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Record Crowds In Reno

954: JPW/ACC OPEN
738: CONSOLATION
402: T. of CHAMPIONS

\$10,000 Purse (Del Tufo), \$8,035 Purse (Morse)

Tony Del Tufo Wins JPW/ACC Open Clair Morse Takes Tournament of Champions Emil Lubinski Wins Record (738) Consolation Event

Anthony Del Tufo, West Bridgewater, MA, outlasted a world's record crowd of 954 peggers to win the Joseph P. Wergin/ACC Open in Reno February 6...and picked up a whopping \$10,000, 612 Master Rating Points, and his Master rating! His MRP total for the current year is near the 1,000 mark...and he joins the race for national honors.

This win marks the second consecutive win by Massachusetts' peggers in this event. Last year, David Clemmey (Mansfield, MA) topped some 862 players. The 1994 edition has set a new standard, however, topping the 900 mark for the first time in cribbage's history!

John Groz, Kissimmee, FL, finished 2nd, picked up a sizeable \$6,800, and some 434 MRP's to throw his hat into the 1994 MRP race. Leo Brady, Arlington, VA, nailed 3rd (and \$4,800). Syl Lubinski, La Grange Park, IL, very nearly duplicated his November win in Reno, but settled for 4th, \$3,500, and another 375 MRP's

to re-gain the national MRP lead, standing at nearly 1,130 (after qualifying 16th).

Willie Evans, Richland, WA, finished 5th (\$2,800) followed by Al Libby, Quincy, CA (\$2,100), Ervin Bentz, San Francisco, CA (\$1,500), and Jim Broadhurst, Medford, OR (\$1,040).

Texan John Ranne (Temple) had the hot hand in the qualifying round, scoring a great 39 19 +296 to take the \$1,300 high-Q prize.

A world's record Consolation event crowd (738 players) saw Emil Lubinski, Brooklyn Park, MN, take the title, \$2,700, and 251 MRP's. This event, despite being a consolation, was the 4th largest tournament in cribbage's history.

And with the record crowd came sizeable prizes. Steve Ihrig, Salem, OR, took home \$2,100 for 2nd, Bob Hanes, Huxley, IA won

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Dave Ritchey Tops All-Stars

Western All-Stars Win, Break Tie

The Western Region fielded a steady team of winners to outlast the Eastern and Central squad at the recent preliminaries to the JPW/ACC Open in Reno February 3.

With Al Grantz, Kelso, WA, leading the way with a 10-6 card (2 skunks; 22 GPs), the Western team won going away winning 73 games with 6 skunks (152 GPs). The Eastern squad won 62 games with 4 skunks (128 GPs), followed by the Central team with 57 wins and 10 skunks (124 GPs).

The Westerners had steady play from all eight

players...their low man scoring 8-8.

In the individual scoring, Orange City, FL's Dave Ritchey copped honors with a 11-5 card. With Grantz taking 2nd, Gary Motley (10-6), Gresham, OR finished 3rd, followed by DeLynn Colvert (10-6), Missoula, MT in 4th.

This was the 4th annual All-Star event, and the score now stands: Western 2, Central 1, and Eastern 1. This year's winning score of 152 GP's was the lowest ever...attesting to the spirited competition.



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\$1,500, and Edgar Bastedo, Lethbridge, Alberta took home a nifty \$1,040 for 4th place.

Dee Dries, Rochester, NY, nailed the 8th sanctioned 29-hand to be scored this cribbage year, and the first by the fair sex, taking \$100 home for this sanctioned gem.

Tournament of Champions

Clair Morse, Bend, OR, nailed the record-breaking Tournament of Champions (402 peggers...old record: 380), edging Frank Hansbury, San Anselmo, CA, in the final match. Clair is inching up on his Master rating, but, alas, this event was by invite only, and no MRP's were awarded. The \$8,035 first prize certainly eased the pain of not receiving MRP's, however. Hansbury won a sizeable \$5,700 for his 2nd place effort.

Bill Campbell, Fort Walton Beach, FL, took home \$4,200 for finishing 3rd (and this will certainly be grist for his newspaper column, if he so chooses). Glenn Gauthier, DePere, WI, rounded out the final four, winning \$3,200.

Larry Williams, Sun Valley, NV, took honors in the 14-game qualifying round, picking up the \$1,050 top-Q prize.

The Tournament of Champions Consolation event drew 246 players, and the hot hand in the qualifying round belonged to Stan Babiec, N. Dartmouth, MA, and he took home the top-Q prize of \$870.

But the playoffs belonged to John Williams, Brooklyn Park, MN. The \$2,400 first-place prize wasn't quite as much as his 1993's 4th place \$3,300 Main Event finish...but John wasn't complaining! Paul Petit, Pawtucket, RI, finished 2nd and garnered \$1,850. Ray Grismer, Wallace, Idaho, took 3rd (and \$1,450), followed by 1988 All-American John Ryan, Jr., San Lorenzo, CA (\$1,100).

The monster crowds were well handled by an experienced staff of directors. Joan & Jim Rein, Scott Kooistra, Roy and Jeanne Hofbauer, Barbara Woodward, and a host of volunteers

kept all events on schedule, and the Sands, once again, were wonderful hosts, supplying the players with coffee and cake during the long weekend of pegging. The record crowd of 954 may possibly be surpassed in 1995...but this tournament will have a cut-off of 1,024 in the future. The playoff boards can only handle this number...and the Sands are about at maximum at that number, also.

Life masters, Masters,

29-Hands, 28-Hands...

Harry Palmer, Phyllis Schmidt Earn Life Master

Cathy Perkins, Rex Paddock,

Nicky Kniech, Willie Evans,

Anthony Del Tufo Earn Master

Dee Dries Scores 8th 29-Hand

Reno's huge match left the record books smoking! Two Life masters were earned (Harry Palmer, W. Springfield, MA, and Phyllis Schmidt, Williamstown, MA), and at least five players earned their Master rating: Catherine Perkins, Bear Creek, NC, Rex Paddock, Missoula, MT, Nicky Kniech, Brown Deer, WI, Willie Evans, Richland, WA, and Anthony Del Tufo, W. Bridgewater, MA. Dee Dries, Rochester, NY, scored the 8th 29-hand of this season. 28-hands? Too many to report. *Cribbage World* will attempt to get a list for next month's issue.

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Vignettes ...

The Record Reno Crowd

Anthony Del Tufo, the winner of the record-breaking JPW/ACC Open was given a yeoman's task just getting to Reno. His first airline ticket was for the wrong day, and after a hassle getting this straightened out, he missed his connection in Newark, NJ, and after another hassle ended up in San Francisco. After another re-route, he finally made it to Reno. Oops, no luggage. After two nervous days, his luggage finally caught up with him. How he won this event with all this extra hassle is amazing! Being from Massachusetts has to be the answer...this state seems to have a lock on the championship!

Clarence Van Orsow, Culver, OR, won the recent Kah-Nee-Ta Open, but in Reno he dealt 28-hands in consecutive matches to Frank Bodogh and Al McDonald. The Critbage Gods are just getting even!

A third-round playoff match found Syl Lutinski and Joe Bernard toe-to-toe. These two Life Masters are in a heated MRP race this cribbage year, and when the match began, both were in a near tie in this year's race. Syl left Joe in the stinkhole to win the match...and this measly point may certainly prove to be a big one when this year's race winds down. Syl took home 375 MRPs, while Joe garnered "only" 158!

Harry Palmer, W. Springfield, MA, zipped through his first playoff round 3-0, and became only the 11th ACC player to earn Life Master. Perennial winner Phyllis Schmidt, Williamstown, MA, finished her first round match 3-1...but the one loss made the match last a little longer than Harry's...so she became only the 12th ACC player to earn Life Master.

Montana players left for Reno in balmy, spring-like weather...but when they arrived home, the weather was like their Reno cards...ice cold (11 below...with the wind howling!)

Frank Wurman, Philadelphia, PA, had two small antique boards in his pocket. These one-inch long boards had two tracks of 15-holes per side (four times around, please), and had a slide drawer holding pegs and dominoes! And one had a pipe stamper end for the gentlemen peggers that smoke a pipe! What next?

Last month's quiz had two players getting married in Reno...and their initials were W. M. and S. S. Who are they? And did they get married? Indeed they did! The answer: William Medeiros and Sharlene Szaban from Shrewsbury, MA. They had a first-class wedding at a nearby chapel in Reno, and hosted a nifty reception at the Sands. William finished 2nd in the 1992 match (and won \$6,000), but this year, the distraction of the wedding (???) kept him (and Sharlene) out of the top four. Both are highly ranked players in the Eastern Region.

Denny Van Orsow, national MRP leader from Culver, OR, failed to qualify in the ACC Open by a fluke. Needing but one peg to win (and dealing) he held 3-5-6-7, and his opponent pegged seven to win, before Denny could get his "automatic" go! He now knows he should have held his king! This one-point loss kept him from the playoffs. Extraordinary bad luck, nevertheless!

Ed Horigan Wins Virginia Championship, Earns 172nd Master

Ed Horigan, Virginia Beach, VA, nailed the 80-pegger Virginia State Championship, January 23, and became the 172nd ACC member to earn his Master Rating.

Ed is a member of the ACC's Board of Directors, and has been seen pegging nationwide. This dedicated pegger may be congratulated by calling (804) 460-2596.

Jerry Hartman 3rd...Not 4th

Jerry Hartman, Mesa, AZ, was reported to be 4th in the Consolation at the November Reno meet. Wrong! He finished 3rd! Bragging rights, if you please!

In Memoriam

Sylvester "Stubby" Hall
Memominee, Wisconsin

A member of Club 93, Marinette, WI, Stubby died in November, 1993. He will be long remembered by his many pegging friends.

Phyllis Schmidt "Lights" Up Super Lite Classic

Phyllis Schmidt, Williamstown MA, earned another 160 MRP's to edge in on her Life Master rating by winning the Super Lite Classic in West Springfield, MA January 23.

A sizeable crowd of 148 peggers were on hand for this one-day tournament, and 94 stayed on for the Consolation event.

John Rooney, Randolph, MA came close, but settled for 2nd, followed by Jim McDonald, Monson, MA, and Dave Dudzinski, Hamden, CT.

Bill Dumas, Mattapoisett, MA, held the hot hand in the qualifying round, and took top honors...and the top Q-pool prize.

Sharlene Szaban, Shrewsbury, MA, won the Consolation event going away...and this is the last time she will be reported as a "Szaban," as she recently was married to William Medieros at the Reno meet February 3. Robert Leikin, Longmeadow, MA took 2nd.

Directors Jim Law and Charlie Finley reported an increase of 20 peggers from last year's event...attesting to a well-run tournament. This event is scheduled for a repeat performance again next year.

Sands Proves Popular Peggin' Spot

The Sands Hotel and Casino in Reno continues to be a favorite with the American Cribbage Congress.

The recent BOD meeting voted unanimously to continue the JPW/ACC Open and Tournament of Champions series at this site.

Barbara Woodward with her untiring assistance, and the Sands hospitality were certainly big factors in the vote.

President Emeritus Joseph P. Wergin Attends Huge Reno Event *Thinking Big*

What a great tournament!

This official, the founder of the Congress, was a part of the record-breaking crowd who assembled at the Sands in Reno and attracted about 950 entries. The event proceeded smoothly.

This scribe was called upon to say a few words and this brief message which was warmly accepted by the great gathering of world cribbage stars:

"Go back home and teach your family and friends, especially the children, ages 5 and up, to play this unusual game. It gives the family something to do together and with this the members of the home become closer. Then, too, the children increase their math skills and go to the top of the classes.

What I like about it, the teenagers will stay home at night to play this fascinating game.

Remember this one thing--THE FAMILY THAT PLAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER!"

After not attending this affair for three years, it was exciting to meet many old friends and pillars of the Congress.

*Joseph Petrus Wergin
President Emeritus, ACC*

In Memoriam

Robert Gee Moon
Quincy, California

Robert Gee Moon died January 5, after a long illness. Moon was known to many cribbage players as the co-founder and director (with Ev Bey) of the World Championship Cribbage Tournament, held annually in May in Quincy, CA. Moon was also a Cribbader General. The 23rd Annual World Championship, May 7, will be dedicated to his memory.

Father and Daughter Clean 'Em Out

Mary Ryan, John Ryan Take Honors in Seaside

The Ryan clan... daughter Mary and father John waited until the last minute before deciding to attend the Monterey Bay/Larry Good Memorial event in Seaside, CA, as John's cantankerous motor home was acting up.

Good fortune smiled on the Ryan's, and they attended...and nailed the championship in both the Main event and the Consolation! Mary grabbed the Main, and John came through in the Consolation. The Ryan's hail from San Lorenzo, CA.

It was Jim Neilson's birthday, and this Gilroy, CA peger almost had the perfect birthday present, but had to settle for 2nd in the Main.

Second in the Consolation went to William "Ratso" Roderick, Vacaville, CA. Former All-American Joe Lusignan, Salinas, CA. ended a 2-year MRP drought by finishing 3rd.

San Franciscan Sue Lewis topped the 96-pegger field in the qualifying round with a fine 35 (16) +125. She began the round with a bang...winning the first 8 games, 3 by skunks!

Local Frank Zabrowski thanked the first two qualifiers that failed to enter the "Super Q" as his 3rd place card picked up the nifty top prize of \$350!

Satellite winners: Doubles; Jackie Doppelt/Ira Deutsch (Vacaville & Agoula Hills), Sat. Special; Bea Olyer (Fairfield, CA), and the Cry Baby; Julie Tuckett (El Cajon, CA). Rich Burns and Art Hertager nailed 28-hands. But, once again, no 29's!

Director Art Fisher reports that he wished he could have shown a little more hospitality to the out-of-staters...especially to the ACCBOD member...but alas, the locals were on a "roll!"

Denny Van Orsow Tops 1,000 MRP's

Denny Edwards Cops Red Apple Board

Jim Hartung Earns Master

Sunnyside, WA: The recent Central Washington Open was awash in apples...both red and green, but all 86 players had their eyes on the red one...a shiny trophy champion's board.

Denny Edwards, Hermiston, OR, took the coveted board home, as he nipped one of the nation's MRP leaders, Darrel Miotke, Sublimity, OR, in the final match.

Jim Hartung, Richland, WA, finished 3rd and earned his Master rating, followed by veteran Greg Van Metre, Sunnyside, WA.

Washington State Championship director Willie Evans (Richland) took home the top qualifying prizes (individual and team) with a stellar 37 GP's.

Denny Van Orsow, the nation's MRP leader, continued his assault on the MRP's with a fine 5th place finish, tacking on another 64 points to crack the 1,000 mark for the year. This Culver, OR, player is on a record pace, and he confided to *Cribbage World* that he will make an extra effort this year, and will add the huge Green Bay match to his travel schedule.

46 players stayed for the Consolation, and Roy Ellis, Spokane, WA, took home the trophy, followed by Herman Eichelman, Seattle, Sue Temple, Beaverton, OR, and DeLynn Colvert, Missoula, MT.

The satellites: Doubles; Jerry Beck and Lisa Shear (Tri-Cities, WA), High Rollers; Gary Sand, Longview, WA, Sat. Special; Clair Morse, Bend, OR, Cry Baby; All-American Paul Hatcher, Salem, OR.

Director Bob Brumley ran a first class tournament, with great paybacks (thanks to the many local sponsors) and with Rita Brumley's help (his spouse) kept all events on schedule...and passed out all the red and green apples you could carry!

Madison Masters Classic XVI Changes Playing Site

The upcoming Madison Masters Classic XVI has changed playing sites. The new site is the Holiday Inn, Madison West, 1313 John Q. Hammons Dr., Middleton, WI 53562. Check Tournament Trail, this issue, for details.

TWO Richard Corbins'

January CW stated that Richard Corbin won the Main Event in Fayetteville...and also finished 2nd in the Consolation.

Not quite true: Richard Scott Corbin won the Main Event, and Richard M. Corbin took 2nd in the Consolation.

Bob McCabe Works Overtime

Our ACC Statistician, Bob McCabe, Milwaukee, WI, was inundated with MRP lists from the record-breaking JPW/ACC Open in Reno.

With a printing deadline facing Cribbage World, Bob did a yeoman's job of compiling the latests lists, compounded by updating MRP's from the last six months of points scored by new and re-newed members. Bob faxed the lists with but hours to spare...

Not Mandatory... Mandatory... Not Mandatory

At the recent BOD meeting in Reno, members voted 23-4 to rescind the upcoming mandatory membership requirement to play in sanctioned tournaments.

This issue has been a "hot potato" for some time now, and, as for now, you may play sanctioned events without being a member. However, local directors may make an extra \$7 charge...and, oops, you are now a member! This is strictly a tournament director's decision.

150 Master Players Invited to Tournament of Champions

689 invitations were mailed to ACC members who had qualified for the Tournament of Champions...150 of whom were Master players.

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Cribbage's top prize is \$10,000...but an upcoming Gin Rummy tournament in Las Vegas offers a \$400,000 top prize.

But before you throw your pegs away and head for Las Vegas, consider the entry fee. The Gin Rummy entry is \$3,000 per player. This makes for a very "cuthroat" game, to say the least.

If our JPW/ACC Open had a \$3,000 entry, some \$2,862,000 would be available for prizes...and \$400,000 would be an approximate first prize. However, cribbage is America's most sociable card game...and our players (at least the great majority) want to keep it that way!

Stu Ungar, address unknown to CW, has won several of these major gin rummy tournaments. Who is cribbage's "Stu Ungar"? Undoubtedly Warren Sondericker, Greenfield, WI, would qualify, as he is our only 2-time winner of the ACC Open.

This Month's Quiz

January 22, 1994 was the 84th birthday of this cribbage "Johnny Applesseed." A member of the Cribbage Hall of Fame, he came into this world on the tale of Haley's Comet in 1910! Can you name this famous pegger? Answer on page

Alaska Cribbage Cruise Cancelled Another Cruise Scheduled

Directors Laurie and Ron Logan, and Ev Bey have cancelled the upcoming Glacier Gala Cribbage Cruise to Alaska.

However, for those cruise enthusiasts, Doris Denny has scheduled a Mexican Riviera Cribbage Cruise for October 16, 1994, aboard the luxurious Carnival Cruise Line's Jubilee. *Cribbage World* will offer full details in next month's issue about this 7-day adventure. For immediate information, call Doris at (404)431-9301 (mornings & evenings).

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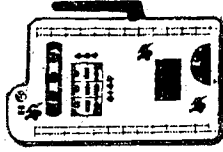
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