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FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING...

Our new board of directors are installed and busy working on maintaining and increasing our club membership after the pandemic. Our 2023 Board Directors current leadership and committee chairs: Carol Avenmarg, President; Ken Llacera, Vice President; David Harken, Treasurer; Robert Johnson, Secretary; Leslie Davidson, Marketing; Lester Loops, Mentor-Mentee Advisor; Joshua Carter, Ken Gamble, Ken Martin, Steven Smith, and John Wesolowski, members at large.



Mid-game Wednesday Lunch Buffet prepared by Chef Heather MacGregor

Join us for a delicious meal!

♠♦♥♣🏆 Member Milestones 🏆♠♦♥♣

We have some members' achievement titles to recognize at the end of 2022: Junior Master (5+): Jim Miller, Jeanne Jorgensen, Barbara Rodrigues, Katherine Stone. Club Master (20+): Amos Hahn. Sectional Master (50+): Albert Low, Jared Boggs, Marilyn Calciano. NABC Master (200+): Gina Brown. Advanced NABC Master (300+): John Wesolowski. Life Master (300+ or 500+): Howard Feldstein, John Walker. Bronze Life Master (500+): Howard Feldstein, Bette Harkin. Silver Life Master (1000+): Rick Zinman. Ruby Life Master (1500+): Janet Tainty, Claire Swetland, Diana Schilling. Congratulations to each of you.

Santa Cruz Bridge Center Represents at Monterey Clam Bake

Last month many of our members enjoyed playing in and winning at the **Monterey Regional, Jan 3-8, 2023. Clambake**. Kudos to **Marilyn and Drew Calciano** who participated in their first regional tournament and won gold, coming in first in both sessions! Word has it, they played excellent defense. Kudos also go to **Robert Johnson and Kristin Smith** winning gold, and also coming in first in both sessions! Well played friends! The Monterey clambake also saw members **John Oppenheimer** and **Angie Millsagle** become New Life Masters, after winning in Monterey.

The Santa Cruz Bridge Center is hosting the annual **RISING STARS SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT** Limited 0/750 MPs This sectional will have single sessions games both Saturday and Sunday, starting times are 10 AM and 2:30 PM. A single session Stratified Swiss Teams will be played at 10:00 AM Sunday... We look forward to seeing you there. Click here for more [info](#).

Getting to Know...

PHYLLIS and DICK WASSERSTROM

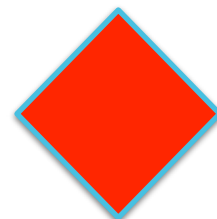
Phyllis and Dick Wasserstrom have lived in Santa Cruz for 44 years. Dick is a retired professor of Philosophy at UC Santa Cruz. Phyllis is retired from what was the Santa Cruz Counseling Center, where she counseled youths.

Dick started to play bridge by watching his parents; he also played a bit in college. He says he has probably been playing thirty years. Both he and Phyllis dabbled in party bridge; they started playing duplicate bridge here at the SCBC in 2003 and 2004. Phyllis took lessons from Nancy Wainer; she has been playing for over twenty years. They say they were partners in the early days, and even now. They play together with friends who live around the states via BBO.

What makes them happiest about bridge? Phyllis says it's the social activity she gets when she plays. Phyllis gets joy from helping and watching newer players grow. She says "it's like a support group". Dick states he derives intellectual challenge from the bidding and of playing hands.

A funny thing happened on the way to a regional tournament...Dick and his partner were penalized in the second session for slow play. His partner protested, as their play was hampered by another team. His partner insisted Dick also protest. Dick went to the director to plead their case. The director asked him if he was wearing a Tommy Bahama shirt. Dick replied I guess so. The director revised the penalty. We should all remember to wear our Tommy B clothing to the next regional.

Phyllis has great advice for beginning players: "Don't be too hard on yourself, be patient, it will come". Dick's advice for beginning players is to seek out better players, ask them if they would be willing to play with you. The game of bridge takes time, and effort.



New games at the SCBC

- Sunday Open game at 1:00 pm
- Monday 499er at 6:00 pm (beginning March 20)
- Wednesday Open game at 10:00A
- Wednesday Social game at 12:30 pm (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month)

Check the website [calendar](#) for any late changes.