



[ED MACKE's](#) career actually led him to the bridge table. A graduate of Seattle University and the University of Washington medical school, Ed practiced family medicine in McCleary for 37 years. One of his long-time patients was Phyllis Rakevich, a talented bridge player, who told him all about the game. Phyllis's daughter and son-in-law, who were friends of his, convinced him to give it a try. Now he's dedicated to attacking on defense, paying attention to leads and discards, and tackling the other challenges of bridge.

A 70-year-old, Ed and his wife (who died in 2014) are the parents of son Cole, who is starting medical school this summer, and son Jeff, who teaches high school in Camas. His family also includes a granddog, two inside cats, and three outside cats. Ed has enjoyed time spent in Switzerland, Italy, and Mexico, and likes to garden and grow plants on his deck.

One of the most rewarding parts of being a doctor, Ed says, is that so many of his patients also became his good friends. Free now from the frustration of dealing with insurance companies and government regulations, he enjoys the new friends he's making through bridge.

Oh yes - he confesses that he's a romantic at heart. His right brain apparently works just as well as his left brain. ([-Vicki Hamende, May 2018](#))