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NORTH POLE OPEN

11 Below...But Howard Nowak Was Hot

January 8th in Appleton, Wisconsin the temperature was 11 below zero...with the wind chill standing at minus forty! And 14" of snow was on the ground! Nevertheless, 133 peggers were in town competing in the North Pole Open (an aptly named tournament). Howard Nowak from nearby Green Bay, remained "hot," however, and took home the championship.

Nowak's last match with Joe Aird, Gladstone, WI, was a best 4 of 7, and with the score at 3-2, Nowak needed 20 to win the match with first count. Aird needed 7 pegs to win this 6th game. Nowak held 5-J-Q-K of diamonds, and cut the queen of clubs for the 20 and match! Aird came close, pegging 5, but, alas, was 2 points short and finished 2nd.

Bob Julian, one of Milwaukee's premier peggers, continues a fine season by finishing 3rd, topping 500 MRP's for this season's play. James Huser, Berlin, WI, was in the money in many events, and took 4th.

82 peggers took a look outside, and decided to stay inside and play in the consolation, and Joe Bernard, the Life Master from Libertyville, IL copped this event. Bernard picked up 50 MRP's with the win, and has topped 700 MRP's for the year, giving him a good shot at taking national honors for 1994.

Deb Schisel, Kenosha, WI, earned a spot on the 1993 All-American team, and with a 2nd place finish, keeps her hat in the ring for additional honors in 1994. Jerry Gruber, a Master pegger from Minneapolis edged one step closer to his Grand Master rating by finishing 3rd. Another Minnesota pegger--Alice Sather from Northfield--took 4th.

Gene McDonald, Green Bay, and Frank Schweig, Carpentersville, IL, copped the Friday and Saturday night games. Ron Hamilton (White Bear Lake, MN) tied Bob Julian in the All-Events...both players posting a fine 58 GP's in the 40-game event.

Directors Aggie and Gene Mikulsky added a new game to cribbage's repertoire...a single elimination 16-person bracket. The \$5 entry enticed 64 players to give this game a try (four 16-player matches). Richard Frost, James Huser, Don Flesch, and Connie Staven each won four games in a row to cop first (and \$50), while those winning the first three games before losing took home \$30. Staven scored the weekend's only 28-hand in this event. The Mikulsky's report favorable player reaction ...as many wanted a re-match! This may be a good "last chance" game...as players are anxious to start home on Sunday...and this match concludes in short order!

Robert McCabe Resigns Presidency

Robert "Bob" McCabe, Milwaukeee, WI, resigned as President of the American Cribbage Congress January 9.

McCabe informed *Cribbage World* that his recently purchased business has kept him from performing his duties as President in a manner he feels appropriate, and in the best interests of the ACC, has stepped down.

He will, however, continue his duties as the

ACC's Statistician...a position he has administered with precision over the past several years.

Scott Kooistra, Yankton, SD, the ACC's Executive Vice-President, assumes the Presidency, until such time as a new President is elected. The upcoming Board of Director's Meeting in Reno, February 3, will address this issue.

Al Miller Tops Holiday Classic, Nears 600 MRP's

Al Miller, Nashua NH, is nearing his Life Master rating by winning the 177-pegger Holiday Classic, after qualifying 10th. Picking up 215 MRP's, Miller also is at the 600 MRP mark for this cribbage year...and joins the national title race for the 1994 year!

John Rooney, Randolph, MA took 2nd, followed by Zeke Veradt, Taunton, MA, and Pat Frattalone, South Windsor, CT, in 3rd and 4th.

Wilma MacDonald, Avon, MA, took top honors in the qualifying round...and picked up a nifty 60 MRP's.

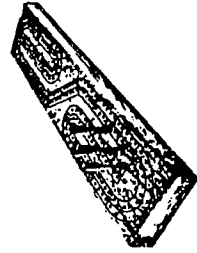
115 peggers played the Consolation...and

Joyce Vanelli, Quincy, MA, won going away...and also picked up 60 MRP's for this effort.

Jack DaRosa, Lincoln, RI finished 2nd with Robert Bradbury, Braintree, MA, and Fayann Salerno, Milton, MA taking 3rd and 4th.

Seven 28-hands were scored, and Gene Santa, Middletown, RI nailed the 7th 29-hand of the 1994 season (and \$100 from the ACC for this sanctioned gem).

Directors Gloria Dyndur and Ann Somers continue to host a fine tournament, attested by the 27-pegger increase from last year.



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In Memoriam

Nick Pond Raleigh, North Carolina

National Cribbage Leader One of ACC's Founders Member Cribbage Hall of Fame National Open Director & Organizer

Nick Pond passed away Sunday, December 19th after a long battle with cancer.

Nick, one of America's leaders in organized cribbage, was also one of the American Cribbage Congress's founding fathers. In the summer of 1979, at his National Open, the groundwork for the fledgling ACC was begun, and he was named Vice-President. Earlier, he founded and organized the National Open (1973)...and this prestigious tournament still flourishes some 21 years later. The 21st Annual will be played again this July--a tribute to his avid interest in cribbage competition.

In 1982, Nick was the 4th person inducted into the Cribbage Hall of Fame.

Nick was born June 24, 1935 in Raleigh, NC. Always a sportsman, he played basketball at North Carolina State and was named an All-American. Upon graduation, he became a TV cameraman, and later a TV sportscaster. He was promoted to Capital City Broadcasting's Special Projects Coordinator for Sports, and a spinoff of this program produced the Cribbage National Open.

Later he was named President of the North Carolina Hall of Fame for Sports...and just last month was voted into this Hall of Fame.

Cribbagedland will mourn his passing. The National Open in Raleigh will be his lasting monument to all cribbage players. Players nationwide will not soon forget his expertise in managing his well-run, precisely-timed National Opens. Cribbage has lost a great leader and sportsman.

Gene Santa Scores Seventh "29"

The cards were running hot at the recent Holiday Classic in Woonsocket, RI. Seven 28-hands were scored...and Gene Santa, Middletown, RI, scored the 7th "29" gem of this cribbage season. The \$100 paid by the American Cribbage Congress for this perfect hand earned Gene a nice Christmas present!

Players scoring the 15,028 to 1 28-hands were: Cindy Veradt, John Rooney, Fred Doyle, Michael Jones, Brian McCoy, Mary Satula, and Irving Torrey.

Zeke Veradt Earns Master

Tauton, MA's Zeke Veradt nailed the recent Holiday Classic in Woonsocket, RI, for a 3rd place finish (177 peggers) and picked up a sizeable 159 MRP's...and his Master rating.

With a lifetime of 2,000+ Master Rating Points, Zeke becomes the ACC's 171st Master player.

Tracy Radosevich Certified Judge

Al Miller, our ACC Judge's Examiner, has recently qualified Tracy Radosevich, Medford, WI, as a Certified Judge.

As a reminder to take the ACC Judges examination, send \$3 to Al Miller, 12 Michael Ave., Nashua, NH 03062-1418.

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PORTLAND WINTER OPEN

Fabian Nelson Cops Championship

Fabian Nelson, Salem, OR, came a few miles north and zipped to the Portland Winter Open Championship, topping a sizeable gathering of 190 peggers. And with the win came a nifty \$1,000 and 200 Master rating Points, giving this veteran tournament director a boost upward in the point standings for this cribbage year.

Recently crowned Life Master Gary Motley, Gresham, OR, continues his winning ways by finishing a strong 2nd. Motley is one of but 10 Life Masters in the American Cribbage Congress.

Denny Van Orsow, Culver, OR, had been steadily picking up MRP's this cribbage year, and he continues his torrid pace by qualifying 7th, and finishing 3rd, picking up another 232 MRP's to take the national lead, standing at a whopping 969 MRP's. Master Gene Sissel, Baker City, OR, took 4th...and reached the 3,000 MRP plateau.

Don Dutcher, Vancouver, WA, recently finished 2nd in the Pacific City Open...and in this event nailed a whopping 42 (17 +389 in the qualifying round to easily take honors.

130 peggers played the Consolation, and Mike Ritthaller, Yachats, OR took honors, followed by Don Hilton, Hood River, OR, in 2nd. Hilton is edging in on his Master rating, needing but a scant 100 or so to earn this honor. Jim Gogolin, Idelyld Park, OR, had a fine 1993 season (678 MRP's), and continues his fine play, finishing 3rd in this event. Albert Dean, Kennewick, WA, rounded out the final 4.

In the satellite events, Jim Sime took the Time Passer, All-American Ken Cochlin won the High Roller...both players hailing from Kennewick, WA. Jason Hofbauer (Washougal, WA) teamed with Wayne Farrell (Missoula, MT) to win the doubles, and another All-American...Paul Hatcher... took the Saturday night game. Paul hails from Salem, OR.

Director Bev Sauer was pleased with the increased attendance from last year...up from 162, and all events proceeded smoothly. Unlike the midwestern North Pole Open in Appleton, WI, the Portland event was played in balmy, spring-like weather. And as we all well know, the "Weather Gods" can be just as unpredictable as the "Cribbage Gods!"

29's Fickle in Portland

No sanctioned 29-hands were played at the Portland Winter Open, but Louine Lyda, the Master pegger from Forest Grove, OR, was shocked to get one of these gems in the 2nd game of the Saturday Night event...two games too late to collect the ACC's \$100 for a sanctioned 29. Grand National champ (1989) Harvey Honeycutt, Beatty, OR, played a pickup game late Sunday and also drew the 29-gem! Alas, no \$100...and he even lost the game!

Wayne Farrell Finds Secret to Winning

Wayne Farrell is a rookie on the cribbage tour, and after five tournaments had yet to win a dime, despite coming close a time or two.

He asked *Cribbage World* editor DeLynn Colvert what he could do to crack the barrier. He said he planned to play doubles in Portland, and Colvert advised him to get a Hofbauer or a Van Orsow as a partner. He took the advice, convincing Jason Hofbauer to play with him...and they proceeded to wax 'em all with a fine 20 (9) card in the 10-game event, losing but one by a single point!

Tournament of Champions Joseph Petrus Wergin/ACC Open Record Crowds Predicted in Reno

Once again the "gathering of the clan" in Reno is shaping up to smash all attendance records in the upcoming Tournament of Champions and the Joseph Petrus Wergin/ACC Open.

Cribbage World went to press before the pegging action began...but the March issue will have all the details.

Joan Rein, the Tournament of Champions Director, reports that some 403 entries have been received...and this number will smash last year's record crowd of 380 peggers! This event is by invitation only, and will sport huge cash prizes.

And as for the JPW/ACC Open, the cribbage grapevine reports increased interest nationwide, as Games Magazine has reported this event, and many non-ACC members have inquired about playing. Barbara Woodward and the Sands are standing by expecting another record crowd...perhaps even larger than last year's mammoth crowd of 862.

The Sands has added \$3,500 to the purse of both events, and players will be pegging for the richest paybacks in the history of cribbage.

In Memoriam

Henry Popham

Missoula, Montana
Henry passed away December 27. An avid pegger on the Northwest circuit, Henry will be long remembered for his hospitality to visiting peggers and his sportsmanship on the boards. Plagued by a broken hip, and a losing bout with cancer did not stop him from his cribbage play.

This Month's Quiz:

The last several years, players have been getting married at the huge Reno meet. A rumor is circulating that two expert players will "tie the knot" at the upcoming Joseph Petrus Wergin/ACC Open. Who are they?

Answer on page 9 .

Talking Bird Championship

The Talking Bird Tavern is aptly named, as they have a real, live talking bird in a cage. This bird has to put up with a weekly cribbage match in the small town of St. Regis, Montana. Gene & Judy Branson are the ringleaders of this "talkative" bunch!

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Grass Roots Corner

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Division I (club numbers in parenthesis)

- 1119 Jeff Monroe, Napa CA (100)
- 1117 Elmer Rasmussen, Arlington VA (89)
- 1116 Joe Baglione, Hull MA (141)
- 1108 Martin Leppala, Englewood FL (29)
- 1107 Jack Gauthier, New Britain CT (26)
- 1107 Robert Gillette, Pinole CA (100)
- 1106 Glenn Gregoire Sr., Virginia Beach VA
- 1105 Eleanor Bernstein, Baltimore MD (178)
- 1102 Ken Haab, Helena MT (25)
- 1100 Robert McAnelly, Port Charlotte FL (29)

Division 2

- 188 Shamus O'Connor, Orchard Park NY (5)
- 273 Richard Larose, Troy NY (87)
- 371 Clifford Darfler, Porter Corners NY (87)
- 467 Jane Leslie, Madison WI (99)
- 467 Tsarkie, Honolulu HI (110)
- 662 Floyd Spillum, Moline IL (138)
- 760 Charlene Guthrie, Rock Island IL (38)
- 760 Linda Swiontek, Santa Maria CA (173)
- 959 Patricia Warner, Madison WI (99)
- 1057 Allen Guzman, Laté HI (110)
- 1057 Russel Wilson, Magalia CA (142)

Division 3

- 130 Phyllis Peoples, Richboro PA (115)
- 130 Paul Woytovich, Hickory NC (20)
- 329 Hal Benfield, Olympia WA
- 329 Al Tenerbaum, Cranbury NJ (115)
- 329 Franklin Wurman, Melrose Park PA (115)

Bronze Label Players

For compiling 1,000 Grass Roots Rating Points, the following players are awarded the Bronze award:

- 34 Nolan Johnson, Madison WI (1)
- 35 Roy Hofbauer, Washougal WA (28)
- 36 Norm Wright, Madison WI (1)
- 37 Donald Tofte, Madison WI (1)
- 38 Helene Sontag, Vacaville CA (21)
- 39 Charlie Finley, Enfield CT (72)

Grass Roots 29-Hands

- 1 Whitney Brown, Carmel CA, 9-7-93
- 2 Michael Barrett, WI Rapids WI, 9-30-93
- 3 Doug Page, Appleton WI, 10-14-93
- 4 Arthur Landry, Avon MA, 11-3-93
- 5 Greg Staven, Racine WI, 11-9-93
- 6 Philna Darienzo, Quincy MA, 12-8-93

Oregon Championship Date Changed

The upcoming Oregon State Championship has been re-scheduled for February 18, 19, & 20.

Director Bob St. Yves had notified Cribbage World a month or so ago about this change, but old man Murphy struck again, and the change was not noted in our Tournament Trail section.

This Prineville, Oregon tournament has a long history of hosting large crowds, and this year's event promises more of the same. Pegging action will be at the Senior Center, 180 N. Belknap, instead of the usual Fairground location. Friday Early Bird doubles and singles on Friday, February 18, 7 PM, will kick off the tournament. See Tournament Trail, this issue, for updated information.

In Memoriam

Dick Wade

Chesapeake, Virginia

Dick passed away December 21 at age 73. He was a charter member of the ACC and the first Virginian to join. He was the statistician for GR 117, and was active at the National Open. He will be sorely missed by his many friends in the Tidewater 29ers and players nationwide.

Dick taught the game of cribbage to his wife Frances and her siblings, Oscar, Melvin, Susan, and Charite Bright. All are excellent players in the southeast.

Life Masters Hog Turkeys **Sondericker, Toll Nail Turkey-Peg Classic**

Two Life Masters--Warren Sondericker and Duane Toll--have been battling in a virtual deadheat for 5th and 6th place, lifetime, in the ACC's MRP standings, and at the recent Minnesota Turkey-Peg Classic, Sondericker came away the winner in the Main Event, and Duane Toll won the Consolation. Their individual race is still too close to call, as both players have been on a tear lately.

In winning this 120-pegger event, Sondericker picked up another 120 MRP's to put this Greenfield, WI, pegger at roughly 8,100 MRP's (lifetime). Toll, the "Kenosha, WI, Bomber" picked up 44 MRP's in winning the 78-pegger Consolation, and also stands at the 8,100 MRP mark. And both players are well over the 400 MRP mark for this season's play.

Dick Ogden, Des Moines, Iowa, had a fine tournament as he not only was top qualifier (37 17 +165), but finished 2nd, picking up a nifty 149 MRP's.

Bob McGrail, Elgin, IL, took 2nd in the Consolation.

Satellite winners: Russell Adams (Minneapolis) Friday Early Bird; Ed Blecker (Roseville, MN) \$20 Saturday Special; Les Kvien, Waite Park, MN, \$50 Saturday Special; and the All Events jackpot went to crafty Lloyd Kraft, Seymour, WI.

Director Jerry Gruber informed *Cribbage World* to "Thank everyone for joining us on a fine weekend and welcomes everyone back next year!"

Finally...An Honest Player

Cribbage World's editor DelLynn Colvert is honored to receive a few Christmas cards from players around the nation...and he finally received an "honest" one: "See you in Reno, I hope to *beat*...I mean *play* you there."

Brenda Palmer Gloria McLeod Earn Master

Two veteran peggers, one from the Eastern Region, and another from the Central have recently earned their Master rating.

Brenda Palmer, West Springfield, MA, nailed the Jersey Jaunt November 14 with a fine 5th place finish, after qualifying 3rd, and picked up 48 MRP's. The 48 MRP's zipped her over the 2,000 mark, thereby becoming the ACC's 169th Master player.

Gloria McLeod, St. Paul, MN, picked up a nifty 182 MRP's (qualified 4th, finished 4th) at the Minnesota Valley Open October 30 to edge up on the 2,000 mark...and in November earned the few more MRP's needed to become the 170th Master player.

Patrick Barrett's Region VI Newsletter Has Numbers For Analysis

Patrick Barrett, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, publishes a nifty newsletter for his 12 Grass Roots clubs in his Region...and he mailed *Cribbage World* a copy.

One of his items is numbers of 29, 28, and Grand Slams scored by these 12 clubs: 3 29-hands, 18 28-hands, and 4 Grand Slams.

Cribbage World-- always interested in cribbage numbers--did a little analysis. In a 9-game Grass Roots match, scoring a 29-hand is roughly 1,666 to 1 (playing about 130 hands per match, including crib hands), scoring a 28-hand is roughly 150 to 1, and a Grand Slam is 512 to 1. Using these numbers, how does Region VI stack up? Well, they are hogging all the 29's! 325% too many! The 28's are right on the money! For every Grand Slam, 4.5 28's should be scored! 4.5x4 = 18! Perfect!

As for 29's nationwide in sanctioned play: 4 in the Western Region, 1 each in the Central and Eastern. Grass Roots? 2 in the Central, 1 each in Eastern and Western. Keep pegging!

Truth Stranger Than Fiction

How many times have games been played where a player...the non-dealer...fails to score on the first hand and remains in the starting blocks? Very, very few times, indeed.

Beverlee Honeycutt did exactly that at the Portland Winter Open in game six of the Saturday Night game...and she turned to the player on her left to complain about her poor luck. She wasted her time, as this player (Jason Hofbauer) also began his 6th game at precisely the same moment...and **ALSO FAILED TO CLEAR THE STARTING BLOCK!** Russell Adams...what are the odds?

Bill Hill No Stranger to Bad Luck, Either! Bill Hill is a Master pegger from Hermiston, OR, and at a recent Grass Roots match dealt an opponent a 28-hand. Tough luck! Next game, Bill gets double-skunked! What next?

...**Jim Hartung Knows The Feeling, Too** Jim Hartung, one of Richland, WA's premier players, has been knocking on the door for his Master rating (needing 22 MRP's) for quite some time...and finally, he qualified high in the Consolation event in Portland. All he has to do is win the first two rounds in the playoffs to earn his Master...and he has a bye in the first round! Alas, he loses the second round match! One MRP for the bye round! Keep pegging, Jim!

Gary Sand Fully Recovered

Gary Sand, our ACC poet, had some tough luck on his way to the Kah-Nee-Ta match in central Oregon in December. He whacked the guardrail and did considerable damage to his truck...and his face!

But he was spotted in Portland and his truck was repaired, looking shiny new! And *Cribbage World* was told anonymously that he has continued writing his poetry. A rumor has it he has written a poem about Gene Goodell, a Portland player. Perhaps Gary will share this with *Cribbage World*!

Now For the Good Luck...

This Pigeon Ain't No Pigeon!

Richard Pigeon is a member of GR club 61, Green Bay, WI...and seems to be hogging all the good luck.

Warming up for a match August 26, he nails a 29-hand, and during this past season has held two 28-hands.

But check the score card below! Richard scored a fantastic 23 GP, 9 for 9 Grand Slam December 30! This is one of the highest score cards ever reported to *Cribbage World*. Aggie and Gene Mikulsky (who reported this story) recall another 23 GP card some time ago...Doug Page from the Appleton, WI, club. Some players do, indeed, have some good fortune! But we so rarely hear about the good luck stories...only the bad luck ones!

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2	3	41	
3	3	39	
4	2	16	
5	3	34	
6	2	13	
7	2	10	
8	2	14	
9	3	49	
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