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ANOTHER VIEW ON THE "Q"

In the February issue of CRIBBAGE WORLD, the Tournament Commissioner endorsed the graduated G/Insurance Pool because "...it provides another opportunity to wager and win." Our President in the same issue pointed out "Wagering between players ... is forbidden...." Obviously, we need to downplay gambling in our public relations and overall best interests.

The apparent contradiction can be overcome by making the so-called G/Insurance Pool a compulsory part of the entry fee. At least 75% of the tournament players enter the pools. In any case, that portion of the entry fee would be paid out on a graduated basis to the one of eight players who qualify, just as Master Points are now given to only those people. This keeps all players on the same basis for financial rewards, including the top finishers, who may suffer elimination in the first or early rounds. That satisfies all the points made by the President and the Tournament Commissioner as to equity, Master sints, and gambling.

Any separate insurance pool should be paid on an equal share basis, as it now becomes a direct wager on one's ability to finish "in the money." Given the widespread use of byes in opening play-off rounds, it behooves everyone to finish as high as possible in the qualifying round, thus discouraging "giving" a game away.

The success of the American Cribbage Congress will depend on its membership giving a priority to the pursuit of Master Points and the honors that go to the high achievers each year, as well as for perpetual accumulation. To shoot for bigger purses based on ever-increasing entry fees is self-defeating and may well contribute to the excessive (20-30%) turnover in tournament players. By curtailing the top prizes and paying out more to the lower finishers, we give the infrequent qualifiers, those who provide the money for the big payoffs, an incentive to return. We know the topnotch players will return. By improving G-Pool techniques and spreading out the payoffs, we can encourage all players to return. In the Eastern Region, many tournaments award prize money to the top two, three or four qualifiers.

The Connecticut Championship Tournament in May 1988 will include the G-Pool entry in the registration charge, as well as a regular insurance pool with equal payouts.

Eastern Region tournaments consistently use equal share payments in the pools, Central Region, I am told, uses the graded payouts. Western Region tournaments, it appears, predominantly use equal share payouts. Given the opportunity to use whichever system is preferred, we can hope that all tournament directors will consider techniques bene-

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Joseph P. Weroin

LaCrosse, Wisconsin, to reactivate -- "We are making plans to have a fall tournament this year in the LaCrosse area," declared Dick Sjolander. "Last year a broken contract with a facility caused a cancellation of the River City Classique, which dates back to 1982."

The West Salem, Wisconsin, promoter stated that during the next few months he will be staging area tournaments in order to interest new players. The first such event was held March 12 at Tryggvassdals Viking Inn at Viroqua. The next one will be June 11 at Winona, Minnesota, across the river from LaCrosse. Sjolander said that his summer's project is to build up cribbage support in the entire area to assure success of the Classique.

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Sponsorship/Recruiting -- The recruiting coordinator for the New England area, George E. Webb of Avon, Massachusetts, has prepared a welcome letter to all the new members responding to our recruiting efforts.

A chain reaction has been noted as some of our recruits are now signing up new members. Also, several people have entered gift subscriptions for friends and relatives. The Committee is still requesting leads on mailing lists so that efforts can be extended to all parts of the country.

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Tournament Directors, Central and Eastern Regions -- The World Masters Classic, April 22-24, will be utilizing a time-saving auditing system that will save two hours of time for competitors. It allows for enough time to have the First Round to eliminate the byes late Saturday afternoon and the Consolation will start at about 9 a.m. Sunday morning instead of 10 a.m. Players will have an extra hour of daylight driving time on Sunday afternoon.

Heretofore, the Committee retired to its auditing room to verify totals and to cross-check the scores. This usually consumed two to three hours. Now, qualifiers will be announced in 20 to 30 minutes after the last card comes in, and the scores will already be cross-checked and verified.

We witnessed the system operating at Butch Reynolds's Santa Maria Tournament last year. He stated that he first saw the system at Willows, California. Gaylord Matti, Director of the 1988 Masters' Classic, Madison, says: "You have to see it in action to believe it!"

A computer cross-check was used twice last year in Eastern Tournaments by Ed Law, with success and dispatch.

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The Youth Program -- The wheels of progress grind slowly but eventually the job is completed! Articles have appeared in this publication numerous times over past years stating a Youth Program must be slanted to teaching children how to play rather than staging tournaments to entertain those who already know the basics.

A few weeks ago a letter was received from Melba Clausen, President of Grass Roots Club #25 of Helena, Montana, reporting on such a program in one of the middle schools. Her letter, in part, is quoted:

"One of our members, Dan Fletcher, a member of the Congress for ten years, is a teacher at our middle school. He has had a dream for some time to teach a class in cribbage to his students. His dream came true this fall.

Under an E & R Program this was sanctioned by the school. He requested students to sign up and he now has a class of 16 between the ages of 10 and

Continued on page 1.

LETTERS TO CRIBBAGE WORLD

Work on my upcoming cribbage tournament is going well. I am both excited and nervous about it since this is my first. A fun part about this tournament will be that for all the people who have asked me where Nyssa, Oregon, is; now, hopefully, a lot of people will be able to say they have been here. Nyssa is a very friendly town, and I'm sure that both the players and the people of Nyssa will enjoy the tournament. Nyssa is a town of approximately 2,800 on the Oregon/Idaho border.

If it is possible, would you include some additional information in the next CRIBBAGE WORLD for me. If you can, I thank you in advance.

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Michelle Park
Nyssa, OR

THE NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

Tournament Director Joe Seigle reports that the National Team Tourney will once again feature five-person teams. The tournament will be held in North Windham, Connecticut, on June 5, 1988. Distribution of prizes will be by vote of the team captains on the day of the event.

It's not too early to start putting your team together. Any five persons from any or all parts of the USA or Canada are welcome. You choose your players and take your best shot. This is a non-sanctioned event for ACC members. For more information, call Joe Seigle. (See ad in this issue.)

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1. What constitutes proper shuffling of the pack?
2. May Pone also shuffle the pack if he/she desires?
3. May Pone cut the pack before the cards are dealt out?
4. In cutting for the first deal, which card wins the deal, the high or the low?
5. What happens when the pack is cut for the "starter card" and the cut card appears face up?
6. In the cutting for the starter card, may Pone look at the bottom card of part cut away?
7. What happens when a card is exposed in dealing? By the dealer? By Pone as he/she reaches out to receive his/her cards?
8. When does the play of a hand actually begin?
9. At what point is the pegging of a score final?
10. What is the procedure if both of your pegs fall out?
11. What happens if a person pegs backward?
12. What happens when a player pegs more points than he/she is entitled to?
13. What happens when a player pegs short?
14. What happens if a person picks up the front peg to mark a score?

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15. In Numbers 12, 13, and 14, are there any point penalties imposed?
16. What happens if you peg your score with an opponent's peg?
17. What is the ruling if, in the pegging process, a person says "Go!" and has in his/her hand one or more playable cards?
18. Being in Hole 119 or 120, may the dealer go out by turning a Jack for the starter card?
19. What happens when upon laying out your hand for counting, it is discovered that you have five cards and the crib has only three?
20. May a played card that will come in with a count of 31 or less be retrieved and another one played?
21. After reaching the count of 31, may the played cards be turned down?
22. When the pack is cut, may the dealer pick up the lower part and deal out the cards without first reuniting the pack?
23. In cutting for the first deal, what is the minimum number of cards that must be taken off the top of the pack, and what is the minimum number that must be left on the bottom of the pack?
24. Pone throws two cards to the crib on dealer's side of the board and then reaches over the board and takes them back and changes the discard. May this be done?
25. In a multi-game match, who has the deal for the next game? What are the guidelines?

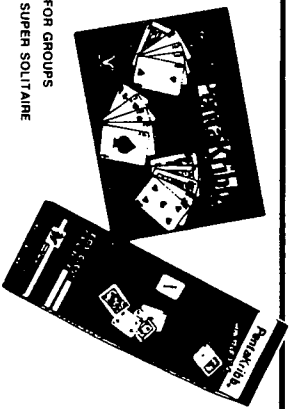
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Dan Barlow

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1. Holding A-3-6-9 early in the game, you lead the 6. Syl plays a King for 16. What's your play?

Your Hand	Cut
<u>5-5-6-Q</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>The play so far</u>	
Him	You
<u>4</u>	<u>Q (14)</u>
5 (19)	5 (24-2)
6 (30-1)	?

2. You're in the dead hole, and Syl is three holes from winning. He leads a 7. Which card do you play from A-2-3-4?

Does it matter whether you play the 5 or the 6 and, if so, which should you play if he needed ...

3. You're both in the dead hole. You pitched 9-9 into the crib. The cut is a 7. Saying, "See one, play one," Syl leads a 7. What do you play from:

- a. 17
b. 19
c. 20
d. 26

- a. 4-4-Q-K
b. A-2-3-3
c. A-4-K-K?

Remember, he's already pegged one hole.

4. You have enough to go out, If you Answers appear elsewhere in this issue. get to count it.

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JUNE 5, 1988

NORTH WINDHAM, CONNECTICUT

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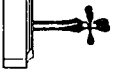
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- If you play the 4, you could lose immediately. If you play the Ace or the Deuce, he can score a 15-2 and possibly pair your next card to win. But if you play the 3, he cannot peg without allowing you to peg out.
- 3a. Play the 4. There are only two cards in the deck he can peg with.
- 3b. Play the Ace. There are seven danger cards if you play the Deuce, six if you play the 3, and only five if you play the Ace.
- 3c. The King gives him the fewest chances to peg, but if you trust your opponent to realize that a low card is a better lead than a 7 in his position, you might assume that he has no card lower than a 5. If that is true, your safest play is the 4, hoping to score a go after he plays a high card. Take full credit whether you chose the King or the 4. (If you played the Ace, there's too much chance that HELL get the go.)
- 4a. It matters, and you must lead the 5. The outcome of this game has already been decided, unless your
- opponent's last card is a 9. If it is, he'll be most grateful if you lead that 6.
- 4b. It matters, and you must lead the 6. If he can peg on your 6, he either has 24 and has won, or 14 and has lost. But if he has a ten-card, he will win the game if you lead the 5.
- 4c. It matters, and you must lead the 6. The same as the last hand, except that this time his only chance (if he doesn't have the 24 hand) is if his last card is the right Jack. Still, why give him ANY chance of winning a game he should lose?
- 4d. It matters, and you must lead the 5. This game is over unless his last card is a 6 (it can't be a 5, because you can see all four 5s; and if it's a 4, he can't peg on either of your cards). You can lose only if you lead your 6.
- This quiz was extracted from Dan Barlow's book, *Cribbage for Experts** and *Future Experts*. Dan's book is a mere \$5 and can be purchased by writing to:

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SATURDAY MAY 21

7:00 A.M. Registration and seating

8:00 A.M. Orientation and rules

8:30 A.M. Play begins. Play will consist of 22 games (2 games vs. 11 opponents with alternate deals). The top 25% will advance to Sunday's play-offs.

12:00 Lunch for non-smokers after completing

10 games. Smokers will Lunch after 12.

1-1:30 Afternoon session will begin.

6:00 P.M. Names of qualifiers will be posted.

SATURDAY EVENING SPECIALS

7:30 P.M. 9 Games with entry \$30.00

9 Games with entry \$15.00

Both events will start at 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MAY 22

7:00 A.M. 1st round match play.

8:00 A.M. 2nd round match play.

Matches will be best 3 of 5 (final 4 of7)

9:00 A.M. Registration for consolation.

The entry is \$25.00 with \$5.00 going to the Q-Pool.

10.00 A.M. Consolation play will begin.

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Qualifying Round: Top 1/8 earns one-quarter points, i.e., 100 players, top qualifier earns 25 points, 2nd earns 23, etc.

Main Tournament: Top 1/8 earns full points, i.e., 100 players, champion earns 100 points, 2nd earns 92, 3rd earns 84, etc. If 40 or more players, BONUS POINTS are earned: 1st earns 40 bonus points, 2nd earns 20, 3rd earns 10 and 4th earns 5. In this example, No. 1 earns 140 points (100 + 40).

Consolation Tournament: Top 1/8 earns one-half points, i.e., 64 players, 1st earns 32 points, 2nd earns 28 points, 3rd earns 24 points, etc. BONUS POINTS are earned: 1st earns 20 bonus points, 2nd earns 10 points, 3rd earns 5 points and 4th earns 3 points. In this example, No. 1 earns 52 points (32 + 20).

TOURNAMENTS ENTERED THIS MONTH

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 ACC OPEN | 5 GREAT PLAINS WINTER CLASSIC |
| 2 ARIZONA STATE | 6 OREGON STATE |
| 3 CLACKAMAS CLASSIC | 7 WILLOWS |
| 4 FLORIDA CLASSIC | |

NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1 GEORGE, GARY	STURTEVANT	WI	806
2 TERRY, DICK	KINGSLEY	IA	692
3 AIRD, JOE	GLADSTONE	MI	683
4 KNIECH, NORBERT	BROWN DEER	WI	644
5 ROBERTS, EARL	SUPERIOR	WI	625
6 MCCABE, BOB	BROWN DEER	WI	608
7 ROWLEY, LARRY	MADISON	WI	545
8 SLOTE, GIL	ADAMS	NE	532
9 LADISH, LEE	MILWAUKEE	WI	519
10 CANNON, JOHN	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	506
11 PAULSON, GARY	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	435
12 NEUNSIINGER, RICHARD	OELWEIN	IA	404
13 HENZE, EARL	RUSHFORD	MN	373
14 CUMMINGS, GRACE	MADISON	WI	364
15 KODISTRA, SCOTT	YANKTON	SD	347
16 MORELAN, JIM	LITTLE CANADA	MN	317
SALO, DARREL	ST. PAUL	MN	317
18 BOESEL, RAY	GLENBEULAH	WI	314
WRIGHT, NORM	MADISON	WI	314
20 SHIMP, JEFF	ALLEGAN	MI	305
21 MEATH, LARRY	ST. PAUL	MN	296
22 CHOWANEC, WALT	MILWAUKEE	WI	274
23 BERNARD, JOE	LIBERTYVILLE	IL	272
24 UPTON, NORBERT	EAGEN	MN	263
25 GRUBER, JERRY	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	260

EASTERN REGION

NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1 PALMER, HARRY	W. SPRINGFIELD	MA	1174
2 SHEEHAN, FRANK	CANTON	MA	857
3 CLUKEY SR., RICHARD	THOMASTON	CT	584
4 O'BRIEN, ED	S. BURLINGTON	VT	536
5 FLOURDE, BOB	UNIONVILLE	CT	513
6 CHAMBERS, JOHN	ESMOND	RI	466
7 DINWOODIE, AL	SLOCUM	RI	424
8 WORLEY, JOHN	BURLINGTON	NC	391
9 DYNDUR, GLORIA	WOONSOCKET	RI	349
10 NEWSOM, TONY	SHIRLEY	MA	331
11 PETIT, PAUL	PAWTUCKET	RI	294
12 SMITH, MEDFORD	BROOKLINE	MA	292
13 WOYTOVICH, PAUL	HICKORY	NC	284
14 CAMBELL, KEN	MODOC	SC	281
15 SEYMOUR, WILLIAM	WARWICK	RI	280
16 RAMOS, JOE	W. WARWICK	RI	264
TAYLOR, BERNICE	PROVIDENCE	RI	264
18 MILLER, ALBERT	NASHUA	NH	255
19 LUND, KATHLEEN	GORHAM	ME	250
20 ODOM, ALBERT	CAYCE	SC	243
21 DEKENIPP, BOB	SHIRLEY	MA	232
22 MOORE, CORINNE	WESTMINSTER	MA	227
23 STROMBERG, CARL	GREENFIELD	MA	225
24 BOREHAM, HERBERT	RAYNHAM	MA	218
25 PALMER, CHARLES	BELCHERTOWN	MA	209

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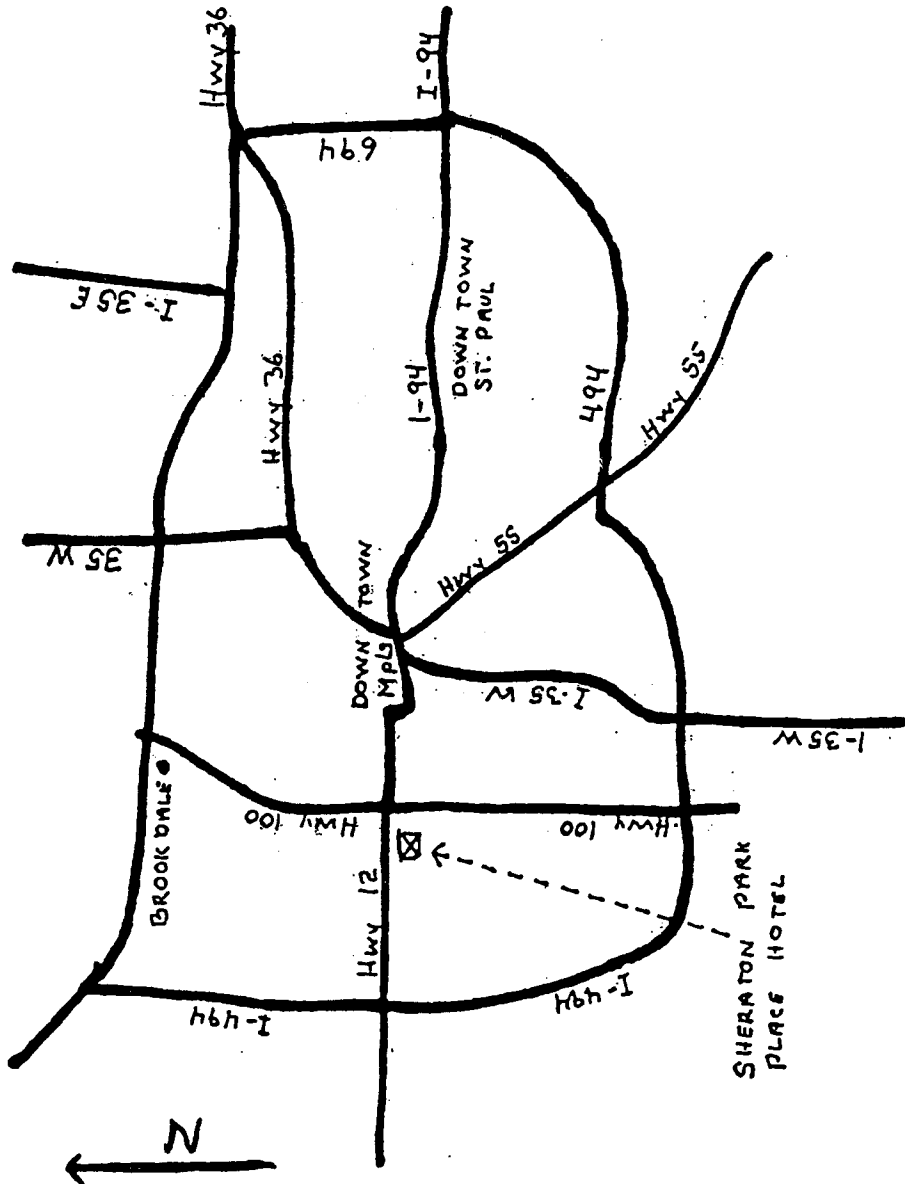
NAME	CITY	ST	POINTS YEAR
1 REYNOLDS, BUTCH	SANTA MARIA	CA	960
2 SOUTHWICK, DICK	PASCO	WA	873
3 MILLER, GENE	FLORENCE	MT	855
4 JARRELL, JESSE	PITTSBURG	CA	792
5 REID, REX	QUINCY	CA	690
6 KEELING, JIM	SPOKANE	WA	687
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15 NOHRDEN, JAMES	AURORA	CO	526
TUNGATE, GREG	PORTLAND	OR	526
17 NOHRDEN, TOM	DES MOINES	WA	514
18 MCCALLUM, WALTER	YOUNTVILLE	CA	508
19 GARBARINO, WAYNE	PORTLAND	OR	492
20 COFFEY, PAT	CONCORD HILL	CA	422
21 VAN ORSOW, BO	REDMOND	OR	419
22 DRUMMOND, GORDON	COVE	OR	396
23 HILL, BILL	HERMISTON	OR	395
24 KIRKPATRICK, ROB	BEND	OR	392
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**RULE BOOK CHANGES
APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(Note: The sections preceded by a star are tournament requirements.)

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Change IV to:
IV Byes (Optional)

Change b. to:

b. Record the plus or minus spread points for each game. Be sure to include the one point for "going out" at the 121 mark. Do not double spread points for skunks.

Change V to:

V Ratio of Awards (Optional)

*Change c. to:

*c. The score for a forfeit game is two game points and ten spread points.

VI Awards

Change c. to:

c. At least 85% of entry fees from all sanctioned events shall be returned to the players in awards.

Change d. to:

d. If there is a tie in game points, the player winning the most games will take precedence. If there is a tie in both game points and the number of games won, the player with the most spread points shall rank next.

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X Scoring

Change a. to:

a. In qualifying rounds, two game points are allotted for winning a game and three game points are allotted for winning a skunk or double skunk, and a zero will be recorded for each loss. Game points are the first priority in determining the order of qualifiers.

Syl Lulinski
Tournament Commissioner



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