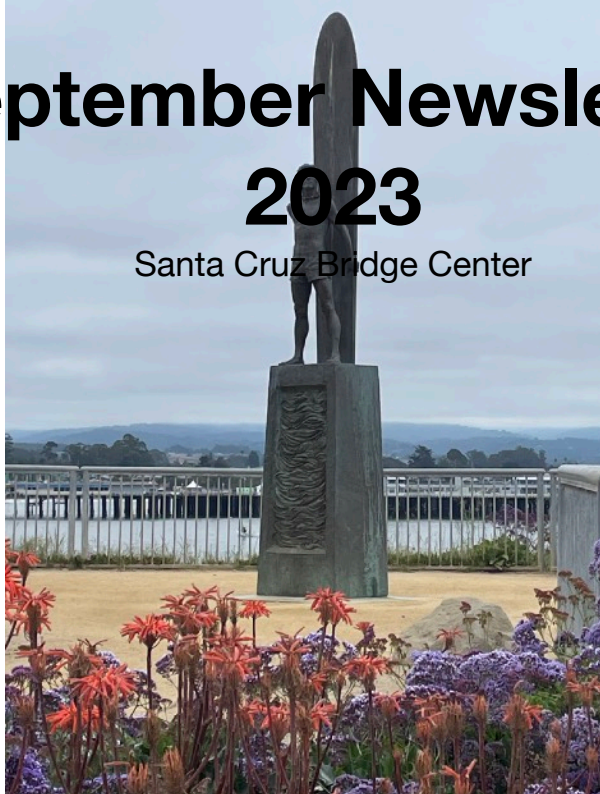


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Mark your calendars, get
your favorite partner and
meet up at the

Surf's Up Sectional
September 30 - October 1

STaC Week Results.

We had a great turn out for the
STaC games during the week of
August 21st through the 27th...

On Tuesday Aug 21st, our fastest
rising pair:

**Jim Miller - Nancy Pringle with
62.5%**

**1st in A, B, and C OA
Great play, friends!**

STaC Results Continued:

Tues Aug 21:	James Slinger - Kristen Smith	58.33%	2nd A
	Malcom Sprott - Richard Hill	58.33%	2nd B
Thur Aug 24	John Wesolowski - Ken Martin	65.28%	1st A
	Jared Boggs- Mick Friedberg.	60.19%	2nd A
	Elana Laborde-Bishop - Michael Modest	56.94%	3rd A
	Linda Downing - Marilyn Diola	49.54%	4th A
Fri. Aug 25.	Mary Pulliam - Nancy Pringle	58.33%	1st A
	Jim Miller - Michael Modest	54.63%	2nd A
Sun Aug 27.	James Slinger - Susan Slinger	65.18%	1st OA
	Gary MacGregor - Heather MacGregor	61.90%	2nd OA
	JoAnn Brown - Mick Friedberg	61.31%	3rd OA

FOR MORE WINNING PAIRS ...visit our website santacruzbridge.org or <https://my.acbl.org/club-results>

MEMBER'S CORNER

...GETTING TO KNOW MIKE MODEST

Michael Modest was born in Berlin in 1944, the year before the end of World War Two, and most of Germany in ruins; 15 million Eastern Europeans, began fleeing west toward Berlin. Being a newborn, and then a young child, Mike doesn't remember much, except times were not good.



Mike, always good in math, managed to find his way to the Technical University in Munich in 1968, where he studied Mechanical Engineering as an undergrad. He traveled around Asia for half a year, then headed to UC Berkeley where he earned his doctorate.

Mike met his wife, Monika, in Southern California in 1981, after he had run his first marathon, as he was recuperating in a hot tub. Afterwards they started running marathons together. "And when I say we ran together, it was always me trying to keep her in sight, since she was and *is* much faster than I am....". Married, they headed to Pennsylvania where he began a new professorship and a family with the addition

of two beautiful daughters. The family came back to California, settling in Merced to teach at UC Merced for eight years and where he remains a Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

Mike and Monika continue their active lifestyle, mountain biking, hiking and traveling together. They moved permanently to Aptos in 2016, after they finished building their home.

Mike learned to play bridge after an elderly man took him under his wing. Mike had an idea how the game was played (but not the bidding), from watching his mother's coffee Klatsch play. This gentleman's instruction was invaluable. Mike began seriously playing bridge in 1974 for a year or so, then had a 35 year hiatus. He picked it back up fifteen years ago and tries to play 2-3 times a week now.

Mike has been a member of the Santa Cruz Bridge Club since 2016. He enjoys the competition, it's all math he says. It's a good puzzle.

The funniest thing that happened to Mike while playing bridge, while in the Amsterdam airport as a student; when he had really not much knowledge (except from watching his mother), of the game. A group of college students needed a fourth, he volunteered. With 13 cards in his hand, four of which were hearts, Mike opened, "4 hearts"! Needless to say, it was an invaluable first lesson in what NOT to bid.

Member Achievements:

Kathy Stone - Club Master

Angie Millslagle - Bronze Life Master

Congratulations!

**Pairs with 70%+ scores
August 11 to Sept 16, 2023**

**Monday Aug 28, BBO 749 ers Evening
Linda Downing - Darby Kremers 70.8 %**

**Wednesday Aug 30, Open Evening
Barbara Rodrigues - Carol Avenmarg
90.63%**

**Wednesday Sept 6, Newcomers
Diana Bailey - Linda Owens
72.5%...WOW**

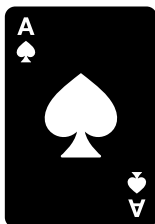
Newcomer game a huge success!

The first newcomer game - dubbed "Newplicate" - was held on Wednesday, Sept. 6. Six full tables of players enjoyed a fabulous gourmet lunch prepared by Heather. Pink rice with smoked salmon, an herb salad with figs and a wonderful peach cake with saffron whipped cream!

The lesson for the first session was all about the basics of duplicate protocol, keeping a personal score and using the Bridgemates. The players caught on quickly and the game proceeded smoothly for about 2 hours. The winners were all thrilled to win their first master points and a few stayed for a post mortem on some difficult bidding sequences.

The newcomer game for players with 0-20 master points will be held on the first Wednesday of each month - always with an optional lunch, mini- lesson, relaxed, friendly game and social opportunity to meet lots of new friends. Notice of the next game will be sent to those on the mailing list to make reservations for lunch. If you are interested in this fun and friendly new game please email to Nancy Wainer at NLMBRIDGE@yahoo.com to be added to the list or check out the Santa Cruz Bridge Center page on Facebook

Thanks to Nancy Wainer for this report!

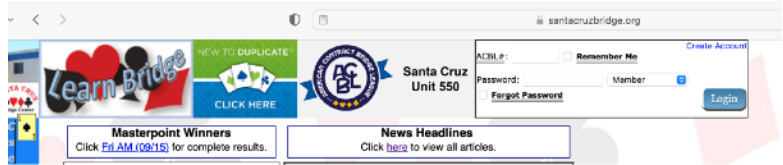


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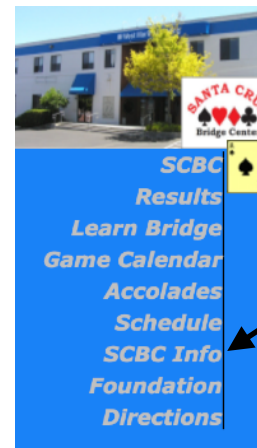
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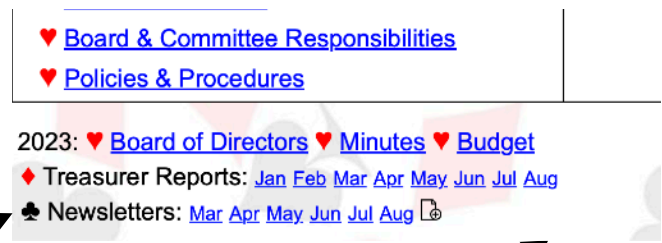
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