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Santa Cruz Bridge Club's 2023 SURF'S UP SECTIONAL COMPLETED

We had a great turnout with a total attendance of 54 tables, in our **successful** Surf's Up Sectional!!! Many out of town players remarked about the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of the Santa Cruz Bridge Center. As usual, the tournament was enjoyed by all. Smoothly run thanks to the incomparable

Tournament Director **Lynn Yokel**

and our fabulous

Tournament Chair **Farol Henderson**

Co-Chairs Robert Johnson and Lester Loops and many contributing members

A big THANK YOU to Farol and her Team!



2023 SURF'S UP!
SECTIONAL RESULTS:

Saturday A. M. Sept 30 0-500 Pairs 5.5 Tables:

DEF

- 1 1 James Miller, Capitola CA; Nancy Pringle, Scotts Valley CA**
- 2 2 Lesley Waltner, Morgan Hill CA; Kathy Vita, San Jose CA**
- 3 3 Neville Kirby, Monterey CA; Gina Brown, Soquel CA**
- 4 3 Lynn Farris, Pebble Beach CA; Susan Osborne, Carmel Valley CA**

Saturday P. M. 0-500 Pairs - 4.0 Tables:

DEF

- 1 Neville Kirby, Monterey CA; Gina Brown, Soquel CA**
- 2 1 James Miller, Capitola CA; Nancy Pringle, Scotts Valley CA**
- 3 2 Chris Tainty, Santa Cruz CA; David Harken, Aptos CA**

Saturday Open Pairs ~ 10.0 Tables / Based on 18 Tables:

ABC

- 1 Michael Fleisher, Campbell CA; Jung Hu, San Jose CA**
- 2 1 Alan Chase - Robin McDuff, Santa Cruz CA**
- 3 2 Qing Lu, San Jose CA; Henry Zhang, Mountain View CA**
- 4 Kenneth Johnson, Morgan Hill CA; James Craig, Gilroy CA**
- 5 Lynn Shannon - Diane Shannon, Campbell CA**
- 6 James Slinger - Susan Slinger, Corralitos CA**
- 3 1 David Ow - Glenn Chee, Salinas CA**
- 4 John Stremel, San Jose CA; Kai Eckert, El Granada CA**
- 5 2 Yakov Feldman, Mountain View CA; Robert Johnson, Santa Cruz CA**
- 3 Michael Modest, Aptos CA; Elena Laborde Bishop, Soquel CA**

Sunday, October 1st Open Swiss teams - 11 Tables

ABC

- 1 Philip Kuhn - Jennifer Kuhn, San Mateo CA; Charles Riffle, Emerald Hills CA; Douglas Grant, San Francisco CA**
- 2 Kenneth Johnson - Vincent McLoughlin, Morgan Hill CA; James Craig - Winston Stone, Gilroy CA**
- 3 James Slinger - Susan Slinger, Corralitos CA; Mick Friedberg, Aptos CA; Ken Llacera, Santa Cruz CA**
- 4 1 Gregory Gauthier, Mountain View CA; John Stremel, San Jose CA; Mary Steele, Menlo Park CA; Kai Eckert, El Granada CA**
- 2 Neville Kirby, Monterey CA; David Ow - Glenn Chee, Salinas CA; Gina Brown, Soquel CA; Janet Tainty - Neil Joseph Smyth, Santa Cruz CA**
- 3 Rick Zinman - Robin McDuff - Alan Chase - Howard Feldstein, Santa Cruz CA**
- 1 Betsy Allen, Santa Cruz CA; Michael Kerner, Sacramento CA; Karen Aldridge, Richmond CA; Mary Pulliam, Aptos CA**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Member's Corner

Getting to know...

Gina Brown

Gina was born in San Jose California. She and her family moved from California to Florida; then to Scotland where they lived for a year when she was twelve. She says everyone thought, Scotland, "wow what an opportunity", but for a kid in the 70's, Scotland was outmoded, they didn't even have a McDonald's! (They do now.)

Gina returned to Santa Cruz attending Cabrillo College in the LVN nursing program. Her surgical rotation got her hooked. She loved the operating room. She knew this was where she wanted to work as a nurse; she went back to school to train as a scrub technician (the doctor's main assistant) in surgery. Later, she went back to school for her Registered Nursing Degree.

Gina met her husband, Kyle, through her brother. It was like a fairy tale story she says. She and Kyle, married in 2001. They have a 90 pound fur baby, a senior dog, whom they named, fittingly, is Charlie, (Charlie Brown).

Gina has been playing bridge off and on for seventeen years. Kyle's mother, taught Gina, together with her own mother, and a friend of theirs, how to play bridge. They played party bridge, and used no conventions. Gina was able to watch and learn from her mother-in-law, an amazing player, whose play of the hand is stellar.

Around 2007, Gina had a shoulder injury and couldn't work. She went looking for a place to play bridge and found Nancy Wainer's beginning duplicate class held in the old octagon building on Bay Ave. in Capitola. Gina played a few games, met a few players, but, after her shoulder was healed, needed to return to work.

In the midst of working full time, she began training for, and participating in, triathlons. Triathlons are swim, cycle and run events. She competed in this endurance sport for five years.

Gina was able to keep up with the club through reading the weekly recap emails she received. After an eight year hiatus from bridge, she attended a second class with Nancy; then an intermediate class with Ken Llacera. At the Bridge Center, she found good duplicate games, new partners, and got back into playing bridge.

What Gina likes most about bridge, is the puzzle. It's always satisfying to make the contract that didn't seem possible in the beginning.

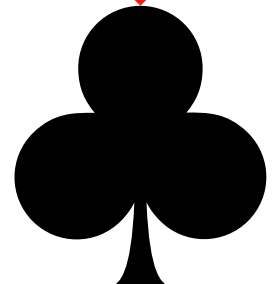
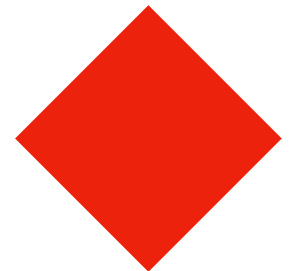
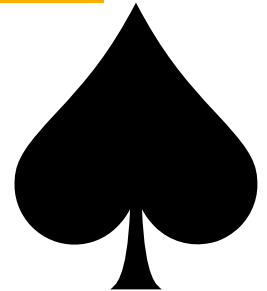
Her advice to beginners...stick with it. Everyone needs time at the table, one has to play the game and watch it being played to learn it.

To Gina, a funny thing is when the declarer is trying to play from the board, and her partner says, "you're in your hand". Declarer says, "oh right". Declarer again reaches for the board. Now Left hand opponent chimes in, "you're in your hand". Declarer says, "oh yes, you are right". Declarer studies the board and again reaches for the board.....(3 pairs of eyes roll), we all do it.

Gina retired this month, right after the Surf's Up Sectional, where she earned her Life Master Achievement Ranking! Hopefully, this means she will be joining us at the bridge center more often.



Gina earned Life Master at the Surf's Up Sectional... Holding her original notes from her bridge classes



Sunday Brunch October 29th

Menu



Main:

- Pumpkin French toast casserole
- Candied breakfast sausage
- Forbidden black rice with pomegranate and persimmons

Salad: Marinated cucumbers

Sweets: Chocolate cupcakes

This fall-themed brunch is served at approximately 11:15am. Playing in the game is not required; the brunch is optional. Brunch cost: \$10. Please reply "Yes" or contact Carol Avenmarg at cavenmarg831@gmail.com if you will be brunching with us. Advance sign-ups are required for brunch; reservation deadline is **Thursday, October 26**. Please include any dietary restrictions such as vegetarian or gluten free.

If you have questions or need a partner, please contact us at info@santacruzbridge.org.

WOW

Pairs with 70%+ scores

Sept 17 to Oct 13 2023

Tuesday October 3, Open
Morning

Graham Kelly - Kenneth
Johnson 70.31%

Wednesday Oct 4 Open
Morning

Jan Barr - Peter Barr 79.17%
Evelyn Prichard - Karen Jelcick
75.00%

Member Accolades:

Super!

Shamim Formoso - Club Master
Lester Loops -NABC Master
John Wesolowski - Life Master
John Walker - Bronze Life Master

Congratulations!

New Deadly Defense Class starts Monday October 16
@12:30 For Novices and reentry \$10.00 per session taught
by Nancy Wainer

BBO 749er Game Tuesday Evenings at 6:30. Followed
by a Wednesday Morning Free Review with Ken Llacera



More fun with face to face...




MONDAY NIGHT - 6:00 P.M 499er game, just like old times. F2F and FUN.....

Tuesday - 10:00 A.M. OPEN game

 **WINE DOWN WEDNESDAYS**   6:00 P.M. evening open game.

Friday - 10:00 A.M. OPEN game

THURSDAY - the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 10:00 A.M
MENTOR MENTEE GAMES.

  **SUNDAY Brunch** (optional) begins at 11:15 and 12:00 Open game on the last
Sunday of the month. Enjoy an amazing brunch menu prepared by Chef Heather
MacGregor and a game with friends   

Check our website calendar for updates: santacruzbridge.org