

# Cribbage World



*Hearts are 25% of the cribbage deck (story on page 19).*

*The heart is also a symbol of so much more, especially this month (story on page 20).*



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90—**Rich Maringer\*** (WI)

*\*Rich is the last surviving member of the first All American team in 1981.*

90—**Andy Laventure** (AL)

80—**Gerry Adolfson** (WA)

80—**Michael Stott** (VA)

80—**Evon Forrest** (AZ)

80—**Norm Vierela** (MI)

60—**Mary Bearss** (MI)

60—**Rick Montague** (MA)

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- **Richard Crosby** (Surry ME)
- **Lee Diffendaffer** (McMinnville OR)
- **John Mealy** (Portland OR)
- **Peter Setian** (Ludlow MA)
- **Timothy Shaw** (Lakeville MN)

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until May 31, 2023

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until May 4, 2023

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as of December 31

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# President's Column

by James Morrow



## Cribbage Songs. (Really!)

The other day a friend sent me a link to a cribbage story on the NPR website: “An Ode to Cribbage, the Game That Taught Me a New (Love) Language” by **Sara Barbour**. [Editor's note: see page 20.]

It's a good story about how cribbage became part of Sara's and her boyfriend's lives during the stay-at-home covid pandemic.

This made me wonder: where else can I find cribbage stories, or cribbage being talked about?

I went to Spotify, an app that has music and podcasts, and typed in “cribbage.” A long list of podcasts came up, some with very catchy titles: “Playing Cribbage with Mickey Mouse,” “Moonshine Chaos Cribbage,” “A Knife to a Cribbage Fight.”

While I listened to a couple that were mostly people talking about the history of cribbage and Sir John Suckling, something else caught my eye on this app: cribbage songs! Did you know there are hundreds of cribbage songs? While some were elevator-type music, several mention cribbage in the lyrics, and then I found “One for His Nob (the Cribbage Song).” I don't know how this wasn't a chart topper, as they sing about how to count a hand, who gets to deal, and some good advice like:

*Never lead an Ace or a card with a face,  
lead a four and I can't score,  
never lead a five cause you get skinned alive,  
thirty-one's the goal.*

This song has it all. I suggest that you look it up on Spotify or YouTube and give it a listen for yourself.

I like finding people talking, playing, and singing about cribbage, but it also makes me wonder: how do we introduce the ACC to them?

Maybe it's just as simple as telling and inviting our friends and family to come play.

CLUB 29

1. Wayne Momsen (OR): Labor Day at the Mill (Sep. 3)
2. Richard McCollem (MA): Daniel Webster Open (Sep. 11)
3. Arlen Algrem (WI): Wisconsin State Championship (Oct. 16)
4. Scott Sand (MN): Dianne Gurney Memorial (Nov. 13)

## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



One of the more interesting aspects of cribbage is the variety of opinions that players have in plotting the potential outcome of a given hand. Here is a hand I recently encountered that illustrates this perfectly. I will give you my logic in playing this hand, and I encourage the ACC Universe to email me their preferred method for this hand. (I'm open minded for change!)

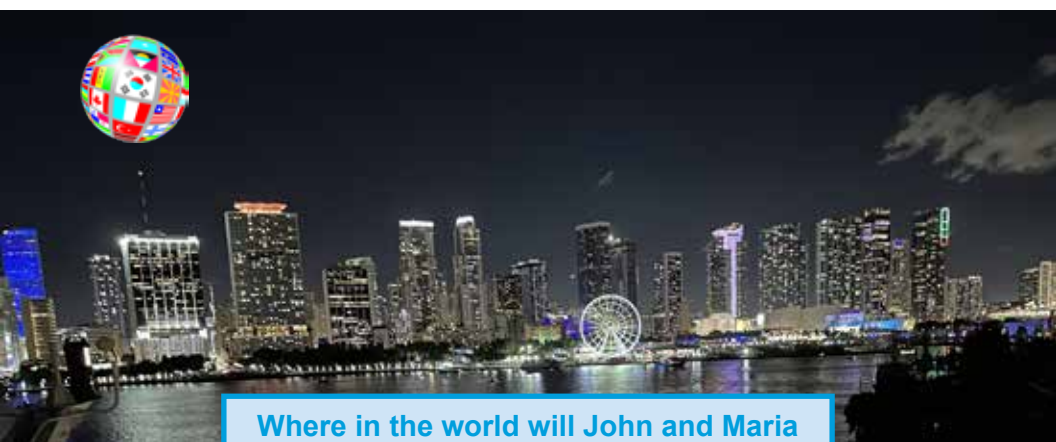
I'm dealing from 20 out, the pone is 12 away. I have A-A-2-4-5-8, so what to keep? Obviously I need a decent hand here to either go out or get pretty close, but I also would like defensive pegging flexibility with the pone only 12 away. Is it better to play it safer for the more reliable points or go for the cuts with the most scoring potential?

My thinking is that with the pone 12 away, even if he doesn't go out, he will be in excellent pegging position to go out as dealer next hand. Therefore it is incumbent on me to keep the hand with the highest scoring potential to attempt to get out before the next hand. Holding A-A-2-8 and discarding 4-5 means that cuts of 3 or 6 quite possibly give me enough points to reach the finish line. This hand should also peg reasonably well.

I'm very interested in seeing other opinions on this hand. If you can convince me of a better hold, I will give you a mention in next month's column. Please email at the address below.

**Rob Medeiros loves running the 5-trap! He can be reached at [mrob2199@aol.com](mailto:mrob2199@aol.com).**

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Where in the world will John and Maria be playing cribbage next? (see page 10)

# My Deal

by David Aiken



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

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 Last month I wrote about positional cribbage, the concept that every decision you make in a game—from discarding to pegging, whether as pone or dealer—is geared toward helping you capture optimal position, and at the same time keeping your opponent from getting into position.

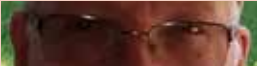




The basis for modern discussion about positional cribbage is **DeLynn Colvert's** book *Play Winning Cribbage*. First published in 1980 → and going through five editions during his lifetime, this book lays out in detail what DeLynn calls the “twenty-six theory.”

After analyzing thousands of games over a twenty-year period, DeLynn calculated that the average score of two deals (once as pone, once as dealer) was 26.4 points. Projecting backward from hole 121 (and using 26 as the standard, not 26.4), DeLynn proclaimed that the key to playing winning cribbage was to be the first dealer at or beyond holes 17, 43, 69, and 95.

In last month's *Cribbage World* I modified DeLynn's numbers to 25, 50, 75, and 100, for two main reasons: (a) the “quarters” are easier to remember than DeLynn's par holes of 17, 43, 69, and 95 and (b) since defense on fourth street is usually more rigid than elsewhere on the board, we need the extra advantage of dealing 21 holes from the end of the game instead of 26.

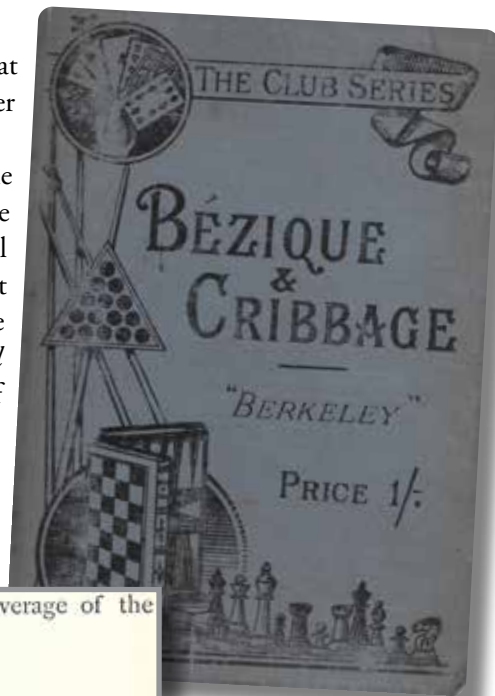
I'm not going to critique DeLynn's stats, based on his analysis of tens of thousands

Tale of the Tape	 Rick Baird	 David Aiken	 Rob Medeiros
average	48.1% (26–28)	✓ 60% (99–66)	59.1% (75–52)
biggest win	+48 over Larry Beard (OR) at Prineville	+52 over David Spruit (MI) @ Club 71	✓ +57 over Don Capri-gno (MA) @ Club 104
worst loss	-40 by Ian Symons (OR) at Prineville and Ray Gumpert (OR) at Club 12	✓ -31 by Frank Reddy (MA) @ Camp-bell Memorial	-54 by Kendra (Godzil-la) Munkacsy (MA) @ Club 104

of hands. What I want to point out here is that he is actually not the first person to discover this concept.

Most modern books on cribbage adapt some form of positional cribbage, whether they use 25, 26, 28, or another number as the two-deal average. The earliest source I've found that does this is an 1890 book published under the pseudonym Berkeley and titled *Bézique and Cribbage*. ➔ (My thanks to **David Gerke** of Battle Creek MI for pointing me to this book.)

Based on an average score of five points for pegging, seven points for the hand, and five points for the crib, this author lays out



The present system of calculating the average of the hands, crib, etc., is as follows :—

The average of points in play is five.

The average of a hand is seven.

The average of a crib is five.

The non-dealer is considered to be "at home" if he scores "twelve," and the dealer if he score "seventeen" at the end of the first deal.

Both players are considered at home if they score "twenty-nine" points during the first two deals.

At the end of third deal, the non-dealer at forty-one, and the dealer at forty-six, are at home ; and so on.

The great secret of success at this game is at all times to play to the score.

a method of determining whether you are "at home" ◀ (p. 51; we would use the term "in position"). The main differences from DeLynn's system are that (a) Berkeley is playing a 61-point game; (b) he

counts from the beginning of the board, not from the end; and (c) he doesn't project the system throughout the entire game to show exactly where each player should be on every deal.

Regardless, it is remarkable how close DeLynn's 1980 system is to the 1890 system published on another continent nearly a century earlier.

Regardless of which system you adopt, the important thing is to play cribbage, to play smartly, and most of all to have fun! **CW**

**Building on Colvert's work, Life Master (2★) Elmer "Ras" Rasmussen (Chehalis WA)—who won the 2019 ACC Open—has performed a similar service in analyzing cribbage hands. He proposes "critical position zones" as the key to playing winning cribbage. While Ras hasn't written a book, online videos of his cribbage classes are available at [vashoncribbage.weebly.com](http://vashoncribbage.weebly.com).**

# GRASS ROOTS Clubs



as of January 15

## Division 1 → rank GRPs name (club)

1	265	Robert Russ (25)
2	259	Kevin Mansfield (198)
3	246	Duane Toll (62)
4	233	Mike Due (221)
5	232	Buster Riley (391)
6	228	Tom Highshoe (55)
7	222	Frank Hanson (198)
7	222	Mattie Kivett (69)
9	221	Jim Jones (419)
10	220	Mike Berberich (204)
11	217	Ralph Turco (243)
12	213	Scott Bartosh (371)
13	211	Dale Weilep (69)
14	208	Glen Humbert (415)
15	201	Denny Denend (243)
16	199	Dave Schwartz (377)
17	198	James Hearon III (131)
18	197	Mills Brubaker (317)
19	195	Sharon Kemp (337)
20	194	James Ney (191)
21	193	LeRoy Mehring (410)
22	188	John Goe (243)
23	187	Nancy Rojas (162)
24	185	Patricia Crooks (408)
25	184	Dan Carr (232)
25	184	Mike Hackett (61)
27	183	John Byrne (410)
27	183	Pamela Pomeroy (68)
29	181	Bob Byrd (391)
30	180	Thomas Beucler (388)
30	180	Michael Crume (69)
32	177	Jeff Shimp (229)
33	175	Richard La Crosse (218)
33	175	Gary Pinkley (377)
33	175	Rick Vee (96)
36	173	Donald Spurgeon (100)
37	172	JoAnne Thomas (243)
38	171	Elmer Rasmussen (232)
39	170	Dan Balmer (317)
39	170	Ray Klocko (400)
41	169	Galen Friend (22)
42	168	Bob Bartosh (453)
42	168	David Gilkeson (62)
42	168	Bob Murray (26)
45	167	Frank Abernathy (58)
46	166	Robins Buck (124)
46	166	Richard Kelliher (314)
48	165	James Mahon (361)
49	164	Kathy Thompson (25)
50	163	Frank Danielski (90)

## rank GRPs name (club)

50	163	Dennis Lunn (219)
50	163	Samuel Skates (108)
53	162	Paulette Gagnon (79)
53	162	Terry Higgins (600)
53	162	Gordy Wise (243)
56	161	Robert Reister (221)
57	159	Ted Canepa (371)
58	158	David Aiello (197)
58	158	Joseph Greiner (58)
60	157	Greg Dumas (140)
61	156	Jim Diedrich (94)
61	156	Rex Paddock (347)
61	156	Alex Shada (197)
61	156	George Windish (26)
65	154	Walter Immonen (391)
66	153	Dick Ault (154)
66	153	Jon Kline (190)
68	152	Rod Hovey (321)
68	152	Charles Kaplan (354)
68	152	Wendi Smith (431)
71	150	Tom Durkin (410)
71	150	Jerry Ellis (119)
71	150	Paul Philipps (306)
71	150	Gary Reichel (300)
75	149	Paul Downing (232)
75	149	Haley Hintze (3)
75	149	Dennis Misenar (415)
75	149	Albert Moy (290)
79	148	Ben Holder (43)
80	147	Melvin Chase (46)
80	147	Don Miller (375)
80	147	Scott Milo (440)
83	146	David Brokken (281)
83	146	William Eilers (360)
83	146	William McArthur (393)
83	146	Dennis Ulberg (284)

## Division 4 →

1	165	John Mealy (118)
2	164	Brad Seger (39)
3	136	Mark Adelman (436)
4	122	Doug Weier (436)
5	120	Carol Miller (118)
6	119	Bert Cox (323)
7	115	Pat McLaughlin (323)
8	110	Andrew Laurence (422)
9	109	Cheryl Bruno (443)
10	107	Collin Evanson (439)
10	107	Dennis Kassebaum (344)
12	102	Jamie Fincher (396)
12	102	Bill Russell (439)





edited by **Michael Barrett**



Club contributions are encouraged. Send items of interest to **ACCgrassrootscorner@gmail.com**

# GRASS ROOTS CORNER



Club 295 (Rochester Hills MI) had its second grand slam of the season. It was **Doug Griffith's** first GS, and he finished first for the evening with an amazing 20/9 +226! Doug has been playing cribbage for many years and is our reigning club champ.



Club 356 (La Grande OR)—**John Fitzgerald** has a perfect year so far. He scored a grand slam on January 5!

Club  
3 8 2  
(Chicago  
IL)—**Hans Ander-**

**son** is having a great season; two weeks after a shiny 29-hand appeared in front of him, he scored a grand slam!

*more Grass Roots stories on next page*

**Bombers Club 257** has a new member who we have all fallen in love with. It would be hard to find a kinder spirit than **Joel Athey**. He has an incredible sense of humor, and he makes us all laugh. In December, Joel sent **John Pedersen** a note about one of their games:

*In appreciation of John's play when he kept 4 4 4 6 and Joel, in the spirit of Christmas cheer and good will to all, cut a 5 for him.*

# GRASS ROOTS CORNER



The impossible has happened. *Every* member of **Burbank Bombers Club 257** in attendance on December 20 received a 29-hand! Club member **Cathy Rendon**, well known for both her cribbage skills and cooking skills, created an extremely accurate, completely edible, and delicious cribbage board with a 29-hand displayed. You will have an opportunity to see and taste it on a much larger scale if you attend the Burbank Bombers first annual cribbage tournament on February 11.

We had a mistake in the December column. **Tim Lavey** scored a 29-hand in the GRRT at Club 22 (Orlando FL), not Club 230, as incorrectly reported.

**John and Maria** boarding their “Around the World” cruise ship in Miami. (see page 27)





Herschel learned to play cribbage in grade school and joined the ACC in the early 1990s. He is mainly self-taught but learned a lot from DeLynn Colvert's book and from players like Paul Hatcher and Jim Langley. Now a member of Medford Club 414, he has been club champion many times at his previous club in Eureka CA, once in the Travelers Club 600, and once in Medford. Now a Life Master (3★),

Herschel won his first weekend tournament at Quincy CA. His toughest opponents at club are his daughter, Julie Felkins, and Tom Bair. His favorite cribbage moment this year was qualifying in the main in his first tournament after cardiac arrest in August of last year (he had the good sense to go into cardiac arrest just across the highway from a hospital; his daughter and a couple of strangers gave him CPR

until emergency responders arrived—and saved his life! Non-cribbage interests include reading and keeping track of college athletics at his undergraduate university, Oregon State. Something you don't know about Herschel: Macksburg is a small town in northwest Oregon (near Portland), which used to be fairly big but is now down to a Lutheran Church, and is named after his family.

{Carl's words} My grandfather taught me how to play cribbage when I was six or seven. Growing up in north-central Montana, during cold winters, there was little else to do. I joined the ACC in 1990, and Betty Johnson was my cribbage mentor. I am director of Club 69 in Spokane and have been club champion four times. I was



**Carl B. Vennes**  
(Spokane WA)  
Gold #184

stuck on 3,993 points for weeks at the end of last season, so earned my Gold ranking when I took first place on the first week of the new season. My toughest opponent at club is my traveling companion, Frank Hanson. I can never beat Frank! My favorite cribbage moment was taking third at Grand National in Sacramento. Non-cribbage interests include hunting, fishing, church, and woodworking. I volunteer at a local high school in woodworking classes. There have been some pretty nice cribbage boards and pegs brought home by our students!



**Dearl McCullough**  
(Sonora CA)  
Gold #183

## GrassRoots Awards

### SILVER

Frank Abernathy (NC), 58

Donald Caprigno (MA), 104

Mike Hackett (WI), 61

Channing Holmes (WA), 232

Glen Humbert (WA), 415

Dale Magedanz (WI), 6

Cathy L. Rendon (CA), 257

Ronald Rose (IA), 17

### BRONZE

Bob Hartzell (OR), 62

Sheri Howard (WA), 600

Michael E. Martin (AZ), 408

Norman Maurice (AL), 430

Dan McPherson (CA), 140

Evelyn Reid (MA), 308

Duane Schubauer (SD), 96



# GRASS ROOTS CORNER



**Robyn Boldt**  
(Club 5 in Hamburg NY)



**Doug Weier**  
(Club 436 in Oklahoma City)

Here a 28 . . .

There a 28 . . .



**Kurt Murphy**  
(Club 436 in Oklahoma City)



**Laurie Kenney**  
(Club 108 in Lynnwood WA)



**Karen Holdstock**  
(Club 12 in Bend OR)



**Joseph "Chris" Christensen**  
(Club 204 in Olalla WA)

*more Grass Roots stories next month*

## 28-hands everywhere!



**Lori Fuller**  
(Club 329 in Shepherd MI)



**Linda Schultz**  
(Club 284 in Eau Claire WI)

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Jingle Bell Open (Marquette WI; Dec. 2-4)	Al Karr	65 players HQ. Chad Frischmann (50) 1. Dale Magedanz (147) 2. David Aiello (105) 3. Robert Chase (70) 3. James Huser (70)	44 players HQ. Steven Steinmetz (15) 1. Steven Steinmetz (60) 2. Michael Henze (40) 3. Glenn Gauthier (24) 3. Lana Newhouse (24)	28-hand: Patrick Healey*	Friday: Steven Steinmetz Saturday: Lewis Gurney Canadian Doubles: Al Karr & Glenn Gauthier
Virginia Beach Classic (Virginia Beach VA; Dec. 2-4)	Laurie Schmitz	48 players HQ. Jason Stauffer (45) 1. Larry Phifer (105) 2. Mike Due (70) 3. Matthew Easterbrook (42) 3. Terrance Cushman (42)	33 players HQ. Frank Abernathy (18) 1. Thomas Goeschel (60) 2. Megan Player (40) 3. June Fordham (24) 3. Ron Musolf (24)	28-hands: Jack Howsare* Megan Player*	Friday: Thomas Kay Saturday: Thomas Goeschel
Wine Country Winter Open (Napa CA; Dec. 10)	Roland Hall	60 players HQ. Tom Highshoe (45) 1. Roland Hall (105) 2. Tom Highshoe (70) 3. Barbara Tellez (42) 3. Bob Bartosh (42)	24 players HQ. Peggy Shea (15) 1. Peggy Shea (40) 2. Denny Moore (24) 3. James Clark (12) 3. Randy Azelton (12)	28-hand: Jackie Doppelt*	
Mountain View Open (Loveland CO; Dec. 10)	Troy Thorson & Kathy Pacocho	52 players HQ. Randy Berger (35) 1. Randy Berger (105) 2. Kristina Wright (70) 3. Jimmie Rhoads (42) 3. Dennis Combs (42)	36 players HQ. Chad Frischmann (15) 1. Clay Collier (60) 2. Henry Brandner (40) 3. Joe Gates (24) 3. Mike Poole (24)		
David Campbell Memorial (Wolfeboro NH; Dec. 9-11)	Mark & Vicki Soule	59 players HQ. Todd Smith (50) 1. Todd Smith (105) 2. Louis Petosa (70) 3. Carlyle Foss (42) 3. Debra Cotter (42)	40 players HQ. Barry Spadea (27) 1. Barry Spadea (60) 2. Jim Maffa (40) 3. Ethan Guyard (24) 3. Michael D'Elena (24)	28-hands: Mary Burlington* Jim Maffa* Kendra Munkacsy	Friday: Michael Kopp Canadian Doubles: Jerry & Laurie Hardy

**LEGEND**

HQ = high qualifier

\* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Barn Café Challenge #6 (Elk Grove CA; Dec. 17)	Bob Bartosh & Alice Souza	36 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (50) 1. <b>Lisa Humiston</b> (105) 2. Terry Higgins (70) 3. Beverly Castillo (42) 3. Cy Madrone (42)	24 players HQ. Alice Souza (15) 1. Wayne Morris (40) 2. Carolyn Washington (24) 3. Margaret Fanucchi (12) 3. Alice Souza (12)	28-hand: Scott Bartosh*	
Barn Café Challenge #7 (Elk Grove CA; Dec. 18)	Bob Bartosh & Alice Souza	32 players HQ. Beverly Castillo (30) 1. <b>Bill Schlages</b> (70) 2. Bob Brumley (42) 3. Terry Higgins (21) 3. Lori Boyer (21)	18 players HQ. Bob Bartosh (9) 1. Jones Hom (40) 2. Bob Bartosh (24) 3. James Clark (12) 3. Cy Madrone (12)	28-hand: Gary Sand*	
Rives Junction Open (Rives Junction MI; Dec. 16–18)	Jerry Adams & David Aiken	21 players HQ. Joyce Betz (40) 1. William Stacey (70) 2. David Boyer (42) 3. David Aiken (21) 3. Joyce Betz (21)	15 players HQ. Megan Bauknight (9) 1. Meme Schafer (24) 2. Megan Bauknight (12) 3. David Cummings (4) 3. Cynthia Wark (4)		Canadian Doubles Friday: Austin & Jerry Adams Canadian Doubles Saturday: David Aiken & William Stacey

## Tourney Tidbits

**Slammed** Bells jingled at the Jingle Bell tournament in Marinette in December. Grand Master **Dan Taylor** (Inver Grove Heights MN) was HNQ (high nonqualifier) twice—in both the main and the consy. In game nine of the Canadian Doubles tourney on Saturday, **Al Karr & Glenn Gauthier** faced **James McCarty & Dan Taylor**—and both teams were undefeated! Al and Glenn got a grand slam with an 18-point victory, so they get their names in **green** on the facing page!

## MIA

The USPS has returned mail for the following members (city and state are from last known address). Do you know where they are? If so, please contact the membership secretary at **membership@cribbage.org**.

- Gary Baumler (Fletcher NC)
- Bruce A. Bieri (Waunakee WI)
- Rick Burbridge (Oak Bluffs MA)
- Carl L. Heath (Baker City OR)
- Tom Malby (Gold Canyon AZ)
- Norris Monaghan (Port Charlotte FL)
- Taylor Trent (Reidsville NC)

# ACC Awards



**Bob Joslin**  
(Lakeville MN)  
Life Master (★) #119

Bob learned cribbage in a summer school program when he was eight. He then practiced with his dad. He joined the ACC in 1998, and his cribbage mentors are Bob Chase and Jerry Gruber. A member of Club 215 in Chaska, he has earned his Silver Award and has been club champion multiple times. His first tournament win was the 2002 Turtle Lake; he's now won eleven tourneys (8M, 3C). He earned his Life Master (★) ranking by finishing second in the Cornhusker Classic consolation in Omaha. His favorite tournaments are the Vegas/Independence Day Reno week of events. ("Who doesn't love a week in Nevada?" Bob asks.) His toughest opponent is Lyle Lund, with whom he has played many matches over the years.

Bob's favorite cribbage moment this year was *almost* getting his One Star rating in Sunnyside WA at the last event of the year. Bob reports that James Morrow and his team made it a fun trip. Bob's non-cribbage interests include hunting, hanging with his kids ("especially seeing them enjoy the things that I do"), and weeding his garden.

Winona and a girlfriend taught themselves how to play cribbage. She joined the ACC roughly twenty-seven years ago, and for cribbage mentors, she has some of the best: Mike McDaniel, Duane Toll, and Erik Locke. She has won thirteen sanctioned tournaments. Her favorite tournament is any Reno tourney. Her toughest opponent is Duane Toll. How's this for a favorite cribbage moment this year: winning the TOC! Non-cribbage interests include reading, travel, and golf.

**Winona McDaniel**  
(Springfield OR)  
Life Master (★) #121



**Barry W. Spadea**  
(Riverside RI)  
Life Master #280

Barry's grandfather, Joseph Arruda, taught him how to play cribbage. He joined the ACC in the late 80s. Besides his grandfather, Barry has many cribbage mentors: Joe Ramos, George Webb, George Bickford, and Jack Howsare. And Barry includes David Campbell in this group, because he "badgered me into returning to the trail after a long hiatus." Barry won his first tournament by beating

Charlie Finley in the finals of the Maine Open; he won his most recent at the David Campbell Memorial—for a total of five mains and three consolations. His favorite tournament is the former North Conway Cluster. His toughest opponents are David Statz, Mark Soule, Dan Selke, and Jerry Hardy. Non-cribbage interests include voracious reading, cycling, road trips, blues music, and any opportunity to visit Cape Cod. He enjoys travel and has visited every state except Washington and Oregon. He received his one and only 29-hand at age six!



***New Cribbage Master***  
1033. Joyce Betz (Muskegon MI)

***New Cribbage Life Masters***  
← 275. Margaret Fanucchi (Sebastopol CA)  
276. Paul Gregson (Brentwood CA) →





# New Members

73 last month

## Alaska

Jenn Sheffrey (Anchorage)  
Jon Sheffrey (Anchorage)

## Arizona

Nancy Kelso (Scottsdale)  
Nicholas Kuch (Gilbert)  
Nathan Odom (Phoenix)  
Doug Oliver (Yuma)

## California

Penny Anderson (Orangevale)  
Dan Corey (Ramona)  
Katherine "Katy" Dallas (Buena Park)  
Michael Hall (Saint Helena)  
Michael Kettle (Arroyo Grande)  
Jennifer LaPlante (Sierra Madre)

Danielle Martel (San Francisco)  
Nathan Martel (San Francisco)  
Ellie Miller Hall (Saint Helena)  
Cameron Shumate (Portola)  
Neil Weightman (La Canada Flintridge)  
Abby Winters (Santa Rosa)

## Colorado

Donald Tino (Colorado Springs)

## Florida

Caleb Corson (Ormond Beach)  
Richard Namovich (Tallahassee)

## Georgia

Leonard Scruggs (Marietta)

## Hawaii

Randi Conway (Honolulu)

## Idaho

Diane Griffiths (Boise)

## Indiana

Jalen Baldwin (Indianapolis)

## Massachusetts

Braden Ferreira (Fairhaven)

## Michigan

Terry Alderton (Negaunee)  
William Allersma (Grand Rapids)  
Curtis Bekkering (Cedar Springs)  
Michelle Bekkering (Cedar Springs)  
James Fox (Kalamazoo)  
Michael Wilkinson (Muskegon)

## Minnesota

Robb Anderson (Saint Peter)  
Santiago Anderson Garcia (Saint Peter)  
Chad Andrews (Savage)  
Kyle Kraus (Minneapolis)  
Shane Rink (Lakeville)

## Montana

Peggy Kolchefskey (Helena)  
David C. Stevens (Butte)  
Brandon Wegner (Billings)

## Nebraska

Lisa Hamrick (Pahrump)  
Kristen Happ (Reno)  
Amanda Scott (Reno)  
Hank Scott (Reno)

## New Hampshire

Bob Parks (Nashua)

## New Mexico

Chris Cudia (Albuquerque)

## New York

Christopher Schmidt (New York)

## North Carolina

Casandra Kalina (Jacksonville)

## Oklahoma

Karen Burgess (Tulsa)  
Jennifer Fulkerson (Del City)

## Oregon

Daniel Burdick (Prineville)  
Mark Ellis (McMinnville)  
Michelle Funston-Carman (Grants Pass)  
Phil Hardy (Portland)  
Amy Latham (Roseburg)  
Brenda Marks (Oregon City)  
Daniel Suhr Jr. (Eugene)  
Geoffrey Young (Mill City)

## Pennsylvania

William Ross Cleary (Blue Bell)

## Rhode Island

John Kerwin (Bristol)

## South Dakota

Jason Wierenga (Sioux Falls)

## Virginia

Erica Thompson (Roanoke)

## Washington

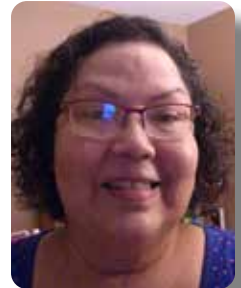
Kerry Aronson (Spokane)  
Katherine Moore (Spokane)  
Kyle Murphy (Spokane)  
Lindsay Nelsen (West Richland)  
Russell Solsten (Sumner)

## Wisconsin

John Cudnohufsky (De Pere)  
Sherry Cudnohufsky (De Pere)  
Megan Farrell (Greenville)  
Sue Hubbard (Sheboygan Falls)  
Jim Lotzer (Waterford)  
Judith Schmidt (Sheboygan)

[In lieu of a biography, Nancy submitted a story from the *Tournament Trail*.] Many years ago in Susanville, **Annett Eiffert** and I were playing doubles against **Rollie Heath** and **Paul Hatcher**. The game started with Rollie wanting to play the last game of the evening betting \$5/\$10 to the winner. We took the bet, and the game started. Annett and I could not miss a cut, and we sailed around the board. At the end of the game Rollie and Paul handed both of us \$10. As you can imagine it was a lot of fun. Annett wanted to reinvest our \$10, so the next day we asked Rollie and Paul to join us for team play in the main. Rollie quickly said no! But Paul handed Annett \$20 as Rollie walked off. Our cards were hot, and the four of us won first place in team play. When we went to pay Rollie and Paul, Annett paid their half of the money to Paul. Paul, of course, gave half of it to Rollie, and all of a sudden Rollie's smiled returned. We have been so fortunate to have so many great friends through cribbage. We always have fun.

**Nancy Rojas**  
(Orangevale CA)  
Grand Master #463





## Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

### The Renege

Let me tell you a little story about a renege. Last year I was playing **Penny Shepherd** (TX) in Deadwood SD, when she said: “Oops, I reneged.” Judges were summoned. They verified that Penny in fact had reneged and awarded me a two-point penalty. Then they asked if I wanted the card live or dead. I said: “I don’t know, show me the card.” They refused and said I wasn’t allowed to see the card. Hmm. So I said I wanted the head judge to rule; well, that was me but I couldn’t rule on myself, so tournament codirector **Pat Barrett** came over. He agreed that I was not allowed to see the reneged card. I accepted his ruling of course, but I came away from this experience wondering what went wrong. Before reading further can you figure out the problem?

The way the renege rule (§7.3 in the 2020 rulebook) is written, any reneged cards in the player’s hand remain unexposed when deciding if the cards are dead or alive in the pegging. Penny never played the card—she just announced that she had reneged. That is where the problem begins.

While Penny in fact had reneged, the actual renege had not yet occurred. The card has to be played *before* the renege can be identified by the opponent. That is why I didn’t get to see the card: we had the cart before the horse. I should have insisted that she play the card before we called for judges.

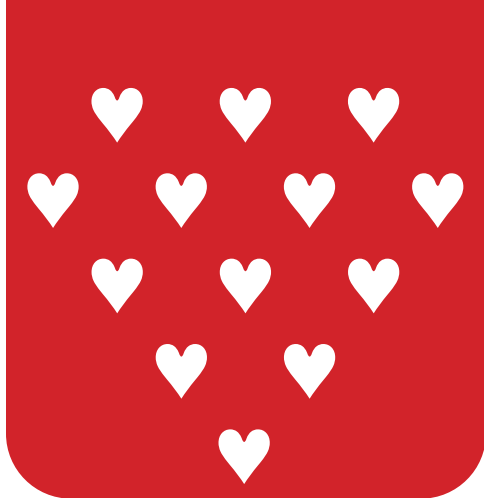
The intent of the part of the renege rule where it says that you cannot see the reneged cards in the hand (§7.3c) is in the case of a

double or triple renege. In the case of a single renege you should always get to see that card. And the bottom line is this: it is not a renege until the reneged card is played.

#### Rule 7.3c

**The nonoffending player decides if the reneged card(s) will be dead or played. The nonoffending player does not get to see the value of the reneged cards remaining in the offending player’s hand, only having the right to decide if the reneged card(s) will be dead or played.**

*Keith Widener is head of the ACC’s judging program. Send questions about rules and the rulebook to Keith at [kwidener@triad.rr.com](mailto:kwidener@triad.rr.com).*



## All Hearts

*by Michael Rogers (Napa CA)*

Thanks to **David Aiken** and **Steve Lumetta** (see March 2022 *Cribbage World*, pages 16–17), I was reminded of a rare event that happened during the first tournament I played in Reno—back in 2015 (I think). Having only started playing cribbage again in 2014, thanks to **Denny Moore** and **Bill Press**, after a hiatus of over fifty years, I was not aware of the rarity of this event. Not realizing how rare it was I did not even take a photo.

Here's what happened. I picked up a hand with a six-card flush of Hearts. Sweet! I threw two Hearts into the dealer's crib and cut another Heart. Now I've got a five-card flush.

When we counted our hands, imagine the surprise when the dealer also had a Hearts flush in his hand and the crib yielded the other four Hearts for a five-card crib flush. *All thirteen Hearts were out!*

The way I calculate the odds of this happening is as follows:

$$13 \times 12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 / 52 \times 51 \\ \times 50 \times 49 \times 48 \times 47 \times 46 \times 45 \times 44 \times 43 \times 42 \times 41 \times 40$$

Which equals a probability of 0.000000000001574769522. Or 1 in 635,013,559,600. Or 1 in 635 billion. And change.

Next time this happens I'll be sure to take a picture (now that I have an iPhone), but I expect to have many 29-hands and 28-hands before we come up All Hearts again!

# An Ode to Cribbage

## The Game That Taught Me a New (Love) Language

by Sara Barbour

On Friday nights, I pray to the cribbage gods.

If you've never heard of cribbage, you're not alone. Until two years ago it was something I'd never played, a game I vaguely associated with my grandparents' felt-covered card table. Growing up in the heyday of Cranium and graduating to Scrabble when I became an English major, I missed the boat on cards and made it to adulthood with just a few childhood games of War under my belt.

When my partner Michael and I moved in together in February 2020, we hadn't had time for many games, cards or otherwise. Our first year of dating was typical of early-thirty-somethings, a happy whirlwind of weekend day trips and long, tipsy evenings at our favorite bars.

We expected living together to be a change, but not a huge one; we'd make coffee together in the mornings and maybe see each other for dinner, but otherwise maintain our busy schedules. Then in March of 2020 we were both sent home from work, and suddenly our lives were confined to 640 square feet.

After the first full week of working from home, we emerged stiffly from our make-shift desks. Blearly from too much screen time and anxious about the escalating pandemic, all I wanted was to relax into our usual Friday happy hour routine.

But it was suddenly clear that our relationship had entered new territory, one where playful spontaneity would be harder to come by. In search of distraction, we headed to our small cement patio and decided to try a game Michael had learned in college: cribbage.

I was an immediate convert. Cribbage has it all: you play with a deck of cards, but there's also a colorful board to track your progress. You gain points using familiar combinations (runs, flushes, three-of-a-kind), but there are also rules that feel whimsical and random, like scoring points when your cards add to the number 15. Play takes about 30 minutes, ideal for pre-dinner drinks—or playing best-of-three if things get competitive.

Where cribbage really hooked me, though, was the jargon. Cribbage has a language all its own, from pegging (track-

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*Several members told **Cribbage World** about a cool cribbage story on NPR, and **James Morrow** refers to it in his column on page 4. In this story, thirtysomething author **Sara Barbour** tells how she and her then boyfriend/now husband played cribbage during the pandemic and found in their commitment to the game a commitment to each other. This is such a good read that we are reprinting the entire article. If you want to read it in its native environment, go to [npr.org](https://www.npr.org) and type "cribbage" in the search box.*

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ing your score along the board) to calling Two for His Heels if you flip up a Jack. High-scoring combinations have nicknames (Automatic Eight, Raggedy Ann, Trips), and tallying your hand has a distinct rhythm (15 for two, 15 for four, pair for six and a flush for 10).

There's a well-earned satisfaction to rattling off your score at speed, but going too fast carries a risk—if you miss points in your own hand, your opponent can call Muggins and capture them instead.

After our first game, we developed a routine: on Friday nights we'd log off from work, head to the patio and play cribbage. I'd put on a playlist that mixed jaunty Italian classics with sultry bossa nova, and for the next hour our patio was transformed into something almost luxurious. After flaunting my lead, then scoring three "19 hands" in a row (a cribbage insider's "zero," since scoring 19 isn't possible), we joked that I'd tempted the cribbage gods, who can't resist interrupting a prideful streak.

The rest of the week might be filled with anxiety, but Friday cribbage was our time to be playful, to flirt, to recapture the feeling of our early dating days and set the many small tensions of daily life aside.

I didn't realize what cribbage had become until we changed environments, going to live with my parents for several weeks that summer. One evening when family friends invited us over to grill, Michael and I decided to play a quick game of cribbage on the deck. My parents and their friends gently ribbed us, amused that we played such an old-fashioned game.

But I sensed a wistfulness under-

neath, and later one of them confided they wished they played cards with their partner. Relationships, especially lived-in ones, don't always offer opportunities to be light and playful with each other, and I realized that what we'd found through cribbage was something important, something more than just a pandemic hobby.

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Today, we don't play cribbage every Friday. Sometimes now we actually go out, and sometimes we get lazy and watch a movie. But our commitment to cribbage is, officially, woven into our commitment to each other. Michael and I got married this summer, and in our ceremony we discovered that, without knowing it, we'd each written cribbage into our vows. He vowed to keep me challenged with frequent games. And I vowed to be graceful in defeat when, occasionally, he beats me.



**Sara Barbour is senior production manager for NPM Creative.**

# What's the Big Deal?

by David Aiken

based on data from Scott Kooistra

At virtually every tournament, players argue about cut-for-deal versus alternate deal. You'll find strong adherents on both sides of the issue, but most of the talk is purely anecdotal: "I won only two cuts for deal all day." "I haven't lost a cut all day." "Cut-for-deal is so unfair." "I need to practice my cutting."

Before we get into the gist of this article, let me say this as a longtime tournament director: cut-for-deal is *much, much* easier to manage than alternate deal. Cut-for-deal involves a single sentence of verbal instruction before the tournament begins.

On the other hand, alternate deal requires, first of all, an even number of players.\* Then the director has to arrange the seating in such a way to as to accommodate the chosen alternate style (anchors, movers and sitters, TOC-style, etc.). And if there aren't at least 48 players at a twenty-two-game tournament (assuming only two anchors, one at each table), then the room has to be one long table, which lends confusion to the rotation scheme and adds time to cross-checking.

But before anyone takes too strong a stand on this issue, perhaps it would make sense to look at some data. And that's where **Scott Kooistra** (Omaha NE) comes in. Scott directed Grand National 40 in Omaha in September. And because all four sanctioned events at this cluster were run as alternate-deal tourneys, we were able to determine the so-called dealer's advantage by having first deal.

Scott painstakingly examined *every* scorecard in these four tournaments—all 966 of them!—and here are the stats:

tourney	games	players	total games played
Cornhusker main	22	232	2,552
Cornhusker consolation	10	210	1,050
Grand National main	22	326	3,586
Grand National consolation	10	198	990
	<b><i>totals</i></b>	<b>966</b>	<b>8,178</b>

In analyzing a grand total of 966 scorecards, Scott tracked to see if the dealer or nondealer won each game:

**\*Alternate deal can in fact be used with an odd number of players, but having a bye introduces yet another layer of complexity.**

tourney	total games played	first dealer		second dealer		first dealer advantage
		games won	percent	games won	percent	
Cornhusker main	2,552	1,424	55.8	1,128	44.2	11.6%
Cornhusker consolation	1,050	586	55.8	464	44.2	11.6%
Grand National main	3,586	2,013	56.1	1,573	43.9	12.2%
Grand National consolation	990	559	56.5	431	43.5	13.0%
<b>totals</b>	<b>8,178</b>	<b>4,582</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>3,596</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>12.0%</b>

These numbers show that the first-dealer advantage is **12.0%**!

As a habitual stats recorder, Scott notes that during his two championship seasons (1989–90 and 2021–22) his personal stats show the first-dealer advantage to be in the 8%–9% range. Many top players he consulted felt the first-dealer advantage to be in the 10%–16% range, and the stats from the GN cluster support this.

Scott recorded one other significant stat from the GN scorecards: skunks. Of the 8,178 total games on these 966 scorecards, 1,032 resulted in skunks, which is 12.6%, or basically one in eight games. Of these 1,032 skunks, the first dealer won 687 of them, while the nondealer won 345 skunks—which gives the dealer a two-to-one advantage when going for a skunk!

The purpose of this article is *not* to advocate for one type of deal versus the other. We are just presenting the facts. But before anyone pontificates about cut-for-deal versus alternate deal, they are advised to consult Scott’s stats—or compile their own.

When players chide me for adopting the easier-to-implement cut-for-deal scheme, I typically (and jokingly) reply: “At least cut-for-deal gives players something to legitimately complain about!”

This is actually hard to do: three 19s in a single deal! At Club 71 (Grand Rapids MI) on January 17, **David Aiken** (Coopersville MI) was dealing from hole 90, with his opponent, **Kristen De Vuyst** (Rockford MI), in hole

86. Kristen pegged three, David scored his obligatory point as dealer. With the King cut, all three hands were dead: Kristen held A-3-6-7, and David had A-2-10-Q, with 7-9-10-Q in his crib!



## Cribbage Board of the Month BY JAY FULWIDER

Recently, *Cribbage World* editor **David Aiken** received from ACC member **John Morch** (Raleigh NC) this drawing ➔ of C. W. Le Count's first patent for a cribbage board. The patent was issued on September 2, 1879, and Dave wondered if I might have an identical board that could be photographed in the same manner as the drawings on the patent application.

After a lot of research, I determined that Le Count probably never made a board that is identical to the patent drawing. First, I should say that most of the research was done by my late friend and Cribbage Board Collectors Society (CBCS) member **Peter Leach**. Peter wrote and self-published a 48-page book on Le Count, his company, his cribbage boards, and his three patents.

The photo of my board, one that was made under the 1879 patent, is typical of the many different boards that carried the September 2, 1879, patent date. The written patent description and drawings were very generic, and that allowed Le Count to make different styles of three-player boards up through the late 1880s. All of those boards had the 1879 patent date stamped on the metal slide cover for the card and peg storage. Unfortunately, that leads many collectors and even antique dealers to believe their boards were made in 1879, when, in fact, most were made in the 1880s.

Le Count's actual wording in his 1879 patent application was: "The object of my invention is to produce a cribbage board which will be very strong and durable, and may be cheaply manufactured." He went on to discuss variable design issues, which is why the drawings were so generic.

Le Count received two other cribbage board patents. One was in 1885 and the other in 1887. Both of those patents were more specific, and the drawings were more like blue prints for manufacturing specific boards.

I know this is a lot of information, but these boards were sold up through 1907 and so many are still around. Also, Le Count boards could be purchased through catalogs, including Sears and Wards. They were very popular.



*Jay Fulwider* collects cribbage boards in picturesque Washington State, where he also enjoys golf, fishing, and racquetball. His philosophy on the key to life: "Just keep your pegs moving." Ideas for and questions about this column may be sent to [budandotis@msn.com](mailto:budandotis@msn.com) (put "Cribbage Board" in the subject line).

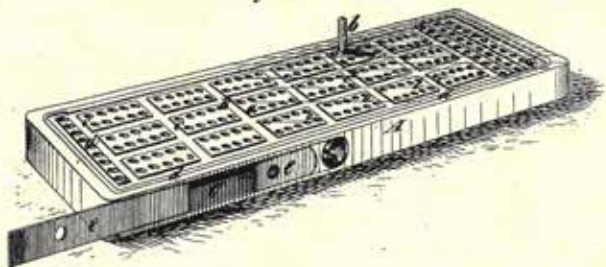


C. W. Le COUNT.  
Cribbage-Board.

No. 219,280.

Patented Sept. 2, 1879.

*Fig. 1.*

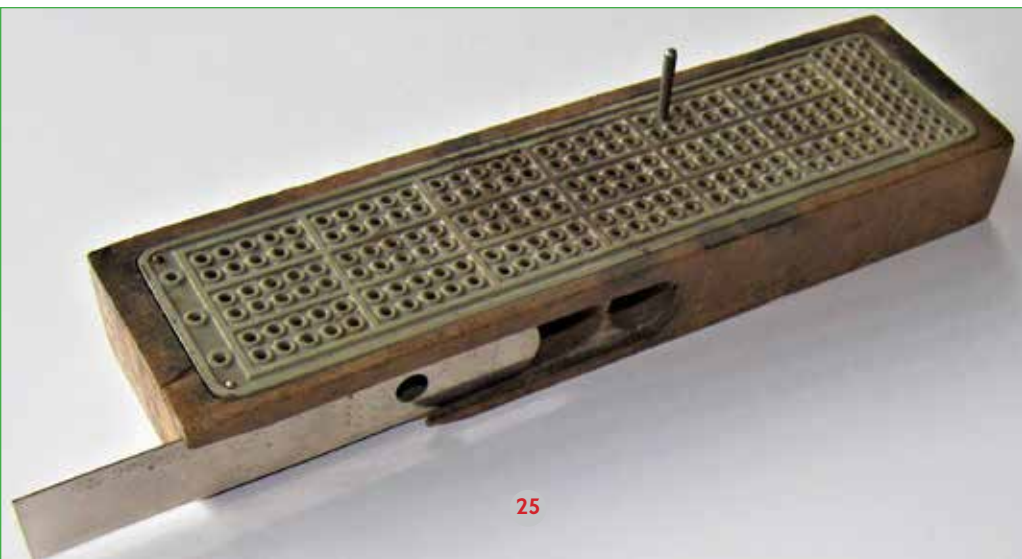


*Fig. 2.*



Witnesses  
John Becker  
Thomas & Reich

Director  
Charles W. Le Count  
by his Attorneys  
Rowntree & Brown



# GAME ON

by Dan Zeisler



## Teaching Tip

When teaching kids how to play cribbage, the things I find most challenging for them in the beginning are recognizing runs while pegging and remembering to take points for nobs and heels when entitled to do so. Here's a little trick to help your students overcome missing these points. Once my class starts playing each other, I have a raffle jar set out. When a student successfully identifies a run during pegging, or acknowledge nobs or heels, they raise their hand and get a raffle ticket to put in the jar. Trust me, this incentive really works! During our last class, I conduct a raffle, making sure I have at least one prize for every student. Prizes may include old cribbage boards, custom pegs, decks of cards, \$5 gift cards, candy bars, or whatever you think a youngster would be happy to receive. It's a great way to end your sessions on a fun note, as well as knowing your pupils will see what other novice players tend to miss.

## News

There's still time to enter the twenty-ninth annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament in Grass Valley CA on Saturday, February 25. Any child or young adult 18 or younger with a basic understanding for the game of cribbage is welcome to enter the tournament. This year, all entrants will receive a pair of custom pegs that they get to design. To join in on the fun, see the flyer in the January *Cribbage World* (page 33) or contact me at [danthefan@yahoo.com](mailto:danthefan@yahoo.com) or 530.263.7468.

An official announcement about this year's Youth Grand National will be upcoming soon. Right now, arrangements are being made to hold it in conjunction with the rescheduled TOC and JPW Open in Reno in June. Stay tuned. The 29th annual Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament will take place on Saturday, February 25, in Grass Valley CA. Any child or young adult 18 or younger is eligible to enter. An informational flyer is available on page 2 in this *Cribbage World* or by sending a request to [danthefan@yahoo.com](mailto:danthefan@yahoo.com).

## Teaching Manuals Requested

- **Dee Davis** (Rochester NY)
- **Steven Henrikson** (Sequim/Port Angeles WA)
- **Rick Westerman** (Wenatchee WA)

**Dan Zeisler** is founder of Sierra Youth Cribbage Tournament. Send info about youth cribbage to 530.263.7468 or [danthefan@yahoo.com](mailto:danthefan@yahoo.com).



by John Quist  
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

John	Maria
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After visiting our families in the Philippines, Sweden, and USA, Maria and I made our way from Seattle to Miami during Christmas week 2022. While we had challenges (delayed and waitlisted due to the winter typhoon that blasted a large portion of the country), we made it on time to board the ship for our approximately eight-month cruise. When we landed in Miami, the weather was cold by Miami standards, having three days in a row with the high temperature below 60°. It was only the second time in recorded history that happened, but of course that was nothing compared to what Buffalo went through.

Maria and I played two ATW games in the cardroom of the cruise ship while in Miami and on Grand Cayman Island. ↓ Even though we have been on ship only a few days, other passengers are already interested in our competition, so several people watch our games. They could not believe the amazing comebacks Maria executed. In both games I started with a big lead. Once my peg was in hole 91 with the deal, while Maria was hole 61. She stormed back in both games, while I hit quicksand on fourth street.

I have had two “Never Give Up” stories in *Cribbage World*. I am now hoping for some of that good luck as Maria has a 5–1 game lead in the ATW series. During the next seven months we will play fifteen games per month, so I have plenty of games to try and catch up. However, as I look at the game counter above, I am that worried that our editor David Aiken might need to change Maria’s counter to three digits! [*Editor’s note to John: done. Hope you like it!*]



## Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

Happy February! It's the most wonderful time of the year, as it is my birthday month! I celebrate all month long, and all those around me just have to put up with it. I am honored that the Medeiros Memorial now falls around my birthday! Extra celebrations! Our dear departed president, **David Campbell**, used to pick on me tremendously about it. It may have had to do with us flying to Reno one year, from Manchester NH. It took us twenty-four hours and five stops to get there! I made sure everyone knew it was my birthday. Those memories make me smile and thankful that I am part of the ACC family.

I would like to correct the results of the Virginia Beach Classic held in December. I previously reported that **Megan Player** won, with **Tom Goeschel** coming in second. Director **Laurie Schmitz** reached out to let me know that the wrong information was submitted. Tom won the tournament with National Open director Megan in second.

In rereading my column from January, I see that I reported all the Yankee Classic results except the

main! Life Master (3★) **David Clemmey** put another mark in the win column, while **Barbara Barbour** (CT) was second, cementing her #1 position in the East!

On January 8, the inaugural Ocean State Open was held in Providence RI, with director **Mike D'Elena** and codirector **Joe Bowen**. There were 91 peggers at this first-time event; **Gerry Nardoza** (RI) won his first tourney, and **Charlie Booker**, who's been lighting up New England with wins, came in second. In the consolation, **Bill Cormier** came in as the winner with his clubmate **Michael Sclafani** in second.

So it's a short one this month, the month of love and the month of my birthday. Please remember, sometimes, it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life.



It's what for lunch—on February 4!

# Dale's Tales

**Cribbage Stories by Dale Magedanz**  
**CW's Milwaukee Correspondent**



**Double 24s** **Pete Wilbur** steals a game from **Dianna Larson** on December 20 at Milwaukee Club 6. Pete is 22 out and the 5-cut for 24 is just what the doctor ordered. Dianna pegged four but fell short of pegging out. Unusually, the 5-cut also gave her a total of 24 (16-hand plus 8-crib). I know how she felt. I was robbed of two games because of a 24-cut on fourth street. One last hard luck story is **Richard Hor-**



**vath**, who took first place three weeks in a row. The hard luck was that the third week should have been a grand slam. He lost a game to **Gary Larson** after picking up his front peg. Gary, Dianna's father-in-law, is legally blind and plays with the aid of an oversized board and large-index cards. Gary and his board are pictured behind Dianna.

**What's That Smell?** Two years ago when I had back-to-back double skunks against **Richard Horvath**, I thought it was a great and rare accomplishment. That was until I talked to **Henry Brandner** (Medford WI). Henry told me of his weekend at the Brat Stop several years ago. During the weekend, he skunked **John Syftestad** (Mount Horeb WI) once and double skunked him four times! John was not a happy camper.

¶ After my two games against **Henry Brandner** at Lake Delton WI, I've given the K-9 toss a second look. My first 10-K toss netted Henry a 14-crib. My second try was much better and he *only* got 13! I'm still not convinced and prefer 10-K over the "canine."

¶ Talking with **Mike "Farmer in the Dell" Henze** at the Lake Delton tournament, he told me that he didn't have a story for me. He couldn't remember the last time his cards had been so terrible. They were so bad that at the start of a game, after the count, he had his only peg in the first hole. Thank goodness for nobs as it is much better than having them both in the starting blocks! And to think he said he didn't have a story!

**Nice Comeback** **Joan Rein** (Green Bay WI) has been getting terrible cards, and the Lake Delton main was no different. She allowed me to skunk her and then double skunk her in the two-games-versus-eleven format. I like to think she was saving the good cards for the consy. You just can't keep a good player down for long. Joan came storming back Sunday to win the consolation. Way to go, Champ!

# Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson  
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Please join me in welcoming ACC member **Heidi Falk** (*ToastyMN*) to TD training on eCribbage. We are grateful that Heidi is willing to give her time to the site!

**BIG NEWS!** **Jen** (*JJx7Fan*) has completely revamped the eCribbage home-

page so that it is simple to log in! Follow the user-friendly directions where it says “easy desktop launch” mid-page. Note: if the “old launch” green button works for you, that is still available, but using that continually fills up your downloads folder with the smart launcher each time, which clogs and slows down your computer until you delete them. (This may be the cause of being booted.) Once you have the desktop launcher shortcut icon, that’s all you need! Click it, and it takes you right to the launcher page. If you still need assistance, Jen is happy to help via Skype or phone. Email her at [jcurnow@att.net](mailto:jcurnow@att.net) or [support@ecribbage.com](mailto:support@ecribbage.com). On behalf of

*Point Leader of the Month*  
**Sue Edwards** (*CO434Sue*) @ 160 IRPs

*New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)*

**Norman Thompson** (*nomadnorm*)

**Carl McMullum** (*absent*)

*New eMaster (2,000 IRPs)*

**Bob Hanes** (*ia801*)

*Internet 28-Hands*

**Jennifer Bolles** (*Jebbifer*)

**Sally Henderson** (*SallyAnn3*)

*Internet Grand Slams*

**Rick Baird** (*rickytick2201*)

**Don Howard** (*GrumpyDopey3*)

**James Morrow** (*29seeker*)

**Sam Sinram** (*IA503*)

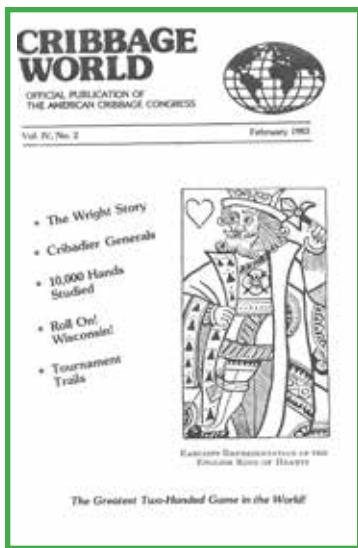
**Barry Spadea** (*spade660*)

## internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	667	Peter Legendre (legend397)
2	592	Bernard Kitheka (Wanzelu)
3	556	Carl McCullum (absent)
4	552	Basil Rudnick (Basil 22)
5	526	Pat Liegl (patco1950)
6T	525	Daniel Crete (dec)
6T	525	Gregory Gougian (gougie00)
8	498	Michelle Barthelme (Frazu2)
9	475	Scott Earley (scottcrib)
10	427	Gary Brandt (Eaglear39)

many ACC players whose green button stopped working and are now back with us, plus our brand new players, a bazillion thanks to Jen for all of the hours spent on this huge undertaking!

Damien has been working on some glitches on eCribbage. Part of the update involves the saved games function, so it now takes a few extra seconds for the lost table to show up, then for the TD to notice a player is missing. If you don’t see your game, give it a few seconds to load. If it’s still missing, try the “saved games” tab (up top) and check there. In either case, do *not* start a new game—always go back to your saved game and wait for the booted opp. The TD will “kill” any new game started, as it is not valid.



**40 Years Ago**  
 A blurb on the cover says it best: “The Greatest Two-Handed Game in the World!” Coincidentally, the “Berkeley” book referred to in the editor’s column this month (see p. 7) is also mentioned on page 4 of this forty-year-old *Cribbage World*.



**25 Years Ago**

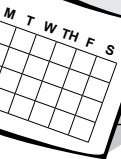
**James Ready** (Stoughton MA) won the 140-player Holiday Classic in Woonsocket RI; **Mary Gladdish** (Concord CA) won the 64-player Reynold’s Christmas Wrap; and **Bill Hill** (Hermiston OR) won the 180-player Portland Winter Open. Elsewhere we read that both **Elmer “Ras” Rasmussen** (WA) and **Robert Medeiros** (MA) earned their Grand Master. Today, Ras has ★★ and Rob has ★★★.

**The Social World of Cribbage Players**

**Bernard Kitheka** (Springfield MO) is associate professor of kinesiology at Missouri State University. An ACC member since 2013, for three years he researched the social world of cribbage players, using questionnaires, interviews, and personal observations. He has now published the results of his research in the scholarly *Journal of Leisure Research* (a publication of the National Recreation and Park Association). Entitled “Cribbage Culture and Social Worlds: An Analysis of Closeness, Inclusiveness, and Specialization,” Bernard’s paper is available for purchase at the URL below (note: he does not receive any proceeds from the sale of his article).

For those who cannot afford to purchase the article (it’s a little steep, given the metrics of academic publishing nowadays), Bernard plans to attend Reno and Raleigh and will bring hard copies for those who want to read it.

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# SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

as of January 12

Western Region			Central Region			Eastern Region		
MRPs name			MRPs name			MRPs name		
1	951	<b>Bob Bartosh</b>	1	769	<b>Ann Trotter</b>	1	442	<b>Barbara Barbour</b>
2	620	Bob Brumley	2	646	Robert Chase	2	396	Donna LaFleur
3	592	Erik Royland Locke	3	549	David Aiello	3	395	Mary Burlington
4	576	Betty Brumley	4	483	Les Kvien	4	361	Lee Dillon
5	540	Alice Souza	5	470	Dale Magedanz	5	345	Vicki Soule
6	498	Todd Malmgren	6	334	Kristina Wright	6	342	Charlene Cohen
7	487	Terry Higgins	7	310	Henry Brandner	7	271	Robert Medeiros
8	464	Kai Lemrise	8	292	William Stacey	7	271	Paul Batterson
9	456	Ronnie Murakami	9	287	Donald Flesch	9	267	David Clemmey
10	450	Cy Madrone	9	287	Dennis Koehler	9	267	Keith Widener
11	440	James Langley	11	286	Jim Mahan	11	237	Scott Johnson
12	419	Ray Klocko	12	272	Allan Stanek	12	234	Jim Maffa
13	370	Rick Baird	13	258	James McCarty	13	226	Charles Booker III
14	306	Roland Hall	14	250	Jane Vander Loop	14	215	Louis Petosa
15	301	Peggy Shea	15	248	Bob Hanes	15	210	Jerry Hardy
16	277	William Eilers	16	246	Chad Frischmann	15	210	Mark Soule
17	274	Gary Galetti	17	234	Andy Stireman	17	198	Stanley Fillpiak
18	273	Bryan Gurden	18	232	David Aiken	18	189	Phyllis Schmidt
19	268	Jeanne Jelke	19	229	Terry Weber	19	181	Mike Misluk
19	268	Lisa Humiston	20	222	Wayne Steinmetz	20	178	Joseph Bowen
21	267	David Bute	21	218	Patrick Healey	21	174	Phillip Jenkins
22	264	Margaret Fanucchi	22	212	Ray Stahl	22	172	David Statz
23	262	Carole Herron	23	201	Clay Collier	22	172	Mike Due
24	248	James Seufert	24	197	John Syftestad	24	171	Arnold Ward
25	237	Fred White	25	193	John Bianco	25	170	Henry Douglass
26	233	Steve Hastie	26	192	Steven Steinmetz	26	167	Frank Abernathy
27	206	Peter Jackson	27	188	Bob Joslin	27	157	Larry Phifer
28	196	Mike McDaniel	28	184	Dan Selke	28	155	Todd Smith
28	196	Mary Gates	29	173	David Boyer	29	152	Bruce Sattler
30	194	Winona McDaniel	30	170	Jason Matheny	30	148	Rick Montague
30	194	Billie Reddell	30	170	Joyce Betz	31	147	Matthew Easterbrook
32	193	Carol Williams	30	170	Betsy Miller	32	145	Jack Chandler
33	187	Julie Felkins	33	169	Dan Sand	32	145	Ethan Guyaz
33	187	Margery Clark	34	168	Michael Henze	34	141	Steven Braley
35	185	Gary Nerton	35	166	Emilio Perez	35	140	Thomas Goeschel
36	178	Scott Milo	36	164	Jeff Shimp	36	136	William Shoemaker
37	170	Gerald Oxford	37	156	Edward Balcer	37	129	Donald Thompson
38	166	David Hayden	38	150	Frank Danielski	38	126	Carl Deyette
38	166	James Morrow	39	149	John Schafer	39	125	Jerry Hedden
38	166	Troy Thorson	40	144	Scott Fritz	40	122	Rick Allen
41	165	Junko Larsen	41	143	Todd Schaefer	41	119	Stephanie George
42	163	Carolyn Washington	42	140	James Huser	42	118	Barry Spadea
43	162	Tom Langford	43	137	Richard Horvath	43	117	Michael O'Brien
44	160	Scott Reidy	44	135	Allen Karr	44	112	Carlyle Foss
45	159	Nancy Rojas	45	134	Scott Sand	45	109	David O'Neil
46	156	Beverly Castillo	46	131	Glenn Gauthier	46	107	Jack Howsare
47	153	Craig Smith	46	131	Arthur Loveland	47	105	Peter Legendre
47	153	Pete Larsen	46	131	Don Thienel	48	103	Phil Martin
49	152	Don Zeutschel	49	127	Donna Aird	49	102	Tom Fiorini
49	152	Ronald Morgan	50	124	Cynthia Wark	50	100	Mike Fetchel



# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
<b>Rick Shea</b> 707.599.4605 <a href="mailto:31for14@gmail.com">31for14@gmail.com</a>	<b>Patrick Barrett</b> 715.323.5027 <a href="mailto:gnxvibarrett@gmail.com">gnxvibarrett@gmail.com</a>	<b>Mark Soule</b> 207.442.9001 <a href="mailto:soule1994@comcast.net">soule1994@comcast.net</a>

GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE			TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE
date	location	TD	<b>@ Sands Regency in Reno NV</b>  <del>March 2-5, 2020</del> <b>Now on June 22-25</b> — see <a href="http://cribbage.org">cribbage.org</a> —
Oct. 10-15, 2023	Virginia Beach VA	Jack Howsare	
Nov. 12-17, 2024	Rampart Casino Las Vegas NV	Troy Thorson Kathy Pacocha David Aiken	
Sep. 30-Oct. 5, 2025	Lodge Casino Deadwood SD	David Aiken Patrick Barrett Dan Selke John Hazlett	

AZ ♦ Scottsdale Doubleheader
Elks, 6398 E Oak St, Scottsdale AZ 85257
<b>Feb. 3, Cactus Classic</b> TD: Lynn Multari (480.203.4587) & Robert Milk
<b>Feb. 4-5, Roadrunner Classic</b> TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Charlene Hudson

**NH ♦ Feb. 3-5, Medeiros Memorial**  
 Windrifter Resort, 337 S Main St, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Vicki & Mark Soule (207.442.9001)

MN ♦ Winter Snowball Doubleheader
VFW, 620 Creek Rd, Chaska MN 55318. TD: Bob Joslin (952.270.3632) & Adam Switzer
<b>Feb. 3, Winter Snowball Special #1</b>
<b>Feb. 4-5, Winter Snowball Special #2</b>

**OR ♦ Feb. 3-5, Pre-Super Portland Open**  
 Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230. TD: Erik Locke (503.754.2979)

**WA ♦ Feb. 11, Super Saturday One Day**  
 VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

↓ SEE PROMO IN JANUARY CW ↓

**CA ♦ Feb. 11, Burbank Bomber Blast**  
 American Lutheran Church, 755 N Whitnall Hwy, Burbank CA 91505. TD: Pierre Olivier (818.451.8566) & Ron Reid

**WI ♦ Feb. 17-19, Go Green Bay**  
 Townline Pub, 2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein

**VA ♦ Feb. 17-19, Hampton Roads**  
 Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. TD: Jack Howsare (757.699.2999) & Laurie Schmitz

CA ♦ Barn Café Doubleheader
Barn Café, 8976 Grant Line Rd, Elk Grove CA 95624. TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Alice Souza
<b>Feb. 18, Barn Café Challenge #8</b>
<b>Feb. 19, Barn Café Challenge #9</b>

↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 2 ↓

CA + NV ♦ Reno Replacement Cluster
<b>CA ♦ Feb. 24-26, Northern California Open</b> Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Margaret Fanucchi
<b>NV ♦ Feb. 27-Mar. 1, GDW Spring Fling</b> Gold Dust West Casino, 2171 E William St, Carson City NV 89701. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

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<b>NV ♦ Mar. 1–3, Topaz Winter Wonderland</b> Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardnerville NV 89410. TD: Bev Castillo (775.453.3715) & Alice Souza
<b>NV ♦ Mar. 3–5, Les Sumner Winter Memorial</b> Topaz Lodge, 1979 Hwy 395 S, Gardnerville NV 89410. TD: Bev Castillo (775.453.3715) & Alice Souza

<b>CA ♦ Auburn Open Doubleheader</b> Moose, 250 Sacramento St, Auburn CA 95603. TD: Scott Bartosh (530.274.2366) & Bob Bartosh
<b>Mar. 11, Auburn Open #1</b>
<b>Mar. 12, Auburn Open #2</b>

<b>RI ♦ Mar. 12, Corned Beef and Cribbage</b> St. Joseph Veterans Hall, 99 Louise St, Woonsocket RI 02895. TD: Pat Llewellyn (508.966.1613) & Leo Houle
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<b>WI ♦ Mar. 17–19, Mick Michaelis Classic</b> Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverfront Ave, Marinette WI 54313. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein
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<b>OR ♦ Mar. 17–19, Northwest Open</b> VFW, 2005 Valley Ave, Baker City OR 97814. TD: Rob Palmer (541.519.7910) & Pat Reynolds
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<b>CA ♦ Placerville Open Doubleheader</b> Veteran's Memorial Bldg, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667. TD: Allan Amaro (916.847.6514) & Scott Bartosh
<b>Mar. 18, Placerville Open #1</b>
<b>Mar. 19, Placerville Open #2</b>

<b>OR ♦ Sutherlin Doubleheader</b> Eagles, 1160 E 2nd Ave, Sutherlin OR 97479. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)
<b>Mar. 24, Super Sutherlin One Day</b>
<b>Mar. 25–26, Sutherlin Scuffle</b>

<b>CA ♦ Vista Doubleheader</b> WildWood Crossing, 116 Civic Center Dr, Vista CA 92084. TD: Obie Weeks (760.695.2977) & Roy Cook
<b>Mar. 25, Vista In March A</b>
<b>Mar. 26, Vista In March B</b>

<b>NH ♦ Mar. 26, Granite State Classic</b> Brookline Event Ctr, 32 Proctor Hill Rd, Brookline
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NH 03033. TD: David Statz (603.247.4335) & Mary Burlington

<b>↓ SEE PROMO ON PAGE 37 ↓</b>
<b>NC ♦ Spring Fling Doubleheader</b> DoubleTree, 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703. TD: Jennifer Johnson (617.515.2232) & Megan Player
<b>Mar. 31, Friday Pre-Fling</b>
<b>Apr. 1–2, Raleigh Spring Fling</b>

<b>MN ♦ Mar. 31–Apr. 2, April Fools Challenge</b> Moose, 415 3rd Ave, Proctor MN 55810. TD: Gordy Jurek (218.213.1946) & Ed Balcer
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<b>OR ♦ Oregon Coast Cluster</b> American Legion, 424 W Olive, Newport OR 97365
<b>Apr. 1–2, Jeanne Hofbauer Memorial</b> TD: Pete Larsen (503.724.0605) & Rick Baird
<b>Apr. 3–4, Spring Crib Fest</b> TD: Rick Baird (541.530.1112) & Pete Larsen
<b>Apr. 5–6, Alsea River Open</b> TD: Carole Herron (406.459.5550) & Wayne Morsen
<b>Apr. 7–8, Dean Bauman Memorial</b> TD: Monica Newton (541.819.1034) & Dana McClain

<b>AK ♦ Apr. 8, Alaska State Championship</b> Moose, 4211 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99503. TD: C. J. Kim (907.245.2687) & Bonnie Kline
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<b>ME ♦ Apr. 8, Pine Tree Open</b> Vacationland Inn, 453 Wilson St, Brewer ME 04429. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley
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<b>CA ♦ Barn Café Doubleheader</b> Barn Café, 8976 Grant Line Rd, Elk Grove CA 95624. TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Alice Souza
<b>Apr. 15, Barn Café Challenge #10</b>
<b>Apr. 16, Barn Café Challenge #11</b>

<b>WI ♦ Apr. 21–23, Black River Country Classic</b> Comfort Inn, W 10170 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls WI 54615. TD: Wayne Steinmetz (262.367.9180) & Richard Frost
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<b>CA ♦ Apr. 22, Wine Country Spring Open</b> Moose, 3275 Browns Valley Rd, Napa CA 94558. TD: Roland Hall (707.738.0799) & Yvonne Bowers
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## CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

**Jingle Bell Open: \$140 to Salvation Army**

## IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

### James R. Barron

James "Jim" Barron (Stoughton MA) passed away on December 3 at the age of 89. He was a longtime member of Club 109. He was a worthy opponent and always had an infectious smile. He won his Bronze Award. In his last year playing at club, he got a 29-hand. Jim was a retired union carpenter and a great storyteller. He had not played this season due to an illness. He will be missed.

### David Guyse

David Guyse (Wisconsin Rapids WI) passed away on January 3 at age 85. Dave was a longtime member of Club 120 and amassed 4,313 points, earning his Gold Award in 2020. He won the club championship in 2005. He played in various Midwest tournaments over the past twenty-four years and gathered 798 MRPs. His friendly demeanor was always present every time he played the game. His family, friends, and club members will certainly miss Dave.

### Tom Highshoe

*Redwood Peggys Club 55 (Rohnert Park CA) is sad to announce the death of Tom Highshoe (Santa Rosa CA), who passed away on Christmas Day at age 65. He was club champion many times and was Division 1 national champion last year. A heck of a cribbage player and a great guy, here is an obituary adapted from Richard Flatto's post on Facebook.*



Tom's level of success in our club was legendary. He had been club champion around seven years running. This season, he amassed 215 GRPs in the fourteen weeks he played (over 15 points a night on average!), taking first place *every single week* up until his untimely passing. I played many games against Tom over the years, and he

is without a doubt the most consistently toughest opponent I ever had. The first week of the year, the week immediately following Tom's death, his son showed up (from Sacramento) to play with us, in a symbolic tribute to his dad. I expressed my condolences to him and told him that his dad would be missed by all of us, but that we would not miss him beating the pants off of us week after week! Tom will almost certainly be the posthumous club champion again, despite playing less than half of the season. Tom had some health challenges over the past several years, but there is no doubt in my mind that he would have experienced great success on the tournament trail had he been able to travel. Aside from his noteworthy success in Grass Roots cribbage, he was a very pleasant and affable person. His friendship and cribbage acumen will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Tom.

### Jerome Tork

Jerome Tork (Wisconsin Rapids WI), age 82, passed away on December 27 at his home. Jerome was a long-term ACC member, joining in 1980 as number WI-71. Jerome played in hundreds of tournaments all over the United States and amassed 8,713 MRPs and winning eight sanctioned tournaments. He was a founding member of Club 120 and won club championships in 2001, 2012, 2017, and 2019. He earned his Gold Award and totaled 4,898 GRPs points. Jerome was a devout outdoorsman and also enjoyed his hobby of making beautiful wood cribbage boards. In his lifetime Jerome made over 2,000 boards for tournaments, Grass Roots clubs, and US service troops overseas, never charging anyone for his efforts. His famous cribbage phrase "I get the worst cards of anyone but I play them brilliantly" will forever be his motto.



**MT ♦ Billings Doubleheader**

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

**Apr. 22–23, Magic City Main**

**Apr. 24–25, Trailhead Main**

**SD ♦ Deadwood Cluster**

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

**Apr. 27–28, Deadwood Open**

**Apr. 29, Aces & Eights**

**Apr. 30, Calamity Jane Open**

**NY ♦ Apr. 28–30, Western New York Open**

Moose, 45 Church St, Hamburg NY 14075. TD: Robyn Boldt (716.648.1830) & Russell Bentley

**ME ♦ Apr. 30, Tulips in Topsham**

Topsham Grange, 47 Pleasant St, Topsham ME 04429. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Mark Soule

**WI ♦ May 5–7, Peg for Pink**

Best Western, 1821 Riverside Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546)

**CA ♦ Humboldt Bay Doubleheader**

Moose, 4328 Campton Rd, Eureka CA 95503.  
TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605)

**May 5, Humboldt Bay One Day**

**May 5–7, Humboldt Bay Classic**

**CA ♦ Win-River Doubleheader**

Win-River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding CA 96001. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo

**May 12–13, Jerry Montgomery Memorial**

**May 14, Mother's Day Open**

**WI ♦ May 12–14, Cribbage Weekend In America**

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

**WA ♦ May 19–21, Washington State Open**

VFW, 615 North Ave, Sunnyside WA 98944. TD: James & Cher Morrow (509.830.2318)

**CA ♦ May 20, Peg for the Crown/Yee Memorial**

Mobil Country Club, 2473 Sunrise Blvd, Rancho Cordova CA 95670. TD: Annett Eiffert (916.521.3208) & Nancy Rojas

**ME ♦ May 20, Maine State Championships**

Elks, 317 High St, Ellsworth ME 04605. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

**ID ♦ May 26–28, North Idaho Open**

CDA Casino, 37914 South Nukwalqw St, Worley ID 83876. TD: Kevin Mansfield (208.515.8898) & Kat Hartsell

**CT ♦ June 11, Conn State Open**

American Legion, 114 West St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Michael Kopp (860.856.1705)

**MI ♦ June 16–18, Lake Superior Challenge**

Rock River Lanes, 1011 N Rd, Ishpeming MI 49849. TD: Pat Healey (906.458.2065) & Tom Butcher

**NV ♦ The Big One!**

Sands Casino, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501

**June 22 ♦ Candian Doubles**

TD: Ron & Laurie Logan (406.493.2224)

**June 23 ♦ TOC**

TD: Patrick Barrett (715.424.5059) & Todd Schaefer (651.338.8116)

**June 24–25 ♦ JPW/ACC Open**

TD: Rick & Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Scott Kooistra

*entry form on [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org)*

**ME ♦ July 14–16, Lobster Peg-Off**

Seasons Grill, 427 Main St, Bangor ME 04412. TD: Joseph Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

**CA ♦ Barn Café Doubleheader**

Barn Café, 8976 Grant Line Rd, Elk Grove CA 95624. TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Alice Souza

**July 15, Barn Café Challenge #10**

**July 16, Barn Café Challenge #11**

**WI ♦ Stetsonville Doubleheader**

Stetsonville Community Ctr, 412 Centennial Ave, Stetsonville WI 54480. TD: Henry Brandner (715.748.3982) & Chad Frischmann

**July 21–23, Heart of Wisconsin Classic**

**July 22, Stetsonville Midsummer Classic**

**NC ♦ NOCT Cluster**

Double Tree (RDU Airport), 4810 Page Creek Ln, Durham NC 27703

**July 27–28, Open Opener**

TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311), Mark Soule, & John Hazlett

**July 28–31, National Open**

TD: Megan Player (919.518.3626) & Jennifer Johnson

**July 31, Come Monday**

TBA

go to [cribbage.org](http://cribbage.org) for more tournament details

**CA ♦ Sacramento Starter Tripleheader**

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Bob Bartosh (916.813.8609) & Alice Souza

**Aug. 3-4, Sacramento Starter #1**

**Aug. 5, Sacramento Starter #2**

**Aug. 6, Sacramento Starter #3**

**CT ♦ Aug. 12-13, Northeast Peer Tournament**

American Legion, 114 West St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Donald Janelle (860.490.0712) & Pat Llewellyn

**NE ♦ Cornhusker Doubleheader**

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### Cribbage and/in Pop Culture

Well, it isn't exactly *current* pop culture, but when *The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling* was published in 1749, it was all the rage. Considered now to be one of the earliest English novels, it ran through four editions in its first year, became a bestseller, and propelled its author, **Henry Fielding**, to superstar status in eighteenth-century England.

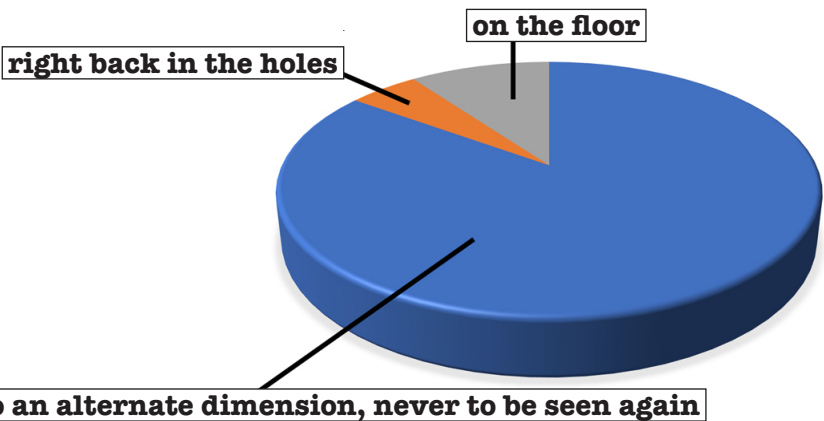
In chapter 2 of book 4, when describing Sophia Western (Jones's love interest), Fielding draws upon the poetry of **Sir John Suckling**—the inventor of our great game—to portray her beauty:

Her nose was exactly regular, and her mouth, in which were two rows of ivory, exactly answered Sir John Suckling's description in those lines: —

*Her lips were red, and one was thin,  
Compar'd to that was next her chin.  
Some bee had stung it newly.*

Thanks to **Arlene Carle** (Anchorage AK) for the heads-up on this. This extract is taken from the 1964 Random House edition of *Tom Jones*.

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