

“Stay Connected”



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KC's Corner



Hi all you cribaholics. It's me again, KC.

I have a new dilemma. It seems that Damien has fixed the “bugs” in CrossCribb and it is running smooth. Now Gamepoint121 is talking about getting me “fixed”. I have no bugs. I don't know what she is thinking, I have tried to tell her but she just tells me if I am going to bark, to take it outside. I don't know how to get through to her that I don't need to be “fixed”. She hasn't said but I am assuming she is going to have Damien “fix” me, so can you all keep an eye out for him and let him know gamepoint121 is crazy. I DON'T HAVE ANY BUGS, I do play with and bark at bugs quite often but I don't keep them. (I have been guilty of eating some. shhhhh) I am a completely normal dog. I bark, chew, play and wrestle with the best of them. I don't scratch and am not losing my hair. Somehow I have to find a way to stop this. I will be counting on you for help. One suggestion you could do for me is to remind gamepoint121 that Damien needs to stay busy “fixing” the Kings Cribbage doubles tournaments. Anything Kings Cribbage will keep her mind off me... for a bit.

Well, I better go get me some treats and take me a nap. I will bark at you again soon.





Smurfy's Corner

Hello my little eCribber's welcome again to another edition of "Smurfy's Corner". A big thank-you to all who helped make our last issue of the eCribbage Newsletter another big success. As you all know here at "Smurfy's Corner" I present some of your most interesting letters, stories, jokes, or comments. So once again a big thank-you and hugs to Pagey's Plectrum for another wonderful story he so kindly shared with us all in our last eCribbage Newsletter, please keep them coming Pagey's. All stories, jokes, or comments are welcome. So if you would like to share with us, please send 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 as possible, you can email me at prettysmurfette38@gmail.com. So come on eCribber's get those stories smurfing in.



"GET YOUR GAME ON"?


In this issue of "Smurfy's Corner" I am going to be doing a two part series about "Getting Your Game On". With the many cribbage variations we have here at eCribbage to choose from it can only mean hours of cribbage fun with your fellow eCribber's. I'm sure we all have our own favorite cribbage games we like to play, I know I do. Whether it be Joker's, Crash, Toss Fives, Lowball, Kings cribbage, Backup Ten, Cross Crib, and our old faithful Traditional Cribbage, you are guaranteed a night of cribbage fun when you log on to eCribbage.

With so many new players joining the ecribbage family (a big Smurfy welcome to you all). We know it can be a little overwhelming especially if you are a 1st time cribbage player or have never seen or heard of the different cribbage variations we have here at eCribbage before. After all, my little Smurfer's, we all were newbies at one time LOL. I know from my own personal experience when I first joined eCribbage like many of you, I had only heard of and played Traditional cribbage. So when I joined the eCribbage family and found out there were other cribbage variations to play, WOW, was that overwhelming. I felt like the proverbial peg out of a hole, you could say LOL. I knowI know bad joke Smurfy...Oh well I'm a Smurf not a comedian after all (HaHa).

So I thought maybe our new players as well as many of our older ones would like a review of all the cribbage variations we have here at eCribbage. So when you see them being played whether it is in a

regular game or part of a Tournament you will be eager to give them a try and not find them over whelming. After all cribbage is meant to be fun and enjoyable and here at eCribbage our very own Damien Blond "The Great Crib Guru" HeHe (aka DB as we ecribber's fondly call him) is always making our cribbage experience better and better. Take it from me, once you have tried all the variations of the cribbage games here at eCribbage you will be pegged as an eCribbage addict along with the rest of us here LOL. Like me, you will be left wondering how did you ever get by on just Traditional cribbage for so long.

Maybe those of you who have been long time eCribbage players would like to comment on your favorite game variation or be willing to give others a few tips on how you play them. I am sure any tips or suggestions you give would be greatly appreciated, especially by those who have never played the different cribbage variations before. So my little Smurfer's are you ready to "GET YOUR GAME ON"? I know I am LOL.

Traditional Cribbage:  This variation of cribbage we all are familiar with, it involves creating hands composed of pairs, runs, flushes and sums to 15. Here at eCribbage you can play 2 player, 3 player and 4 player games.

Players cut to see who gets 1st crib. Each player is dealt 6 cards and they must each discard 2 to the crib. Then a cut card is cut and if it is a Jack the player with crib gets 2 pts (this card is called nob's).

Each player takes turns playing (pegging) their cards one at a time and announcing the sum of the cards. Face cards count for 10. If the sum is equal to 15 or 31 that player gets 2 pts. If the player forms a pair, they get 2 pts, a triple pair is worth 6 pts, quadruple pair is worth 12 pts. If a player forms a run of 3 or more they get to claim that many pts as well. Runs do not have to be played in order for ex. 4,7,5,6 was played who ever laid the 6 would get to claim a run for 4 pts.

You are not allowed to play a card that exceeds 31 so if you play 28 and your opponent only has cards that exceed 3 they will say "GO" and u will continue to play as many cards as you can up to 31. You also claim 1 pt for playing last card. Once all cards are played players count all hands up. The player that doesn't have crib counts 1st, then the player with crib counts, then finally the crib is counted.

SCORES COUNT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

2 pts for every pair

3 pts for runs of 3

4 pts for runs of 4

5 pts for runs of 5

2 pts for each sum to 15


4 pts for a flush

1 additional pt for 5 card flush

1 pt for a Jack "His Heels" that matches the suit of the cut card.

3 player crib is similar to 2 player crib except players are dealt 5 cards instead of 6. They throw only 1 card into the crib and 1 card is dealt into the crib from the deck.


4 player is similar to 2 player crib as well except players are dealt 5 cards instead of 6 and each player throws 1 into the crib. The play goes clockwise through all players.

Crash Cribbage:  The object of the game is to peg 121 pts before anyone else. Pts can also be earned or lost through the "crashing" of the pegs. Crash cribbage can be played 2, 3 or 4 players keeping with Traditional cribbage rules except on a figure 8 design single track game board that all players use. The start hole is also the Game (finish) hole, the center of the figure 8 is the skunk hole and the hole furthest from the Start / Game hole is the double skunk. Players make a figure 8 either clockwise or counter-clockwise. Once you start out in either direction you can not reverse your direction.

Players start with their pegs in the starting arrows. When pts are scored the player moves onto the figure 8 track counting the red square as the 1st hole. Each player can leave the 3rd peg in the starting arrows to indicate the direction around the board their peg is travelling.

Crashing occurs when the peg of one player lands on the peg of another player. When a peg is "crashed" it will either add to, or subtract from a players score who's peg was crashed into. When the head peg is crashed into, it is sent back to a position directly opposite its current position in relation to the tail peg. Ex: if the head peg is 4 pts in front of the tail peg when it is hit, it will be sent 4 pts behind the tail peg (subtracting 4 pts from the score). If the tail peg is crashed it will be sent ahead of the head peg by the same amount of pts it was behind. Ex: if the tail peg is 6 pts behind the head peg when it is hit it is moved 6 pts in front of the head peg (adding 6 pts).


Sometime a crashed peg will crash into another peg creating a chain reaction causing multiple crashes. These crashes follow the same rules as the initial crash. Since the position of your pegs is of strategic importance you will want to pay close attention to where you will end up when you count your hand. If you know you count 1st and will have an opportunity to bump your opponents peg back, you may want to decide if its worth it to score pts during card play thus putting yourself out of crash position.

Cross Cribbage:  Cross cribbage is the exciting strategy game that takes the traditional favorite cribbage and multiplies the fun times five. It's easy to learn, but hard to master. Whether you're an experienced cribbage player or new to the game, you'll find CrossCribb is an easy but challenging twist on an old favorite that is positively addicting.


As in cribbage, a card is cut to add to the crib. This card is placed in the center of a 5x5 grid. Starting with the dealer's opponent, each player looks at his top card and either tosses it into the crib(if he hasn't already done so twice this hand), or plays it on any vacant space in the grid. One player is trying to build the best possible hands in each column, while the other tries to do the same with the rows.

When all cards have been played, each 5 card hand is scored and the dealer adds the crib to his total. The player with the higher total scores the difference between the totals, with the game going to the first player to reach 31. With pegging removed, you concentrate on building the best hands and stopping your opponent from doing the same. The balance between offensive and defensive card play is devilish. If my opponent has already created a row with 4-5-5-6, playing an 8 into it is a no-brainer, but what if I draw a queen? Do I give him 4 pts, or do I risk him drawing a 4, 5 or 6? Tough call, especially since I could place the queen in one of the columns with a 5, scoring pts for myself and if the queen is the same suit as one of the 5's, it becomes an even tougher choice.


You only need 4 cards of the same suit for a flush, which adds a frustrating component to defensive play. you want to break up the forming double run, but the card you just drew would give a flush instead. Play it anyway, or hope your opponent doesn't draw what he needs and you get a better stopper next time?

Jokers Cribbage:  Cribbage with jokers is a game with a small but intriguing twist on traditional cribbage that makes it a whole new experience. Wildcards now come into play in pegging and scoring.

The play is the same as traditional cribbage with a few differences. Once you play a joker in the pegging, you have to set its value right then and there. This allows you to decide if you want to use the joker to your advantage in the pegging or scoring of your hand. A joker can be the same card as another card. Ex: if you have a 5 of spades, you can also use your joker as a 5 of spades. This allows for 5 of a kind hands (worth 20), and flushes with the same card. If a joker is cut as the cut card, the player with the crib gets "His Nobs" pts, and both players can use the cut card as whatever card they want. You may throw a joker in the crib, and then you can use the joker for whatever card you want in the crib.

Lowball Cribbage:  Are you tired of getting the worst hands all the time in traditional cribbage? Then Lowball Cribbage is the game for you! In this game, you TRY to score the fewest points, stack your opponents crib, and try to avoid pegging points. This game is also known as Reverse Cribbage and Losers

Cribbage. The play is the same as traditional cribbage with a few important differences; you are trying to score the least amount of points, so keep the bad cards and throw the good cards into your opponents crib. Try to avoid pegging set ups, try not to keep a pair of cards near the end of pegging.

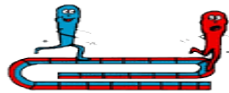
Back-Up 10 Cribbage:  Back Up 10 Cribbage is a version of cribbage that penalizes you if you get 0 points in your crib or your hand. Instead of just getting 0 points, you will actually peg backwards 10 points for each 0 hand or crib. So make sure to get points in BOTH your hand and crib! The play is the same as traditional cribbage with one important difference: For every 0 point hand or crib you get, you will subtract 10 points instead. So make sure you get points in both, and try to give your opponent a 0 crib!

In the next issue of "Smurfy's Corner" we will look at the remaining cribbage variations we have here at eCribbage and they are, Kings Cribbage, Cribbage with Muggins, Manual Count Cribbage, Toss 5's, Team Play and Computer Play.....Play against Halscrib.... Hal_1700 or Hal_1800. All game explanations are taken from ecribbage sign on page, so anytime you need a refresher course in any of the variations you can hop on over to ecribbage's main page and take a look.



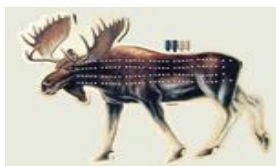
Cribbage Jokester:

A bride comes down the aisle, and when she reaches the alter she saw the groom with a deck of cards a mini cribbage board in his tuxedo jacket. She says, "Darling, what are your cards and cribbage board doing here? He looks her right in the eye and says, "This isn't going to take all day is it?"

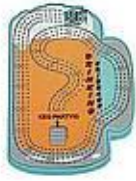


Off The Beaten Track:

Moose Cribbage Board



Beer Mug Cribbage Board



Cribbage Jargon:

Fool Hardy Punk- Someone who has never beaten a double skunk.

Touching Cards- Two cards which are numerically consecutive 6-7 for instance or 10-J

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



Becca was kind enough to send us a story for this edition. Thank you Becca..

I found Ecribbage.com in 2008. It was a time in my life when I found myself spending lots of hours waiting while my husband did international work for his employer. I had time to kill, and the games were fun, the people friendly, and it helped me to hone my skills. I have met many wonderful people on this site, and they make me smile, even when they are collectively kicking my butt! I am also a tournament director in the 10 p.m. Eastern Time slot. My tournaments are a lot of fun, with fun people coming out to join in on the fun. I love the camaraderie that we have on this site, and how everyone is willing to help everyone else out with their play. There are many games to choose from, and just when you think you have learned the ins and outs of them, there is something new to be learned. My husband plays when he can. He has a nuts work schedule. I am also now a certified member of ACC. And I love that this group plays on ecribbage as well!

Becca



“Getting to Know You”

Log in name: Flower0Scotland

Name - first and/or last: Mags

Home state: Melbourne, Australia

Status: Married to Sherbrooke Sam (log in name) maybe you'll get to meet him sometime when he remembers his password!!!!

Dependants: Alpine our St Bernard..... see attached pic he was just a puppy and feeling a tad Bah Humbug that day. lol always makes me smile

Hobbies/interests: Skiing, Carraige Driving, Fishing, Cribbage and Backgammon Slave

Job: Co-ordinator

fav tv show/movie/music/author: Don't watch much TV & Various Tastes in Music... Annie Lennox & Love Kitaro , dying to see him Live. Dislike Country & Rap Music

Who is your idol: My Mother, she should have got a sainthood for introducing so many tax payers into the economy. Loved my childhood days.

Who is your ecrib nemesis: Don't have one..... Yet! will let you know when I find one.

Fav Charity: Wish Upon a Star (NW England Branch) Used to volunteer and they do excellent work raising funds for terminally ill kids. Miss them all!

Fav Destination: Too many to mention but here's a few I'd go back to, Tortola, Virgin Gorda, NY, Buckie, Isle of Pines and the great barrier reef

About Me: I guess I'm now classed as an old timer, I've been playing online cribbage/backgammon since 1997 I found a great website on AOL called worldplay but sadly time warner who owned the rights closed it down.

In the early days of internet you had to pay for the time you were online so cribbage has cost a small fortune. LOL, thank god those days are over I'd have been broke.

However, I was reduced to playing in the zone which was ok but it didn't have a real community feel about it, like worldplay and now Ecribbage. Oh and I have to say, I met my hubby over a game of backgammon/cribbage, a whole year went by before we took the plunge to meet.

So I guess time warner did me a favor by closing in the end. I would never have met him.

Kind Regards, Mags

Spring League ended with one team in each variation going undefeated. WOW!! Can you take them down? Fall League is underway. If you want to play and are not on a team yet, please post on the wall to let everyone know. KC teams are especially needed. Get your team together and see if you can stop the undefeated. Good Luck to you all.

Well, I better close this out for now. So till next time, keep those pegs pegging.

See you at a table soon,

Sandy – Gamepoint121

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