster

NCL Star Cruise Ship leaving from Miami FL. TD: Winona McDaniel (541.525.1292) & Troy Thorson

Nov. 22, NCL Cruise Paris One-Day

Nov. 25, NCL Cruise Portugal One-Day

Nov. 27–28, NCL Cruise Portugal Two-Day

Nov. 29–30, NCL Cruise Mid-Atlantic Two-Day

Dec. 1–2, NCL Cruise Home Bound Two-Day

MI ♦ Thanksgiving Doubleheader

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

Nov. 27+29, Reindeer Games

Nov. 28, Wishbone Open

OR ♦ Nov. 27–29, Thanksgiving at Ko Kwel

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

MN ♦ Dec. 4–6, Frosty Fingers Cribbage Clash

Jackpot Junction Casino, 39375 County Hwy 24, Morton MN 56270. TD: Jason Anderson (952.797.6277) & James Zahnow

VA ♦ Virginia Beach Doubleheader

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

Dec. 4, Virginia Beach Christmas Classic I

Dec. 5–6, Virginia Beach Christmas Classic II

OR ♦ Dec. 5, Willamette Valley Classic

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

CA ♦ Dec. 5, Pegging for Vets

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

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Peggy Shea

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OR ♦ Dec. 6, Portland's Frosty Fifteens
Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230.
TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Craig Smith

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

WI ♦ Dec. 18-20, Jingle Bell Open
Community Center, 412 Centennial Ave, Stetsonville WI 54480. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Wendy Pitts

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader
Senior Center, 1370 W Basin Ave, Pahrump NV 89060. TD: Bill Eilers (919.457.6351) & Jennifer Bolles
Dec. 19, Fall Paranormal Open #1
Dec. 20, Fall Paranormal Open #2

CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlages (530.219.4729) & Scott Bartosh
Jan. 7-8, Sacramento VFW #4
Jan. 9, Sacramento VFW #5
Jan. 10, Sacramento VFW #6

NC ♦ Asheville Doubleheader
Comfort Suites, 890 Brevard Rd, Asheville NC 28806. TD: Jacob French (678.517.2090) & Alan Rogers
Jan. 8, Smoky Mountain Classic Opener
Jan. 9-10, Smoky Mountain Classic

OR ♦ Jan. 9, Willamette Valley Challenge
Millers BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR 97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill O'Malley

OR ♦ Jan. 10, Portland's PNW Peg Off
Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Craig Smith

FL ♦ FWB Doubleheader
VFW, 213 Carol Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. TD: Grant Crawford (850.461.9390) & Jim Cook
Jan. 15-16, Land Shark Open
Jan. 17-18, Emerald Coast Open

WI ♦ Jan. 16-17, American Pride
Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, 2929 Allied St, Green Bay WI 54304. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

OR ♦ Jan. 16-17, Bandon Its a New Year
Senior Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader
Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668), Pete Maas, & Greg Schleusner
Jan. 22, Steve Lewis Memorial
Jan. 23-24, Depoe Bay Challenge

AZ ♦ Sun Lakes Doubleheader
Sun Lakes Country Club, 25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd, Sun Lakes AZ 85248. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson
Feb. 5, Cactus Classic
Feb. 6-7, Roadrunner Classic

MI ♦ Feb. 12-13, Rod Hovey Memorial
Delta Marriott, 2747 S 11th St, Kalamazoo MI 49009. TD: Steve Nuyen (269.377.6711) & Barb Miller

WA ♦ Feb. 13, Super Saturday One-Day
VFW, 2902 E Diamond Ave, Spokane WA 99217. TD: Timothy Julkowski (503.805.9410) & Jason Ramelew

OR ♦ Feb. 13-14, Come Sea Bandon
Senior Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea

WI ♦ Feb. 19-21, Go Green Bay
Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

CA ♦ Feb. 19-21, Pacific Coast Championship
American Legion, 694 Legion Way, Marina CA 93933. TD: Dick Lind (831.595.9920) & Randy Borchardt

OR ♦ Feb. 20, Willamette Valley Open
Millers BBQ, 4600 25th Ave NE #165, Salem OR 97301. TD: Greg Schleusner (530.563.8432) & Bill O'Malley

OR ♦ Feb. 21, Cupid's Skunks & Dumps
Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Craig Smith

Reno, Nevada ♦ The Big One!
J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501
March 4 ♦ Reno Opener TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)
March 4 ♦ Canadian Doubles TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett
March 5 ♦ TOC TD: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059) & Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116)

March 6-7 ♦ JPW/ACC Open

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

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NC ♦ Newport Cluster

DoubleTree RDU, 4810 Page Creek Ln,
Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson
(617.515.2232) & Megan Player

Apr. 2, Friday Pre-Fling

Apr. 3-4, Raleigh Spring Fling

OR ♦ Newport Cluster

American Legion, 424 W Olive,
Newport OR 97365

Apr. 3-4, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial

TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen

Apr. 5-6, Newport Wonder

TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218)

Apr. 7-8, Dean Bauman Memorial

TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Scott Milo

SD ♦ Deadwood Cluster

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

Apr. 22-23, Deadwood Open

Apr. 24, Aces & Eights

Apr. 25, Calamity Jane Open

PA ♦ Keystone Classic

VFW, 730 S 4th Ave, Royersford
PA 19468. TD: James Ravenscroft
(267.897.3404) & Scott Harker

Apr. 23, Keystone Classic Part I

Apr. 24-25, Keystone Classic Part II

WI ♦ Apr. 30-May 2, Peg for Pink

Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI
54304. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

NC ♦ Winston-Salem Doubleheader

Courtyard, 1600 Westbrook Plaza Dr,
Winston-Salem NC 27103. TD: Keith
Widener (336.971.8504) & Jennifer Johnson

Apr. 30, Winston-Salem Open

May 1-2, North Carolina Open

WY ♦ May 1-2, Oil City Open Spring

Eagles, 306 N Durbin St, Casper WY 82601. TD:
Dave Harris (307.267.5014) & James Chase

CO ♦ Loveland Doubleheader

Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland,
Loveland CO 80537. TD: Vickie
Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Mike Poole

May 8, Spring Fling #1

May 9, Spring Fling #2

NV ♦ Pahrump Doubleheader

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

May 15, Paranormal Open

May 16, Paranormal Open

CA ♦ May 29, EEC Barnyard Bonanza

Escondido Equestrian Center, 26002 Bear Valley
Heights Rd, Escondido CA 92027. TD: Joan Layte
(760.751.2073) & Joan Layte

SC ♦ Columbia Doubleheader

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

June 18, Palmetto State Open

June 19-20, Soda City Classic

YOUTH NV ♦ June 26, Youth Grand National 8

J Resort, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno NV 89510. TD:
Don Howard (916.212.2465)

CO ♦ Loveland Doubleheader

Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland,
Loveland CO 80537. TD: Vickie Hum-
phrey (970.988.3345) & Mike Poole

July 10, Summer Sizzler #1

July 11, Summer Sizzler #2

WI ♦ Stetsonville Doubleheader

Community Center, 412 Centennial Ave,
Stetsonville WI 54480. TD: Henry Brandner
(715.550.3982) & Tom Briski

July 22-23, Heart of Wisconsin Classic

July 24-25, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic

WA ♦ Grand National 45

Doubletree, 322 N Spokane Falls Court,
Spokane WA 99201. TD: James Morrow
(509.830.2318) & Kat Hartsell

Nov. 6-7, Grand National 45

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CO ♦ Dec. 4, Winter Wonders

Associated Veterans, 305 Cleveland, Loveland CO
80537. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Mike
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HINTS FOR THE MEDIUM CRIBOKU ON PAGE 17

Each hint is one step of the reasoning, in order. Read only as far as you need.

1. The top-left square scores 4, and 9♠ is the only card that results in 4 points.
2. The bottom-right square scores 8, and 10♥ is the only card that results in 8 points.
3. Column 1 scores 9, so its blank can only be 2♦ or 2♥.
4. Column 3 scores 2, so its blank can only be A♥, 7♠, or 8♠.
5. Column 4 scores 4, so its blank can only be 7♠ or 8♠.
6. Row 1 could score 0 or 9. If it scores 9, the other missing hands must total 10, which is impossible with the remaining cards. So it must score 0.
7. Row 4 could score 4, 7, or 10. If it scores 10, the other missing hands must total 9, which is impossible with the remaining cards. That leaves row 4, columns 1 and 2 to be filled from A♥, 2♦, 2♥, 7♠, and 8♠.
8. The only place left for 3♥ is row 3, column 2.
9. The only place left for 2♦ is row 4, column 1.
10. The top-right square could score 4, 7, or 12. If it scores 12, the other missing hands must total 7, which is impossible with the remaining cards. That leaves row 1, columns 3 and 4 to be filled from A♥, 7♠, and 8♠.
11. That leaves A♥ as the only card that fits row 1, column 3.
12. The top-right square could score 4 or 7. If it scores 4, the other missing hands must total 15, which is impossible with the remaining cards. So it must score 7.
13. The top-right square scores 7, and 8♠ is the only card that results in 7 points.
14. 7♠ is the only card still available for row 4, column 2.

Turn the page for answers.



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CRIBOKU Easy Answer

STARTER: 9♣

Hand 1: A♥, 3♥, 4♥, 5♠, 9♠, 10♠, A♦, 3♦, 8♦, 9♦, Q♦, 6♣, 8♣, 9♣, 10♣, J♣, K♣

Hand 2: K♣, 9♦, 3♥, Q♦, 8♣, 9♠, J♣, A♥, 6♣, 10♣, 10♠, 4♥, A♦, 3♦, 8♦, 5♠

6 1 2 3 4 2 2 4 6 5 6 5

TOTAL 46

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CRIBOKU Medium Answer

STARTER: 3♣

Hand 1: A♥, 3♥, 10♥, K♥, 7♠, 8♠, 9♠, 10♠, J♠, 2♦, 3♦, 7♦, Q♦, 2♣, 3♣, 6♣, K♣

Hand 2: J♠, 9♠, A♥, 8♠, K♥, 3♦, 6♣, 7♦, Q♦, 3♥, 10♥, 2♣, 2♦, 7♠, 10♠, K♣

4 7 0 2 10 4 8 9 12 2 4 8

TOTAL 70

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Here's a cribbage variation that **Dan Barlow** (NC) published in the September 1986 *Cribbage World*. What will you bid to avoid tossing 5-5 to your opponent's crib?!

AUCTION CRIBBAGE is something I came up with while playing with a friend recently (though I suppose someone may have tried it already). The deal alternates, but the crib doesn't. The crib goes to the player who bids the most for it. What do you bid? Holes. High bidder has the option of moving his or her opponent forward the amount of the bid or of moving himself or herself backward (forward only on the first hand, obviously). Usually it takes 4 to 6 holes to buy the crib, but holding 5-5-7-7-8-9, you may be willing to bid into the teens. Players look at their cards before bidding. The holes involved in the bid are scored before play begins. If no one bids, dealer gets the crib (this happens sometimes at the end of the game, if both players want first count). Player with the crib plays last, regardless of who dealt. There's a lot of interesting strategy on 4th Street.



40 Years Ago

The front cover announced a plan to reorganize the ACC. Page 4 printed a summary of the English version of cribbage (see below).

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that **Richard Corbin** (McKinney TX) won the 28th annual National Open Cribbage Tournament in



Raleigh NC, beating **Marlene Lazachek** (Milwaukee WI) in the finals. Elsewhere we read that **Helene Sontag** (CA) won the 110-player Devil Mountain Capar main and **Paul Hatcher** (OR) won the 56-player consolation at the same event.

THE ENGLISH GAME!

In the original game each player received five cards and discarded two to the crib. The game was 61 holes, and the pone (the non-dealer at the start of the contest) received a three-point spot or handicap. The English were aware several centuries ago that the dealer had a considerable advantage, and they attempted to even things up.

Runs and flushes had to be of four cards, so the pone and dealer had to include the turnup card. Dealer's strategy was to load the crib; the English regard the five-card game as requiring more scientific play than the six-card variation.

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Donna Sieber

Longtime ACC member Donna Sieber (Saline MI) passed away on June 1. While she didn't play many tournaments, she earned her Bronze Award

and nearly 2,300 GRPs at Club 107 in Benton Harbor, which she directed for many years. She worked many years at Whirlpool Corp., retiring in 1994. Donna will be greatly missed.

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