



The Tri-City Signal

JANUARY 2024

Unit 442 Newsletter

WORDS FROM THE PRES!

I hope that everyone has made it through the holiday season OK. I want to encourage all our members (and non-members) to attend our Unit 442 and club games on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

See you there!
Bruce

JANUARY UNIT GAME

Thursday, January 4th - 5:30 p.m.

Refreshments this month will be potluck.
If you can, please bring
one item to share.

ACHIEVEMENTS



DIAMOND
Life Master 5000+ MP
Tom Edwards



SILVER
Life Master 1000+ MP
Normand Dominique

70% Club

Livingstone Parkhill & Jim Pierce
76.39%
Three Rivers DBC (BB)
December 12th



01/08 Zemmie Iedema
01/16 Stuart Iedema
01/16 LeAnne Zaring
01/31 Chris Gorchels

JEROME SKINNER AWARDS - 2023

ACE OF SPADES

(starting with 1500+ MPs)

1. Andy Hesser - 83.97
2. Lynne Paasch - 70.72
3. Marilyn Steele - 60.01
4. Usha Subrahmanyam - 59.76

ACE OF HEARTS

(starting with 700-1499 MPs)

1. Herb Wampole - 115.96
2. Bruce Dudzik - 82.14
3. Jane Hunt - 71.38
4. Donna Parkes - 62.93

ACE OF DIAMONDS

(starting with 100-699 MPs)

1. David Orcutt - 40.03
2. Judi Terjeson - 37.14
3. LeAnne Zaring - 35.10
4. David Gelles - 29.29

ACE OF CLUBS

(starting with 0-99 MPs)

1. Jeff Westcott - 26.62
2. Tami Westcott - 24.14
3. Livingstone Parkhill - 23.70
4. Gary Metro - 13.42

IRON MAN/WOMAN

(most games played)

1. Bruce Dudzik - 105
2. Herb Wampole - 100
3. Jane Hunt - 95
4. Andy Hesser - 94

Statistics are from games played in the monthly Unit Championships, Three Rivers DBC (Bridge Buddies), Three Rivers DBC & Herbs Club. Award Term is 12/1/2022-11/30/2023.

SCHEDULE FOR CLUB GAMES

**All games are at the
Richland Community Center**

TUESDAYS
BRIDGE BUDDIES (TRDBC)
January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
12:00 noon

Lesson at 11:30 a.m.
May come without a partner

WEDNESDAYS
THREE RIVERS DBC
January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
5:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS (except 1st)
HERBS CLUB
January 11th, 18th, 25th
5:30 p.m.

Club Results Links
<https://my.acbl.org/club-results/265033>
(TRDBC)
<https://my.acbl.org/club-results/278721>
(Herbs Club)

Christmas Party THANKS

Thanks to all who came and to Suzie for bringing the last-minute fill ins with her from Yakima.

Tami and Jeff Westcott headed up the setup/decorating crew and had a great group of elves to help.

Lynne Paasch, Donna Parkes, and Judi Terjeson helped with the meal preparation.

Jane Hunt did her usual phenomenal job of getting the awards done.

Special thanks to the Chairman, Marilyn Steele for cooking and planning and TRDBC for desserts and beverages.

A big thanks to all who stayed to help with clean-up. We were done in record time.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

LOWER VALLEY UNIT 450 GAME

SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH

Grandview Community Center
812 Wallace Way, Grandview

NEW (AND RELAXED) BRIDGE OPPORTUNITY ON MONDAYS

You are invited to join a casual bridge game on Monday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Shalom United Church of Christ. Located just behind the George Washington Way Safeway in North Richland, the address is 505 McMurray St.

Beginners are welcome to this social, relaxed and free activity. Since this is not an ACBL sanctioned game, there are no masterpoints awarded.

Please call or text Jim Pierce at 509-430-1987 for more information.

News from TRDBC

Games on Tuesday and Wednesday will increase to \$5. Also there will be a lesson each Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. promptly so we can start the regular game at noon. Please use the double doors near the handicapped parking area if you arrive after 11:30.

RULING THE GAME JANUARY BRIDGE BULLETIN BY MATT KOLTNOW

Q I was playing in 4♥. My spades were A-10-6-3 in hand and 8-4 in dummy. I thought I should play the ace and another spade so I could ruff the losing spades in dummy when I got the lead back. So I played the ace and called for a spade from dummy. Then I led the ♠3 and called "spade." When partner went to pick up the 8, the ♠Q appeared under it! Partner asked which spade I wanted, and I told them the queen. The opponents called the director. What is the correct ruling?

A Two different things have happened here. First, your partner violated Law 41D by not placing dummy properly, with all the cards showing. If there is any way in which the defense is damaged by not being able to see the ♠Q, then the director would adjust the score. Law 12A1 empowers the director to adjust the score when a non-offending side is damaged by an irregularity where there is no specific penalty.

The other issue is that the director must determine which card was played when you called "spade." This is covered by Law 46B2 which explains that a declarer who specifies a suit without a rank is deemed to have called for the lowest card in that suit except when their other intention is incontrovertible. Dummy does not get to query declarer to find out their intent. This is highly improper; dummy should simply reach for the lowest card when declarer calls a card by suit. In this case, it is completely clear that your intent was to call for the 8 when you said "spade," as the queen was not visible. This means the director must rule that "spade" meant the 8.