



**SUPER BOWL LX**

# The Tri-City Signal

## FEBRUARY 2026

### Unit 442 Newsletter

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE !**

Our duplicate bridge group is an excellent and fun bunch of people! In my opinion, players generally exhibit good bridge etiquette and politely call the director when there is an irregularity at the table. I think the tone of the games has improved, as compared to some of my earliest years of playing at club games. I used to hear rumors that there were bridge players who avoided playing at ACBL games because of rudeness. We, hopefully, have left that reputation behind.

Which leads to my main objective in writing about this. Each of us likely knows people who play party bridge, or maybe they played bridge a long time ago and now consider themselves to be "rusty." There are a number of ways we might help them feel comfortable coming back to the bridge table. The Monday games from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Shalom Church of Christ are an excellent step. Players do not need to come with a partner, and the organizer and other players are helpful and encourage "learners" to ask questions.

Also, there are a multitude of bridge options online, ranging from lessons and individual play/practice with robots, to "real" games and tournaments. ACBL has partnered with more platforms beyond the original Bridge Base Online (BBO), which increases the options for learning and "brushing up" on skills.

Of course, ACBL wants us to recruit more members, but the real reason we should want to do this is to keep our duplicate bridge clubs thriving (and growing). A line borrowed from ACBL: "If you don't invite them, they won't go. And if they don't go, they may never discover bridge. So, grab your competitive friends, your curious neighbor and your game-loving grandkid and show them why you love bridge."

**Donna**

#### **FEBRUARY UNIT GAME**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:30 p.m.**

**THANKS TO LEANNE ZARING  
FOR REFRESHMENTS!**

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- 02/13 Keith Ker
- 02/17 Donna Parkes
- 02/22 Molly Ferguson
- 02/22 Andy Hesser
- 02/23 Kathryn Lang
- 02/23 Pat Pinto

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#### **CLUB GAMES SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAYS - 12:00 noon**

**BRIDGE BUDDIES (TRDBC)**

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

**MAY COME WITHOUT A PARTNER**

**WEDNESDAYS - 5:30 p.m.**

**THREE RIVERS DBC**

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

**THURSDAYS - 5:30 p.m.**

**HERBS CLUB**

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

**ACBL LIVE LINKS**

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

(TRDBC)

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

(HERBS CLUB)

<https://my.acbl.org/club-results/904425>

## REMEMBERING MARILYN



A memorial service for Marilyn Hesser will be held Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Richland's Central Church, 1124 Stevens Drive.

A reception in her honor will follow at 1 p.m. at Meadow Springs Country Club, 700 Country Club Place, Richland.

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### 70% CLUB

Congratulations to  
**LYNNE PAASCH & HERB WAMPOLE**  
77.5%  
January 7<sup>th</sup> – TRDBC

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### YAKIMA VALLEY UNIT GAMES

*Note: The monthly Lower Valley Unit game which normally would be held on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Grandview Community Center is cancelled because the venue is not available.*

### YAKIMA UNIT GAME

Sunday, February 22<sup>th</sup>

Potluck: 11:30 a.m.

Game: 12: noon

Bethelhem Lutheran Church Manse  
803 Tieton, Yakima

Contact: Judy Gerstenberger  
925-876-7395

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### FAT TUESDAY

February 17



## GOING FOR GOLD

### NABCs

St. Louis, MO Feb 23-Mar 8

Minneapolis, MN Jul 8-19

Sam Diego, CANov 27-Dec 6

### Regionals (Districts 19 & 20)

Vancouver, WA Feb 15-22

Leavenworth, WA Apr 13-19

Redmond, OR May 11-15

Penticton, BC Jun 15-21

Anchorage, AKJ Jun 23-28

Lynnwood, WA Aug 17-23

Seaside, OR Sep 27-Oct 4

**Tri-Cities, WA Oct 26-Nov 1**

## SEEKING SILVER

### Sectionals (District 19 in US)

Shoreline, WA Feb 13-15

Anchorage, AK Mar 11-15

Tacoma, WA Apr 24-26

Homer, AK Apr 30-May 2

**Tri-Cities, WA May 1-3**

Shoreline, WA May 22-25

Spokane, WA June 12-14 (local)

Oak Harbor, WA Jul 31-Aug 2

Spokane, WA Sep 4-6 (local)

Anchorage, AK Sep 9-13

*If you are playing in either the Vancouver or Leavenworth Regional, please contact Leeanne Creech to obtain copies of our May Sectional flyer to take with you for distribution at these events. Also bring back flyers of upcoming events to be posted on our bulletin board*

