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CALLING ALL PICKERS: A GUIDE TO SHEEPSHEAD

OREGON, WI, November 10 -- Sheepshead is a uniquely Wisconsin card game. Played by federal judges and governors, it's virtually unknown outside the state except in Germany, where it originated.

Wisconsinites usually learn to play it as children and it's a difficult game to teach those who try to learn it as adults. The rules also vary from one part of the state to another. Now, a new book, published in August by Badger Books Inc., offers a complete guide to playing sheepshead.

A Field Guide to Sheepshead is a comprehensive collection of rules, strategy and variations of American and Bavarian sheepshead, two to eight player versions. From well-respected strategies such as Joe Wergin's "Count of Seven" for three-handed play to tongue-in-cheek mnemonic devices, anecdotes and quotes, this handy guide leads players through all aspects of the game successfully. Sheepshead web sites and software resources also are provided as well as a glossary of terms and information on organizing tournaments.

Here's what Ken Kurtz, co-founder of the sheepshead.org web site says about *A Field Guide to Sheepshead*: "By far the most complete guide to the game I have come across. Excellent charts and tools for teaching the game. Interesting facts about the I had never known (and I consider myself somewhat an expert on it)."

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SUMMARY: A guide to variations of the card game of sheepshead played throughout Wisconsin. Includes suggestions on introducing new players to the game and organizing tournaments.

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Erica Rosch, a native of Madison, Wisconsin, was introduced to the game of sheepshead in 1988 and has been learning, playing and teaching it ever since. Of Norwegian, African-American and Native-American descent, Rosch did not experience the game as part of her culture growing up. But she became hooked on sheepshead after marrying into a family whose roots are in the Fox River Valley with Austrian ancestry. Erica and her husband, John, teach sheepshead mini-courses to University of Wisconsin students. They also operate SheepsheadStore.com, an online retailer of sheepshead, skat and Doppelkopf-related products.