

“Stay Connected”



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Hey All you ecribbage addicts. It's me again, KC. So...If you remember, last month I had set out to find DB to stop him from the CrossCribb coding. Well, I didn't make it far. I made it as far as the end of the property a couple times but then gamepoint121, (keeper of the treats), called me back. Geez, sometimes she is sooooo bossy. The thing is, if I don't listen to her, I don't get my treats. Oohhh, just the thought of no treats makes me crazy.

I now have a new plan. I am going to need some help though. Anyone have any idea how a dog – with no thumbs can work a keyboard. My paws are too big and when I use my nose it really slows me down. It also makes me cross eyed after awhile (OH NO!! there's that "cross" word again). I am thinking if I can figure this whole computer thing out I can talk DB into some of those magic buttons the TD's have and I can boot gamepoint121 when she starts playing one of those silly games she likes so much. If I can keep her away from the CrossCribb game maybe she won't decide to get that other puppy (CC) that I fear so much.

Well, it is naptime so I will let you get on with the rest of the newsletter. Please remember I need your help. I can't allow another puppy. I refuse to share the belly rubs, the ear scratches, and my yummy treats.

Till next time,

KC

New at eCribbage

Damien has been hard at work on the CrossCribb Bot. When you play it if you come across any bugs please let him know.

There will be a disco day coming up real soon. Get out your dancing shoes.

Kings Cribbage One-to-one



By Corrina Turner - Kings Cribbage Connections UK

I've been playing Kings Cribbage now for over 2 years, and I still just can't play enough of the game. I love spreading the word about KC, and really enjoy teaching people how to play. We get lots of good feedback on the game in the UK, but sometimes the hardest people to convince, believe it or not, are the 'traditional cribbage players'!

Why is that?

KC certainly is a game that compliments cribbage skills, and invites you to try and place fun cribbage hands...so, what is it about KC that scare off a Cribbage player? (Now that's a challenge in its self!)

We often meet people (non cribbage players) who have been told how hard 'traditional cribbage' is to play, and that's why they never learnt the game. Most of us have someone in the family who can play, usually parents or grandparents. For me, my father used to try and teach the game when I was in my early teens, and I never could grasp the game...the 15 twos and 15 fours etc, it used to really confuse me. Maybe family members don't have the patience...bit like my father helping me with my math's homework when I was at school, the pressure of learning an 'old school' approach to equations, but then one day Cribbage just clicked. I wish my Granny was around today for me to play, but she probably would have shattered my illusions of not being able to beat her at cribbage! Traditional Cribbage is an easy game to play, but it can take years to learn the best scoring opportunities, and game tactics.

I get a lot of pleasure teaching Kings Cribbage especially with those who don't have any cribbage skills; you can see a persons expression change when the penny drops on how to play, that's great; I feel a sense of achievement, and often they will come back to tell us how fantastic Kings Cribbage is, and go on to tell their friends.

So, for all you cribbage players that do not play Kings Cribbage, give it a try, instead of missing out. You never know, you might just find it fun!

Corinna KC-UK



Smurfy's Corner

Hello my fellow eCribber's welcome once again to another edition of "Smurfy's Corner". As you know here at "Smurfy's Corner" I present some of your most interesting letters, stories, jokes or comments. So at this time, I would like to thank pageys plectrum for his wonderful story he so kindly shared with us all in our last eCrib newsletter. So if you have any stories you like to share with us, please get them into me asap and remember when you do write to me to include your full eCribbage name (not aka's) and hometown. I'll try and publish as many of your stories, letters or comments as possible. You can email me at prettysmurfette38@gmail.com. So come on eCribber's get those stories flowing in.



In this edition of "Smurfy's Corner" I would like to talk about the "Perfect Hand" the highest hand you can score in cribbage "The 29 Hand". The game of cribbage has been around for a long time, it dates back almost five hundred years. It derives from the earlier game of Noddy. Originally the five card game was played where only one card was discarded to the crib by each player. Now the six card game is more popular with two cards each being discarded to the crib. Cribbage is very popular in the United States with many cribbage leagues and clubs in existence. Did you know it is the only game which you can play in an English pub for money?

Hmmm....I wondered how many "Perfect Hands" had been scored during the five hundred years that cribbage has been around? The infamous 29 hand, the highest possible hand you can score playing cribbage, the "King" of all the crib hands, every cribbers dream. Many say you can play a lifetime and never see a "Perfect Hand", much less hold one.

Lets take a look at this infamous 29 hand that likes to elude us cribbers. The "Perfect 29 Hand " is comprised of all four 5's and the Jack of Nobs. You are dealt 5 5 5 J with a 5 as the turn up card. Here's how the hand is scored: 8 combinations of "15" (for 16 pts) + 4 of a kind (for 12 pts) + Nobs (for 1 pt) = 29 pts total. The odds of being dealt a "Perfect Hand" while playing against a single opponent are 1 in 216,580 and if you are playing against two or three opponents its 1 in 649,740 (because you are dealt 5 cards not 6, thus fewer cards from which to choose). The odds of getting struck by lightning are 576,000 to 1 . Hmmm...I'm beginning to think I have a better chance of getting struck by lightning LOL. That sure would put a pegzap in my crib, LOL. Did you know there are 12,994,800 possible cribbage hands that you can get, not counting for suit there are 14715 unique hands, and then there are 1,009,008 distinct hands that score no points at all. Hey!!! That's where all those hands I normally get come from....arghh LOL.

How many of you have gotten so close to your "Perfect Dream Hand"? You know the scenario your dealt 5 5 5 J and your eyes light up, your heart starts pounding, your mind is racing a hundred miles a minute....What Luck!!! Could this finally be my day, you're on crib cloud 29 LOL. Then the starter card is turned up and your heart skips a beat and your mouth drops open and a sweat pops upon your brow, Oh My....Oh My!!!! What luck you are

thinking. Then there is a horrible crashing noise "Thwak" the sound, a crib board makes as it hits you upside your head, mocking you when you realize you don't have the right Jack suit. The infamous 29 hand once again slips thru your handarghhh!!!

Those cribbers that have been so lucky to have gotten "The Perfect Hand" remember that day forever when the luck of the crib gods smiled down upon them. Yes luck! Now come on Smurfy you say, what about skill? Sure there is some skill involved my little cribber's but after all this is cribbage we are talking about and you know what they say.... luck of the cards, luck of the draw LOL. Well whatever we like to call it luck, skill or fluke. Scoring "The Perfect Hand" is something worth bragging about. Some cribbers that get "The Perfect Hand" keep the cards, board, pegs as a trophy. Their own personal "Stanley Cup" of cribbage of sorts, as testament to their amazing cribbage luck. Did you know there's even a Facebook group called "29PerfectCribbagehand". Those eCribber's that were lucky enough to get the infamous 29 Hand, should check it out sometime.

Those of you eCribber's that were among the lucky elite to get "The Perfect Hand" what did you do to memorialize your moment in cribbage history? Did you freak out, jump up and down, frame your cards and board, or go boyah LOL, If you would like to share your story or one of a game you played in that your opponent got "The Perfect Hand" please feel free to send your stories into me to share with all of our fellow eCribber's. I myself have had 28 hands but never a 29 hand, but I continue to play every day so maybe my day is coming.....Hey!!! A Smurf can dream now can't she LOL.



Some Cribbage Poetry Fun

"Ode To The Cut"



I've been playing cribbage for 32 years

And one thing has always held true

Whenever I throw my opponent King and 3

I'm certain to cut him a 2.

Whenever I throw my opponent King and Jack

I can't help but cut him a Queen

And of course he just happens to throw King and Jack too

So the guy ends up getting sixteen

When I throw two 5's in my crib 2 points

Is the most I can ever find

But if I threw those nickels to somebody else

He'd score at least 29

If I throw him a 7 the cut is an 8

If I throw him a 6 its a 9

Why does it happen whenever it's his crib

and never when its mine?

I think when I first learned to play this game

The card gods must have laughed

And decided to give my opponents great cuts

While giving me the shaft



The Cribbage Jester

One Wish

A cribbage player was polishing his cribbage board andPoof!!! Out pops a genie who said, "I am the genie of the cribbage board and I will grant you one wish."

The cribbage player unfolded a map of the world and said, "Let all of these countries live in peace and harmony."

"You've got to be kidding! I'm only a genie." The cribbage player thinks for awhile and then suggested, "OK, then next time I play cribbage give me a 29 hand"

"Hmmm.....The genie pondered, "Let me see that map again."

Cribbage Stories

Anyway here we go, this goes back to my very first days on eCribbage, now I'm 40 years of age and got my first PC 2 years ago, I had never used the Internet and would rather poke my own eyes out than send a text message. My girlfriend (7 years my younger) kept on at me to enter the 21st century and I finally gave in and bought a PC (now she can't get me off the thing- SERVES HER RIGHT HEE HEE).

After a few days of surfing the web I happened upon eCribbage and couldn't believe my luck. Now I quickly picked up how to start /join games etc, but I was not prepared for the strange language everyone used gg, gl, gic, etc etc. Now, I'm no rocket scientist but I managed to work them out, but the one that really puzzled me was LOL. I could of asked my girlfriend but didn't want to show my age. So I carried on just repeating it whenever anyone said it. Over the next few days I narrowed it down and came up with what I thought could be the only possible meaning

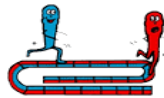
(and this WORRIED me). Anyway after a few more days of repeating LOL whenever it was used, my GF (I know them all now) asked how I was getting on with this website I was always on. I told her how great it was but there was something weird about it. She asked me what was up so I told her that most of the men I played keep telling me they love me and what's worse I keep telling them I love them back!!! She asked me to explain so I told her they keep saying LOL which must mean Lots Of Love, I can't print her response to this but needless to say she LOL'ed for some time. She explained the true meaning and then followed days of endless jokes from her concerning me finding the world's first gay cribbage website etc etc.

All the best Dave(pageys plectrum)



Cribbage Quiz: Test your cribbage skills

What three hands containing three 5's yield an odd value (excluding hands with nobs)? (Answer at end of Smurfy's corner)



Off The Beaten Track

Coffin Cribbage Board



Canoe Cribbage Board



Toilet Seat Cribbage Board





Cribbage Quiz Answer:

Most of the time, whenever you hold 5-5-5 you'll end up with an even total (e.g. 5-5-5-10-K or A-5-5-5-9 or 4-5-5-5-8) but three hands yield an odd total when holding three 5's are: 3-4-5-5-5 , 4-5-5-5-6, 5-5-5-6-7

So till next time my fellow eCribber's "Happy Smurfing" and peg your little smurfy hearts outs.



"Getting to Know You"



Login name: Holt

Name first and/or last: Brenda **Holt** Hardie

Home Province: Ontario

Hobbies/interests: Travel, loving the summer

GEO cashing, (a modern day treasure hunt all over the world). But most days you can find me looking for my spacebar!! OHHHHHHHHH YAAAAAA eCribbage KC, Love it, love it, love it!!!!!!

Job: Currently keeping the 2 white machines (as my husband refers to them) in my basement full and running.

Favorite tv show/movie/music: Nurse Jackie – Big Chill – Bruce springsteen

Favorite author: Way too many to pick one. Diane Gabaldon jumps to mind first.

Who is your idol: I have 2. Both are women and cancer victims. From them I have learned what being strong really means.

Who is your ecribb nemesis: NO ONE. But...If I can beat johnny1221 or khalldin, then I am having a good day.

Any comment you want to make: Holt really is my middle name. It was my grandmother's maiden name. My father also has Holt as his middle name. His first name is Thomas and yes, Thomas Holt has a much better ring to it than Brenda Holt. Now here's the kicker. My sisters name is Heather and she got Ann as a middle name. Heather Ann...hmmm, nice ring to that. Oh sigh.. Holt, Holty, Holter, Hoooooolt, Holtertop and the very creative Holt who goes there. After 11 years of euchre and 2 yrs here in eCribbage I've heard them all. Most people just call me "B"but, yes Holt really is my middle name.

Thank you Holt. I look forward to our next game.

Spring League is quickly coming to a close. Get your teams together for the Fall league now. Have some fun.

Guess I better close this out for now. KC will be waking up wanting her treats. LOL.

Till next time, take care and I will see you soon.

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