

## “Stay Connected”



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KC's Corner

Hey Cribaholics. It's me again, K.C.,

So, I have learned a lot since last time we talked. First, I don't like Halloween. Gamepoint121 dressed me up like a monkey. A dog in a monkey suit, now, do you believe me she is crazy.

Secondly, I don't like winter. We have got to find this "old man winter" and dispose of him. I had my first experience with snow a couple days ago. This is how that went – I was running full speed ahead, hit the doggy door flap, started running down the steps, and it hit me. Something is not right here; there is something white, fluffy, cold and wet under my feet. I came to an abrupt stop, turned around and ran back in the doggy door. I then slowly poked my head out the doggy door, sniffed, looked around and decided to give it another try. I went back outside to find the snow a little bit fun. I played and romped and was having a really fun time, and then suddenly I realized I was very wet and cold, I couldn't move. I was standing there trying to walk but my legs wouldn't work. I was shivering out of control. Finally, gamepoint121 realized I had not come back inside the house and came outside to get me. I stayed wrapped in a blanket trying to get warm for what seemed like eternity.

So, I guess about now you are thinking, "oh poor K.C.". Well, let me tell you it only gets worse. The snow

went away and then came “ICE”. This is how that went – I was running full speed ahead, hit the doggy door flap, started to run down the steps and realized I had no control. I was rolling down the steps, sliding across the concrete walk on my belly and “BAM” I slid right in to the side of the garage. I got up and tried to make my way back to the steps to get back inside. My legs kept going out from under me.

I would get up and try to walk/run again and I was getting nowhere. My legs would go every which way but forward. That is about the time I look up to find gamepoint121 looking out the window laughing herself silly. Yes, she was laughing at me. I think I seen a tear rolling down her cheek but it was not out of sadness. Needless to say, she came outside and got me and I stayed wrapped in a blanket trying to get warm for what seemed like eternity.

With the Holidays coming make sure you log in to ecribbage.com often, I have heard rumor of free pro gifts being given out. Shhhh – you didn’t hear it from me.

Gotta go, will bark at you later. Keep on pegging.



#### KCUK Corner



***This time it's personal*** – KCUK meets up with two eCribbage UK members.

I guess some of you guys who follow face-book on eCribbage saw we met up with Colin and Geraldine Sharp from Surrey while they were both on vacation down our neck of the woods. Colin and Geraldine, two of the earliest members of eCribbage, and long-standing big fans of the board game KC kindly gave us an opportunity to meet up with them to play a few games.

This was a great chance to put faces to names from eCribbage; they were great hosts, good company and play a mean game of KC. Thank you Colin and Geraldine for a most enjoyable day. We have arranged to meet up with them again sometime in 2011, possibly with a few more players, may be even trying to get a UK-KC knock out going if anyone is interested in joining us?

When tiles and ideas flow in a game of Kings Cribbage you can be spoilt for choice. Here is a game Corrina and I were playing; it is my move, I would be selfish not to share this 'eureka' moment with you. There are several high scoring moves on the board, but with this hand you can score a meaty 47 points...*it's your move!!!*



This month celebrates the anniversary of Kings Cribbage twelfth birthday. The game was invented by Gary Cowley and released by CoCoCo Games Canada. As a tribute from us in the UK we would like to share in the celebrations by giving three lucky UK eCribbage players a chance to win a fantastic KC board game to enjoy some festive fun with family and friends.

All you have to do is send us the correct answer to the KC poser above. For your chance to win, the first three correct answers received by email at [sales@kingscribbageuk.com](mailto:sales@kingscribbageuk.com) will be sent a 'free' game. We will notify the winners by email to request their name and address details. Offer closes 24<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

A big thank-you to Damien and CoCoCo Games for all your support this year, and the seasons best wishes to all the players and associates from us at KCUK.

Paul & Corrina  
Kings Cribbage Connections UK



*Smurfys Corner*

Merry Christmas my little eCribber's and welcome to another edition of "Smurfy's Corner". Again, big thanks to all of you for making our last issue of the eCribbage newsletter a big success. Like all of you eCribber's, I too look forward each month to our newsletter. It's a great way to catch up on all the news and new stuff happening at eCribbage. It's eCribber's like you that make our newsletter fun to put together and a pleasure to send out to you all each month. As you all know here at "Smurfy's Corner" I try my best to post any of your stories, jokes or comments so if you have any please feel free to send them in. If you have any topic suggestions or something you would like to see in "Smurfy's Corner" let me know and I will do my best to try and accommodate any of your ideas. So please send them to me at [prettysmurfette38@gmail.com](mailto:prettysmurfette38@gmail.com). I will try and post as many as possible.



"The Cribbage Board"



The history of the "Cribbage Board" is quite an interesting story as the game of cribbage itself. It is speculated that Sir John Suckling invented cribbage from an old Tudor game known as "Nobby". Sir John Suckling was an alcoholic, a womanizer, poet and a terrific gambler, he was especially addicted to card games. Nobby and cribbage are played exactly the same way except that cribbage uses a crib.

Historian's say the first cribbage board that was used by Sir John Suckling supposedly looked like a ship's course charter (traverse board) but it was soon replaced by a more conventional twice around board style much like the ones we use today. Many samples of the early cribbage boards have been recovered and are on view in museums or in individual collections. These boards all have the traditional six sets of double five holes for each player. Many boards, old or new do not contain starter holes or Game Won holes, so it is assumed that they are placed on the boards at the discretion of the craftsman.

The "Cribbage Board" can be dated back nearly 2000 years, long before the game of "cribbage" was invented by Sir John Suckling in the early 1600's. Before Sir John Suckling was credited for inventing the game of cribbage the ancient Egyptians played a game called "Dogs and Jackals" (also know as the game of Fifty-eight Holes). The board which was used for play featured an ivory or bone top which contained 58 holes grouped in sets of five. This combination of holes intrigues cribbage board collectors, for it is identical to the grouping of holes found on our modern cribbage board. This leads historian's to believe that Sir John Suckling may have had information about the ancient game "Dogs and Jackals" when

inventing the game of "Cribbage". You can view samples of the Egyptian game "Dogs and Jackals" board and game pieces on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York city.

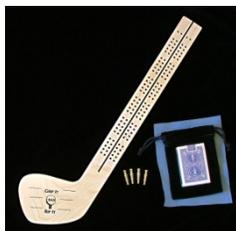
A "Cribbage Board" is usually made out of wood but it can also be made from plastic, granite, marble, ivory or bone. Modern "Cribbage Boards" can be made into any shape or design. The most popular modern board design is the 29 which refers to the perfect cribbage hand of 29 points. Many die hard cribbage players will often fashion their own cribbage boards in a shape that reflect their own personalities. Antique cribbage boards can be a valuable collector's item.

Although you don't need a cribbage board to enjoy a great game of cribbage as points can be kept on a piece of paper, but since points are scored throughout the game and cribbage is so fast paced, it is easier to use a cribbage board. A cribbage board is a great asset to your cribbage game as scoring is kept by moving the spilikins (pegs) every time a player scores as the game continues on. Each player is given two spilikins (pegs) to score with so there is always a record of a player's latest scoring position in the game.

Cribbage boards may also be used as scoring tools in other games as well. In England cribbage boards are often used in pubs to keep score in games like "table skittles". In Latin America cribbage boards are often used to keep score in dominoes, and cribbage boards are often box shaped with a storage compartment so they make excellent domino carrying cases. So my little eCribber's the next time you sit down for a great game of cribbage ask your opponent, "What came first"? "The cribbage board "or "The game of cribbage" hehe.



### OFF THE BEATEN TRACK



Golf club Crib Board



Hockey Rink Crib Board



Hockey Stick Crib Board





### Some Cribbage Poetry Fun

#### "Cards With the BARD"

Shakespeare and I had been playing all day  
I'd won all the money he had  
That was to be expected, of course  
At cribbage, old William was bad.

Finally he said, "Let's play one last game".  
I said, "What are the stakes?"  
He said, "Be patient, I'll tell you my friend,  
Just what the winner takes.

If I should beat you ( and I never have )  
All of your works become mine  
Each play you've written, all of your poems,  
Each sonnet, each stanza, each line.

"Ah, Mr. Shakespeare," i said with a grin,  
"You know I love a good bet.  
tell me what happens if I win the game?  
"Pray tell me, what do I get?"

"Well, Mr. Suckling, I think you'll agree,  
You get the best prize, " Shakespeare said.  
One night in Strafford-on-Avon alone  
With Anne Hathaway in your bed.

A gleam appeared in my eye, and I said  
"You've got yourself a game."  
I've beaten you fifty times in a row.  
This one shall turn out the same.

Alas, I could not draw any cards,  
I fell behind and more.  
When we reached 4th street, he needed 15  
but I needed twenty-four.

I picked up two 6's, I picked up two 4's,  
I picked up an Ace and a 3.  
I went for the twenty-four hand, of course,  
My chances were slim, you'll agree.

I cut the deck with a prayer on my lips.  
My hopes were barely alive.  
Shakespeare turned over the card on the top,  
I couldn't believe it a five!

I was so happy, I leapt in the air,  
then I went out with a 4.  
Shakespeare paired that, and I couldn't  
triple up,  
Couldn't risk him getting twelve more.

He played a 5 on my 6 for a run,  
I played my second 4.  
He played a 3 for a new run, I thought  
Hey this isn't funny no more.

My final card was a 6, but the count  
was twenty-six, so I said "GO".  
He had a deuce for a five card run,  
He pegged out to win the game, sooo

Next time your reading Othello or Lear  
or some other "Shakespeare" work,  
Know it was written by "Suckling"  
my friend,  
and not by that lucky jerk!



Cribbage Quiz: Test your cribbage skills

What is the only cribbage hand that can not be improved ANY cut?  
(answer at end of smurfy's corner)





The Jokester:

Suzy walks into the living room and saw her brother playing cribbage with their dog. " Amazing!" she sputtered, "This must be the smartest dog in history of the world." "He's not so smart" her brother mumbled. "I've beaten him three out of five games so far.



Answer To Cribbage Quiz:

"Four Aces"



Cribbage Quote Of The Month - If winning isn't everything.....why do they keep score? LOL



At this time I would like to wish Damien and his family and all my fellow TD's and their families and you my little eCribber's a "Very Merry Christmas". As you celebrate the Christmas season with your family and friends please remember that Christmas is not in tinsel and lights and outward show. The secret lies in an inner glow. It's lightening a fire inside the heart. Good will and joy a vital part. It's a higher thought and a greater plan. It's glorious dream in the soul of man. From home to home, heart to heart and from one place to another. May the warmth and joy of this Christmas Season bring us all closer to each other!

Merry Christmas my friends!!!!

# Merry Christmas

So until next time my fellow ecribber's, "Happy Smurfing" and peg your little Smurfy hearts out.



Merry Christmas to all from Damien and the TD's at [ecrbbage.com](http://ecrbbage.com)

Till next time, keep those pegs pegging.

See you at a table soon,

Sandy – Gamepoint121

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