



The Tri-City Signal

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Unit 442 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE !

125 years ago, the New York Times adopted the slogan "All the news that's fit to print." My old school weekly newsletter adopted a more practical slogan: "All the news that fits, we print." Recently my somewhat lengthy messages have made fitting them into our monthly newsletter a challenge for our under-appreciated newsletter editor. So, I am giving her a break this month and making this one short.

I want to thank the people who gave me their thoughts on different ways to schedule our games. I will be discussing them with the Board and our directors in the months ahead. We, unfortunately, will not be able to adopt all of them since some conflicted with others (for example, "more day games" vs. "don't schedule any more day games"). But all suggestions will be discussed.

Blake

AUGUST UNIT GAME

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH
Richland Community Center - 5:30 p.m.

***Thanks to Donna Parkes and
Herb Wampole for refreshments!***

SEPTEMBER UNIT GAME

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
Refreshments
Karen Demeritt and Lynne Paasch

CLUB GAMES SCHEDULE

TUESDAYS - 12:00 noon

BRIDGE BUDDIES (TRDBC)

May come without partner

August 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

WEDNESDAYS - 5:30 p.m.

THREE RIVERS DBC

August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

THURSDAYS - 5:30 p.m.

HERBS CLUB

August 14th, 21st, 28th

ACBL LIVE LINKS

<https://my.acbl.org/club-results/265033>

(TRDBC)

<https://my.acbl.org/club-results/278721>

(HERBS CLUB)

70% CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS

CHRIS GORCHELS & HERB WAMPOLE

72.50%

July 10th

Herbs Club

DONNA PARKES & HERB WAMPOLE

71.00%

July 24th

Herbs Club

MONDAY BRIDGE OPPORTUNITY

No stress, no cost, and no masterpoints when you play duplicate bridge each Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Shalom Church of Christ.

It is located at 505 McMurray Street which is just behind the George Washington Way Safeway. Call Jim Pierce, 509-430-9187



08/03 Kay Teal
08/17 Tom Quayle
08/22 Lisa Anthony
08/27 Ed Strieper

YAKIMA VALLEY UNIT GAMES

Sunday, August 10th
1:00 p.m.

Grandview Community Center
812 Wallace Way, Grandview
Contact: Susie Ball 509-426-1243

Sunday, August 27th
Potluck: 11:30 a.m.
Game: 12:00 noon

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Manse
803 Tieton, Yakima
Contact: Judy Gerstenberger 925-876-7395

ON THE HORIZON

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL
Lynnwood, WA
August 18th - 24th

LABOR DAY WEEKEND SECTIONAL
Olympia, WA
August 29th - September 1st

PORTLAND FALL I/N REGIONAL
Wilsonville, OR
September 12th - 14th

SUNSHINE SECTIONAL
Yakima, WA
September 17th - 19th

OREGON COAST REGIONAL
Seaside OR
September 29th - October 5th

TALKING

Susie's tips for better bridge behavior:

While we can certainly be social at duplicate we must not allow our talking or socializing to disrupt the game for others. So, some general guidelines:

Play the hands first. Then, if you finish early, feel free to socialize, but **QUIETLY**, others may still be playing and deserve the quiet you had to think about what they are doing.

Don't talk about the hands you just played. Others will be playing those boards and if you share too many specifics, the later players will have more information than you did and that could influence the outcome and the scores.

The dummy may **NOT** talk. In general, the dummy may not speak to ask questions or to provide guidance to the play.

One may **NEVER** explain their own bid. If you want to know what a bid means, ask the bidder's partner. If the partner is incomplete or wrong, the bidder will have a chance to correct it, but **NOT** until **after** the bidding is finished. Remember - one may **NEVER** explain their own bid. Call the director before the lead is made if your partner explained your bid incorrectly and ask to speak to the director away from the table. When to offer the explanation depends on other things, so don't blurt it out at the table. I'll say it again - One may **NEVER** explain their own bid. Notice the **NEVER** is in caps, because we really mean it: **NEVER** (unless asked to do so by the director).

Explaining your own bid includes alerting your own bid. If your partner fails to alert your bid correctly, and you all are playing the contract, then you must announce **before the lead** that partner failed to alert your bid, but you may **NOT** explain the bid or announce the failure during the bidding. As above, call the director if you think your partner made a mistake during the bidding and ask to speak to the director away from the table.

As a courtesy, please move away from the other players and tables when you have a sit out before chatting. This will be less disruptive to the other players.

And for the longest, easiest was to socialize, come early and chat while you help.

Thanks to Susie Ball