



CONTINENTAL CONTENDERS

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Dreaded Game continues its popularity

Despite massive grumblings to the contrary, the game of Continental Rummy, otherwise known as "I'll Take That," was once again the most popular card game at the lake house for the past two summer seasons. According to some, this is simply because everyone is too lazy to look up the rules for another game. Whatever, we are happy to continue the tradition of bringing to you the every-other-year statistics. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll kiss this game goodbye.

What is this "Every Other Year" Stuff?

There have been various accusations of sloth made against the editors of this publication from time to time over the years. Who ever heard of a publication that only publishes every other year, anyway? Is it truly due to laziness?? You be the judge...

The first edition of "Continental Contenders" first appeared on newstands nationwide back in 1984, and covered the 1984 playing season. No one seems to know

anything about what happened to 1985 -- it seems to have disappeared from the history books, and from everyone's memory. There were rumors of some sort of Continental Coverup, but the accusations were never proven.

Since the newsletter had only been published the one time out of two years, by the time 1986 rolled around, no one was quite sure what to expect, including the editors.

Well, one thing led to another and, by popular demand, we finally got around to publishing a second edition. The only problem was that the delay and confusion lasted so long, that there were now two full years of scoresheets available. So the second edition covered both the 1986 and 1987 card-playing seasons.

Since the precedent had been set at that point, the editors figured: why ruin a good thing? Every two years is less work and, what the heck, no one will notice. So the next time, we held the 1988 scoresheets, and waited to include them until the 1989 season was finished.

Lo and behold, we must have underestimated the alertness of our educated readership, because the howls and accusations began -- "You slothful editors!" the crowds would cry (can't you just see them?)

To make a long story short, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union helped to divert the attention of the public, and the controversy subsided. And now, we are proud to declare the every-other-year publication to be an "official policy" steeped in tradition. The rest is history.

Hey, nice new look!

Do you find yourself asking, "Say, wasn't the last edition hand-written?" Well, you're right! In fact, all three previous editions required labor-intensive hand-writing efforts. But now, the owners have made substantial investment in new technology, namely, an Apple Macintosh IIsx, just so you, our readers, can enjoy an easier-to-read version of your all-important statistics. Oh yes, and also so we can have some fun on this end, too.

Heck, who knows? If things go smoothly this time, the publishers might enjoy the process so much that they'd consider going to an annual cycle sometime in the far distant future, eh? Er, uh, hmm...that's not a promise. And now, for the 1990/1991 statistics...