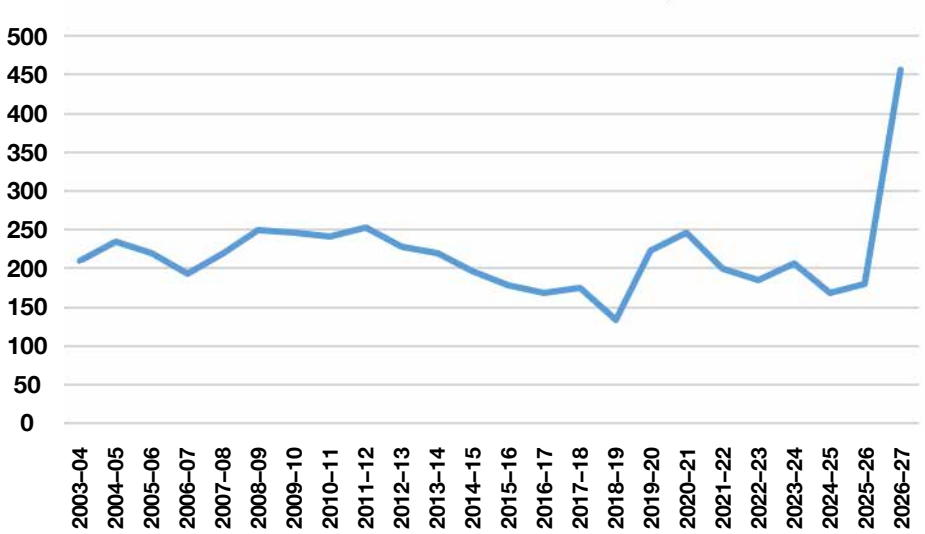
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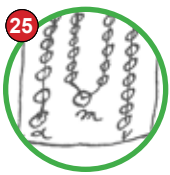
The first two months of the cribbage season have seen a huge increase in internet play. At this same time last season, only 133 members had played in an internet tournament; so far this season, 456 members have played—or three times higher. This growth is directly attributable to two factors: the addition of Cribbage Pro as a third platform and the new and improved eCrib+ website.













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Happy Birthday in November!

85—Marlene Lazachek (WI)
80—Bill Plunkett (MI)
80—Judy Morris (OK)
80—Mary Ann Snell (FL)
70—Kerry O'Connell (CA)
60—Brock Lee (AR)
60—Steven Weafer (MA)

Current Suspensions by the Ethics Committee

Jack B. Shumate III (CA-3351; Newport OR)—for one year for behavior issues. Applies to all ACC-sanctioned activities except Grass Roots; he is allowed to direct and play in only his club during his suspension. Effective 8/3/2026–8/1/2027.

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President's Column

by James Morrow



The Poet and the Postmaster

I have been working on a little side project for the ACC, focusing on Hall of Famers and looking into the history of some of the earliest inductees. Who are these Hall of Fame members? Many of us recognize the names and faces from the ACC Open in Reno NV, where pictures and bios used to hang on the walls of the main playing room.

This month, I want to focus on the two who were enshrined in 1982: **Sir John Suckling**, the first historical inductee, and **Joseph Petrus Wergin**, the first living inductee.

As many of you know, Sir John was the inventor of cribbage. Sadly, today, he would have been the bane of our Ethics Committee's existence. Legend has it that Sir John manufactured premium playing cards and sent them as gifts to the wealthiest estates across England. Suckling traveled the country visiting his noble friends, and would play his newly invented game for high stakes. Of course he cleaned the nobles out to the tune of £20,000 ($7 million US in today's money). The kicker? All of the cards he sent out were marked!

Sir John earned a knighthood by 1630. In 1639 war erupted and Sir John saw his chance to gain favor with King Charles I. He bankrolled an army of one hundred soldiers, outfitting them with scarlet coats, white doublets, and plumed hats. When his army saw their first battle, they panicked and retreated without putting up a fight.

Sir John would go on to try and free a comrade, but after failing, he fled to France, where he would meet a tragic death at just twenty-eight years old.

Interestingly enough, his game survived, traveled across the sea, and evolved into the game we know today.

If Sir John invented the game, Joseph Wergin is the architect who saved it from cheaters and hustlers. As a high school educator, postmaster, and game statistician, Joe looked at cribbage and saw mathematical perfection hidden beneath chaotic regional rules. In 1979 he spearheaded the formation of the ACC, serving as the driving force and president for thirteen years. He standardized the rules across North America so a player in Maine could play seamlessly against a player from Nevada. He began building a nationwide network of Grass Roots clubs, and he even engineered the balanced round-robin qualification system used in tournaments today. He ended up becoming the international authority on the game by being the official rules editor for Hoyle as well as publishing several books on card strategy, including *How to Win at Cribbage*.

Just think: the two extremes that these two HOF'ers brought is the whole reason we are able to play as we do today.

Your Deal

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Horn C-5

I just bought a Horn C-5 board ⬇ and it came with pegs but no slide cover. I made one out of 300-lb watercolor paper. I painted it with burnt sienna acrylic paint. Also, the code letter B is rotated 180 degrees. Is that common?

Karen Garnett

Response from former CW columnist Jay Fulwider: Very nice job on replacing the peg slider. I have done it previously by carving down a wooden tongue depressor. Horn peg and card storage sliders were made of various metals and wood. The C-5 was the most popular Horn board and came in at least four different versions. The first Horn boards were made around 1915. The streamlined version of the C-5 was around the late 1930s. Most collectors agree that the letter and number designated the month and number of the board for that month. Boards have been found up to only the letter "L," which would indicate December. That was probably for tracking inventory for shipping and manufacturing. I have no answer for the reversed "B."



Tale of the Tape Here's how three top players did in Sept.	Rick Baird 	Todd Schaefer 	Rob Medeiros 
average	60.8% (79–51)	√ 66.7% (70–35)*	53.7% (65–56)
biggest win	√ +68 vs. Dale Newberry (ID) @ Boise ID	√ +68 vs. Sandy Most (MN) @ Club 240	+48 vs. Deb Cotter (MA) @ Norwood
worst loss	–62 vs. Mark Christensen (ID) @ Boise ID	–41 vs. Steve Schneider (MN) @ Gruber Memorial	√ –34 vs. Donna LaFleur (CT) @ Norwood

*Todd went 77 games with no skunks against and was skunked only once in 105 games!

My Deal

by David Aiken

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

I was intrigued when I heard the story of **Steve Schneider** (Askov MN), who won his first main ⬇ tournament—the Jerry Gruber Memorial (Chaska MN)—on September 27. Seven days later, he won his second main ⬇ tourney—the Wisconsin State Championship (Lac Du Flambeau WI)—on October 4.

This made me wonder if other players had won their first two mains on back-to-back weekends, with no other tournaments in between. I asked ACC programmer **Scott Harker** to query the ACC database to see if this had happened before.

Scott found over one hundred players whose second win followed their first win with no other qualifying finishes between. This list includes mains and consolations; and it doesn't reveal whether between the two victories the winners played other tournaments in which they did not qualify. (Sadly, the ACC does not record the names of players who enter a tournament and do not qualify for the playoffs.)

Making this list is quite an honor. I was happy to see my name there. Way back in 2004, in only my second qualifying ever, I was HQ and won a consolation in Muskegon MI (March 27). I didn't play any tournaments for the next two months, and then on May 23 I won the Potawatomi Peggers main. (I wouldn't win my third

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THIS JUST IN!

+ DARYL DESJARDIN +



Earlier this month, Jackie and I got married at Mallory Hill Country Club in The Villages FL, and I'm still grinning like a man who just pegged out for a tournament win! It wasn't the first trip down the aisle for either of us. And honestly, that's part of what makes this marriage special. We both arrived with some experience, a few scars, and a hard-earned understanding that marriage—much like cribbage—rewards those who learn from their misplays. And believe me, we've both had a few hands that didn't go according to plan.

We exchanged vows on a cloudless Florida afternoon beneath flower-covered arches, surrounded by cribbage players who traveled from as far away as South Carolina and Wisconsin, former military buddies—including my best man, who is stationed in Alaska—and family and friends from across the country. Some of our local guests even arrived by golf cart, which in The Villages is essentially the equivalent of a limousine.

Cribbage has taught me a lot about second chances. You build your hand carefully, toss two cards into the crib, and hope they help rather than hurt, then peg your way around the board. Experience teaches you not to get greedy, not to panic when your opponent counts a monster hand, and—most importantly—to enjoy every point along the way. Fifteen-two, fifteen-four, and a pair is six. After six plus decades of life, I'd say that's a pretty good deal.

What I love most about cribbage, though, is the people. Many of our cribbage friends joined us for the wedding, proving that a game requiring little more than cards, a board, and your attention can build remarkably strong friendships.

Now I'm headed to Niagara Falls for Grand National 44, and Jackie is coming along. She doesn't play cribbage, so she is officially a "cribbage widow." Fortunately, I've promised to make it up to her with a 114-day honeymoon world cruise. During that trip, I solemnly promise that the cribbage board will not be my top priority. Well . . . at least not every day.

Here's what decades of kitchen cribbage—and now marriage—have taught me: you don't get to choose the cards you're dealt. But you do get to choose how you play them and, if you're very fortunate, who sits across the table from you.

Past hands don't determine the next one. Every deal is a fresh start. So play with gratitude, laugh at your mistakes, cherish the people beside you, and keep pegging toward home.

And if you happen to find someone who makes you want to play the rest of your life with them, hold that hand.

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tournament until 2010!)

Interestingly, three players on the list notched their wins on consecutive days—which very clearly means they didn't play-and-not-qualify in between their two wins:

- **Luther Lord**: Orange Crush Classic main (6/9/2007) and pH Factor main (6/10/2007)
- **Sheri Howard**: Les Sumner Memorial consy (3/3/2023) and Les Sumner March Memorial consy (3/4/2023)
- **Tom Jackson**: Steve Lewis Memorial consy (12/26/2025) and Depoe Bay Challenge consy (12/27/2025)

At the other end of the scale, four players' first two wins were more than one thousand days apart! Most notable was **Harald (Hal) Rosenberg**, who won events in 2014 and 2024, and didn't qualify in anything in between—for a grand total of 3,325 days between wins! I am happy to have seen this happen, because Hal's two tournament wins were in events that I directed in Rives Junction MI. (Full disclosure: Hal did in fact play events between his two wins and did not qualify.)

To bring this full circle, we actually can't put **Steve Schneider** on the list, because he won two consolations in 2023 and 2024. So his first two back-to-back main wins, while significant, were not his first wins. But it is definitely worth bragging about! Congrats, Steve!



New ACC Judges

- **Cliff Christian** (Bruceton TN)
- **Dana Davis** (Farmington NY)
- **Joellen Froseth** (Brandon SD)
- **Jillian Lewis** (East Providence RI)
- **Ray Warner** (Hot Springs AR)
- **Scott Wiggins** (Las Cruces NM)

To take the judge examination, send your name and ACC number to **accjudgetest@gmail.com**.

Have you found John and Maria's international photos too hard? If so, here is one you can ace! Hints: it's maple syrup, the bottle has French on it, and there's a flag. If you can't guess what country John and Maria are in, then we probably can't help you! (*page 21*)

The Inside Track
by Rob Medeiros

End-game pegging always relies on good planning, but we often have to make changes on the fly. Here's an example.

You have first count needing nine and hold A-2-2-J; before the cut what's your plan? Well the dealer needs only nine as well, so it's do or die. It is ***very*** doubtful the dealer will match a 2 lead, so you are going to have to try to trap him with the count over 21. Let's say the cut is a King, giving you six points. How do you get three more?

Let's lead the Jack and see what progresses. The dealer plays a 7; now how do you proceed? Well, if the King had been the right suit and you needed two instead of three, the thinking would be completely different. In this case, now you have to make the count 18 with the Ace, hoping to run your 2s for three or four points, with another middle card response from the dealer.

Always be aware of your surroundings near the end of the game.

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

Youth News
from Don "Grumpy" Howard

Youth News

Donations to the Youth Program partially go to startup kits for teachers with large groups of kids. The kits consist of ten long boards that are made and shipped by **Rick Pierce**. The kits are available upon request from **Dan Zeisler** (**danthefan@yahoo.com**).

Youth Master Points

Youth Master Points (YMPs) for the 2025–26 season:

rank	player (age)	city/state
1	Blake Salter (11)	Grass Valley CA
2	Tyden Shupe (15)	Smartsville CA
3	Nick Plowman (17)	Magalia CA
4	Angelina Villalobos (17)	Oroville CA

Youth Tournament Trail

November 21 • Ready Springs (Penn Valley CA)
December 5 • Youth Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA)
March 13 • Penn Valley Sierra (Penn Valley CA)
June 26 • Youth Grand National 6 (Reno NV)

New Members

184 last month

United Kingdom
Ron Jeffrys (Falkirk)

Alaska
JC Cates (Anchorage)
Vicky Drowne (Anchorage)
Ian Neske (Eielson AFB)
John Slater (North Pole)
Sam Slater (North Pole)

Alberta
Joe DeWitte (Spruce Grove)
Jacquie Embury (Red Deer)
Sydney Embury (Red Deer)
Darren Harlos (Red Deer)
Larissa Toffan (Red Deer)
Mitch Toffan (Red Deer)

Arizona
Anthony Fortunato (Phoenix)
James Leavey (Gilbert)
Charles Panton (Glendale)
Laura Music Panton (Glendale)

Arkansas
Thomas Enns (Hot Springs Village)
Trish Enns (Hot Springs Village)
Lucien Fosdick (Fayetteville)

California
Rachel Britt (Pacific Grove)
Alan Buchdahl (Glendale)
Martha Burdick-Mohr (Grass Valley)
William Donovan (Sacramento)
Kimberly Dunlap (Fresno)
Jerry Feingold (Ventura)
Mark Gale (Ventura)
Patricia Gordon (Paso Robles)
Richard Halvorson Jr (Oroville)
Franny Joy (Arcadia)
Rodney Lewis (Antioch)
John Mackey (Paso Robles)
Olivia Orea (Oxnard)
Armand Pepin Jr (Laguna Woods)
Lincoln Peters (Modesto)
Jean Roth (Santa Maria)
Troy Terronez (Pacific Grove)

Colorado
Mona Blee (Grand Junction)
John Jergens (Lake City)
Mike Nedeau (Littleton)
Derek Stoldt (Fort Collins)

Connecticut
Kerri Atwood (Plainfield)
Carole Marchand (Moosup)
John Soltis (Bridgeport)
Matthew Yanuskiewicz (Moosup)

Florida
Carole Bousquet (Pensacola)
Ken Dumaine (Seffner)
John Haneke (Pensacola)

Georgia
Thomas Currin (Marietta)

Idaho
Scarlett Bailey (Caldwell)
Tyler Bailey (Caldwell)
Teri Derrington (Caldwell)
Jon Harris (Caldwell)
John Jarvie (Caldwell)
Elizabeth Moore (Post Falls)

Illinois
Kris Aufmann (McHenry)
Caron Carlson (Batavia)
Joseph Kinsella Jr (Naperville)
Emily Mirabella (Chicago)
John Phoenix (Chicago)
Gavin Voris (Park Ridge)

Iowa
Kristin Fotia (Des Moines)
Michael Ginther (Urbandale)

Louisiana
Wanda Cunningham (Stonewall)
Charles Raybine (Stonewall)

Manitoba
Norm Burnell (Richer)
Lisa Schaefer (Winnipeg)
Haylee Tabak (Winnipeg)
Troy Thompson (Winnipeg)
Mark Troschuk (New Bothwell)
Ernest Watson (Winnipeg)

Maryland
Vernon Brumfield (Glen Burnie)
Meghan Markert (Laurel)

Massachusetts
Thao Chuong (Oxford)
Michael Federico (Rockland)
Allison King (East Falmouth)
Bob McCaigue (Wareham)
Vinny Papia (Revere)
Carol Reams (East Wareham)
Joseph Rock (Edgartown)
Dan Rogers (North Attleboro)
Paul Stickney (Wareham)
Tim Stobie (Vineyard Haven)
Richard Weidmann (Dorchester)
Bruce Wright (Natick)

Michigan
Jim Apol (Grand Rapids)
Greg Charbonneau (Bay City)
Pamela Church (Traverse City)
Sue Egelus (Interlochen)
Linda Hegenauer (Bay City)
Gladah Hicks (Pelkie)
Thomas Marietti (Ishpeming)
Shirley McCarty (Ishpeming)
Robert Melvin (Twin Lake)
Helene Nast (Bay City)
Jim Schmidt (Bay City)
Kathleen Wong (Waterford)
Dennis Young (Pontiac)

Minnesota
Neil Branstad (Hutchinson)
Todd Burt (Duluth)
Rory Fairbanks (Hutchinson)
Jason Hemmesch (Hutchinson)
Andrew Kindschi (Marshall)
Larry Leritz (Cloquet)
Cliff Okerlund (Apple Valley)
Marty Reno (Waite Park)
Thomas Veldhouse (Coon Rapids)

Montana
Ashley Frank (Billings)
Fred Sparks (Laurel)
Heidi Sparks (Laurel)

Nebraska
Jim Anderson (Omaha)

Nevada
Roger Anderson (Reno)
Kevin Dean (Reno)
Gary Roth (Las Vegas)
David Wheeler (Mesquite)

New Hampshire
Anne Amlaw (Keene)
James Boutwell (Keene)
Zach Grout (Keene)

New York
Annette LaBarge (Rochester)
Saul Moshenberg (Rochester)
Anthony Roccamo (Bronxville)
Josephine Waser (Rochester)
Patrick Waser (Rochester)

North Carolina
Tegan Catalano (Waynesville)
Robert Cusano (Denver)

Ohio
Rick Timko (Maple Heights)

Oklahoma
Michael Deilke (Claremore)
Trish Romack (Perkins)

Oregon
David Arnell (Aloha)
Gregg Arnell (Portland)
Christina Asha (Eugene)

IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

Eric B. Akse



Our cribbage family is saddened by the loss of our dear friend, Eric Akse (Seattle WA), who passed away in September, just a few weeks short of his sixty-ninth birthday. Eric was a longtime member of Sno-King Peggers Club 108 in Lynnwood WA and previously played with a group in Kirkland WA. His warm personality and constant support meant a great deal to all Sno-King members. He had earned his Silver Award.

Arthur Loveland

The cribbage community lost one of its true personalities when Art Loveland (South Lyon MI) passed away on September 16. Aside from being an accomplished player, Art was one of the friendliest members of the organization, who also loved kibbitzing and kidding with everyone he played. He was born in Clarksville TN but lived most of his formative years in Wisconsin. He gallantly served as a US Marine in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. He started in auto manufacturing as a machinist and later became a shop superintendent. He then worked alongside his beloved wife Vikki in the real estate field. They were married for thirty-four years before she preceded him in death a number of years ago. Art won fifteen tournaments, earned his Life Master rating, and was Rookie of the Year in 2013. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, reading, and rooting for the Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions. The organization will miss his wise-cracking smile and easygoing nature. RIP Art.



Art Loveland beat Dan Selke on the day before he passed away!

Patrick Bailey (Hillsboro)
Brad Church (Carlton)
Catherine Moore (Prineville)
Fran Moore (Prineville)
Deborah Morgan (Salem)
Brian Perryman (Salem)
George Schiedler (Prineville)
Will Sharp (Bend)
Molly Smith (Baker City)
Bryan Weborg (Bandon)
Stacie Zuercher (Newberg)

Quebec
Pierre Toutant (Mont-Saint-Hilaire)

Rhode Island
Bruce Archambault (Warren)
Kyle Archambault (Warren)
Cathy Lazzaro (Warren)
Ann Page (Manville)
Brian Page (Manville)

South Dakota
Kelly Oehlerking (Rapid City)
Lewis Osborn (Rapid City)
Marcia Osborn (Rapid City)

Tennessee
Bob Frey (Clinton)

Texas
Jennifer Cain (Helotes)
Bruce Mercer (Fort Worth)

Utah
Bob Grant (Murray)

Vermont
Eric Balazich (Herndon)
James French (Mechanicsville)
Nicole French (Mechanicsville)
Paul Lamoureux (Lynchburg)
Claire Walden (Herndon)

Washington
John Blower (Shoreline)
Johnny Butler (Vancouver)
Sarah Campo (Burien)
Karah Cowan (Pasco)
Mahala Fedor (Spokane)
Wendy Fisher (Olympia)
Wesley Harmon (Shelton)
Elizabeth Hodge (Tenino)
Paul Johnston (Spokane Valley)
Brenda Lord (Spokane)
James Lord (Spokane)
Bill Maison (Pasco)
Rebecca Sievers (Walla Walla)
Leslie Sinsheimer (Seattle)
Joshua Stankus (Snohomish)
Philip Yang (Redmond)

Wisconsin
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Chad Baerwald (Hortonville)
Nathan Eugene Conrad (Verona)
Todd Krueger (Oshkosh)
Marquis Lake (Mason)
Kelly Micke (Hortonville)
John Sommerfeld (Greendale)
Ingrid Storm (Mason)
Jerry Tobalsky (Kenosha)



Opal's Seedlings

Social Cribbage

When we talk about growing our cribbage groups, there are many different strategies. But sometimes, the easiest approach is simply to make it less intimidating.

We often hear: "I don't know how to play." or "I don't remember how to play."

For some people, especially those who struggle with traditional learning environments, the word "teach" can feel intimidating. The word "tournament" can be even scarier! But what about "social"? That sounds more inviting, doesn't it?

Think about what happens when we attend Grand National or another tournament. We reconnect with old cribbage buddies, meet new players, and—most important—we have fun. So why not take that idea one step further?

My longtime friend **Brock Lee** has a great idea: offer a weekly social cribbage gathering. Just come in, sit down, learn a little, play a little, ask questions, laugh, and have fun.

No pressure.

No tournament language.

No worrying about whether you are good enough.

Someone who says, "I don't know how to play," may be much more willing to come to social cribbage than to a "cribbage teaching session." And once they start playing, something wonderful happens—they begin to gain confidence. That confidence can eventually encourage them to take the next step:

social cribbage → club → tournaments

We don't have to push people into competition. We can invite them into the social side of cribbage first and let their confidence grow naturally. Sometimes growing our cribbage family isn't about creating something complicated. Sometimes the easiest way to grow is simply to say: "Come sit down and play some cribbage with us!"

And who knows? That person who walked through the door saying "I haven't played in years" might someday be sitting across from you at a regional tournament—or even Grand National.

It all starts with one game, one smile, and one invitation.

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



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

GRASS ROOTS CORNER

edited by Vicki Marchand

Seven new Grass Roots clubs started this season—some in new areas, some near existing clubs, and one in an area that lost its club to Covid. Some of the founders are longtime ACC members, some are brand new. In the upcoming months, Grass Roots Corner will continue to profile these new clubs. Are you in an area with no club? I hope these stories will inspire you to start one! Reach out to Grass Roots Commissioner **Ivan Wells**, and he will provide the information you will need.

Don't forget: send your club stories to **accgrassrootscorner@gmail.com**.





more Grass Roots stories next page

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September Big Hands (name, state, club)

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GRASS ROOTS CORNER

Lynette Foley of Club 451 (West Valley City UT) got her second grand slam on September 15. This was only the fourth Grand slam earned in the five seasons of Club 451.



Best Grass Roots scorecards this month

Division 1
David Smith
22/9 +197
(Club 454)

Division 4
David White
15/6 +139
(Club 434)



Club 6 Milwaukee Peggers club director **Dale Magedanz** defied the odds. He had a rare 24-crib in each of the first two weeks of the new season. On September 19, at the Grass Roots Regional Tournament, he tossed 4-6 into **Dan Minesal**'s crib. Like minds think alike, and Dan also tossed 4-6. The 5 cut gave Dan a 24-crib and robbed Dale of the win; he settled for a 24-point card.

September Slams (name, state, club)

Grand Slams (18)

Dorrie Ackerman (NJ), 175
Bill Bowen (MA), 308
James Chase (WY), 238
Kathy Cushman (NV), 11
Al Doucet (MO), 288
Jorge Escobar (OR), 62
Lynette Foley (UT), 451 ⬆
Dawna Gray (WA), 415
Candice Grossman (CO), 345
Richard Hawes (MA), 109
Todd Letven (WI), 197
Walter Lott (IN), 398
Heidi McKenna (WY), 238
Abigail Pfisterer (AK), 177
Stanley Primc (WI), 199
Bobby Ramelow (ID), 198
Robert Reister (NC), 221 ⬆
David Smith (FL), 454

Lite Slams (32)

Kathee Bavart (OR), 420
John Bennett (WA), 486
Paul Boettcher (OR), 493
Lori Boyer (CA), 154
Melvin Chase (OR), 376
Thomas Chew (CA), 222
Ken Cochlin (WA), 39
Joseph Cohie (CA), 472
Len Cook (MB), 491 x2
Pat Costello (WA), 486
Frank Fenner (MA), 439
Peter Hays (LA), 499
James Langley (CA), 205
Andrew Laurence (CA), 422
Erik Locke (OR), 28
Debra McKay (LA), 499
Lisa Merlino (OK), 500
Robert Miller (FL), 468
Sue Munroe (MB), 491
Ross Newmann (OR), 465
Steve Palmer (OR), 38
David Pothier (MA), 439
Keith Pott (TX), 505
James Seufert (OR), 39
Tim Smith (MI), 107
Richard Sopina (TN), 508
Stacy Sundberg (CA), 194
Lorna Sundet (CO), 433
Mark Troschuk (MB), 491
Lisa Van Damme (MB), 491
David White (WA), 434

SPOTLIGHT

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on JEFF MARTINES



Jeff Martines has been director of North Dallas Club 387 since 2011, when it split from the Dallas club. He credits the club's success to the group of members who serve as a board, offering him guidance on major decisions and difficult situations. His favorite part of being a director is the opportunity to foster an environment where everyone feels welcome and has the room to share and grow. Jeff enjoys the people from many walks of life he otherwise would never have met; they have become more important to him than he ever expected. Club members describe Jeff as dedicated, organized, hardworking, and humble. With his big smile and corny jokes, he is the heart of the club. Jeff regularly offers to meet new players one-on-one to teach them the game and previous players to brush up on their skills. His warmth and unwavering enthusiasm have created a culture that keeps people returning to play.



Club 506 (Warren RI) brought ACC cribbage back to the state of Rhode Island on September 8. East Bay Cribbage Club was founded by **Jillian Lewis**, who learned how to play cribbage just four months ago. She and her father-in-law, **Frank Farrish**, enjoyed their games after Sunday family dinners, but wanted to play in a league. Frank was a long-ago member of Club 168 (West Warwick RI), which closed in 2020, so they decided to start their own club. Jillian contacted Market Street Pub, and they said she could use their backroom. Next Jillian started looking for members by asking at local senior centers, posting on Facebook, and advertising in local newspapers online for free. **Debbie Cotter**, director of Club 464 in Plainville MA, mentored her through starting and running a club. Jillian (fourth from right in picture) reports she is having fun and that members keep coming back.

GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Club 46 (Salem OR) has had a presence at the Oregon State Fair for over ten years. Initially it was just a couple of members with two boards near the concession stand. Then **Bruce Hammond** got involved and contacted the coordinator for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program at the fair. She allowed them to participate in the program at no charge, which gave them the opportunity to promote the math and problem-solving aspects of cribbage. Now they have four boards and seating for eight people. They also have a display table with unique cribbage boards and information about the ACC, local clubs, and tournaments throughout the Northwest. Members of Grass Roots clubs in Eugene, McMinnville, Bend, and Portland help work the booth. The past two years, interaction has been further encouraged by inviting fairgoers to sit down and play a game. If they "beat the club member" and have the highest spread at the end of the day, they win a set of custom pegs. Entry forms to a custom cribbage board drawing create another reason people to stop, share cribbage memories, and learn more about the ACC and Grass Roots.



Joseph Ferguson
(Port Angeles WA)
Gold #281

When I was young, I enjoyed watching my mom and dad play cribbage. They taught me how to play when I turned ten, and cribbage has been part of my life ever since. I still have the board and pegs they taught me on! While working at the shipyards in 1995 with my good friend Rich Anderson, where we played almost daily, we noticed an ad in the local paper for Kitsap Peggers Club 234. We gave it a shot, had a good time, and have been playing ACC cribbage ever since. I have been club champion four times and had five grand slams. Rich and I have played so much, learning a lot of strategy from each other, that I consider him my mentor. Gordy Wise is my toughest opponent. My most memorable game was undercounting a hand by two points and not only losing the game but missing club champion by one point! At 85 years young, I still enjoy cribbage not just for the game but for its social aspect. I have met a lot of great people, and many of us became lifelong friends. Cribbage keeps my mind healthy as each hand has so many strategies to think about. I thank club directors, board members, *Cribbage World* editors (I fondly remember DeLynn Colvert), and all who keep the game going. Living on or near saltwater my entire life, fishing is a passion. I also manage a small tree farm, keeping me physically strong to go along with my cribbage-induced mental acuity.

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Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

Correcting a Wrong Score

I recently returned from the Wisconsin State Championship in Lac Du Flambeau WI. This tournament, directed by **Patrick and Linda Barrett**, is hidden in the far North Woods near the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Lake of the Torches resort is a great venue, and it draws a lot of local players in addition to the regular MRP seekers.

While there a young lady from Green Bay (we will call her Wendy) approached me with a situation that had recently occurred and she was not certain that it was handled properly.

Wendy and her opponent were playing, she was the dealer. Her opponent had an eight-point hand. He pegged it, mucked his cards, then Wendy pegged her hand and tossed it over. The opponent added it to the muck. After Wendy turned over her crib and started counting it, the opponent said: "Wait a minute, I only had four points"; and he picked up his front peg and moved it back. Wendy called for a judge. Both players agree that this is what occurred.

Wendy's opponent argued that he had the right to correct an overpeg if he discovered it before his opponent. That is correct per rule 8.4.c.(2): **If the offender discovers the error, he or she may move the peg back to the correct hole without penalty.** But we still have two problems: the correction was done after the next cribbage action was taken (as described in rule 8.4.d) and the cards were already mucked—so verification of the score could not be made. So now we are looking at a player removing their front peg without a score to be pegged.

Rule 8.5 talks about improperly removing pegs and it starts out by saying: **If a player removes only his or her front peg when a score is not yet pegged.** It then goes through various scenarios, but does not address moving a front peg backward after a score has been pegged. No penalty is associated with this action, as when a two-point penalty is imposed if you move your opponent's peg.

After taking all this into consideration, I would have to rule that none of the scenarios in rule 8.5 apply and that the peg would simply remain where it was moved to and no penalty imposed. The logic? He was not trying to peg anything—just correct an overpeg (whether it existed or not); by moving it backward he penalized himself. That's enough.

What do you think? Agree, disagree? Let me hear from you! And remember to always have fun.

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

Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

In my October column, I detailed what is, in my opinion, the three greatest tournament years by an individual in the history of the American Cribbage Congress. Of course, it's only one person's opinion, but I believe it is hard to argue against the merits of **Bryan Gurden** with far and away an all-time record of 4,000 MRPs in the 2025–26 year, the previous ACC record of 3,121 by **Duane Toll** in the 2011–12 season, and the 2,076-point title season by **Erik Locke** in 2019–20 when Covid-19 took away many months of the tournament schedule. I could easily recap other MRP title seasons by Duane and/or Erik, but in this column I decided to detail three of the other greatest years on the Tournament Trail.

This may seem self-serving but the top year in the first two decades of the congress was by yours truly, **Scott Kooistra** (then of Yankton SD). Kooistra garnered a total of 2,182 MRPs in the 1989–90 cribbage year, the only time anyone topped the 2,000 mark in the first twenty years of the ACC rankings. The Master Point system was different in those days. Total MRPs allotted for a tournament were very similar to the current system, but points for qualifying rounds were given only to the top one-eighth of the field, and points were skewed to give higher amounts to high finishes in large events and smaller amounts to smaller tourneys. Also, there were many fewer sanctioned tournaments in those days. Kooistra played in eighteen main events and four consolations, and nobody played over twenty-five tournaments that year. The schedule was much smaller, no such thing as clusters, but the average tournament size was much larger.

Kooistra qualified in eleven of eighteen main events. That's a decent, but not great, 61% qualification rate. However, it was in match play where Scott excelled that season. In those eleven mains, Kooistra was 10–1 in his first-round matches and then 9–1 in his second-round matches. If you add in the match play results of the National Open (where he was 11–1), Kooistra was 51–11 in playoff matches, an impressive 82.3% win rate. Even if you don't include the NOCT, Scott was still 40–10 in matches (80%). Highlights of his year included a first out of 434 players in the largest National Open, first out of 188 in the Midwest Masters (WI), third out of 442 entries in the Grand National at Prineville OR, and first out of 66 in a consy in Illinois.

That MRP record lasted for eleven years, and then along came **James Langley** (Red Bluff CA). Langley started the fall of 2000 with a first in the Winnemucca Fall and first in a consy at Medford OR. Jim really got rolling in the spring of 2001 with main event victories at the Tax Relief (CA), Lake Tahoe Spring (NV), and the 192-pegger WCCT in Quincy CA. All that in just a three-week span! Langley almost made it four mains in a row the next weekend, but he took third out of 218 players at the Oregon Coast

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.

ACC *Awards*



Jeff Shimp
(Grand Haven MI)
Life Master (4★)

Jeff is a founding member of the ACC—in fact, he is the last one still living! He learned cribbage decades ago from his in-laws, and he looks to DeLynn Colvert's *Play Winning Cribbage* as his cribbage mentor. He has been club champion ten times as a member of Club 229 in Muskegon, plus twice at Club 71 (Grand Rapids) back in the 1990s. Jeff has won forty-seven weekend tournaments, and he earned his fourth star at the Open Opener in Durham NC—just prior to the start of his favorite tournament: the National Open. Jeff's toughest opponent is Patrick Barrett. He enjoys singing and watching University of Michigan sports teams. Jeff has run twenty marathons and ushered home football games in Ann Arbor for fifty-seven years.



Barbara Stockham
Apache Junction AZ)
Life Master

I have been playing since 2006. Sometimes you just get lucky. I needed 11 points for over three months and could not qualify. Finally just after the new season started I did, in Sacramento, where I also began my "cribbage life." I had a great start in the ACC at River City Peggers, directed by Annett Eiffert, the master of sportsmanship. I just played at the Dallas tournament for the third year in a row. They are fantastic people. I have made many friends through the ACC, all across the country. Terry Weber, remember me? Bob Kiley, great guy. My roommates in Newport fourth year coming up. And as always, thank you to Peggy Shea.

New Cribbage Masters

Carlyle Foss (Plymouth ME)

Classic. Within a month, Langley had zipped to a 500-point lead and added main titles at the Peggin Miners at Yreka CA and the Truckee River at North Lake Tahoe CA.

Langley totaled 2,245 MRPs for his record-breaking season. He easily won the national title that year, more than 600 points ahead of **Wayne Steinmetz** (WI). Jim set ACC records at the time with six main titles and seven titles overall out of approximately thirty-five events entered.

Let's highlight one more record-setting season by an ACC pegger, and that's the 2018–19 year by **Jeremy Krieger** (Salem OR). Krieger won five tournaments the previous year en route to an All-American spot. But then Jeremy dominated the state of Montana early in the 2018–19 season and rolled to four tourney titles in an eighteen-day span! Krieger set an ACC mark by winning eleven tournaments (five main, six consy) in one year!

Krieger's main tourney titles that cribbage year were at the Montana Open, Sacramento #3, Madras OR, Waldorf OR, and Spokane Valley WA. He was also high qualifier five times that year. Jeremy took the national MRP lead in January and cruised to a title with 2,638 points, winning the championship with a then-record 1,000-point margin over the runner-up (**Jim Crawford**). Krieger spent a whole lot of windshield time that season driving all across the country, but he certainly made the miles worthwhile with a memorable year!

Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ newenglandcribbage@yahoo.com ◆

Is it Turkey Month? I am writing this six days before I leave for Grand National 44 in Niagara Falls. After three years of planning, it is coming to fruition, and by the time this is out, the event will have taken place. Due to time constraints, we will do the recaps next month, but we can still do the fun stuff! We will eat a lot of turkey, but did you know that November 6 is National Nacho Day? (My favorite is BBQ chicken or BBQ pulled pork nachos, sauced up and cheesy!) November 16 is National Button Day! (Who remembers "Button, button, who has the button?") And finally, November 25 is National Jukebox Day! (What is your favorite jukebox song: "Rock around the Clock," "Blue Suede Shoes," or what?) Just enjoy the month. Whether you have your whole family at Thanksgiving, a small dinner, or maybe you go out, count your blessings and be grateful. We are here only for a short time!





It's been a long but very rewarding three years of planning and building excitement all over the ACC. Along the way, countless hours, creative ideas, and helping hands brought this celebration to life. We hope you enjoyed Niagara Falls, the Grand National, and making new friends while reconnecting with familiar faces. The laughter, conversations, and memories we shared made every bit of the work worthwhile. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, supported the planning, and helped make the event so special. Thank you, ACC, for showing up and making Grand National 44 an experience we will always remember!

I'll be back next month in true Vicki fashion. In the meantime, can you find the theme in the November Funnies?

November Funnies

Q. Which playing cards are the best dancers?

A. The King and Queen of Clubs.

Q. Why did the deck go to school?

A. To improve its shuffling skills.

Q. Why was the Queen so organized?

A. She ruled the deck!

CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
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Maria and I took to the road for a monthlong international and national journey. Happily, this road trip involved cribbage. Our first stop was in the Canadian Okanagan Valley for some wine tasting. After the wine tasting, we played Canadian Doubles with our hosts. Maria and I hoped the practice with our Canadian friends might prepare the Quist team for future competitions. We then headed along the Canadian/US border to Montana, where a cluster of ACC cribbage tournaments were scheduled. Along the way, we purchased some Canadian maple syrup, hence the "where are we now" photo.

Our first stop was the Territorial Prison Classic in Deer Lodge. Tournament director **Bob Stone** greeted us warmly, as we explained this was our first time playing at his event. Maria and I then proceeded to win our first Canadian Doubles tournament. I guess the practice in Canada helped. During the main tournament on Saturday, **Ada Stone** cooked and served a wonderful lunch for all the players. It was one of the best tournament-sponsored lunches we have had. Thank you, Ada!

Our next two stops were the Montana Capital City Fall Roundup in Helena and the Anaconda Fall Stack. Again, we were welcomed by the directors: **Sandy Sands** and **Duane Brugman**. While playing in all three tournaments, we met many new friends, several of whom love travel as much as we do. **Bob Byrd** is now our local expert for Montana points of interest. We also met **Joe and Mary Gates**, who travel the world ***and*** play cribbage. We look forward to sharing a drink or two with all our new friends the next time we play in the Montana cluster.

While exploring the Canadian/Montana border near Glacier National Park, Maria and I found an amazing 29 cribbage board table, on the porch of the Northern Lights Saloon in Polebridge MT, a town with a population of only fifteen people. After reading about the cribbage "tree" that **Darlene Stier** and **Charlette Springer** found (July *Cribbage World*), I think Montana has many hidden gems related to cribbage.

On the way home, we stopped in Boise for one more tournament, the Gem State Classic, hosted by **Ron and Laurie Logan**. Maria ended up winning the consolation tournament. Because of that win, I felt lucky to win two of three games against her this month.



tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Midwest Kick-Off (Hinckley MN; 8/7)	Steve Schneider	*88 players* HQ. Al Pernicek (30) 1. Gary Chamberlain (147) 2. John Syftestad (105) 3. Thomas Beucler (70) 3. Al Pernicek (70)	*66 players* HQ. Kathie Nordlund (18) 1. Alan Sanborn (84) 2. Jeff McKinney (60) 3. Scott Nordlund (40) 3. Dan Sand (40)	*28-hand:* Danny Hanson*	
Midwest Great Hinckley Fireball (Hinckley MN; 8/8)	Steve Schneider	*96 players* HQ. James McCarty (55) 1. Cheryl Cloud (147) 2. Chris Melheim (105) 3. Thomas Beucler (70) 3. Sara Sandey (70)	*58 players* HQ. Lewis Gurney (21) 1. Clay Collier (60) 2. Mark O'Hanlon (40) 3. Pete Severson (24) 3. Wade Skaja (24)		*Canadian Doubles:* Robert Chase & Les Kvien
DockHounds Challenge #1 (Oconomowoc WI; 8/21)	Wayne Steinmetz	*67 players* HQ. Joyce Carroll Deer (40) 1. Ann Trotter (147) 2. Mark Blocker (105) 3. Tom Briski (70) 3. Chad Loupee (70)	*29 players* HQ. Wayne Steinmetz (15) 1. Bonnie Fife (40) 2. Jim Mahan (24) 3. Wanda Berry (12) 3. Wayne Steinmetz (12)	*28-hands:* James McCarty* Harold McKinney* Stephen Dugas	*Friday:* Donald Curry *Saturday:* Dick Hammen *Doubles:* Daniel & Samuel Minesal
Double Double (Dover NH; 8/29)	Joseph Bowen	*42 players* HQ. Keith Widener (45) 1. Donna LaFleur (105) 2. Peter Legendre (70) 3. Carlyle Foss (42) 3. Mark Soule (42)	*34 players* HQ. Richard Nourse (21) 1. Joshua Parker (60) 2. Chris Grotton (40) 3. Lance Browne (24) 3. Terri Drogue (24)	*28-hand:* Deborah Taylor*	*Canadian Doubles:* Mike & Beth Fetchel
Dover Regular (Dover NH; 8/30)	Joseph Bowen	*51 players* HQ. Robert Medeiros (55) 1. James Edgar (105) 2. Robert Medeiros (70) 3. Marty Duchow (42) 3. Mike Fetchel (42)	*25 players* HQ. Jerry Hardy (21) 1. Kendra Munkacsy (40) 2. Michael D'Elena (24) 3. Jerry Hardy (12) 3. James Ravenscroft (12)		

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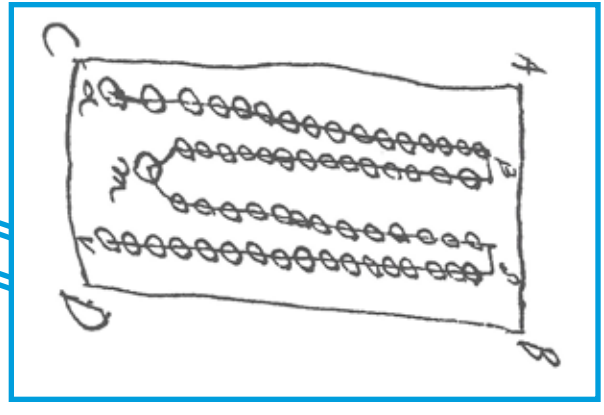
tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Fall Territorial Prison Classic (Deer Lodge MT; 9/1)	Bob Stone	*41 players* HQ. Dave Yaeger (50) 1. Todd Malmgren (105) 2. Dave Yaeger (70) 3. Gary Galetti (42) 3. David Hayden (42)	*23 players* HQ. Vince Conley (12) 1. Tom Brown (40) 2. Vince Conley (24) 3. Edward Cuerth (12) 3. John Quist (12)		*Early Bird:* Kathy Puccinelli *Tuesday Canadian Doubles:* John & Maria Quist *Wednesday Canadian Doubles:* Wayne Koski & Wayne Wyman
Capital City Fall Roundup 2026 (Helena MT; 9/4)	Sandy Sands	*38 players* HQ. Dave Yaeger (40) 1. Sandy Sands (105) 2. LeRoy Mehring (70) 3. Wayne Momsen (42) 3. Wayne Wyman (42)	*22 players* HQ. Bob Byrd (12) 1. Eric Boysen (40) 2. Bob Byrd (24) 3. Carole Herron (12) 3. Todd Malmgren (12)	*28-hands:* Steve Colgan* Wayne Momsen* Sandy Sands*	*Early Bird:* Fredella Haab *Friday Canadian Doubles:* Vicki Ross & Danny Riddle *Saturday Canadian Doubles:* Sandy Sands & Gary Galetti
Anaconda Fall Stack (Anaconda MT; 9/8)	Vicki Ross	*31 players* HQ. Vince Conley (40) 1. Gary Louderback (70) 2. Kathy Puccinelli (42) 3. Sandi Cuerth (21) 3. Danny Riddle (21)	*20 players* HQ. Joe Gates (15) 1. Joe Gates (40) 2. Bob Byrd (24) 3. Vince Conley (12) 3. Patrick Sullivan (12)	*29-hand:* Sandi Cuerth *28-hand:* Tamara Bonato*	*Tuesday Canadian Doubles:* Gary Galetti & Sandy Sands *Wednesday Canadian Doubles:* David Hayden & Darlene Stier
Palmetto State Fall Open (Columbia SC; 9/11)	Jennifer Curnow, June Fordham, Sally Henderson	*52 players* HQ. Catherine Perkins (50) 1. Barri Gehrand (105) 2. Kevin Harris (70) 3. Sally Henderson (42) 3. Catherine Perkins (42)	*36 players* HQ. Jean Bidegare (18) 1. Howard Terry (60) 2. Jean Bidegare (40) 3. Terrance Cushman (24) 3. Daryl DesJardin (24)	*28-hand:* Daryl DesJardin*	*Night Owl:* Terry Sloope
Soda City Fall Classic (Columbia SC; 9/12)	Jennifer Curnow, June Fordham, Sally Henderson	*52 players* HQ. Bonnie Fife (40) 1. Robert Medeiros (105) 2. Jacob French (70) 3. Bonnie Fife (42) 3. Kristy Haught (42)	*38 players* HQ. Keith Miller (18) 1. Keith Widener (60) 2. Charles Rapoza (40) 3. Michael Burnham (24) 3. Kevin Harris (24)	*28-hands:* Scott Earley* Steve Schmitt* Terry Sloope*	*Canadian Doubles:* Jacob French & Wilbur Paul

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Americas Dairyland Open (Appleton WI; 9/11)	Terry Weber	*49 players* HQ. Ron Hopfensperger (35) 1. Ron Hopfensperger (105) 2. Richard Horvath (70) 3. Cheryl Cloud (42) 3. Haley Hintze (42)	*26 players* HQ. Allen Karr (12) 1. Wendy Pitts (40) 2. Dan Taylor (24) 3. Edward Balcer (12) 3. Allen Karr (12)	*28-hands:* David Cummings* Steven Steinmetz*	*Friday:* Jack Howsare *Canadian Doubles:* Curt Thiel & Betsy Eigenberger
September Sizzler (South Windsor CT; 9/12)	Barbara Barbour	*52 players* HQ. Mark Soule (45) 1. Chip Corrado (105) 2. Mark Soule (70) 3. Jack Chandler (42) 3. James Sullivan (42)	*30 players* HQ. Barbara Barbour (18) 1. Barbara Barbour (40) 2. Debra Cotter (24) 3. Jerry Hardy (12) 3. Louis Petosa (12)		
Iowa Classic (Marshalltown IA; 9/18)	Bob Joslin	*58 players* HQ. Stephen Dugas (40) 1. James McCarty (105) 2. Darlene Stier (70) 3. Les Kvien (42) 3. Marlene Lazachek (42)	*44 players* HQ. Sawyer Loger (9) 1. Jeff McKinney (60) 2. Sawyer Loger (40) 3. Mike Miller (24) 3. Scott Sand (24)		
Iowa Classic 2 (Marshalltown IA; 9/19)	Bob Joslin	*63 players* HQ. John Schafer (45) 1. James Huser (105) 2. Jeff McKinney (70) 3. Stephen Dugas (42) 3. Dan Sand (42)	*42 players* HQ. Mike Miller (15) 1. Brad Henderson (60) 2. K. C. Carder (40) 3. Michael Henze (24) 3. Adam Switzer (24)	*28-hand:* Tyler Roatch*	
Oregon Championship (Bend OR; 9/19)	Rick Baird	*54 players* HQ. Rich Ekman (50) 1. Craig Smith (105) 2. Monica Newton (70) 3. Don Hansen (42) 3. Steve Scadden (42)	*37 players* HQ. Todd Malmgren (27) 1. David Brokken (60) 2. Margery Clark (40) 3. Todd Malmgren (24) 3. Diana Webster (24)	*28-hand:* Margery Clark*	*Friday:* Dawn Diaz

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Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA; 9/19)	Alice Souza	*38 players* HQ. David Keskeys (30) 1. Paul Gregson (105) 2. Jennifer Bolles (70) 3. James Langley (42) 3. Harold Sontag (42)	*25 players* HQ. Scott Bartosh (6) 1. Raeanna Halvorson (40) 2. Scott Bartosh (24) 3. Bill Schlabes (12) 3. Alice Souza (12)		
New England Classic Warmup (Norwood MA; 9/26)	Debra Cotter, Susan Baker, Bonnie Fife	*62 players* HQ. John Pappas (50) 1. Roland Hall (105) 2. James Ravenscroft (70) 3. Peter Legendre (42) 3. John Pappas (42)	*42 players* HQ. Jack Chandler (15) 1. Paul Pepas (60) 2. Craig Greene (40) 3. Robert Medeiros (24) 3. Eddie Schiffman (24)		*Canadian Doubles:* Robert Medeiros & Kendra Munkacsy
New England Classic (Norwood MA; 9/27)	Debra Cotter, Susan Baker, Bonnie Fife	*68 players* HQ. Richard Nourse (50) 1. Bill Peters (147) 2. William Sampson (105) 3. Michael Dostoomian (70) 3. Mike Fetchel (70)	*34 players* HQ. Mark Soule (18) 1. Frank Reddy (60) 2. Charles Booker III (40) 3. Peter Legendre (24) 3. Mark Soule (24)	*28-hands:* Kyle Angelo* Peter Grant* William Sampson* Guy Spezzaferro* James Sullivan*	



No, this is not a child's doodling. It is the earliest known drawing of a noddy or cribbage board. Can you figure out who drew it and when? The author's description is given below. (Watch for more info in a future *Cribbage World*.)

A B C D is a Noddie Board, in which there is a double row of holes on either side, α β m and m δ v. From α to m there is just 31 holes, m beeing the one and thirtieth, as likewise 31 from v to m. One gamester begins with a peg from α, and remooves his peg still as manie holes forward as hee has games, & when hee is gotten up to β, hee comes downe again towards m.

In the same manner his antagonist goes about with his peg from v, and hee that can get into the great hole at m first wins the game. They usually have 2 pegs, still leaving one fixed as they moove the other forwards, & mooving allwaies the hindermost peg, they count from the formost.[19]

Internet Cribbage



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rank	IRPs	name
1	352	Don Howard (grumpydopey3)
2	351	Nick Severson (ogshmoo)
3	337	Sam Sinram (ia503)
4	331	Robert Lewis (ageless sage)
5	317	Matt Constantino (cyclonestone)
6	294	Stephen Dugas (medforddoogie)
7	261	Jerry Griffin (meatloaf627)
8	256	Frank Reddy (drvodka)
9	249	John Schafer (netview85)
10	244	Ann Trotter (atrots)

A huge congrats to **Jennifer Curnow** (*jjx7fan*) for being the first recipient of the Internet Volunteer of the Year award. Jen received her trophy at the Grand National awards banquet. As anyone who plays at eCrib+ knows, Jen has worked countless hours, day in and day out for the last eight months helping Damien Blond develop the cool, new website that six ACC tourneys are played on every week. She also designs all of the fun stuff, including the ACC awards package that many of you have earned. Jen also worked tirelessly with me during those same months to revamp the entire "Play Online" section of the ACC website. Please check it out. There is a plethora of updated information, and I'm betting that almost any question you have is probably addressed on the website. Saying thanks can never express my gratitude for all Jen's done for all of us!

Please be sure that you have an ACC logo badge on your screen/username at eCrib+ and Cribbage Pro. If not, your name is not being recognized by the new software program to link your player name to your real name—which means no IRPs are being recorded. Here's how to get certified so you don't miss out on those hard-earned IRPs: **cribbage.org > Play Online > Certify Usernames**.

Online players who also direct live weekend tournaments can advertise their tourney on the "Scribes "(Wall) at eCrib+. Go to the special "ACC CHAT" section on the Scribes, and then click on "Live ACC tournaments nationwide." Damien set it up so that your flyer will be a hotlink. All I ask is that you delete the post in a timely manner. The ACC section also includes player accomplishments, general announcements, and other information. Please see what's there!

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Point Leader of the Month
Don Howard (*grumpydopey3*) @ 280 IRPs

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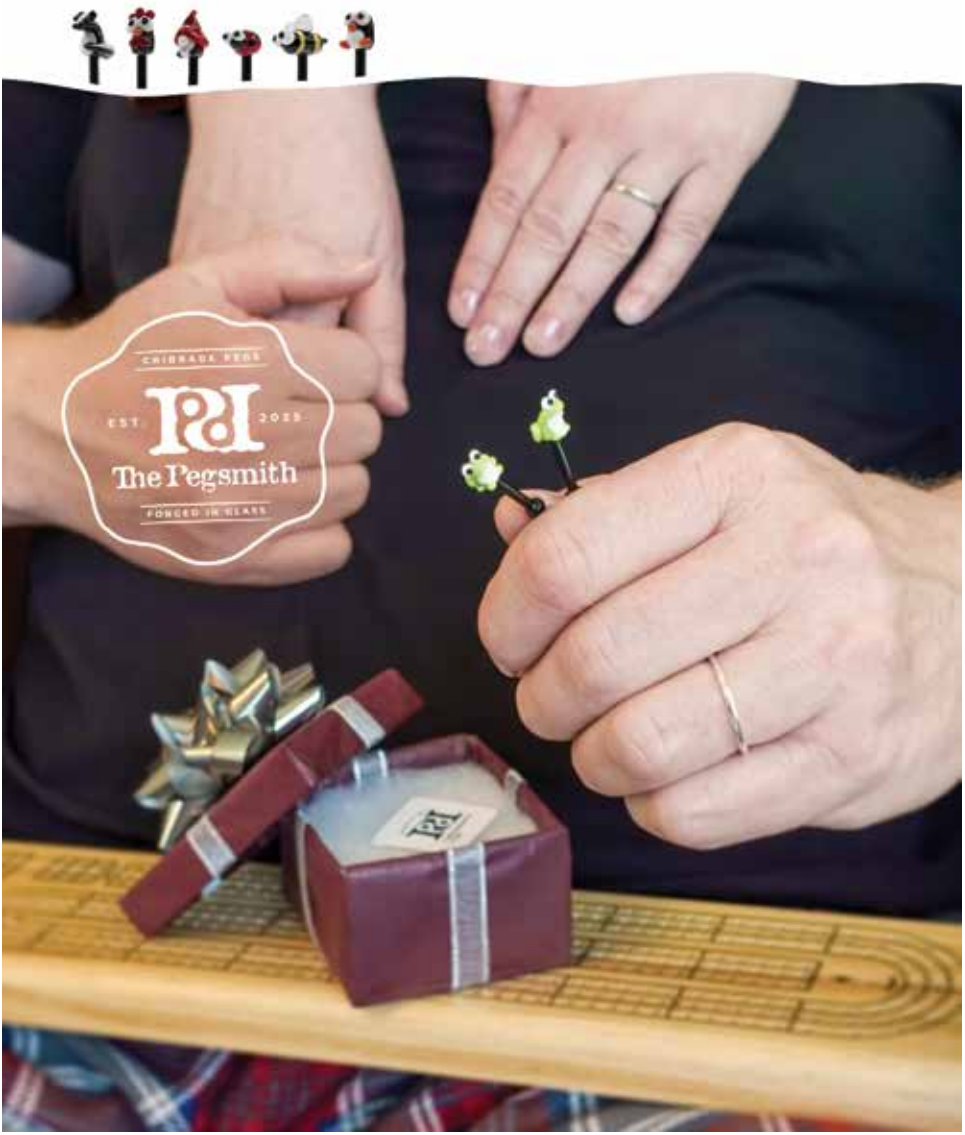
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1	556	Dave Yaeger	1	242	Jeff McKinney	1	438	Keith Widener
2	378	James Clark	2	230	Vince Conley	2	416	Mark Soule
3	254	Roland Hall	3	224	Cheryl Cloud	3	383	Robert Medeiros
4	236	Paul Gregson	4	213	Gary Chamberlain	4	353	Donna LaFleur
5	224	Jeanne Jelke	5	209	Ann Trotter	5	285	James Ravenscroft
6	211	Jennifer Bolles	6	200	James McCarty	6	265	Peter Legendre
7	197	Ben Lewis	7	184	Stephen Dugas	7	210	Susan Baker
8	196	Ronnie Murakami	8	168	John Syftestad	8	208	Marty Duchow
9	183	Cy Madrone	9	165	Thomas Beucler	9	205	Bonnie Fife
10	176	Todd Malmgren	10	140	Ron Hopfensperger	10	202	Bill Peters
11	166	Dawn Diaz	11	138	Jim Mahan	11	182	Mike Fetchel
12	162	David Hayden	12	137	James Huser	12	164	David Fournier
12	162	James Langley	13	136	Marlene Lazachek	13	156	Richard Nourse
14	161	Don Grumpy Howard	14	133	Cynthia Wark	14	154	Michael Burnham
15	150	Craig Smith	15	128	Sara Sandey	15	147	Frank Abernathy

The full list of regional standings will return.

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- Mitch Blanks (Glen Burnie MD)
- Joel Burger (Colorado Springs CO)
- Jackson Cotton (Anaconda MT)
- Rodney Crist (Edmond OK)
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SCHEDULE OF ACC LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

date	*location*	*tournament directors*
GRAND NATIONAL		
Nov. 1–7, 2027	Doubletree by Hilton 322 N Spokane Falls Ct Spokane WA 99201	James Morrow Rick Baird Kat Hartsell
2028	Crowne Plaza 6401 S 13th St Milwaukee WI 53221	Terry Weber • Patrick Barrett Todd Schaefer • Adam Switzer
Nov. 7–11, 2029	Crowne Plaza 1 Resort Drive Asheville NC 28806	Jacob French Megan Player
TOC & ACC OPEN		
March 4–7, 2027 March 2–5, 2028 March 1–4, 2029	J Resort 345 N Arlington Ave Reno NV 89501 *phone:* 866.386.7829	Peggy & Rick Shea Patrick Barrett Todd Schaefer
NATIONAL OPEN		
July 15–19, 2027	Double Tree (RDU) 4810 Page Creek Ln Durham NC 27703 *phone:* 919.941.6000	Megan Player Jennifer Johnson David Aiken

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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. 14, Granite State Pre-Classic
Tempesta Restaurant, 401 Winchester St, Keene NH 03431. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

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

YOUTH **CA ◆ Nov. 21, Ready Springs**
Ready Springs School, 10862 Spenceville Rd, Penn Valley CA 95946. TD: Jeff Duran (530.913.2464)

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
Call for new location. 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

ME ◆ Nov. 28, Chris Greeley Classic
Holden School, 590 Main Rd, Holden ME 04429. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Carlyle Foss

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

YOUTH **CA ◆ Dec. 5, Youth Pegging for Vets**
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Don Grumpy Howard (916.212.2465)

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

NH ◆ Wolfeboro Doubleheader
Windrifter Resort, 337 S Main St, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Mark & Vicki Soule (207.442.9001)
Dec. 11, Windrifter Classic
Dec. 12–13, David Campbell Memorial

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

WA ◆ Spokane Doubleheader
VFW, 300 W Mission Ave, Spokane WA 99201. TD: Kat Hartsell (509.850.6077) & Jason Ramelow
Jan. 1, Spokane New Year Kickoff
Jan. 2–3, James's Birthday Edition

CA ◆ Sacramento Tripleheader
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlabes (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

WI ◆ Baraboo Doubleheader
AmericInn, 626 W Pine St, Baraboo WI 53913. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke
Jan. 8, Wisconsin Dells Deal I
Jan. 9–10, Wisconsin Dells Deal II

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: Emily Shumate, Pete Maas & Greg Schleusner
Jan. 22, Steve Lewis Memorial
Jan. 23–24, Depoe Bay Challenge

NV ◆ Shuffle Doubleheader
Sam's Town Casino, 5111 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas NV 89122. TD: Al & Sharon Schaefer (414.331.0809)
Jan. 22, Schaefer Shuffle
Jan. 23–24, Sin City Shuffle

AZ ◆ Feb. 2–3, Arizona Screaming Eagles
Crooks House, 10938 W Tropicana Circle, Sun City AZ 85351. TD: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234) & June Fordham

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

OR ◆ Feb. 6–7, Corks and Cribs
Ruby Vineyard, 30088 SW Egger Rd, Hillsboro OR 97123. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979) & Steve Hendricks

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 Ramelow

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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

VA ◆ Norfolk Doubleheader
Delta Hotels Marriott, 1570 N Military Hwy, Norfolk VA 23502. TD: Laurie Schmitz (757.214.2327) & Megan Player
Feb. 19, Norfolk Winter Wonderland Friday
Feb. 19–21, Norfolk Winter Wonderland Friday–Sunday

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

CA ◆ Feb. 26–28, Northern California Open
Win-River Resort, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Jennifer Bolles

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)
see entry form online

YOUTH **CA ◆ March 13, Penn Valley Sierra**
Ready Springs School, 10862 Spenceville Rd, Penn Valley CA 95946. TD: Jeff Duran (530.913.2464)

MI ◆ Mar. 20, Battle in the Creek
Westlake Presbyterian Church, 415 28th St S, Battle Creek MI 49015. TD: Dave Boyer (268.788.1289)

NC ◆ Raleigh Fling Doubleheader
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

AK ◆ Apr. 3, Alaska State Championship
Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: CJ Kim (907.748.2684) & Arlene Carle

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

MT ◆ Billings Cluster
Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Lane, Billings MT 59102. TD: Greg Dibble (406.861.4823) & Bonnie Zieske
Apr. 16–18, Magic City Main
Apr. 19–20, Trailhead Main

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

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The Kat Hartsell EXPERIENCE

By the time this issue lands in your mailbox, Grand National will have crowned a new winner, Grass Roots clubs will be well into the season, and the Tournament Trail will officially feel like it is back in full swing.

There is something about this time that I look forward to most. And it's not just the weather or amount of daylight hours or the kids going back to school. Ever since Virginia Beach, I have found that every year, I anticipate the Grand National more than any other event throughout the year, seeing all the people throughout our great nation who love sitting at the board as much as I do. Grand National is the great reminder of just how big this little cribbage world really is.

We spend most of the year playing in our own clubs and regions. We see the same familiar faces across the board, develop rivalries, tell the same stories, and probably complain about the same terrible losses or incredible wins. Then Grand National comes around and suddenly hundreds of those smaller cribbage communities come together in one place. It is one of the things I love most about the ACC.

But Grand National can also feel like a completely different world if you are newer to organized cribbage. Players sitting around our Grass Roots tables right now would probably love tournament cribbage but have convinced themselves they are not ready yet. They think they need to be better first. They need more experience. They need to understand every rule perfectly. Maybe they need to win their club before they can even think about entering a larger tournament. But as many of us know, they don't.

Every tournament player started somewhere. And for a huge number of us, that somewhere was our local cribbage club. That is why the start of another Grass Roots season matters so much. Grass Roots is more than standings, points, and getting our name printed in *Cribbage World*. For many players, it is their introduction to the ACC. It is where they learn how organized play works, where they meet other players, and where they figure out that competitive cribbage is not nearly as intimidating as it may have sounded.

Which also means those of us who have been around awhile have a responsibility. When someone new walks through the door, what kind of experience are we giving them? Do we introduce ourselves? Explain what is happening? Help them through the parts they do not know yet? Or do we accidentally make them feel like they have walked into a room where everyone else already knows the rules, they aren't fast enough, or can't be a part of our jokes? Growing cribbage is not always about a giant marketing campaign. Sometimes it is simply making sure the new person comes back next week. Are you making sure that new person ***is*** coming back next week?


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BOB MADSEN RESIGNS SEC'Y/TREAS. POST

IOWA HITS HARD AT THE GRAND NATIONAL

40 Years Ago

The front cover announced that **Bob Madsen** was resigning his post as secretary/treasurer because of the increasing workload for a volunteer. Bob had previously served as the second editor of *Cribbage World* from September 1983 to January 1986.


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Hal Lamon Tops In Montana

25 Years Ago

The front cover announced that **Hal Lamon** (WA) won the 113-player Montana Championship. A story on page 3 says that High Rollers—with an entry fee of $100—began at **Joe Nelson**'s Oregon Championship in 1983.

Teach them. Introduce them. Let them ask the questions we all asked once. Get their number and encourage them to come back.

Maybe they will play Grass Roots for a season and decide that is exactly where they belong. Maybe six months from now they will enter their first tournament. Maybe a few years from now they will be sitting across from you at Grand National. That is how this game grows.

On a slightly more personal note, I may be taking a little break from this column soon. Life is asking a lot of me right now. My grandmother is nearing the end of her life. My kids need more of me. My job needs me. And the marketing work I have taken on for the ACC has grown into something that deserves a lot of my attention too.

Something eventually has to give, and *Cribbage World* has no shortage of people with stories worth telling. I have loved having this little corner of the magazine, and I am not necessarily saying goodbye. I may just need to give myself permission to step away from writing for a while and put my energy where it is needed most. But I am ever grateful for this community and the opportunities it gives me.

If you are on the West Coast and are interested in writing for *Cribbage World*, shoot **David Aiken** (**cwed152@gmail.com**) or me an email (**marketing@cribbage.org**).

I'll see many of you at Grand National and look forward to the laughs we will have.

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