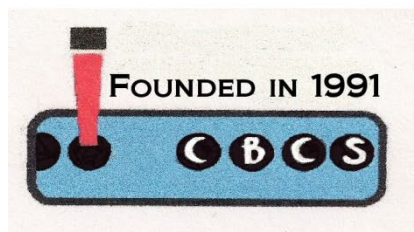




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**President's Corner** - Your fun-loving, prez, Larry Snow (#292)

Greetings, bona fide CBCS members. Happy Summer! We have been flirting with 100 degrees in the Denver area. Hope it is not terribly hot in your neck of the woods. AC helps. Humidity is low here, so evaporative cooling keeps Margie and I comfortable for those afternoon cribbage matches.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> annual convention is right around the corner: September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. That is right, the big 25. This is your golden opportunity to attend our Silver Anniversary.

The cutoff for block-rate rooms is August 15<sup>th</sup> (\$139/night, plus tax, for King or Dbl. Queen rooms including a continental breakfast). You've heard about the fun attendees have, you've seen the pictures in the newsletter and on the Facebook site, why not make this the year you jump in and enjoy the full range of your membership.

Membership in CBCS is so much more than about collecting cribbage boards. Yes, there are interesting and unique boards found, and ideas shared but it's also about community. Friendships. Rivalries. Contests. You get to meet like-minded people from around the country, and same as the rest of us, they all have their stories: A teacher who shared her love of the game in a musical composition. A father-in-law who made a bench board from a tree struck by lightning and while playing crib opened up about his service as a pilot during World War II. A mathematics professor who hunted mushrooms with a fellow collector who happened to be a famous potter. A collector of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century manufacturer who met and introduced to the club the grandson (3<sup>rd</sup> generation) still making boards to this day.

That said, here is your chance to participate, to get involved, to take your membership to the next level. I am a coffee drinker. Margie and I grind our own beans and drip, or French press, our steamy morning treat daily without fail. Being a CBCS member and not coming to the conventions is a bit like grinding the coffee beans, savoring the aroma while filling the reservoir with water but not plugging the pot in. Can you imagine going to all that trouble, and never getting to taste the coffee? Well just like with that coffeemaker, to get the full effect, the full enjoyment of your CBCS membership, I recommend that you come to a convention and plug in. And, yes, coffee is included.

How? Go to the website, [cribbageboardcollectorsociety.org](http://cribbageboardcollectorsociety.org), Slide that mouse over and click on the Convention Tab. All the information you need is at your fingertips.

Hope you enjoy the ensuing articles. And, if so inspired, please submit one or more of your own. Send it to Cec Bradshaw, CBCS V.P., our newsletter editor.

Again, Happy Summer! Hope to see you in September.

## **The 2025 CBCS Convention is coming September 12-13 in Portland, Oregon.**

Please print out the convention form from the [cribbageboardcollectorsociety.org](http://cribbageboardcollectorsociety.org) Site or from this newsletter and REGISTER NOW!

Come join hosts Joe and Hazel Wheeler, and Terry Coons for the 2025 Cribbage Board Collectors Society Convention in beautiful Portland, Oregon! We are looking to get a head count for members who will be attending, and those staying at the Doubletree, just across the Willamette River from Downtown Portland.

[The Doubletree Hotel](#) (ADA-compliant rooms available in our block, first come, first served) is located right on a MAX Light Rail line, so transport to and from PDX airport and other attractions will be easy if you do not have a rental car.

Beautiful, handmade convention boards have been procured and are ready to distribute to attendees. Expert talks, a two-day cribbage tournament, silent auctions and other activities are planned. A lovely convention dinner with three choices on the menu is being provided as well.

Local Transit includes the [MAX Light Rail](#) Service, [Trimet Bus](#) lines, and [Portland Streetcar](#)

Detailed information on local and regional attractions are in the February 2025 Newsletter, or you can find information at [Travel Portland](#) and [Visit Oregon](#).

There is also a tremendous amount of information in the February edition of the CBCS newsletter.

Please contact Joe Wheeler - [piratwin@teleport.com](mailto:piratwin@teleport.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Portland!

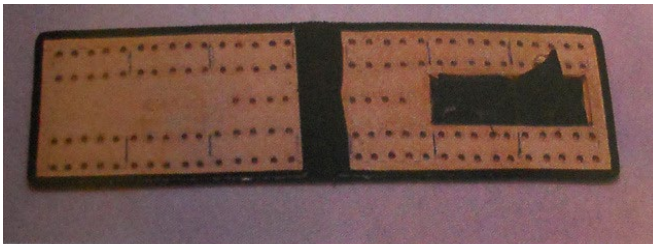
## Another Mystery Solved!

Terry Coons, #187

This is the kind of thing that floats my boat. Those of you who have Bette's book know there is a section starting on page 131 entitled:

MANUFACTURED: MANUFACTURER UNKNOWN

These are the boards Bette could never quite crack. And on page 133:



**Leather Folding, with "pull out" peg pouch:** There is much evidence that this board was carried by servicemen during World War I, and many of the boards are still in existence. They came in either red or green outer case with beige playing field. The "pull-out" pouch lies flat when the board is closed, and the board stores in a flat leather case. 7.12" x 2.12" open. \$30



This board has metal pegs and folds, resembling a wallet.

Several variants are known, some with peg flap in the spine, some with metal prongs along the spine to hold a deck of cards, etc. Then I came across this one, etched "Atlantic City 1904" which certainly fits Bette's timeline:



I was contacted by someone who had one dated 1868 and "C-F-Co." printed on the snap (which is usually missing). These all have the following trademark stamp:



trademark

But what does it mean?

I have tracked down the mark in the center (an R inside a keystone symbol) through *The American Stationer* periodical (Jan. 7, 1897) as the trademark of C. F. Rump and Sons, manufacturer of fine leather goods (it claimed to be America's oldest such purveyor), established in 1850 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The keystone is the final stone placed at the apex of an arch to lock all the other stones in place and is the emblem of the State of Pennsylvania. This trademark was registered on June 4, 1895, but has been in use by the firm since 1892. Here is a picture of the Rump leather factory, circa 1894.



During the Civil War, they made cartridge belts and leather cases for the Union Army. During World War I they introduced ostrich leather goods. The largest amount of elephant leather ever made available at one time came after Rump's bought the hides of eleven elephants from Ringling Brothers who had died in an accident. The firm celebrated its Centennial in 1950 and closed sometime in the 1960's.

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### **Drueke Racetrack Cribbage Board – Cec Bradshaw #238**

I started collecting cribbage boards about 15 years ago. My focus was on Drueke boards. Why? Because that is what my mother-in-law used when she taught me how to play. Because the old Drueke factory was just a few miles away from my home. And because I wanted to focus on one manufacturer.

So, for the first 2 – 3 years Drueke was the only board I would collect. It had to be in great shape, it had to have the box, it had to have the pegs, and it had to include the instructions! If you happened to be bidding against me on eBay for a Drueke cribbage board, you probably lost it because I really did not care what it cost. OK, I know Dan

Betz beat me out on an extremely rare round “1”. He really paid too much for it. But I did get one later. I had prepared a spreadsheet that listed every model the Drueke company manufactured, and it was my objective to get at least one of every model.

Fast forward to a convention a few years ago, Peter Leach just had to show off a number 1949 Drueke Racetrack board. He even said to me, something like “I bet you would like to, have it?” Of course, I said yes. It was later that Peter told me that I might be able to get it under certain circumstances sometime in the future – be patient.

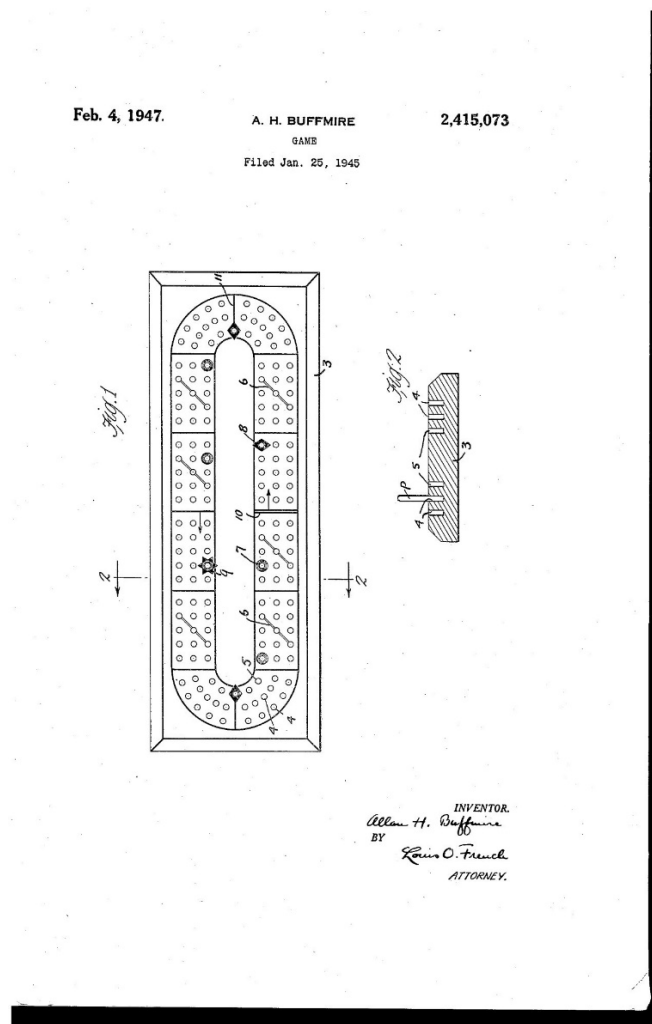
The future came at the convention at the Portland Convention in 2014. At dinner Peter held out his two hands and said “I have a \$ figure in my hand. If you can guess what it is or come close to it, the board will be yours. If you do not come close, you still have to wait.” Well, I wanted it, I took a guess and – the board is now mine. It is in beautiful condition, with a good box, and complete with pegs and instructions. The game has some really unique aspects to getting around the board. It is not like the normal play. You actually can switch lanes and move into a shorter track (inner lane) to beat your opponent. Bear in mind, your opponent also has the same opportunity which can really change the game in a hurry.

Up until that convention, Peter told me that he did not know of anyone else that had



the Racetrack board. Even Betty Bemis had not seen one before. Guess what, one of our newest CBCS members, Larry Snow, also has one. Can you believe it - and he is not even focused on Drueke boards? So, we know for sure there are at least two of them in the CBCS. And here is mine in all its splendor and glory 😊.

The board was patented in 1947 by the inventor Allen H. Buffmire from Detroit, Michigan.



Patented Feb. 4, 1947, 2,415,073

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE 2,415,073 GAME

Allan H. Buffmire, Detroit, Mich.  
Application January 25, 1945, Serial  
No. 574,561

The invention relates to games. The object of the invention is to provide a game played with an aperture board, pegs, and a pack of cards in a manner generally similar to cribbage, the board being of a novel form to produce a game more exciting and interesting than cribbage and including hazards and situations not found in cribbage. The board of the present invention differs from the usual cribbage board in that there is a common lane into which the players may peg at certain points, and this lane contains a less number of peg holes than the outer lanes and also

preferably at predetermined points has premium peg holes which if pegged into add additional points to the players' score. The invention further consists in several features hereinafter set forth and more particularly defined by claims at the conclusion hereof.

## IT NEVER HURTS TO ASK... THE CLIPSAL CRIBBAGE BOARD



Years ago, I acquired this unique board online: It is fun to play. You start at the “Home” hole of the outer street; when you get back to the beginning, jump to the middle and then the inner streets, thus completing 121 holes. The board would benefit from

Starter and Finish holes. And since its Bakelite, the center spot is an ashtray.

Now for the investigation. On the center back is carved:

Hhmm. Internet revealed: **Clipsal** is Australia's number one brand of electrical accessories. Due to its heat resistance, Bakelite is used in the manufacture of electrical switches and sockets. I contacted Clipsal for more information and received a reply from Chris:



“It has been quite difficult tracking down an exact date and time these were last molded. The general impression was sometime in the late 1980’s. They were compression molded (Bakelite). We used to manufacture cribbage boards from recycled material.

The boards were given out as promo items to customers. However, they are no longer in vogue, and none have been manufactured in quite some time. Unfortunately, we no longer have the tools for the board.”

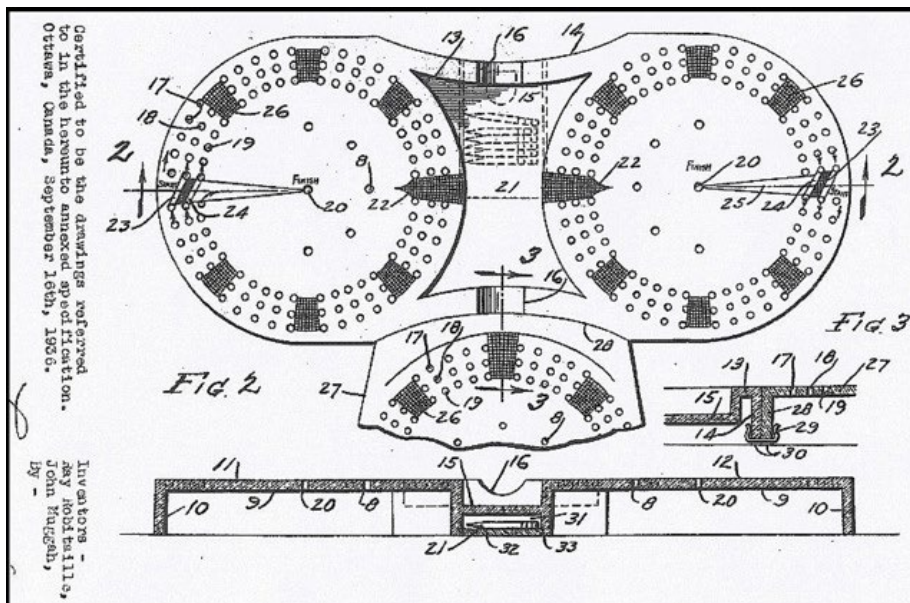
From Terry: These are known as end-of-day pieces. Left-over bits were ground up, re-melted and molded into worker projects.

He was under the impression I was asking if they had any left and replied “You are in luck! We managed to dig one up! We could only find this one. Do not worry about sending a cheque. This one is on us.”



They sent me this one made from left-over black and white pieces.

Now for the patent search: #369282, Ottawa, Canada, 1936.



The Clipsal was clearly influenced by this much earlier board. Differences are:

- a) This one has more complicated rules, for up to three players.
- b) There is a Finish hole in the center of each circle.

- c) There is a pull-out tray under the ashtray for peg storage.

So, the missing link is Ottawa, Canada, 1936 ..... Australia, 1980's?

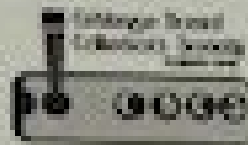
Terry Coons, #187

## **Election of Officers**

Each year we have an election of officers at our annual convention (society meeting). This year, Larry Snow and Karen Schaffner will be completing their 3-year term as an officer or director. As retiring board members, they have the provision to apply for another term. Please consider if you might be interested in becoming a board member. The duties of board members are spelled out in our bylaws. If interested, please forward your application to our secretary, Karen Schaffner. The applications for board membership will be published in the August newsletter.

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| <b>Larry Snow, President</b>                          | <b>expires 2025.</b> |
| <b>Cecil Bradshaw, V. President/Newsletter Editor</b> | <b>expires 2026.</b> |
| <b>Karen Schaffner, Secretary</b>                     | <b>expires 2025.</b> |
| <b>Keith Dwire, Treasurer</b>                         | <b>expires 2027.</b> |
| <b>Terry Coons, Research/Historian</b>                | <b>expires 2027.</b> |
| <b>Jim Herzog, Membership Secretary</b>               | <b>expires 2026.</b> |
| <b>Larry Snow, Convention Advisor</b>                 | <b>expires 2025.</b> |
| <b>Joe Wheeler, Webmaster</b>                         | <b>expires 2026.</b> |
| <b>Keith Dwire, President Emeritus</b>                | <b>expires TBD.</b>  |

Both Larry and Karen have submitted applications to serve for another three-year term. Their applications are the next two pages.



Cribbage Board Collector's  
Society Board of Directors 2025  
Application Form

Contact Information

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Work Phone: Email Address: lshaver@att.net

Interests

Tell us in which areas you are most interested in working on the board (Does not guarantee assignments)

- ☒ President
- ☐ Vice President/Newsletter Editor
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Membership Director
- ☐ Membership Director
- ☐ Convention Coordinator
- ☐ Newsletter Editor
- ☐ President Emeritus

Special Skills, Qualifications, or Interests

Summarize special skills and qualifications, or other interests you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

Marketing, Project Management, Fundraising, Labor  
relations, Small business

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

United Way - construction division group  
Bureau of Land Management - Group Facilitator  
Mesa Verde National Monument - Cook Kitchen  
Habitat for Humanity - carpentry  
Frisco County - Food Bank - various

**Cribbage Board Collector's  
Society Board of Directors  
2024 Application Form**



**Contact Information**

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Name             | Karen Schaffner         |
| Street Address   | 611 Harvest Lane        |
| City ST ZIP Code | Lansing, MI 48917       |
| Home Phone       | (517) 420-5168          |
| Work Phone       | (517) 319-8237          |
| E-Mail Address   | kschaffner714@gmail.com |

**Interests**

Tell us in which areas you are most interested in working on the board (Does not guarantee assignment)

- ☐ President
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- ☒ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Research/Historian
- ☐ Membership Director
- ☐ Convention Coordinator
- ☐ Newsletter Editor
- ☐ President Emeritus

**Special Skills, Qualifications, or Interests**

Summarize special skills and qualifications, or other interests you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

Current Secretary of Board, CBCS

**Previous Volunteer Experience**

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

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**2025 Membership Renewal Due May 1, 2025**

**Complete and send your 2025 Membership Renewal and check to:**

**Keith Dwire, 809 Sunshine Run, Arnolds Park, IA, 51331, (515) 320-2302**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00/year \_\_\_\_\_

Associate member Dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00/year \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If you have not yet paid your dues this year you may want to use this form for your membership renewal if you do not plan to attend the 2025 convention in September.**

## 2025 Convention Registration / Membership Renewal

Complete and send your 2025 Convention Registration / Membership form and check to:

Keith Dwire, 809 Sunshine Run, Arnolds Park, IA, 51331, (515) 320-2302

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Convention Member Fee | \$125.00 | _____ |
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| Convention Associate Fee | 75.00 | _____ |
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(Spouse or regular member living at same address)

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| 2024 Convention Board Only | 125.00 | _____ |
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| Membership Dues | \$10.00/year | _____ |
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