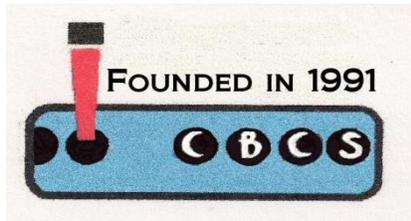




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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT – Ed McLaughlin

Hello!

Here it is May 2013, just four months to our annual convention in September. Have you found any unique cribbage boards to bring to the convention? Everyone enjoys seeing all the displays of cribbage boards. Isn't it amazing that our members have found so many boards in all shapes, sizes, and materials?

We played 180 Cribbage this last weekend with our family and it is a good game for partners. There is a lot of pegging and counting and it really exemplifies the value of pegging. The highest hand count is 43. We did come up with hands counting in the twenties fairly often. The game was not a run-away for either side but was challenging. Wondering how many 180 boards are out there among our members? Does anyone know of a company that makes them? I've crafted a few as well as our son, Jeff.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 14th Annual CBCS Convention in Minneapolis. The Dwire's are whipping up a fine event! The commemorative board is sure to be fabulous. Get your registration in on time, as the number of boards may be limited. One should also reserve rooms as soon as possible because of the busy weekend in Minneapolis. See you there.

Keep on Peggin'

Ed McLaughlin, President CBCS

ALERT! CBCS Convention 2013 ALERT!



Fourteenth Annual
Cribbage Board Collectors Society Convention
Bloomington, Minnesota

Friday and Saturday, September 27-28, 2013

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites

Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport Hotel



“Minnesota – Land of 10,000 Boards”

Please join us the last weekend in September for traditional fun, member board displays, silent auction (including many boards from Peter Leach’s vast collection), presentations, annual board contests (ugly, unique & appealing), Friday and Saturday evening dinners, and a friendly cribbage tournament. Each regular member will receive a CBCS commemorative cribbage board – *made in Minnesota*. More details will appear in the CBCS newsletter as we approach September – don’t miss it!

Hosts: Keith & Dianne Dwire – Merle and Mary Dwire

(515) 295-9216, kwillie@netamumail.com

Call the Hotel for your Room Reservation by Thursday, September 5:

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Suites – AIRPORT (952) 854-9000 OR (800) 227-6963

3 Appletree Square

(Exit 494 at 34th Ave. So. – at the corner of American Blvd and 34th Avenue!)

Bloomington, MN 55425 Rates - \$99 and \$119 (ref. Cribbage Board Collectors)

- ✚ Free shuttle to and from the nearby Mpls/St Paul International Airport
- ✚ Courtesy shuttle to the nearby Mall of America (and IKEA)
- ✚ Inexpensive lite-rail to downtown Minneapolis area – station 1 block away
- ✚ Free parking. Indoor pool, fitness center, internet . . .

 **REGISTER EARLY TO SECURE THIS ROOM RATE. Beat the Iowa fans coming to the Minnesota-Iowa football game (BIG Rivalry!) on Saturday. (Rooms can be cancelled up until 3:00 on Sep 26.)**

Official Registration

Detach and send your Convention Registration form below to

Jim Herzog, Treasurer, 20068 Herzog Drive, Rockwood, MI 48173.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Convention Member Fee \$100.00 _____

Convention Associate Fee 50.00 _____

(Spouse or regular member living at same address)

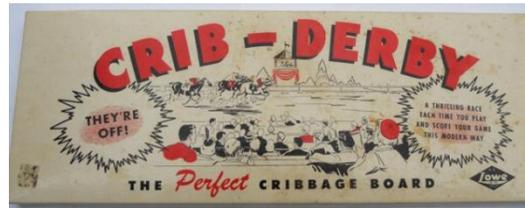
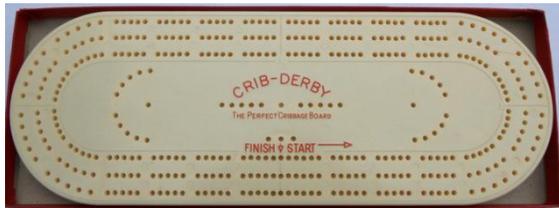
Membership Dues \$10.00/year _____

Associate member Dues \$5.00/year _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

THE COLORFUL HISTORY OF CRIB-DERBY Part 2 (Series 6 – 10)

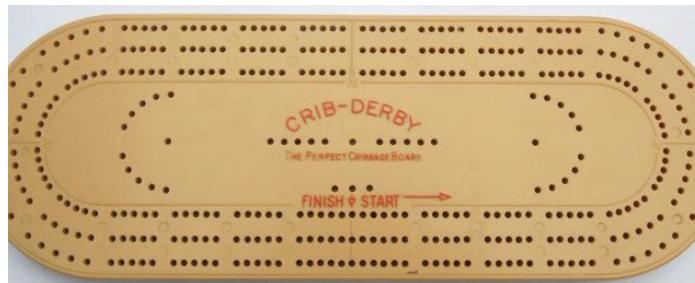
At some point, the E.S. Lowe Co., manufacturer of many cribbage boards as well as other games, acquired the Crib-Derby Company. The same box is used, now with LOWE printed in the lower right-hand corner. The impressed letters on the board are now all red (no black) with no printing on the inside of the box top. **Series 6:**



The Lowe logo is impressed on the back of the board, and Lowe has taken the Taplin Toys instruction sheet and simply added their logo across the bottom of each page:



Bette surmised that, whenever the standard color sales started to slow down, the manufacturer would introduce a new color (i.e., white to gray in Series 2). For Series 6, a tan board was introduced:



Note that the all-red lettering still marks it as a Lowe (**Series 7**).

Which brings us to **Series 8**. The board is the standard white Lowe, but there is a new box. The box is marked "1970" and "Made in USA" and carries only the Lowe logo on the back of the board:



Series 9: In 1974, Milton Bradley took over E.S. Lowe. A new box (below) shows the board in the foreground and is labeled "(Copyright) 1974 Milton Bradley Company under Berne & Universal Copyright Convention. Made in U.S.A. E.S. Lowe. Springfield, Massachusetts 01101". Interestingly, although the red-lettered board is pictured, the board inside is "naked" - no color on the lettering.



Series 10: Somewhat later, MB (for Milton Bradley) was added to the Lowe logo on the back of the board, and the same box as Series 9 is now marked made in China or Taiwan. I have not seen an example of this board. Have you?

In 1984, Milton Bradley was taken over by Hasbro Games, and Crib-Derby is no longer being manufactured.

Rhys Orville Evan never sold the original mold, only contracted with other companies to produce the board. His son, Rhys Sterling Evans still owns the original mold, along with the original large prototype.

Do you have any Crib-Derby boards not mentioned here? Any questions? Photos to share?
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Terry Coons (#187) and Keith Dwire (#243)

From Jay Fulwider - What a “find!”



Jay Fulwider recently received an email and photos of this cribbage board and manufacturer that he had never heard of. It is a very unique board. Jay guessed that it had a very limited production. Jay contacted our research director, Terry Coons and this is her findings at this point:

Terry contacted research committee member, Dave Zipkin, who specializes on advertising boards. His input is that this may be an advertising piece for Peerless Insurance policies, which I found back to 1901. But 1898 is close enough for me. J. Schneider may have been an insurance agency advertising his company. But the unique pegging style is awesome. Does anyone else out there have any additional insight? If so, please contact Terry.

Jay, thank you for sharing this find!!

From the Research desk of Terry Coons

Hi, I'm Terry, your Research Chair. I'm trying to gather Bette Bemis' complete writings. I have the "Cribbage Board Variations" self-published book. I'm looking for anyone who has more complete info than I have for her "Cribbage Boards of the World".

I have one version that includes the color cover and chapters one and two with LOTS of color pictures. I have a second version that lists 12 chapters. It ends at Chapter 6 at 63 pages and contains NO pictures. This may be as far as she got. If anyone has a version more complete than this, please contact me (terrydna@comcast.net). You can scan and send me or I have the ability to color scan. Thanks so much in advance.

I am also writing an article about triangle boards. Do you have anything you can share like photos, information?

You're probably not familiar with **etsy.com**. It was started as a website for crafters to sell their hand-made items directly to the public. But over the years, folks started to also sell other stuff they had on hand, including cribbage boards. This is a selection of what's currently available at etsy; no guarantees they'll be there at newsletter time. But they're examples of what's available.

Type "cribbage board" into the search box, and you'll get an amazing variety of items (seller/store is in parentheses): The cribbage belt (walnut studios), a functional cribbage board belt, solid sterling silver pegs and these unique items:



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mitercraft



heritagebay

If you're a collector like me, type in the search box: "vintage cribbage". You may get some older items at better prices than ebay, but not the current cast iron John Gill for (gasp) \$865!

Terry Coons, #187