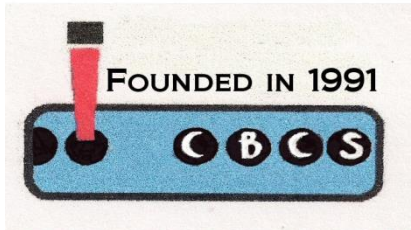




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2026 Convention Registration Form

In memory of Jim Herzog #6



Sadly, Jim, our oldest CBCS charter member, passed away recently. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. The society has a traveling Bemis Quitman Memorial board that is passed on each year to a member that has made significant contributions to the society. Jane McLaughlin, the recipient of the award in 2020, awarded the honor to Jim in 2021. These are some of her words from the citation for the award.

“Bette Bemis handed the treasury duties over to Jim many years ago and he dutifully took care of the organization funds and also performed membership duties. Jim has chaired the auction table at each convention where our members buy and sell cribbage boards.

Jim and Jeanette have been faithful attendees over the years traveling by automobile or sometimes by train. His collection has grown to include many unique boards. I know he also collects playing cards and loves country western music.

Jim filmed or videoed each convention for the archives. Jim’s service to the organization is faithful, honest, diligent, and dependable – the old number 6 – like the train – never runs out of steam!”

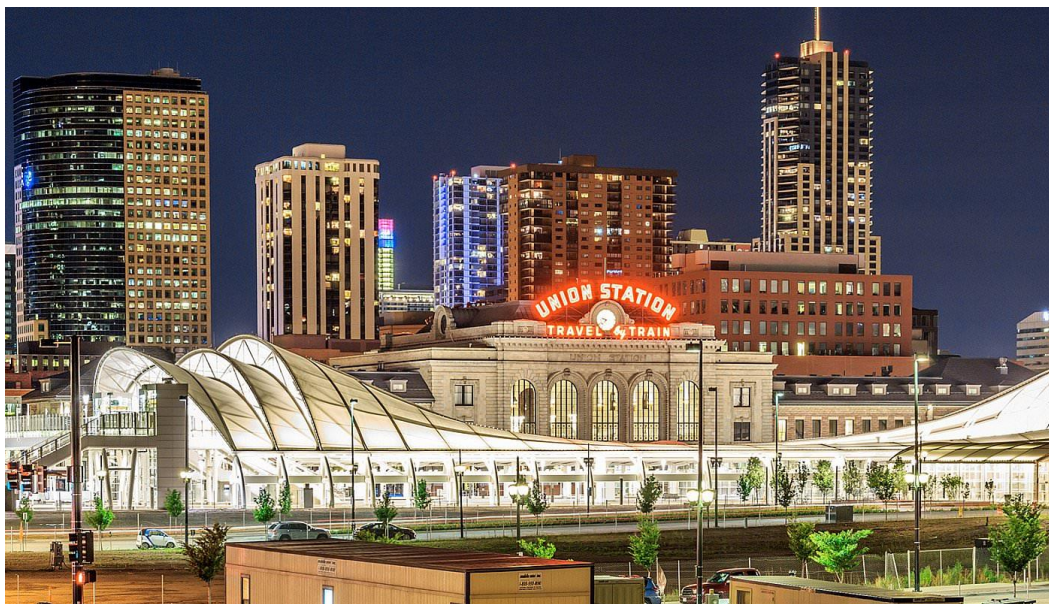
Our condolences go out to his wife, Janette, his daughter Sue Benyo, and the rest of the Herzog family.

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President’s Corner - Larry Snow, your ever-lovin,’ game playin,’ prez. #292

s2026 CBCS CONVENTION

All board! Destination: Arvada, Colorado



On **September 11th and 12th**, registered CBCS members will convene at the Hilton Garden Inn in Arvada, CO (a stone’s throw from Denver) to greet old friends, meet new ones, attend

informative presentations, show and tell topics, silent auction opportunities, and engage each other in our favorite game: Cribbage. Festivities, as always, to be concluded with a General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet.

The special block rate of \$149 per night for King or Double Queen rooms including a scrumptious breakfast buffet (up to 4 occupants per room) expired on August 21st. Latecomers are welcome to contact me at snowscript@comcast.net and I'll do my best to get you in at the block rate. Transportation options beyond Taxi, Uber, Lyft and the usual car rental entourage, include the A-Line commuter rail from DEN International Airport to Union Station then transfer to the G-Line Light Rail to Olde Town Arvada Station (\$13.50 or \$6.75 for seniors).

Consider sightseeing while in town as the Arvada Hilton Inn's block rates are good September 8th through the 15th. But **make those room reservations early** as Arvada's Olde Town District has visitors aplenty strolling its picturesque streets and storefronts dating back to its pioneer days when Lewis Ralston made the first recorded discovery of gold in the Rocky Mountain region. Internationally famous concert venue, Red Rocks Natural Amphitheater, is a short 18 miles southwest of Arvada. For those who enjoy alternate games of chance (gambling), the historic mining towns of Black Hawk and Central City are also nearby. Sightseers flock to the mountains mid-to-late September to take in the dazzling hues of aspen-laden hillsides.

So, whether to gather with fellow cribbage board enthusiasts or to vacation in the fabulous Rocky Mountains, or both, I encourage you to come to our 26th annual convention. (Spoiler Alert) This year's commemorative cribbage board (historic in design and astonishingly creative) promises to be a keepsake that you, and eventually your kids and grandkids, will treasure. And, as always, our gathering will be that much more memorable with *you* there!

Looking forward to hosting you in my hometown Arvada, CO,

Larry Snow #292

The “Lore” of the Rhum (Rumm) box – Cec Bradshaw

My wife, Betz, and I are avid cribbage players and collectors. I have a significant collection of Wm. F. Drueke cribbage boards. Betz and I do have a second priority in our games, and it is called Gin Rummy. Having an interest in both of those games is what led me to draft this article.

According to reliable documentation, Wm. F. Drueke bought out a stationery store in 1914 that had been in business for many years in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Along with that purchase came a big inventory of Rhum boxes that needed to be disposed of. According to Lore, William went on the road to sell Rhum boxes in 1914. That was the early beginning of the Wm. F. Drueke & Sons Company.

The Rhum box, as shown here, was a wooden case for the card game Rhum.



Rhum (or *ruum*) is not the predecessor of rummy, but rather an earlier spelling and alternate name for the card game. Both terms are different names for the same foundational card game, which later gave rise to the broader family of Rummy games.

Rhum was the popular name and spelling used when the game first emerged in the early 1900s. The moniker, Rummy, became the generic umbrella term for the entire game family, which also includes popular spin-offs like Gin Rummy and Canasta.

Historians have traced the roots of the game to the 19th-century Mexican card game *Conquian* (also known as Coon-Can. This game was first documented in New York in 1887 and was popular in Texas and Mexico. The game used a 40-card Spanish deck and introduced the core "matching" mechanic of forming melds, which evolved into Rummy.

Interestingly, early card-playing culture frequently associated the game with liquor. The names "Rhum" and "Rummy" were often used interchangeably, and one popular theory suggests the game took its name from the liquor. According to bar and tavern lore, the loser of a hand often had to buy the winning player a round of rum.

In January, 1920, the Wm. F. Drueke Company published an expansive product catalog establishing cribbage as a core pillar of its business. The manufacturing line at this time included seven distinct cribbage board models, as well as five versions of "Rhum" boxes and boards.



The number 24 Rhum Board – front and back (1920 Price List \$96 per gross)



The number 20 Rhum box (1920 Price List \$96 per gross)

I have 400+ Cribbage Boards. What do I do now? - By Joe Wheeler

After almost 25 years of collecting cribbage boards, I now find myself with more than 400 of them. They range from late 18th century Anglo-Indian to 2025 American Legion boards. Nevertheless, I still hunt for boards on eBay, Etsy and on a number of other sites daily. There's always that thrill of winning an auction and receiving the newly acquired board in the mail. The problem I often have is where do I put it?

I display most of them in a variety of bookshelves, map-type draws and on tables. Even with 3 bookshelves and a very tall map cabinet there is still a shortage of area for display. I refer to my “cribbage” room as “King Tut's tomb”.



Besides display, thoughts regularly turn to what will happen to my boards when I'm no longer of this earth? My 19-year-old son really doesn't want them. All attempts to get him to play cribbage have failed. He did, however, say he would keep them to honor my memory when he was 12 or 13. Touching, but hardly the admission of a budding collector. Could I donate them to a museum, and would they even want

them? There's the Maryhill Museum, out past The Dalles, heading east along Oregon's Columbia River Gorge. They have a gorgeous collection of chess sets. Why not cribbage boards too? Someday, I'll probably ask them.

I'm fortunate to have a patient and loving wife who taught me to play cribbage and appreciates most of my boards. However, she'd love it if I pruned down my collection, as I'm not getting any younger.

In an effort to keep things manageable and limit sprawl, I'm now focusing solely on the boards that mean the most to me. So, I've made a short list of those that enhance my collection.

At the top of the list are any Connecticut silver plate boards from the late 19th century, such as Meriden Britannia/Rogers Co. examples not in my collection, H.D Phelps Co. attributed boards, as well as the silver chased Specialty Company hedgehog, the rarer John Gill hedgehog where the sides are made of wood and the top and bottom are cast iron, a Coromandel games box, a Mother of Pearl Papier Mache cribbage box, a 3 player triangular board with nautical symbols (I used to see some regularly out of Australia - no photo available), and lastly, a silver chased, ebony, spade-shaped board. All were made in the late 1800s to early 1900s. Since I have so many boards, I try to only buy about 4-6 a year, as those on my wish list are all expensive and rare. Many, I haven't seen at for years or only in pictures.

H.D. Phelps (Ansonia, Connecticut)

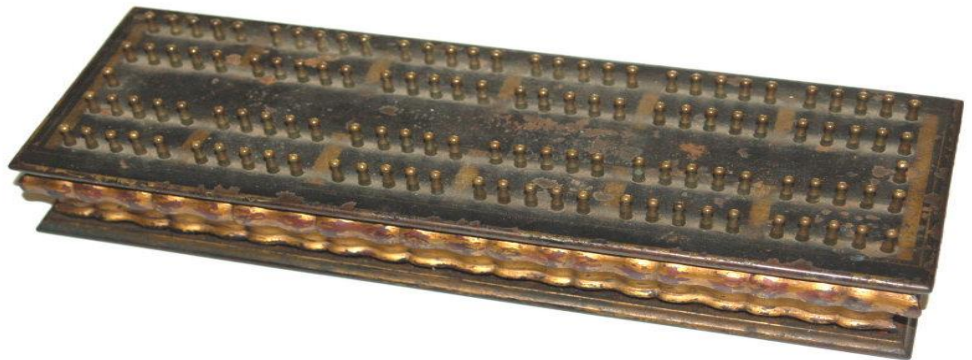


Papier Mache Box



Meriden Britannia Silver Plate

John Gill with Wooden Sides



Ebony and Silver Spade

Coromandel Games Box



Specialty Company Silver-chased Hedgehog



As I'm writing this article, the Mother of Pearl Papier Mache and Coromandel boxes and a, hitherto, unknown H.D. Phelps are in my collection. I acquired the Ebony and Silver Spade recently as well. This year has been lucky for me. The list is narrowing. The hunt continues...

Cribbage Board Collector's

Society Board of Directors

2026 Application Form



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Interests

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

- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice President/Newsletter Editor
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Research/Historian
- ☐ Membership Director
- ☐ Social Media
- Director
 - ☐ Webmaster
 - ☐ 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.

25+ years of IT experience, Board Member of Compass Computing Group Board for 25 years. CBCS Board of Directors since 2020 as Webmaster. Former Military Intelligence officer in the army. Also, have years of direct marketing, management and non-profit experience. Also am an Eagle Scout. Hobbies include running, poetry reading and writing, researching family history, cribbage board collection and restoration.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

6+ years as a Scout Leader (Assistant Scoutmaster and Den Leader), organized food can drive for Oregon Food Bank and volunteered to pack food. Volunteered multiple times for FreeGeek to help with the deconstruction of e-waste. Worked on Friends of Trees crew planting trees.



Cribbage Board Collector's Society Board of Directors 2026 Application Form

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Interests

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___ Vice President/Newsletter Editor

___ Secretary

☒ Treasurer

☐ Research/Historian

☐ Membership Director

☐ Social Media Director

☐ Newsletter Editor

☐ President Emeritus

Special Skills, Qualifications, or Interests

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I spent my entire career as an educator, initially as a middle and high school mathematics teacher. During that time, I developed and taught computer applications for microcomputers, primarily because of emphasis in this area during my undergraduate college education. After gaining a master's degree in Math Education, I moved on to Area Education Support for local school teachers. I taught teaching methods, math concepts, technology application, and consulted with local Middle and High School administrators and teachers to use scheduling and mark reporting procedures. I held leadership positions on our church board, served on a community board for Boys and Girls Club.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience

Tutored High School Students in Math as volunteer, volunteered to help an adult achieve GED.

Served on church council as secretary and president. Served as secretary, president and currently treasurer for CBCS.

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Board of Directors 2026
Application Form**



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Interests

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- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Research/Historian
- ☐ Membership Director XXX
- ☐ Social Media Director
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- ☐ 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.

I am a Professional Industrial Engineer with a career of problem solving and continuous improvement in Manufacturing and Procurement. I focused on working with suppliers to help them improve so my companies got the components they needed. It was a philosophy of making the pie bigger to divide

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

14 years in youth programs with YMCA
Coached youth soccer for 10 years (no personal soccer skills)
Worked with a volunteer animal rescue organization to help them become sustainable through cost reductions and outreach.

2026 Revision

Cribbage Board Collector's Society Board of Directors Application Form



Contact Information

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Interests

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- ☐ President
- ☒ Vice President/Newsletter Editor
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Research/Historian
- ☐ Membership Director
- ☐ Convention Coordinator
- ☐ Webmaster
- ☐ 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.

Steelcase Incorporated – Supervisory and management positions 21 years

Impact Management – Owner 31 years (Management consulting company)

Covenant Life Church Staff – Operations Director, Frontline ministry director -10 years

Cribbage Board Collector's Society – VP, Newsletter

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

Sandpiper Condominium Board – 13 years

Grand Haven City Planning Commission – 6 years (4 as chairman)

American Production/Inventory Control Society (VP, President, Education Director)

Cribbage Board Collector's Society

Board of Directors 2026

Application Form

Contact Information

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Interests

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Special Skills, Qualifications, or Interests

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I am a former teacher, retiring from full-time public-school teaching in 2015. I taught for 36 years and 23 of those years were spent as a middle school 6th grade teacher where I primarily taught mathematics and language arts.

Being an effective teacher with my students required me to have good communication and listening skills. I also needed to be able to work collaboratively with others when teamwork demanded it.

Since there was never a dull moment in the classroom, being able to adapt quickly to change or even possible emergencies was an absolute must. Oh, yes, and having a good sense of humor combined with a major dose of patience certainly helped to aid me in being the most effective teacher that I could be!

Besides teaching and playing cribbage and collecting those boards we all seem to hoard, some of my other interests and hobbies include:

Church and various organizations and Bible studies within our church home, vocal

singing as a soloist, in choirs and in small groups, guitar and ukulele playing, wood carving-(specifically the Swiss chip carving technique which was taught to me by non other than CBCS member # 253, Elinor Lamb), flower gardening and yard work, occasional trips to local wineries and breweries along with my hubby and other retired friends, and, my most favorite, of course, being an actively involved 70 year old grandma to our 5 wonderful grand kids ages 8 to 13.

Volunteer experience: I have volunteered extensively throughout my entire life at my church. Some areas of volunteering at church include: Served on the Christian Education/ Growth and Christian Outreach boards as well as serving on the church's executive board for many years, Sunday School teacher, coordinator our church's once a week after school tutoring program, VBS coordinator and teacher, vocal soloist, adult choir member, sing with church's praise groups, and play handbells in the church handbell choir, altar guild member, member of our church's LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) service group and served have as an officer on its leadership board, currently serving as vice-president of the Rochester Zone LWML board and am a voting delegate for the MN South LWML convention coming up later in June.

Volunteer experience outside of church: classroom volunteer at my grandchildren's school, charter member and volunteer along with my husband of our local area Historical Society, assist at the local senior citizens center when needed and deliver noon meals to residents.

2026 Convention Registration / Membership Renewal

Complete and send your 2026 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: _____

Convention Member Fee	\$150.00	_____
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Convention Associate Fee	\$75.00	_____
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(Spouse or regular member living at same address)

2024 Convention Board Only	\$125.00	_____
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Membership Dues	\$20.00/year	_____
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Associate member Dues	\$10.00/year	_____
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