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MEMBER MILESTONES ?

June 9 - July 10, zero,
everyone must be on
vacation

Keep playing more
games and win more
points



It's **July** and we're warming up!



SCBC SURF'S UP SECTIONAL
PLANNING BEGINS



70% + scores achieved June 9th thru July 10th :

Heather MacGregor/James Slinger Friday Open - 70.83%
June 16, 2023

Malcolm Sprott/Richard Hill - Tuesday Open - 70.42%
June 27, 2023

Darby Kremers/Linda Downing - Monday 499er - 70.0%
July 10, 2023



499er bridge
Monday Evening

Our evening games are getting quite **popular**. Director **Carol Avenmarg** is running two evening face to face games during the week:

MONDAY night is a **499er** game...

Then there's an OPEN game:

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAYS **Both** games start at
6 p.m.

**COME DOWN TO THE BRIDGE CENTER AND
CHECK IT OUT!**

Social Bridge continues July 3, August 14, and September 11. For a \$5.00 fee, you get a short lesson, pre-dealt boards, and to meet new players... Maybe a future partner? There's also an optional \$5.00 lunch. Come join the fun.



Mark Riley, the Paella King

Member's Corner

Getting to Know ... MARK RILEY

Mark is a native Californian, raised in Camarillo. He moved to Santa Cruz to attend UCSC, majoring Philosophy, in 1984. While at the University, Mark found a job working Kresge Food Co-op. The Co-op supports small farmers, the UCSC Farm Project, and the Kresge Organic Garden. He's always been a foodie, he says, working at the co-op fueled his interest in organic foods. He remains a sustaining member.

In 1990, Mark went into business as owner-manager for Aptos Natural Foods. The store supported local businesses, organic foods and products selected from socially responsible companies. Mark met his wife Beth, the day before he opened. She had come to check out the new market; even though closed, he let her shop the new store. They have one daughter, Isabel, whom they call Isa.

Perusing Sunset Magazine, Beth found a recipe for cooking Paella using the traditional Spanish custom of guests bringing their own forks and eating paella directly from the pan! Today, although Mark's full time job is the Associate Team Leader of the Whole Foods store in Capitola, he is also has a side hustle as the Paella King of Santa Cruz.

While Mark was still at UCSC, he found a note on the messages board, "LOOKING for people to play bridge". He knew the game, his parents had played social bridge. Intrigued, he called Andrew, a British graduate student, who taught Mark and three of his friends to play British bridge. "You don't open with less than 13!" Mark says. The group played for a year but drifted apart.

About six years ago, Mark joined the SCBC. Mark started playing on Monday nights during Jan Winham's game, with his long time friend Eric Stolzberg. Mark was a nervous cat. He says he still is, but realizes it's just a game.

The excitement of the game is what he likes most, the cards, the unfolding potential of winning or not. "I do like playing the hand well; I also like a poor hand, it can take the heat off. The thing about duplicate, every one has the same hand and has to play it correctly, to score well," he says.

His advice to beginners? A good partnership is most important. Playing with the same person, bidding becomes more intuitive, you understand what your partner is conveying.

Funniest thing? Mark play's poker with Josh Karter, Rick Zinman, Eric Stolzberg and Dick Wasserstrom. He's always listening for bridge tips dropped by one of these seasoned players. Just to bring it full circle, Dick Wasserstrom was Mark's academic advisor at UCSC in the mid 80's!

SURF'S UP SECTIONAL

SEPT 30th - OCT 1st

2023

PLEASE SIGN UP TO

VOLUNTEER

WE NEED YOU



SIGN UP SHEET

IN THE MAIN ROOM

