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*(stories on pages 10 and 14)*





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7p	Thursday singles	\$20	9
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7p	Saturday singles	\$20	9
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9:30a	GN 42 consy	\$40	9

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*Happy Birthday in September!*

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80—**K. C. Carder** (NV)

70—**Eric Jensen** (MI)

60—**Therese Rose** (CA)

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The Ethics Committee suspended **Jack B. Shumate III** (Newport OR) for six months beginning June 1 and ending November 30 for “actions or conversation unbecoming a member of the ACC.” There is one modification to this suspension: Jack is allowed to direct and play in Club 420 beginning September 1. He is not allowed to contact or play in other Grass Roots clubs, including their GRRTs.

The Ethics Committee suspended **Roy McGillivray** (Chico CA) indefinitely, starting January 11, 2024, for leaving a Grass Roots event without completing all the games; this is a repeat offense.

### ACC membership odometer

**5 9 4 6** ↓ **15**

as of July 30

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# President's Column

by James Morrow



**Birthdays and 28-hands galore!** Just the other day it was **Craig “Coach” Smith’s** 70th birthday.

As he walked into the playing hall in Sunnyside WA, fifty of his cribbage family greeted him with a rousing rendition of “Happy Birthday.” We continued the festivities into lunch, with a cake to celebrate this milestone.

I’m not sure if it was to help celebrate, but there were 28-hands everywhere in the room. **Ronnie Murakami** (Honolulu HI) started the 28-hand rush with his *eighth* 28 of the season. **Ernie Barnett** (Boise ID) followed suit, along with **Bill Schlages** (Sacramento CA) and newcomer **John Bennett** (Coeur d’Alene ID) in the midweek tourney. **Sara Sanner** (Colorado Springs CO) and **Dave Yaeger** (Kettle Falls ID) cashed in during the Summer Classic. The final 28-hand went to **Kim Corn** (Baker City OR).

*Seven* 28-hands in three tournaments!

Although we travel to play cribbage, competing for all those prizes, fame, and glory, I think cribbage memories like friends and family singing as you walk into the room is what it is all about.

Enjoy each other and the game. Safe travels. I can’t wait to see you on the Tournament Trail.

## New ACC Judges

- Jason Anderson** (Marshall MN)
- Steven Aziz** (North Chesterfield VA)
- Michael Gellerman** (Port Wing WI)
- Don Hansen** (Albany OR)
- Andrew Harrington** (Tampa FL)
- Diane Harvey** (Albany OR)
- Floyd Hipsher** (Iron River WI)
- Daniel Kerzner** (Land O’Lakes FL)
- Amy McGillvary** (Livonia MI)
- Jonathan Pinyan** (Hackensack NJ)
- Bobby Ramelow** (Otis Orchards WA)
- Rachel Ray-Welsh** (Kingwood TX)
- Steve Serina** (North Wilkesboro NC)
- Paige Thomas** (North Grafton MA)
- Colleen Vigil** (San Angelo TX)
- Susan Weston** (Westland MI)

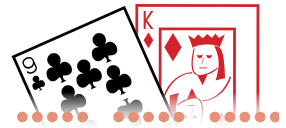
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## Ethics Committee

Effective immediately, **Keith Widener** is resigning as chair of the ACC Ethics Committee. Current committee member **Todd Schaefer** accepted the chair position and was approved by the Executive Committee. Todd may be reached at the same email address: [ethics@cribbage.org](mailto:ethics@cribbage.org).

Keith will remain as vice president of policy and ethics and as a member of the Ethics Committee. Keith is also the national commissioner of judges. Stepping down as head of the Ethics Committee will allow him to concentrate more of his time on the judges program (see page 32).

# Your Deal



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## From Teenage Membership to Life Membership

Here is a silly tidbit that doesn't fit in my "Peek at the Past" this month. I just got my ACC membership renewal today and realized I may be one of the very few that joined the ACC when I was a teenager (in September 1979, I was 19 years and 11 months old when I gave two dollars to **Joe Wergin**), and this fall I can for the first time buy a life membership because I turn 65 this year!

*Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)*

## Richard Sharpe and Cribbage

I just finished a book with a cribbage reference in it. On page 72 of *Sharpe's Siege: Richard Sharpe and the Winter Campaign, 1814* by Bernard Cornwell: "Some of his men slept, some clenched muskets, others played cribbage or dice."

*Craig Greene (Colebrook NH)*

## That's Gonna Leave a Mark!

Here's a first! John Sanford's *Extreme Prey* has a murderer wielding a cribbage board (page 203). ↓

*Bob Rosenberg (Prescott Valley AZ)*

## Cribbage in WWII

I spotted cribbage in the movie *The One That Got Away*. This 1957 war film chronicles the true exploits of Franz von Werra, a Luftwaffe pilot shot down over Britain in 1940 who later became the only Axis POW to succeed in escaping and making it home during the war. Around 32:00 we see two German POWs playing cribbage in a British camp. I didn't know if cribbage is popular in Germany, but someone appears to be losing badly!

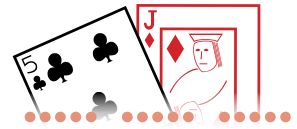
*John DeRosa (West Dundee IL)*

## Cribbage Quiz

**How many ways are there, and what are they, for the dealer to score 15-for-15?**

**answer on page 6**

Lucas had once gone to a murder scene at a fishing cabin in northern Minnesota where a man had been beaten to death with a souvenir cribbage board, which had been shaped like a short canoe paddle. The heavy oaken board had been swung edge-on, like an ax, a half-dozen times, and the victim's skull had been crushed.



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

## Cribbage Quiz Answer

My August editorial expounded the joys of scoring 15-for-14 as the pone. To continue this theme: how about scoring 15-for-15 as the dealer? For the second month in a row, I will co-opt the Cribbage Quiz answer for my editorial.

**Dan Wright** (Mukilteo WA) emailed me about this unusual scoring, which happened at Sno-King Peggers Club 108 in Lynnwood WA. During Dan's deal, he put 7-8 in his crib and held A-A-2-2. His opponent led a 4, and the pegging went like this:

<b>pone</b>	4	A (for 2)	2	2 (for 6)			
<b>Dan</b>		A	A (for 6)		2 (for 2)		2 (for 15)
<b>running count</b>	4	5	6	7	9	11	13

All told, Dan outpegged his opponent 8 to 23.

To make this scenario work with Deuces, the first four cards have to add up to 7. If the *Cribbage World* statistician did his math right, this can happen only with some combination of A-A-A-4.

About a week later, **Patrick Robrecht** (Methuen MA) called the CW home office and reported a similar 15-for-15, but he came out on the short end of the stick:

<b>Patrick</b>	3	3 (for 6)		A (for 3)		A (for 6)	
<b>dealer</b>		3 (for 2)		2		A (for 2)	A (for 15)
<b>running count</b>	3	6	9	11	12	13	14

To make 15-for-15 work with Aces, the first four cards have to add up to 11, so the same stratagem could be accomplished with any combination of 2-2-3-4.

I'll end with a question similar to last month's column: have *you* ever scored 15-for-15 as the dealer?

## NEW RULEBOOK

The Rules Committee is developing a new edition of the ACC's rulebook. If you have any suggestions for the committee, contact the chair, **Jeanne Jelke**, at [jjelke@charter.net](mailto:jjelke@charter.net). The goal is to have new rulebooks ready by June 2025.





# Quist & A

Quiz

Can you match these Quist photos with the country where they were taken?

France

Spain

Switzerland

*answer on page 27*

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Tale of the Tape	Rick Baird	Bob Chase	Rob Medeiros
average	52.5 (96–87)	52.2% (60–55)	✓ 58.3% (63–45)
biggest win	✓ +62 vs. Sheri Howard (WA) @ Sunnyside	+45 vs. Troy Thorson (WI) @ Stetsonville	+55 vs. Wendy Yafuso (TX) @ National Open
worst loss	-53 vs. Wayne Momsen (OR) @ Sunnyside & Gary Romaniak (OR) @ Club 12	✓ -41 vs. Sam Sinram (IA) @ Open Opener	-46 vs. Keith Widen-er (NC) @ Bangor

## Batting Average

The results of the 2023–24 batting average competition are in, and here are the top five players:

player	games won	games played	percent
Erik Locke	563	926	60.8
Rob Medeiros	404	670	60.3
Jerry Hardy	293	499	58.7
David Aiello	340	580	58.6
David Statz	207	367	56.4

The 2024–25 contest is already underway, with twenty-five players signed up so far, but there's still time to enter. If you would like to join the batting average contest, contact **Kevin Harris** at [accbavg@gmail.com](mailto:accbavg@gmail.com).

## New Members

32 last month

### California

Tracy Daggett (Sun Valley)

### Colorado

Charlie Byron (Longmont)  
Jeanne Crowl (Loveland)  
Gerald Siravo (Boulder)

### Delaware

Dale Herbst (Millsboro)

### Florida

Tim Long (Daytona Beach)

### Illinois

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### Rhode Island

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### Texas

Dana Bender (Houston)  
Lynn Maki (Houston)

### Virginia

Paula Markson (Richmond)

### Washington

Marlene Keeley (Vancouver)  
Brian Kilkelly (White Salmon)  
Carey Wheeler (Puyallup)  
Patrick Wilson (Poulsbo)

### Wisconsin

Mark G. Anderson (Madison)  
Kimberlee Mitchell (Iron River)

### Wyoming

Leslie Crossland (Laramie)

# National Open

Just about every time she mentions **Rob Medeiros** in her monthly column (see page 28), **Vicki Soule** says it best: “You may have heard of him!”

Welp, we definitely heard of—and from—Rob at the forty-ninth annual National Open Cribbage Tournament in Durham NC the last weekend in July. Rob started playing at eight o’clock on Saturday morning (no first-round bye for him!) and never stopped until he was holding the winner’s trophy on Monday afternoon.

Rob faced down his first eight NOCT opponents, starting with a Life Master (2★):



round	player	rank	MRPs
1	William Shoemaker (CT)	Life Master (2★)	17,271
2	Wendy Yafuso (TX)	pre-Master	1,163
3	Mike Fetchel (CT)	Life Master	6,523
4	Keith Miller (NC)	Grand Master	4,203
5	David O’Neil (GA)	Life Master	8,216
6	Thomas Goeschel (NC)	pre-Master	1,226
7	Nick Green (MI)	pre-Master	997
8	Bonnie Fife (CT)	pre-Master	164



After losing to Rob in round seven, **Nick Green**—an NOCT newcomer who did very well on his initial trip to Raleigh—cycled back through the once-defeated bracket to face Rob again in the ninth round. This time, Nick was victorious and forced a final match.

The double-elimination format used at NOCT means that everyone except the winner has to take two match losses. Coming out of the once-defeated bracket meant that Nick already had one loss—and that he had to beat Rob twice in order to take the championship. With Rob and Nick now both sitting at one loss each, they faced off one final time.

Of course, losing in round nine could’ve spelled disaster for Rob, but he recovered nicely in round ten, which earned him an interview with *Cribbage*

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*World.* Here are his comments on his first two matches:

The first two matches were the most critical. The first match versus Bill went down to the last card: Bill had first count needing two; I needed three and I scored 31-for-2 and then a go on my last card to win the match 8-7.

The second match with Wendy went all seven games, and we won every game on our first deal. The fourth game was a crazy one. Wendy was absolutely destroying me 90-50, so I jokingly suggested I would concede the game but as a regular loss, not a skunk. Well, you can imagine Wendy's response. For the next three hands, the cards completely reversed, and I ended up having first count needing two while Wendy needed three. Wendy made a nice pegging play and pegged out on me. I wish I had lost that game by 29 instead!

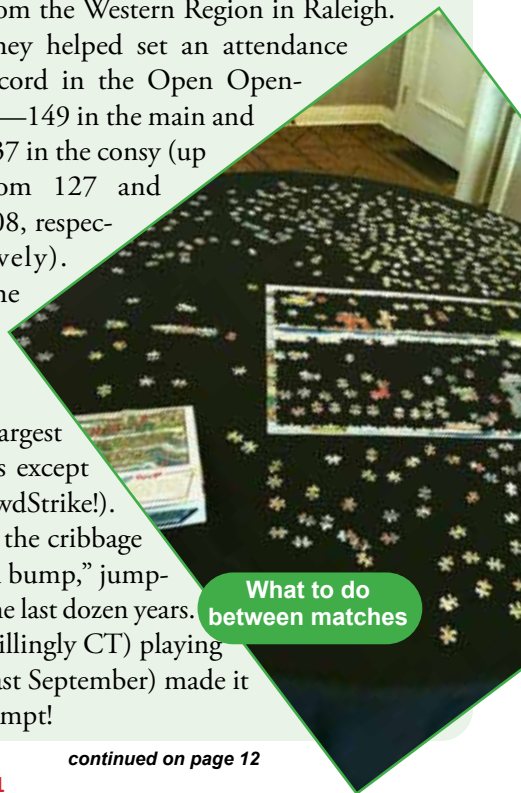


What would you throw in Rob's crib?



Now that's a cut!

Taking a look at the broader picture, it was great to see a contingent of 27 players from the Western Region in Raleigh. They helped set an attendance record in the Open Open-er—149 in the main and 137 in the consy (up from 127 and 108, respectively). The



What to do between matches

NOCT main attendance of 186 was the largest since 2009 (we would've hit 200 players except for airline cancellations—thank you, CrowdStrike!). Come Monday—the final tournament of the cribbage season—also experienced a large “Western bump,” jumping to 118 after averaging 94 players over the last dozen years.

New-to-Raleigh player **Bonnie Fife** (Killingly CT) playing in her first NOCT (she joined the ACC last September) made it all the way to third place on her first attempt!

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# National Open



And it's done!

The always-does-well-in-Raleigh **Terrance Cushman** (Conway SC aka Somewhere NC) didn't win any events this year, but he was high qualifier in the NOCT consolation with a 19/9 + 126 grand slam, so that was good enough to get his name in *Cribbage World*!

We would be remiss if we failed to mention a twenty-four-year-old actuary from Pennsylvania. **James Ravenscroft** (Ambler PA) has been coming to the National Open with his dad, **Kit**, for ten years, starting when he was fourteen. Over the years he has made the top 48 several times, but since he didn't join the ACC until recently, he earned his very first MRPs this year. After he picked up 108 points, James said: "Hopefully these are the first of many!"

And now back to that guy "you may have heard of." With his victory in the tenth and

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Phil Martin ←  
winner of Open Opener main

Frank Abernathy ↑  
winner of Open Opener consy







Playing Sally Henderson, in three consecutive hands Kris Bailey scored a 16,17, and this beauty!



final round, Rob joins an exclusive group of people who have won the National Open main twice: **Jim Hartley** (a North Carolina native, now deceased) won NOCT twice in its early years—1975 and 1988 (#2 and #15)—and **Frank Reddy** (Winthrop MA) won twice in the last two decades: 2003 and 2015 (#30 and #42). Rob previously won NOCT in 2019 (#46).

There's a very good chance that both Rob and Frank will be back in Durham next July in the race to be the first three-time NOCT winner!



The *Cribbage World* editor conducted a scientific poll to find out why cribbage players come to Raleigh in July. Well, not "scientific" so much as "savory." And not really a survey, but a tasting. Actually, I just ate cookies.





# 2024 All American Team

The list of the top ten players for the 2023–24 season is headed by perennial All American Life Master (5★) **Erik Locke** (Wood Village OR), who registered 2,695 Master Rating Points this season, beating the competition by nearly 900 points. Erik’s score was the sixth best MRP total in ACC history.

All of the names on the list are repeat All Americans except for newcomer **Ray Klocko** (Henderson NV), who makes his first AAT appearance by squeaking past Life Master (3★) **Jeff Shimp** (Grand Haven MI) by a mere three points.

rank	MRPs	AAT	name
1	2695	16	<b>Erik Locke</b> (OR)
2	1811	2	<b>Jim Mahan</b> (WI)
3	1772	12	Bob Bartosh (CA)
4	1770	7	<b>Robert Medeiros</b> (MA)
5	1621	15	Roland Hall (CA)
6	1585	2	Robert Chase (MN)
7	1520	2	Bob Brumley (OR)
8	1504	4	Terry Weber (WI)
9	1438	8	Cy Madrone (CA)
10	1263	1	Ray Klocko (NV)

*(Region champions are in bold colors.)*

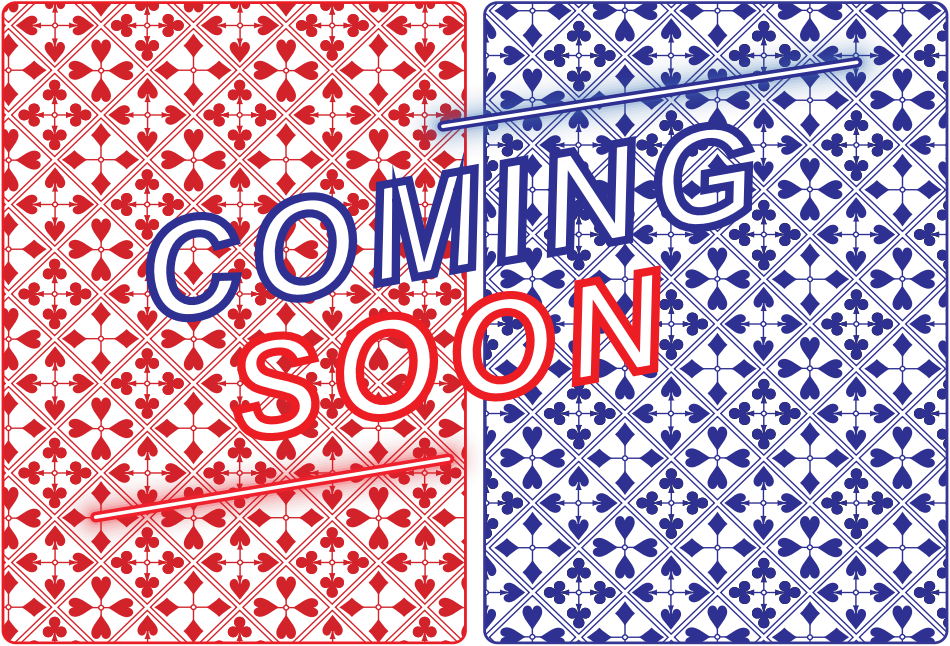
## 2023–24 Tournament Stats

Here are the end-of-season stats from ACC statistician **Marlene Lazachek**. The 2024 numbers for both number of tournaments and player attendance are up from the previous season, but average attendance was down.

	2023–24			2022–23		
	number of tournaments	total attendance	average attendance	number of tournaments	total attendance	average attendance
mains	192	11,525	60.0	174	11,017	63.3
consys	186	7,029	37.8	168	6,748	40.2



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*Hmm. Maybe you're playing too much cribbage when mail comes to you addressed like this!*



tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Capital City Classic Part Trois (Augusta ME; 6/30)	Joseph Bowen	49 players HQ. Karen Hawes (35) 1. James Mahon (105) 2. Robert Medeiros (70) 3. Phil Martin (42) 3. Bob Weymouth (42)	27 players HQ. Richard Crosby (12) 1. Ethan Guyaz (40) 2. Jerry Hardy (24) 3. Richard Crosby (12) 3. Kendra Munkacsy (12)		
Super Sutherland One Day (Sutherland OR; 7/5)	Bob Brumley	43 players HQ. Erik Royland Locke (50) 1. Erik Royland Locke (105) 2. Richard Shea (70) 3. James Clark (42) 3. Duane Toll (42)	32 players HQ. Monica Newton (21) 1. James Langley (40) 2. Monica Newton (24) 3. Todd Malmgren (12) 3. Diana Webster (12)		
4th of July Special (Sutherland OR; 7/6)	Bob Brumley	52 players HQ. Don Dolezal (40) 1. Gerald Hahn (105) 2. Todd Malmgren (70) 3. Mike McDaniel (42) 3. Duane Toll (42)	31 players HQ. Jack Lien (18) 1. <b>Jack Lien</b> (40) 2. James Clark (24) 3. Sara Sanner (12) 3. Peggy Shea (12)		
Heart of Wisconsin Classic (Stetsonville WI; 7/12)	Henry Brandner	93 players HQ. Darlene Anderst (45) 1. James McCarty (147) 2. Michael Henze (105) 3. Rick Kuehn (70) 3. Les Kvien (70)	58 players HQ. Thomas Beucier (24) 1. William Stacey (60) 2. Pete Severson (40) 3. Thomas Beucier (24) 3. Delores Brey (24)	29-hand: Brian Napiwocki* 28-hands: Coleen LaBree* Daniel Kuenne* Brian Napiwocki*	
River City Shake-Up (Sacramento CA; 7/12)	Jennifer Bolles & Nancy Rojas	40 players HQ. Farokh Ziari (35) 1. Peggy Shea (105) 2. Victor Rodriguez (70) 3. Doug Dresbach (42) 3. Nancy Rojas (42)	18 players HQ. Paul Gregson (9) 1. Richard Shea (40) 2. Paul Gregson (24) 3. James Aleschus (12) 3. Don Grumpy Howard (12)		

**LEGEND**

HQ = high qualifier

\* = in sanctioned event

green = grand slam

red = first win

<b>tournament</b>	<b>director</b>	<b>main (MRPs)</b>	<b>consolation (MRPs)</b>	<b>very big hands</b>	<b>satellite winners</b>
Running of the Lobsters (Bangor ME; 7/12)	Joseph Bowen	36 players HQ. Keith Widener (45) 1. Peter Legendre (105) 2. Mark Soule (70) 3. Marty Duchow (42) 3. Keith Widener (42)	24 players HQ. Michael D'Elena (12) 1. Patrick Robrecht (40) 2. Jack Chandler (24) 3. Lance Browne (12) 3. Michael D'Elena (12)		Thursday: Robert Hewes
Depoe Bay Shuffle (Depoe Bay OR; 7/12)	Greg Schleusner	25 players HQ. Scott Milo (30) 1. Jason Shumate (70) 2. Wayne Morsen (42) 3. Scott Milo (21) 3. Bethany Rolfson (21)	15 players HQ. Greg Schleusner (12) 1. Greg Schleusner (24) 2. Sara Sanner (12) 3. Bob Brumley (4) 3. Carole Herron (4)	28-hands: Bethany Rolfson* Robert Geppert*	
Stetsonville Midsummer Classic (Stetsonville WI; 7/13)	Henry Brandner	94 players HQ. Haley Hintze (60) 1. Terry Weber (147) 2. Tom Briski (105) 3. Todd Bullock (70) 3. James McCarty (70)	57 players HQ. Jeff Shimp (18) 1. Larry Morse (60) 2. Matt Klar (40) 3. David Aiello (24) 3. Emilio Perez (24)	28-hand: Chad Frischmann*	
Lobster Peg-Off (Bangor ME; 7/13)	Joseph Bowen	53 players HQ. Keith Widener (50) 1. Keith Widener (105) 2. Robert Hewes (70) 3. Jerry Hardy (42) 3. Vicki Soule (42)	33 players HQ. Barbara Barbour (18) 1. Mark Soule (60) 2. Barbara Barbour (40) 3. Rick Montague (24) 3. Deborah Taylor (24)	28-hands: Mark Soule* Donna LaFleur*	Friday: Steven Braley Canadian Doubles: Barbara Barbour & Mary Roberge
Shut Up and Deal (Depoe Bay OR; 7/13)	Greg Schleusner	33 players HQ. Sara Sanner (50) 1. Erik Royland Locke (105) 2. Jason Shumate (70) 3. William O'Malley (42) 3. Duane Toll (42)	17 players HQ. Greg Schleusner (15) 1. Scott Milo (40) 2. Melvin Chase (24) 3. Monica Newton (12) 3. Greg Schleusner (12)		

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tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Mountain View Summer Sizzler (Loveland OR; 7/13)	Vickie Humphrey	24 players HQ. Vickie Humphrey (40) 1. Roger Wilson (70) 2. Mike Poole (42) 3. Vickie Humphrey (21) 3. Larry McKinney (21)	10 players HQ. Edwin Eng (18) 1. <b>Edwin Eng</b> (24) 2. Wanda Berry (12) 3. Arun Sautter (4)		
Mountain View Peggys Summer Sizzler (Loveland CO; 7/14)	Vickie Humphrey	18 players HQ. David Bute (30) 1. Mike Poole (70) 2. David Bute (42) 3. Pat Daly (21) 3. Arun Sautter (21)	13 players HQ. Larry Smith (12) 1. Raymond Sautter (24) 2. Randy Berger (12) 3. Aaron Heaton (4) 3. Larry Smith (4)		
Weekday Challenge (Sunnyside WA; 7/18)	James Morrow	46 players HQ. James Morrow (35) 1. James Morrow (105) 2. Willie Evans (70) 3. Ronnie Murakami (42) 3. Dave Schwartz (42)	42 players HQ. James Clark (24) 1. Jason Shumate (60) 2. Gary Pinkley (40) 3. Tammy Gibbons (24) 3. Kai Lemrise (24)	28-hands: Ronnie Murakami* Ernie Barnett* Bill Schlabes* John Bennett*	
Switzer-Selke Summer Shuffle (Chaska MN; 7/20)	Adam Switzer & Dan Selke	79 players HQ. Chad Frischmann (50) 1. Scott Sand (147) 2. Joe Gates (105) 3. Laura Johnson (70) 3. Timothy Shaw (70)	51 players HQ. Dan Taylor (24) 1. Dan Taylor (60) 2. Frank Duresky (40) 3. Scott Fritz (24) 3. Dan Sand (24)	28-hand: Jordan Bauldic*	Friday: Larry Leidenheimer Canadian Doubles: John & Beth Schmidt
Summer Classic (Sunnyside WA; 7/20)	James Morrow	69 players HQ. Michael Meyer (55) 1. Dave Schwartz (147) 2. Ray Klocko (105) 3. James Clark (70) 3. Carl Vennes (70)	46 players HQ. Bill Schlabes (21) 1. Laurie Logan (60) 2. Rick Baird (40) 3. Bill Schlabes (24) 3. David Suhr (24)	28-hands: Sara Sanner* Dave Yaeger*	Canadian Doubles: Darlene Stier and Dave Yaeger

**LEGEND**  
**HQ** = high qualifier  
\* = in sanctioned event  
green = grand slam  
red = first win



tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)	very big hands	satellite winners
Pegging for Vets (Sacramento CA; 7/20)	Alice Souza	39 players HQ. Cy Madrone (40) 1. Bob Bartosh (105) 2. Tristan Bacoch (70) 3. Stan Katzman (42) 3. Carolyn Washington (42)	17 players HQ. James Aleschus (9) 1. Dick Lind (40) 2. Paul Gregson (24) 3. James Aleschus (12) 3. Donald Spurgeon (12)	28-hands: Wendy Yafuso* Tristan Bacoch*	
Western Region Championship (Sunnyside WA; 7/21)	James Morrow	55 players HQ. Keith Widener (60) 1. Dave Yaeger (105) 2. Sara Sanner (70) 3. Bob Brumley (42) 3. Duane Toll (42)	11 players HQ. Rick Westerman (21) 1. Rick Baird (24) 2. Rick Westerman (12) 3. Margery Clark (4)	28-hand: Kim Corn*	All Events: Willie Evans
Open Opener (Durham NC; 7/25)	David Aiken, John Hazlett, & Mark Soule	149 players HQ. Phil Martin (50) 1. Phil Martin (196) 2. Sam Sinram (147) 3. Laurie Hardy (105) 3. Robert Medeiros (105) 5. Thomas Goeschel (70) 5. Larry Phifer (70) 5. Jason Shumate (70) 5. Zachary Widener (70)	137 players HQ. Jim Mahan (21) 1. Frank Abernathy (112) 2. Bernard Kitheka (84) 3. Jim Mahan (60) 3. Ken Moomey (60) 5. Terrance Cushman (40) 5. Danny Fournier (40) 5. Ronnie Murakami (40) 5. Bruce Sattler (40)		
National Open (Durham NC; 7/27)	Megan Player & Jennifer Johnson	186 players HQ. N/A 1. Robert Medeiros (196) 2. Nick Green (147) 3. Bonnie Fife (115) 4. Chad Frischmann (95) 5. James Ravenscroft (78) 5. John Shoemaker (78) 7. Shane Lewis (62) 7. Robert Reister (62)	138 players HQ. <b>Terrance Cushman</b> (24) 1. Carlyle Foss (112) 2. Jeff Shimp (84) 3. Kai Lemrise (60) 3. Peter Setian (60) 5. Susan Baker (40) 5. Mary Burlington (40) 5. Ed Tasca (40) 5. Joe Zimmitti (40)	28-hands: Keith Miller* Jerry Griffin* Jacob Devery* Jeff Shimp* Kris Bailey Keith Bryant Jack Howsare James Ready	Friday: John Shoemaker Saturday: Sally Henderson Losers Losers: Bernard Kitheka Canadian Doubles: Eric Jensen & William Stacey High Rollers: Frank Reddy

continued

# ACC Awards



My dad, Harold, taught me to play cribbage when I was five. I joined the ACC in 1995. My home club is #215 in Chaska MN, where I've won the championship nine times. I have won twenty-six sanctioned tourneys. My most memorable moment in 2024 was a grand slam at the Reno Independence consolation, which gave me my Two Star. My favorite tourney is the Gruber Memorial. Jerry was a good friend, and I learned about the ACC from him. I have two wins and a second in the three years this tourney has been held. I joked with Adam Switzer that if I make the final next year the new name will be: The Gruber and soon to be Chase Memorial!

**Robert P. Chase**  
(Minneapolis MN)  
Life Master (2★)

My other interests are bowling, horseracing, kayak fishing, and going to the gym. In 2014 I earned a Guinness world record for bowling a 235 game between the legs.

***New Cribbage Masters***

**Monica Newton (Waldport OR)**  
**Scott Sand (Brainerd MN)**  
**Tristan Bacoch (Orangevale CA)**  
**Robert Reister (Winston Salem NC)**

tournament	director	main (MRPs)	consolation (MRPs)
Come Monday (Durham NC; 7/29)	Jennifer Johnson & Megan Player	118 players HQ. Jean Bidegare (45) 1. Peter Legendre (147) 2. Jim Mahan (105) 3. Larry Phifer (70) 3. Carol Williams (70)	{no cons}

My dad taught me how to play cribbage when I was ten or twelve. I joined the ACC in January 2008. I have had many cribbage mentors; if I started listing them I'm afraid I would omit someone. A member of Crib-a-holics Club 3 in Elgin IL, I'm still working on my first club championship. My first sanction win was at St. Cloud MN in July 2010; I've since won nineteen tournaments. I earned my One Star at the Rampart Casino Midweek when I won the last nine games to qualify. My favorite tournament is Topaz NV. My toughest opponents are Winona McDaniel and Audrey Hatto. Non-cribbage interests include sports, jazz, and reading. I'm on a quest to visit all thirty MLB ballparks; after I attend a game at Dodger Stadium in August, I will need only seven more!



**Dan Selke**  
(Arlington Heights IL)  
Life Master (★)

1. Jordan Hammond (IA): Iowa Classic (Sep. 16)
2. Terry Ward (CA): Barn Café Challenge (Sep. 24)
3. Diane Harvey (OR): Kirk's Ferry Trading Post (Nov. 18)
4. Marsha Mahan (WI): Jingle Bell Open (Dec. 2)
5. Chris McComas (WA): Depoe Bay Challenge (Dec. 9)
6. Kevin Post (MN): ACC Open (Mar. 2)
7. Neil Fagerhaugh (MN): ACC Open (Mar. 3)
8. Richard LaRiva (CO): ACC Open (Mar. 3)
9. Les Sissel (OR): Northwest Open (Mar. 16)
10. Don Hansen (OR): Sutherlin One-Day (May 24)
11. Peggy Shea (CA): Montgomery Memorial (May 31)
12. Andrea Lawrence (CA): Rampart Midweek (June 13)
13. Wendy Yafuso (TX): Independence Classic (June 21)
14. Brian Napiwocki (WI): Heart of Wisconsin (July 12)



## Two Are Better Than One!

When the *Cribbage World* staff saw that **Rick and Peggy Shea** won both halves of the River City Shake-Up in mid-July, we wondered if any husband-and-wife team had done this previously. We turned to ACC programmer **Scott Harker** for help. The ACC database does not indicate family relationships, so Scott searched for tournaments where the main and consolation were won by two people with the same last name. The results are not infallible because married couples sometimes have different surnames, but this search—going back to 1997, the extent of our digital records—found six happily married couples happily winning two tourneys in the same weekend!



tourney	date	where	main	consolation
Lewis & Clark	7/11/98	Yankton SD	Aggie Mikulsky	Eugene Mikulsky
Western New York Open	5/29/99	Niagara Falls NY	Kathy Blough	Jim Blough
Roadrunner Classic	2/26/00	Mesa AZ	Jeff Shimp	Joy Shimp
Season Opener	9/8/01	Anchorage AK	Ken Piepgras	Judi Piepgras
Lee Bailey Memorial	1/24/13	Cocoa Beach FL	Paul Finazzo	Susan Finazzo
River City Shake-Up	7/12/24	Sacramento CA	Peggy Shea	Richard Shea

This search also discovered three parent/child combos who won tournaments on the same day, plus one instance of the famous Medeiros Brothers doing the same thing.

tourney	date	where	main	consolation
Blackstone Valley Open	3/30/03	Norwood MA	Rob Medeiros	Bill Medeiros
Cape Cod Classic	10/26/08	Yarmouth MA	Raymond Cook	Harold Cook
Daffodil Express Open	6/9/13	Puyallup WA	Rick Weichseldorfer	Hazel Weichseldorfer
Portland Winter Open	1/18/19	Portland OR	Jason Hofbauer	Jeanne Hofbauer



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### GN 42 MIDWEEK

*main: 22 games*

Wednesday morning  
register 7a ♦ play 8:30a

\$100 entry

*lunch not included*  
playoffs 7a Thursday

*consv: 9 games*

### GRAND NATIONAL 42

*main: 22 games*

Saturday morning  
register 7a ♦ play 8:30a

\$100 entry

*lunch not included*  
playoffs 7a Sunday

*consv: 9 games*

Thursday morning  
register 8a ♦ play 9:30a  
\$40 entry  
playoff time TBA

Sunday morning  
register 8a ♦ play 9:30a  
\$40 entry  
playoff time TBA

SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 2 OF THIS MAGAZINE

# 2024 VEGAS GN REGISTRATION

<b>name</b>	<b>ACC no.</b>
<b>address</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> anchor seat?
<b>city/state/zip</b>	
<b>email</b>	Midweek main <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<b>phone</b>	GN 42 main <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
	<b>total</b>

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

signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Club 198 (Spokane Valley WA) was thrilled to host a rare evening, where four generations of the same family came to play cribbage. Elder statesman and octogenarian **Bill Link**, his son **John**, grandson **Matt**, and great-grandson **Ryse** (8 years old, but 9 in September he says with a sly grin) were all gathered to duke it out on July 22. This was both Matt and Ryse's first time playing club and hopefully will not be the last. Ryse

jumped right in and without missing a single point or mispegging a single hole, he rattled off three wins in a row, including a well-earned skunk. He ended the night with four wins, including a flawless and decisive 25-point victory over **Kevin Mansfield**. It was wonderful to see that the ACC and Grass Roots club play really does have members playing from 8 to 85-ish!

## JUDGES AT GRASS ROOTS CLUBS

A friendly reminder from Grass Roots Commissioner **Ivan Wells** about judges at Grass Roots clubs: please make sure your club meets all of the requirements and is working toward the recommendations.

### Requirements

- At least one club member (ideally the club director) shall be a certified ACC judge.
- A current rulebook shall be available at every club tournament for judge(s) to refer to whenever there is a judging call.
- If no judge is present, then the person in charge—either the club director or his/her substitute—shall respond to judging calls.
- At least one certified judge shall be present at all GRRTs and GRNTs.

### Recommendations

- Every club should aim to have at least two certified judges.
- It is not required that more than one judge respond to a judging call during regular club sessions, but if two or more are present then two should respond, just like at ACC tournaments.
- Take the judge test—it's not difficult, and it's free! The link on the Grass Roots page connects you via email with the judging examiner.



edited by **Michael Barrett**



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

## GRASS ROOTS CORNER

We are experiencing the calm before the storm. We have **213 active clubs** ready to start play on September 1. From our club to yours, happy pegging!

### GRTOC Makeover

The GRTOC has been renamed the GRTOCC (Grass Roots Tournament of Club Champions), and the three-year window on invitation has been expanded to a lifetime invitation for all club champions (retroactive to the 1985/1986 season, the limit of club champion data). This year's GRTOCC will be held in Las Vegas on November 14. Contact GRTOCC director **Rick Baird** (541.440.9163) for more info.



**Rich Ekman and Eunice Kendall**, directors of Caveman Peggers Club 395 in Grants Pass OR, put up a cribbage booth at the Josephine County Fair! So far at least six people from the fair have tried out the club—and all of them joined the ACC! Hosting a fair exhibit is a fantastic way to meet potential ACC members!

more Grass Roots stories next month

### What's New in Grass Roots This Season?

- A new Grass Roots Policy and Procedure Manual is now available.
- A document entitled "Slow Play Guidelines" is online.
- The GRTOCC is now open to all club champions (see above).
- Entry fee for GRRT/GRNT increased to \$20, but payouts for 28s, 29s, and grand slams increased.
- "Cribbage Anyone?" brochures are available to help promote your club.

More information on all of these is available elsewhere in this *Cribbage World* or online or by contacting Grass Roots Commissioner **Ivan Wells**.

## Scott's Peek at the Past

by Scott Kooistra (Spencer NE)

One of the first topics promoted in the early *Cribbage World* issues in 1980 was a Booster Club. These donations would help support upgrades for the newsletter and awards, with funds possibly going toward junior cribbage.

In the fourth and fifth *Cribbage Worlds* ever printed, it was mentioned that two teenagers from Wilmington NC were the first junior members of the ACC. Additionally, a National Junior Tournament was being discussed for the summer of 1981. In the sixth *Cribbage World* in August 1980, the Honorable Order of Cribadier General program was announced by President **Joe Wergin** and Secretary-Treasurer **Jim Arblaster**.

A 25-dollar donation would get a Booster a one-year hitch and be commissioned a “Cribadier General in the Pegging Forces of the United Cribbage World” (I *love* this wording). Each booster received a certificate with a gold seal and blue ribbon. The boosters also got their business card printed in *Cribbage World* for the next year. The first Cribadier General commissioned was **Gordon Fisher** (WI), and one year into the program twenty-seven Cribadier Generals were listed in the July 1981 *Cribbage World*.

Even though the Cribadier General program was first started as a Booster Club endeavor to support the early stages of the Congress, soon there was quite an effort to have those funds help with promotion of junior cribbage.

By the end of 1981, there were 76 junior members, and 50 of them were from Massachusetts. **Frank and Pat O'Connor** were the first Mr. and Mrs. Cribbage World, and they ably directed the first National Junior Tournament in Massachusetts. Donations to the Cribadier General program helped to fund prizes for the youngsters at this event.

After the initial \$25 investment, the Cribadier Generals were then expected to put in \$10 or more annually to retain that designation. A fair amount of people opted to not renew their CG status. In 1983, new members of the Cribadier Generals were given a cap or T-shirt bearing the Cribadier insignia.

Fast forward to the early 1990s when **David Proctor** (MA)—still an active ACC member—took over the Cribadier General program. The kitty for youth tournaments had dropped to around \$300 when Proctor and others decided to sell commemorative decks of cards to those who contributed at least \$25. This effort raised over \$1,200 to support junior cribbage. I was one of many who did this, and pictured nearby are two decks I bought (still unopened!) to support the ACC and Cribadier General program.

Thanks so much to individuals past and present who have supported and taught cribbage to our youth and have directed junior tournaments, and all to efforts to keep this great game alive!



## Quist Quiz Answer

How'd you do on the Quist Quiz on page 8? Did the various architectural elements—French Renaissance style, Alpine stonework, and soaring towers—help you identify the countries of origin? Well, in reality, *none* of these photos are from Europe. All were taken in North Carolina, during John and Maria's visit to the National Open! Who knew that North Carolina looked so European?!

- #1 is *not* a Spanish cathedral, it is the Duke University cathedral in Durham NC.
- #2 is *not* a French palace in the Rhône Valley, it is Biltmore House in Asheville NC.
- #3 is *not* a Swiss mountain lodge, it is Grove Park Inn in Asheville NC.

Go to page 37 for more Quist stories from NOCT.



## Update on NOCT Playing Cards

Former National Open director **Cathy Perkins** reports that the US Playing Card Company provided Bicycle cards in engraved boxes until 1991 (NOCT 18). From 1978 until 1988 (NOCT 5–15), they were engraved boxes for a single deck, but in 1989 they switched to engraved boxes that held two decks. Beginning in 1992, USPCC still supplied playing cards but they were no longer in engraved boxes; this lasted until 2007 (NOCT 34).

Thanks to **Rich Maringer** (Oak Creek WI) and **Tony Williams** (Arlington VA), who submitted pictures of various NOCT playing cards.





## Vicki's Cribbage Vibes

Stories about Cribbage on the Eastern Seaboard

◆ by Vicki Soule ◆ soule1994@comcast.net ◆

September is here! The first day of fall is September 22, so all the pumpkin spice can come out then! September 5 is Be Late for Something Day (this day is made especially for me!). September 13 is Positive Thinking Day (what would happen if we all did that?). September 23 is National Checkers Day (hmm, a new hobby?). And September 30 is National Orange Shirt Day (here's looking at you, **Jack Howsare!**).

This month *Cribbage World* tells all about the fun in North Carolina. Unfortunately, this author had fun Thursday and Friday before the “bug” that took over hit her! I would like to shout out to the East Coast winners: **Phil Martin** (high qualifier and winner of the Open Opener main), **Frank Abernathy** (winner of the Open Opener consy), **Carlyle Foss** (winner of the NOCT consy), and NOCT repeat winner **Rob Medeiros** (you may have heard of him). The Come Monday winner was also a Mainer: **Peter “the Legend” Legendre!** Maine is on the map! It was a great tournament and one not to miss. We all look forward to the **Megafer** team doing it up in 2025 at the 50th anniversary!

On August 10–11, East Hartford CT was the place to be. At the seventeenth annual Patriot Kickoff, seventy-eight peggers battled it out: **Nancy Riccio** ➔ (Quincy MA) took home the trophy, while our visiting friend from Michigan, **Art Loveland**, took second. In the consolation, after beating her husband **Jerry** in the first round of the playoffs, **Laurie Hardy** ➔ took home the win to Maine, while **Mike D'Elena** took second place back to Rhode Island. On Sunday, eight-six dedicated players attempted to get a win. The main winner was from Massachusetts, **Bob Baker**, over hometown hero **Mike Kopp**. The consolation was an all-Connecticut female final with director **Deb Taylor** ➔ getting her first win over **Donna LaFleur**. The high qualifier, who is making a name for being high qualifier in the last few months, was **Keith Widener**. It was a great weekend and fun had by all, as you can tell by those scorecards on the next page! ➔



The finals of the 2023–24 New England Long Match have been set, with another all-female final: Connecticut's **Donna LaFleur** is facing Maine's own **Vicki Soule**. Stay tuned for results!



**News**

Results from the New England Youth Championship (5 players) @ Bangor ME on July 11  
**Gwendolyn Parker** (Windsor ME; age 16): high qualifier and first place  
**Wesley Parker** (Windsor ME; age 9): second place  
 Thanks to **Gerald Oxford** (Crescent City CA) for donating many sets of lighthouse pegs to the Youth Program.

**Youth Tournament Trail**

- October 5 ♦ Vet's Tournament (Sacramento CA)
- October 6 ♦ Memorial Tournament (Oroville CA)
- October 26 ♦ Halloween Tournament (Oroville CA)
- December 7 ♦ Ready Springs (Penn Valley CA)
- February 8 ♦ Sierra Youth Tournament (Grass Valley (CA)
- June 28 ♦ Youth Grand National 6 (Reno NV)

**Teaching Manuals**

- **Lily Burickson** (Las Vegas NV)
- **Andy Warta** (Buffalo NY)

**September Funnies**

- Q.** What does October have that September doesn't?  
**A.** An extra day.
- Q.** Why do birds fly south in September?  
**A.** Because its faster than walking.
- Q.** What is the best band to listen to in September?  
**A.** The Spice girls.

Game	Game Points	Spread Points	Opponents Initials	Verification ID Number
1	2	12	RH	30
2	2	11	H	34
3	2	16	RF	38
4	2	21	Lat	42
5	-	-	01	45
6	-	-	07	43
7	-	-	43	46
8	-	-	45	45
9	-	-	-	-
10	8	12	06	46
11	7	10	06	46

NET POINTS (+) = 36  
 NET POINTS (-) = 36

Signature: *VauSilo*

Game	Game Points	Spread Points	Opponents Initials	Verification ID Number
1	-	-	33	30
2	-	-	34	30
3	-	-	01	32
4	-	-	02	34
5	-	-	07	36
6	-	-	44	38
7	2	20	HS	40
8	2	11	SACK	42
9	3	47	CH	41
10	2	24	W	46
11	2	09	W	48
12	2	09	W	48
13	13	12	KS	50

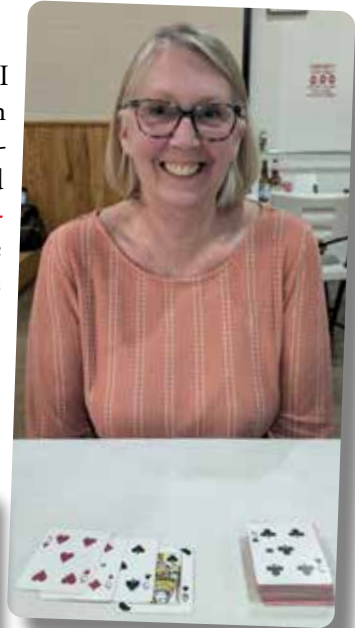
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 NET POINTS (-) = 01

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## Stetsonville

Henry Brandner's second tournament in Stetsonville WI had 96 players at the first main, raising the population of the village by 17%! With Mr. 28 in the room for added luck, both **Coleen LaBree** → (Monticello MN) and **Chad Frischmann** (Eau Claire WI) scored 28-hands! **Brian Napiwocki** (Plover WI) was not quite as good as the late **Lyle Lund**, who scored back-to-back 29s many years ago, but it still is odds defying. Brian had a 29, moved over a seat and then had a 28! In the four-game wrap, **Haley Hintze** ↓ won with an impressive 11¼ +140. The Medford Chamber of Commerce again stepped up to the plate, donating \$750 to the prize fund.

7	3	53		CJ	12
8	3	34		DB	32
9	3	44		AP	36
10	2	09		TF	40



I was sure was surprised to see these two ↓ at Stetsonville.

Turns out that it costs less to fly to Minnesota and drive to Wisconsin than to drive to Depoe Bay OR. Plus, we had more players. Too bad **Kai** and **Kat** bailed out of the trip. **Trevor aka \$2 from Poole** wanted to get his money back. He got his chance in the consy play-offs, taking me out 2-1. His lucky 16-cut stole my victory and buck.

**Emilio Perez** deals **Jimmy "The Pegging Machine" McCarty** 6-6-6-6-9-9. Jimmy tosses 6-9 and Emilio tosses 8-9 to the crib. Somehow Jimmy cuts the case 9 for a 20-hand, but gives up a 12-crib. What is crazy is if he had tossed 6-6 or 9-9, it wouldn't have changed a thing, still 20 and 12. Jimmy is on a roll, winning his last two mains.





How many times have you mentally had a game marked as a win only to lose? I made a career on inventing new ways to lose a game. On the other hand, **The Pegging Machine** invents new ways to win. While playing **Steve Schneider** at Stetsonville, this played out. Steve is dealing from 13 and Jimmy needs 20. Jimmy tosses 2-K, holding 3-3-5-7, cuts a 9, and leads a 7. Steve's Jack makes 17. Jimmy plays his 5 for 22. Steve then lays a 3, Jimmy pairs it and Steve says go, setting Jimmy up for 31-for-8. Steve gets only a go, and his 38 special opens the door for Jimmy to win on the next deal.

### Second Place

It just doesn't pay to be second. While playing at Madison Club 6 this summer, I had a 12/6, losing my first and last game to **Fred Adolphson**. We ended up tied, but I lost on spread. Since it was a small crowd, the side pools paid only one place. My entry was \$12 and \$20 for sides. Second place paid \$30 for a \$2 net loss. How many times have you finished second—only to lose money?

### All in the Family

While **Sir John Suckling** was busy inventing cribbage, what was brother James doing? He was making refreshments ➔ for **Erik Locke** to sell!

### Dale Beats DeLynn!

I recently downsized so I could sell my house, and I finally beat **DeLynn Colvert** at something, who was known for collecting golf balls. It took me fifty-one years to collect over 68,000 golf balls, but I beat DeLynn! I had to carry 3.4 tons of balls up the basement stairs, one banana box at a time (and by "I," I mean "Jane and I"). I'm guessing **Dave Aiken**'s books weigh more, but I will have to check with **Sally (the book mover) Henderson**, to be sure.



## Long Match Ledger

Spokane  
Area  
Long  
Match

winner

James Morrow (Sunnyside)

runner-up

Kyle Murphy (Spokane)

semifinalists

Mattie Kivett (Spokane)  
Dave Schwartz (Spokane)



## Ruling Points

by Keith Widener

### Playing the Rulebook

Have you ever heard the expression “playing the rulebook”? Many years ago I would attend the Tournament of Champions in Reno as a judge when **Roger Wilson** was the chief judge. He would tell us that we were not going to allow people to play the rulebook. It took me several years and a lot of experience to understand what that meant.

The following situations—based on actual events at cribbage tournaments—will help us think about this concept.

In the first incident, the pone was three points out from winning. The count got up to 28 when the dealer played an Ace for 29. The pone then paired the Ace and said “30 for two and a go is three” and pegged out. The dealer sat back and said “but I didn’t say go” and called for a judge. Is this a false claim of game? (Note: it was not apparent that it would be a go; the dealer could have had an Ace to play.)

In a second case, the dealer was in the dead hole after counting their hand. A 5 had been cut. Without revealing the crib the dealer said: “I have two points in the crib and pegged out.” Is this a false claim of game?

And what about an individual who constantly shuffles and shuffles on their opponent’s deal not just once during the

game but multiple times. If there are about six deals per game and you spend one or two minutes shuffling on their deal, this eats up six to twelve minutes of time, which is a killer in any tournament. Is this against the rules?

These are all examples of playing the rulebook. In the final incident, the player was invoking his right to shuffle per the rulebook. But the actual intent of rule 2.2 is to make sure that the cards have been fully shuffled in the event that someone just didn’t shuffle good. Shuffling to change your luck, which I do myself, is okay, but doing it multiple times or after every deal is excessive and unsportsmanlike.

In the other two cases, the first question that the judges needed to ask is this: did the player have enough points to win the game? Rule 8.4a states: **If a player does not have sufficient points to win the game . . . he or she has falsely claimed the game.**

In the first case, the judges should have referred to rule 8.9, which states: **If a “go” is pegged before the opponent has announced “go,” the cards remaining in the opponent’s hand determine if the “go” is warranted and may be taken, or whether the player has overpegged and a penalty for over-**

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

## The Inside Track

by Rob Medeiros



One of my cribbage mantras is: “It’s always better to have a bad plan than no plan at all.” But a recent game against a fellow club member made me rethink this policy.

It’s early in the game against the affable veteran pegger **Frank “Bogey” Bogus**. For those that don’t know Bogey, I would describe his play as sometimes pretty good and sometimes a little hard to understand (LOL). It’s my crib and I hold 10-10-J-Q. The cut is a 6, and Bogey leads a King. I play my 10 and prepare my vocal cords for the word “go” to be uttered in the next second. However something strange happens: Bogey plays an Ace to make the count 21. I play Q for 31 and see that Bogey’s hand was A-A-A-K

I asked Bogey why didn’t he lead his A? If I play a middle card there’s a good chance he can get his two Aces in for points. To my surprise, Bogey says: “Yes, but I wanted to get all three of my Aces in.” After I briefly explained the rules of mathematics and counting to 31, Bogey sheepishly admitted that this really couldn’t work out.

So this is that one exception where no plan is *definitely* better than this Bogey concoction. Thanks, Bogey, for providing some interesting material for this column!

**Rob always a plan. Contact him at [mrob2199@aol.com](mailto:mrob2199@aol.com).**

**pegging is involved.** The dealer did not have a playable card, so this was not a false claim of game.

In the second situation, it is a mathematical fact that if a 5 is part of your crib you are guaranteed at least two points. Pegging out from one or two out before actually revealing your crib is not a false claim of game. But your opponent does have the right to see the crib per rule 9.3d.

Playing the rulebook can turn people off. Most people in the ACC are members because they want to play and have fun, and they enjoy a little competition. But if you are always throwing the rulebook at them based on a technicality, most likely they are not going to stick around. Maybe that is part of the reason why we have only 6,000 members out of over 330 million citizens in this country.

A section entitled “Aims and Objectives” at the start of the ACC rulebook states: **In August 1979, the American Cribbage Congress Inc. (ACC) was founded as a nonprofit corporation to promote the game of cribbage, to develop many programs for the benefit of its members, and to promulgate friendships among cribbage players everywhere.** It further states under the “Code of Ethics”: **Cribbage is a pastime that provides social opportunities to display true sportsmanship and respect for others, without rancor, animosity, or overwhelming self-interest during competition.**

So every time you sit down and play, think about what is fair and right. Don’t look for ways to invoke penalties. Be nice and have fun. That’s why the ACC exists.



# Internet Cribbage

by Sally Henderson  
(*Internet Commish*)  
accjudgetest@  
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Many of you have played **Dan Crete** (*dec*). He is one of the original ACC players on eCribbage and Game Colony. Known for his end-game pegging skill, Dan generously shares on the “Daily Cribbage Hand,” which many of us read regularly for insights from others.

Kudos to Dan for earning the second ever Life eMaster (2★), with over 15,000 IRPs during the twentieth season of ACC online play! Here are Dan’s other amazing internet achievements: internet champion five times (tied with **Mike Fetchel**/*mfetchct425*); second player to achieve Life eMaster (2★); first place in lifetime IRPs (15,168); second place in tournaments won (107); tourneys won in a single season: 13; tourneys played: 2496+.



## internet.leaders

rank	IRPs	name
1	1370	Gregory Gougian ( <i>gougie00</i> )
2	1296	Daniel Crete ( <i>dec</i> )
3	1208	Terry Higgins ( <i>chainlink1</i> )
4	1180	Sue Edwards ( <i>co434sue</i> )
5	1150	Pat Liegl ( <i>patco1950</i> )
6	1128	Jerry Griffin ( <i>meatloaf627</i> )
7	1071	Tim Julkowski ( <i>timoregon2854</i> )
8	1062	Richard May ( <i>rcmay5</i> )
9	1053	Nancy Roncetti ( <i>nunzia</i> )
10	1007	Bernard Kitheka ( <i>wanzelu</i> )

*ACC Internet Champ for 2023–24*

**Gregory Gougian** (*gougie00*)

*Point Leader of the Month*

**Pat Liegl** (*patco1950*) @ 211 IRPs

*New Life eMasters (2★) (15,000 IRPs)*

**Daniel Crete** (*dec0194/dec*)

*New Grand eMasters (4,000 IRPs)*

**Bernard Kitheka** (*wanzelu*)

*Internet 29-Hands*

**Peg Rooney** (*boondocky1*)

*Internet 28-Hands*

**Roger Baxter** (*rdaxter*)

*Internet Grand Slams*

**Rick Allen** (*excitations*)

**Ron Melrose** (*rpmrpm*)

**Kathleen Seiferlein** (*baylito99*)

## Get to know Dan

I learned cribbage in my late teens at a family restaurant, playing with co-workers into the late hours. I found online cribbage on MSN Zone and joined the ACC internet tournaments at about the same time. Whether in club or in live tournaments, I learned a lot from **Dave Statz**. My toughest club member now is **Greg Gougian**, and before that it was the late **Al Miller**. I have been retired for about two years. Along with my wonderful wife, **Sheila**, I have been running Club 314 for about twenty years. I have interests in hiking and biking. I would love to play more live tourneys, but life has gotten full the last few years. I am fortunate to currently lead in lifetime IRPs, partly



because **Mike Fetchel** has slowed down. If he played more, I would have a battle on my hands. By the way, I have heard some say internet cribbage is not real cribbage. I know the fundamentals really well. The biggest difference is that in face-to-face play, you may know your opponent's tendencies. Online programming might get a little miffed, but that might happen for either player during any game. I look at it as overall play, and winning more of the close games. Thanks to Sally, John, Tammy, Bob, and all others who have helped make this sector of the ACC work.

## Exciting Coming Soon News!

**ACC's Partnership with Grouper is getting a major upgrade.** Grouper is here to help keep you socially connected by supporting the costs of activities that bring people together – like playing cribbage with friends.

Grouper has enhanced its offering with an initial payment of \$50 + \$20 ongoing activity payments for every three months of activity for eligible members.

We believe this will support our mutual long term goal of building meaningful connections that positively impact your life and community. Existing eligible members will receive a one time top up payment before the end of the year.

### Get Paid for Having Fun!

Stay tuned for information coming soon! In the meantime, ACC members over the age of 65 are encouraged to check their eligibility at [GrouperGroups.com/ACC](http://GrouperGroups.com/ACC). Grouper does not sell healthcare. This is a free program available to those with qualifying health plans.

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# Kat Hartsell

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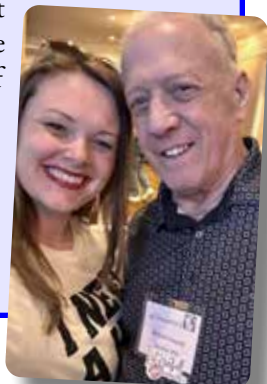
What a whirlwind this month has been! It began with a wonderful visit to my friend(s) Bob (and vacationing Betty) Brumley in Sutherlin OR. The cards weren't great, I experienced my first ever double skunk from a lesser-known player, **Bob Bartosh**. I was extra lucky on tournament day as I got to sit between *two* legends: **Duane Toll** and **Jeanne Jelke** ♠ (do you realize how much you learn by watching the greats in between games?). I ended with 27 and was disappointed

not to get into the playoffs, even playing the best I could with the cards I was dealt. This was the first weekend since I began this journey in January that I didn't receive points or money in a satellite (there were no satellites this time, or you know I would have won them all)! It was quite a rude awakening!

I told you all I was heading to Stetsonville WI but, unfortunately, being a mom came first and I had to cancel my trip. My youngest has been in and out of the hospital since October, but good news! We have found the issue and have a plan in place to strengthen his little body. Thank you for all the well wishes and love that have been sent our way.

To end this month, I will rave about Raleigh NC and the National Open. First of all, if you haven't been, I would absolutely recommend you go! Yes, the format is a little different for the two-day tournament, *but* there are four other sanctioned tournaments you can participate in during the five-day event. The East Coast folks were incredible too: **Phil Beauregard**, **Dave and Danny Fournier**, and my newest favorite, ♠ **Rick Nourse**—who played me in four events, letting me beat him each time! I feel like I am on a bad string of cards though, I made it through three rounds in the NOCT. The people *always* make the tournaments worth it. Pool time with part of the She-Wolf Pack (**Tammy Gibbons** and **Vicki Soule**) was just the recharge I needed after a stressful week as a mom. I hope to be back in Raleigh next year and every year. This was worth the resources spent, and I am already looking into booking for next year!

I can't wait to tell you about La Grande and Portland . . . two tournaments and a wedding! Where are you headed this month?



# CRIBBAGE AROUND THE WORLD *Continued*

by John Quist  
~ with lots of help from Maria ~

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Maria and I normally write about our international travels for *Cribbage World*, but this month we will write about some of the people we met while attending the National Open Cribbage Tournament in Raleigh NC. North Carolina is the birthplace of our organization, the American Cribbage Congress. **Scott Kooistra**'s stories in his "Peek at the Past" series came to life for Maria and me as we played many people that have been competing in the NOCT for decades. Every story told is a little gem of ACC history. Thank you, Scott.

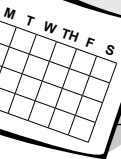
This was the first time Maria and I played in the NOCT, and we both loved the format. We will definitely return to play the NOCT again in the future. However, there will be one special player we will be looking for, hoping for some redemption. The Quist Family Bureau of Investigation (QFBI) will be on the lookout for ↓ **Keith Bryant**, as he knocked both me and Maria out of the NOCT! Another person I will be on the lookout for is **Kat Hartsell**. She seems to be nice as she writes her monthly "Kat Hartsell Experience" articles for CW, but I beg to differ. Kat turned me into roadkill, skunking me as she qualified for the playoffs. Good job, Kat, but I wonder if Maria told you all her secrets on how to read me and my cards?

Joking aside, the ACC is an amazing place to meet people with interests in travel, food, wine, and cribbage. Maria and I met another ACC player who traveled around the world on the same ship we did, but just one year earlier! What a small world it is. **Jean Bidegare** ↓ and I shared ATW cruise stories while we sat next to each other during a nine-game tournament.

Lastly, Maria and I have always been thankful for all the strategic advice that longtime ACC members have given us. **Duane Toll** is an example of a player and competitor who has always provided advice to us. During this year's NOCT, eventual winner **Rob**

**Medeiros** gave both Maria and me advice while waiting for his matches. That is what the ACC is about. With Rob's advice, I am sure Maria and I will be on our way to Olympic gold (or silver, or bronze). Thanks, Rob, and congratulations on your second NOCT title!





# SANCTIONED Tournaments **MRPs**

*final standings*

Western Region		Central Region		Eastern Region	
MRPs name		MRPs name		MRPs name	
1	2695 Erik Locke	1	1811 Jim Mahan	1	1770 Robert Medeiros
2	1772 Bob Bartosh	2	1585 Robert Chase	2	1037 Phil Martin
3	1621 Roland Hall	3	1504 Terry Weber	3	1028 Jerry Hardy
4	1520 Bob Brumley	4	1260 Jeff Shimp	4	1011 Larry Phifer
5	1438 Cy Madrone	5	1228 Chad Frischmann	5	995 Keith Widener
6	1263 Ray Klocko	6	1179 James McCarty	6	938 Mark Soule
7	1246 James Morrow	7	1163 Haley Hintze	7	896 Terrance Cushman
8	1120 Jason Shumate	8	1112 Allen Karr	8	857 David Statz
9	1114 Bill Schlabes	9	1082 Clay Collier	9	823 Peter Legendre
10	1078 James Langley	10	972 Troy Thorson	10	770 Donna LaFleur
11	1037 Don Thienel	11	898 Lana Newhouse	11	698 Mike Fetchel
12	1016 Darlene Stier	12	852 Marsha Mahan	12	626 Kendra Munkacsy
13	971 James Clark	13	844 David Aiello	13	621 Rick Montague
14	933 Duane Toll	14	768 Kristina Wright	14	618 David Hayes
15	932 Sara Sanner	15	709 Les Kvien	15	592 Frank Abernathy
16	903 Rick Baird	16	691 Emilio Perez	16	572 Barri Gehrand
17	885 Peggy Shea	17	666 John Syftestad	17	566 Frank Reddy
18	870 Ronnie Murakami	18	640 Patrick Healey	18	563 Patrick Robrecht
19	858 Kevin Mansfield	19	635 Doug Page	19	534 Steven Braley
20	833 Wayne Momsen	19	635 Al Pernicek	20	529 Rick Allen
20	833 Dave Yaeger	21	620 Michael Henze	21	524 Jack Chandler
22	819 Charlene Cohen	21	620 Jason Matherly	22	510 Ethan Guyaz
23	812 Todd Malmgren	21	620 Steven Steinmetz	23	504 Scott Earley
24	731 Carole Herron	24	615 Scott Sand	24	470 Marty Duchow
25	725 William Eilers	25	581 Bob Hanes	25	464 Carlyle Foss
26	709 Bernie Nelson	26	554 Adam Switzer	26	402 Robert Baker
27	699 David Bute	27	542 Henry Brandner	27	391 William Cormier
28	668 Richard Shea	28	540 John Schafer	28	387 Charles Booker III
29	651 Jim Crawford	29	526 Daniel Pluff	29	379 Peter Setian
30	612 Junko Larsen	30	507 Dan Taylor	30	374 Laurie Hardy
31	611 Paul Gregson	31	504 Darlene Anderst	30	374 Megan Player
32	608 Carol Perko	32	493 Rick Kuehn	32	352 Debra Cotter
33	593 Peter Jackson	33	475 Dan Selke	33	342 Peter Grant
34	592 Joe Gates	34	446 Todd Schaefer	34	336 Bonnie Fife
35	590 Carol Williams	35	438 Wayne Steinmetz	35	327 John Morch II
36	575 Steve Sundet	36	403 Doug Whitlock	36	324 David Flaherty
37	573 Alan Schaefer	37	391 Steve Schneider	37	321 Deborah Taylor
38	567 Kai Lemrise	38	390 Dale Magedanz	38	320 Vicki Soule
39	549 Bob Prochnow	39	389 Cynthia Wark	39	314 Barry Spadea
40	545 Sandy Sands	40	387 Dan Sand	40	310 Keith Bryant
41	526 Alice Souza	41	378 Bob Kiley	41	309 Ray Cross
42	514 Mike McDaniel	42	367 Tom Briski	42	308 Paul Petit
43	506 Bryan Gurden	43	364 Donald Curry	43	298 Richard Nourse
44	501 Dave Schwartz	44	354 Ed May	44	293 Joe Zimmitti
45	490 Steve Hastie	45	352 Wendy Yafuso	45	291 Robins Buck
46	481 Jack Shumate III	46	350 Timothy Shaw	45	291 Mike Misluk
47	480 Jeanne Jelke	47	342 Edward Balcer	47	289 Matthew Easterbrook
48	461 Margery Clark	48	339 Steven Post	48	271 Fred Blanc
49	452 Doug Dresbach	49	338 Bob Joslin	49	258 David O'Neil
50	435 Craig Smith	50	336 Larry Leidenheimer	50	245 Mary Roberge

# Tournament Trail

## CALENDAR OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

### ACC Tournament Commissioners

Western Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
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### GRAND NATIONAL SCHEDULE

<i>date</i>	<i>location</i>	<i>Tournament Directors</i>
Nov. 12–17, 2024	Las Vegas NV	Troy Thorson, Kathy Pacocha, David Aiken
Sep. 30–Oct. 5, 2025	Deadwood SD	David Aiken, Patrick Barrett, Dan Selke, John Hazlett
Oct. 13–18, 2026	Niagara Falls NY	David Aiken, Mark Soule, Vlcki Soule

### TOC & ACC OPEN SCHEDULE

Mar. 7–9, 2025	Reno NV	Peggy & Rick Shea, Scott Kooistra
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**OR ♦ Aug. 30–Sep. 1, Portland Sum. Festival**  
 Moose, 16411 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97230.  
 TD: Erik & Courtney Locke (503.754.2979)

**ID ♦ Sep. 13–15, Gem State Classic**  
 Eagles, 7025 Overland Rd, Boise ID 83709. TD:  
 Laurie & Ron Logan (406.241.5006)

MT ♦ Montana Fall Roundup
<b>Aug. 30–Sep. 1, Capital City Fall Roundup</b>
Moose, 4750 N Montana Ave, Helena MT 59602. TD: Sandy Sands (406.461.6284) & Roger McGlenn
<b>Sep. 3–5, Fall Territorial Prison Classic</b>
Elks, 230 Main St, Deer Lodge MT 59722. TD: Bob Stone (406.560.1386) & Dave Hayden
<b>Sep. 6–8, Montana Fall Championship</b>
Westside Lanes, 2420 South Ave W, Missoula MT 59801. TD: Rex Paddock (406.360.3333) & Sandy Sands

IA ♦ Iowa Classics Doubleheader
Rock Island Inn, 3303 S Center St, Marshall- town IA 50247. TD: Mike Henze (641.485.2604) & Bob Joslin
<b>Sep. 13, Iowa Classic #1</b>
<b>Sep. 14–15, Iowa Classic #2</b>

**TX ♦ Sep. 14, Red River Peg Out**  
 Elks, 8550 Lullwater Dr, Dallas TX 75238. TD: Scott  
 Buhrow (469.650.5740) & Doug Weier

**NH ♦ Sep. 15, New Hampshire Open**  
 American Legion, 11 Court St, Nashua NH 03061.  
 TD: David Statz & Mary Burlington (603.247.4335)

WA ♦ Longview Doubleheader
American Legion, 1250 12th Ave, Longview WA 98632. TD: Chris McComas (360.590.8276) & Erik Locke
<b>Sep. 6, Taking the Longview Midweek</b>
<b>Sep. 7–8, Taking the Longview</b>

NV ♦ Sin City Doubleheader
Pass Casino, 140 S Water St, Hen- derson NV 89011. TD: Brenda Nason (619.300.2628) & Sharon Schaefer
<b>Sep. 20, Sin City Sunrise</b>
<b>Sep. 21–22, Sin City Spectacular</b>

**CT ♦ Sep. 8, Connecticut September Sizzler**  
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 99 Sand Hill Rd,  
 South Windsor CT 06074. TD: Joan Fletcher  
 (860.968.7133) & Barbara Barbour

**WI ♦ Sep. 20–22, America's Dairyland Open**  
 Mad Apple, 3025 W College Ave, Appleton WI  
 54914. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke

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**WA ♦ Spokane Doubleheader**

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

**Sep. 20, Fall Brawl for It All**

**Sep. 21–22, Fall Brawl for It All Again**

**ME ♦ Sep. 22, Capital City Classic**

American Legion, 400 Eastern Ave, Augusta ME 04330. TD: Joe Bowen (207.659.6111) & Steve Braley

**OR ♦ Sep. 27–29, Oregon Championship**

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

**VA ♦ Williamsburg Doubleheader**

Wyndham Gardens Hotel, 201 Water Country Pkwy, Williamsburg VA 23185. TD: Scott & Mark Noble (434.806.7286)

**Sep. 27, Williamsburg Scream Opener**

**Sep. 28–29, Williamsburg Scream**

**ME ♦ Sep. 28, Seaside in Wells**

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

**CA ♦ Pegging for Vets Doubleheader**

VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823

**Oct. 5, Pegging for Vets**

TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley

**Oct. 5, Youth Tournament: Pegging for Vets**

TD: Don Grumpy Howard (916.212.2465) & Marley Souza

**CA ♦ Dick Ault Doubleheader**

Eagles, 2010 Montgomery St, Oroville CA 95965

**Oct. 6, Dick Ault Memorial**

TD: Lori Boyer (530.566.6454)

**Oct. 6, Youth Tournament: Dick Ault Memorial**

TD: Don Grumpy Howard (916.212.2465) & Lori Boyer

**WI ♦ Oct. 11–13, Oktoberfest**

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

**OR ♦ Oct. 11–13, Salem Classic**

Elks, 2336 Turner Rd SE, Salem OR 97301. TD: Bruce Hammond (503.507.7432) & Eric Frey

**MA ♦ Oct. 12–13, New England Classic**

Knights of Columbus, 254 Hancock St, Abington MA 02351. TD: Debra Cotter (781.801.3858) & Mike D'Elena

**WI ♦ Oct. 18–20, Wisconsin State Championship**

Lake of the Torches Resort, 8311 Hwy 13 S, Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494. TD: Patrick & Linda Barrett (715.323.5027)

**MN ♦ Chaska Doubleheader**

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

**Oct. 25, Minnesota Open One Day**

**Oct. 26–27, Jerry Gruber Memorial**

**WA ♦ Oct. 25–27, World Championships**

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

**ME ♦ Oct. 26, Spooktacular Cribbage**

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

**CA ♦ Halloween Masquerade Doubleheader**

Eagles, 2010 Montgomery St, Oroville CA 95965

**CA u Oct. 26, Oroville**

TD: Lori Boyer (530.566.6454) & Paul Gregson

**Oct. 26, Youth Tournament: Halloween**

TD: Don Grumpy Howard (916.212.2465) & Lori Boyer

**WI ♦ Nov. 1–3, Northeast Wisconsin Open**

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

**ME ♦ Nov. 2, Chris Greeley Classic**

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

**CA ♦ Nov. 2, Pegging for Vets**

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

**OR ♦ Nov. 2–3, Brownsville Open**

Kirks Ferry Trading Post, 217 Bishop Way, Brownsville OR 97327. TD: Bob & Betty Brumley (541.733.1136)

**MA ♦ Nov. 3, Boston Regional Tournament**

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

**NH ♦ Windrifter Doubleheader**

Windrifter Resort, 337 South, Wolfeboro NH 03894. TD: Mark & Vicki Soule (207.442.9001)

**Dec. 13, Windrifter Classic**

**Dec. 14–15, David Campbell Memorial**

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**CA & NV ♦ Pre-Grand National Cluster**

**CA ♦ Nov. 6–8, Diamond Mountain Fall Classic**

Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Rd, Susanville CA 96130. TD: Jeanne Jelke (509.521.3153) & Beverly Castillo



<b>NV ♦ Nov. 8–10, Veterans Day Classic</b> J Resort, 345 N Arlington, Reno NV 89501. TD: Peggy Shea (707.599.4605) & Rick Baird
<b>CA ♦ Nov. 11, Topaz Fall One-Day Wonder</b> Topaz Lodge, 1979 US-395, Gardnerville CA 89410. TD: Beverly Castillo (775.453.3715) & Jeanne Jelke

↓ <b>PROMO ON PAGES 22–23</b> ↓
<b>NV ♦ Grand National 42</b>
Rampart Casino, 221 N Rampart Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89145. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & Troy Thorson (303.909.5125)
<b>Nov. 12–14, GN 42 Midweek</b>
<b>Nov. 15–17, Grand National 42</b>

<b>AZ ♦ Nov. 23–24, Arizona Screaming Eagles</b> Crooks House, 10938 W Tropicana Cir, Sun City AZ 85351. TD: Darlene Stier (907.338.3234) & June Fordham
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<b>CT ♦ Nov. 24, Yankee Classic</b> Elks, 9 N Park St, Vernon CT 06066. TD: Phil Martin (860.768.2681) & Mike Fetchel
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<b>MI ♦ Thanksgiving Doubleheader</b>
TBD, Grand Rapids MI. TD: David Aiken (616.401.8311) & John Hazlett
<b>Nov. 29 + Dec. 1, Wishbone Open</b>
<b>Nov. 30, Reindeer Games</b>

<b>OR ♦ Nov. 29–Dec. 1, Thanksgiving at the Mill</b> Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend OR 97459. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea
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<b>VA ♦ Virginia Beach Doubleheader</b>
Sheraton Four Points, 1211 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451. TD: Laurie Schmitz (757.214.2327) & Megan Player
<b>Dec. 6, Virginia Beach Classic 1</b>
<b>Dec. 7–8, Virginia Beach Classic 2</b>

<b>CO ♦ Dec. 7, MVP Winter Challenge</b> VFW, 305 S Cleveland Ave, Loveland CO 80538. TD: Vickie Humphrey (970.988.3345) & Wanda Bery
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<b>CA ♦ Dec. 7, Ready Springs Youth Tournament</b> Ready Springs School Gym, 10862 Spenceville Rd, Penn Valley CA 95946. TD: Jeff Duran (530.913.2464) & Grumpy Howard
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<b>CA ♦ Dec. 14, Pegging for Vets</b> VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823. TD: Alice Souza (209.365.3232) & Marsha Finley
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<b>OR ♦ Depoe Bay Doubleheader</b>
Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St, Depoe Bay OR 97341. TD: Jack Shumate (541.574.7668) & Pete Maas & Greg Schleusner
<b>Dec. 27, Steve Lewis Memorial</b>
<b>Dec. 28–29, Depoe Bay Challenge</b>

<b>WI ♦ Jan. 3–5, Wisconsin Dells Deal</b> Wintergreen Resort, 60 Gasser Rd, Lake Delton WI 53965. TD: Terry Weber (608.225.8138) & Dan Selke
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<b>CA ♦ Sacramento Tripleheader</b>
VFW, 7576 Stockton Blvd, Sacra- mento CA 95823. TD: Bill Schlabs (530.219.4729) & Rick Baird
<b>Jan. 9–10, Sacramento VFW #1</b>
<b>Jan. 11, Sacramento VFW #2</b>
<b>Jan. 12, Sacramento VFW #3</b>

<b>AZ ♦ Jan. 10–12, Snowbird Special</b> DAV Hall, 954 S 13th Ave, Yuma AZ 85364. TD: Robert Milk (804.337.2171) & Jim Blakely
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<b>WI ♦ Jan. 17–19, American Pride</b> Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverfront Dr, Marinette WI 54143. TD: Al Karr (920.639.3546) & Joan Rein
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<b>FL ♦ FWB Doubleheader</b>
VFW, 213 Carol Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach FL 32548. TD: Jim & Paul Hearon (850.866.7866)
<b>Jan. 17, Land Shark Open</b>
<b>Jan. 18–19, Emerald Coast Open</b>

<b>OR ♦ Jan. 18–19, Bandon It's a New Year!</b> Senior Center, 1100 11th St SW, Bandon OR 97411. TD: Scott Milo (707.330.4218) & Rick Shea
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<b>NV ♦ Sin City Doubleheader</b>
Pass Casino, 140 S Water St, Hen- derson NV 89011. TD: Brenda Nason (619.300.2628) & Sharon Schaefer
<b>Jan. 24, Sin City Shuffle</b>
<b>Jan. 25–26, Schaefer Shuffle</b>

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## IN MEMORY OF CRIBBAGE FRIENDS

### Graeme Gossett

Graeme Gossett passed on May 26, at the age of 87. Graeme was a longtime member of Club 14 in Prineville OR, having earned his Bronze Award. Graeme competed at many Western Region tournaments and also enjoyed playing in the Midwest, even as far as Portland ME. He earned his Grand Master, but was most proud of the long running tournaments he directed in Prineville: Oregon Championship in the spring and Juniper Shuffle in the fall. In recent years he was not able to play due to health reasons, but encouraged the grandkids to learn the game, enticing them with a gift of one of his prized tournament boards as soon as they could win three out of five! Graeme founded 205 Auto in Portland, a business he passed to his youngest son so he could retire early. He is survived by his wife, Patti, who he met playing cribbage online twenty-five years ago. We will miss your feisty demeanor and competitive spirit.



### Kenneth A. Haab

Ken Haab (Helena MT) passed away on February 14. Born in 1933 in Great Falls MT, Ken served four years in the US Air Force. After obtaining a teaching degree, Ken enjoyed a thirty-nine-year career teaching business courses at Helena College of Technology. Ken married Fredella Day in 1958, and together they raised their family in Helena, enjoying spring break trips to the Pacific Coast and summer camping in Montana. Ken and Freddie enjoyed traveling in retirement, attending grandchildren's sporting events, and playing cribbage in Club 25. Family meant everything to Ken, and he lived his life as an example of how to be a family man, setting the bar high for his children and grandchildren. Not surprisingly, Ken spent his final days surrounded by his loving family, in person and thought.

### Walter Wayne Immonen

It is with woeful hearts that Club 391 in Deer Lodge MT reports the passing of Walter Immonen (Anaconda MT) on August 10. Walt became enamored by the shape and colors of playing cards at a young age and relentlessly pursued their affections over his lifetime. He was always willing to play a game of cards; he enjoyed cribbage and passed his skills on to his children at young ages. Walt developed a fifteen-year routine of meeting with his friends Buster, Bing, and Henry to play pinochle and cribbage. Walt and the love of his life, Judy Powers, joined the ACC in March 2017. They were active in the cribbage communities of Deer Lodge, Butte, and Anaconda. He earned his Bronze Award in 2023 and was crowned the Deer Lodge club champion that season. He won several Canadian Doubles events with his partner, Bob Stone. Walt was always very pleasant and playful when playing cards, he will be missed.

### Kris Peter Kriofske

Kris Kriofske passed away at age eighty-one on August 6. While he went fast, and far too soon, he had a wonderful life. Kris will forever be remembered as an entertainer. He acted in numerous theater productions in Ohio and Texas. But Kris didn't need a stage: wherever he was, that was his stage; whoever was nearby, that was his audience. Born in Milwaukee in 1942, he married his lifelong love, Jayne, in 1965. In 1978 he began a long career as a structural engineer (selling post-tension steel and designing skyscrapers, roads, and bridges), first in Cincinnati and then in Rowlett TX. While he was a brilliant mathematician, it's hard to say if Kris's true passion was math or art. He loved both, and they were inextricably linked. He'd think it, sketch it, build it; and his list of great—and terrible!—creations is endless. But oh



how he loved cribbage! For him, it was not a card game with a board and pegs. It was life. It permeated the Kriofske household. He had boards of many shapes, sizes, colors, and textures. He loved everything about the game—the math, strategy, creativity, braggery. He played it endlessly, right up until near his passing. It was one of, if not the best, ways to connect with him. If you played at all, you were a great person. If you played well, and played fast, you were in his heart forever.

## Charles Luce

Chuck Luce (Streamwood IL) passed away on July 5. Having joined the ACC in 2016, Chuck was one of the most friendly and enthusiastic members in Club 3 (Elgin IL). Win or lose he had a tremendous attitude and a genuine love of the game. Chuck served as a Master Sergeant of the Air Force for twenty years, deployed all over the world. Other interests and activities included ROTC in high school, bocce, bowling, church ministries, various other card games, and attending grandchildren's events and games. Chuck is survived by his wife of 51 years (Nancy), who is also a member of Club 3. Chuck also has four children and six grandchildren. All will cherish his memories, as will our club. RIP Chuck.

## Sandra Piechota

The cribbage world lost a kind, friendly soul recently with the passing of Sandra Piechota, 88, of Ware MA. Perhaps most recognizable as her husband Mat's tournament companion, she graciously agreed to play a 22-game tourney due to an odd number of participants. That tournament served as a spark that resulted in her reconnecting with the game (having not played tournament cribbage for many years). She won the consolation at the 2020 Medeiros Memorial. She also was an accomplished Grass Roots player, amassing 930 points, just 70 points shy of her Bronze Award. Most importantly, we lost a person who warmly welcomed each opponent, genuinely wishing them good luck even before the first cards were

dealt. She always kept the game in perspective, never putting the competition above being a reasonable and pleasant playing partner. Whether her cards were good or not so good, you couldn't tell by her behavior. And in an era of dressing for public events we might refer to as "anything goes," her neat and fashionable clothing choices stood out. We would all do well to emulate Sandra's style and remember that our great game is just that—a game—and that how we treat each other matters so much more. Her legacy will be exactly that, and our fond memories of Sandra will endure.

## Robert Frank Russ

Bob Russ passed away peacefully on May 16, at home with his family and his dog, Buggy Girl, by his side; he was eight-five years old. Born and raised in East Helena MT, where he grew up surrounded by parents and grandparents who had arrived in America from Slovenia in the early 1900s; from them, he learned to love the food, culture, and music of Slovenia. At age twelve, Bob began taking accordion lessons, thus beginning his lifelong passion and appreciation for music. In his younger years, he played baseball for the Smelterites, an East Helena team; he also enjoyed bowling, running, ice skating, biking, hunting, sapphire mining, and attending baseball games. Later in life, he played cribbage as a proud member of Helena Club 25. After Bob's retirement, he reconnected with Donna McDuffie, a high school classmate. Bob and Donna married in May 2008, and he was gladly received into Donna's family. Bob's amazing memory became an endless source of stories that everyone enjoyed. His family loved to play cards, talk baseball, and listen to him play the accordion and sing. Bob was an essential part of all family gatherings, from birthday parties and sporting events to camping trips and vacations.



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