DISCARDING EFFECTIVENESS - PONE - LESSON #3 SUPPLEMENT
DISCARD PROBLEMS

CARDS HELD	DISCARDS TO PONE	COMMENTS
3-3-4-7-K-J	7-K	Can only hold 2 points -hold 3-3-4 since open on both ends for double run. 7-K are best balking cards.
2-3-4-6-7-8	3-4	Hand has 16-point potential. You do not have a defensive discard. Safest is 2-6 leaving 4 points. Board position might suggest a defensive discard even though hand has 16-point potential.
5-6-Q-2-8-3	3-6	You can only hold 4 points anyway. The 6-8 to pone could result in a crib of 20-24. Not worth the risk!
8-Q-K-4-9-Q	9-K	Hold the points in such a small hand. You can only
6-2-J-A-9-K	A-K	keep two. Choose safest discard and retain the two.
2-3-4-5-6-9	2-9	On hands such as this, the best discard choices are at top and bottom of hand. Six cut gives you 16!
3-3-3-9-5-5	5-5	You have twelve points with potential for 24.
7-7-8-8-5-5	5-5	GO FOR IT! In some cases you might toss 5-8.
5-5-2-2-9-9	9-9	If dealt three pairs, toss the safest pair if you need points. You do have the potential of 12 points.
A-4-4-10-2-5	A-10	Why keep six and give away two? The 2-5 averages nearly 6 points to pone. Note the 4-4-2-5 has a potential of 14 points with the 6 cut.
7-3-6-J-4-A	6-J	Can only hold two points. 6-J is safest discard in hand. Cut the 7 or 4 for a deceptive eight hand!
5-J-Q-8-9-2	9-Q	You can hold 4 points maximum. 9-Q are good balking cards.
A-A-4-10-7-8	4-10	Too dangerous on a six point hand to toss 7-8. Hold A-A-7-8. Cut the 7 for 12 or the 6 for 13! Play pone's crib safe as you have 2 aces.
A-4-4-J-6-9	9-J	You hold 4 points with a potential of 14 with the five-spot cut.
8-K-3-4-5-10	10-K	By holding the 8-3-4-5 you have a potential of 14 points with the 3 cut and discard the safest discard in cribbage. By the way the 3-4-5-7 works the same way and you have retained better pegging cards.
2-3-J-K-6-7	6-K	The risk of the 6-7 discard is too great when holding a mere 4 points in the hand.
9-6-6-6-3-K	9-K	You can hold twelve points either way. Go with the safest discard.