



Santa Cruz  
Unit 550



# February Newsletter

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## Our Members Struck it Rich in Gold and Red at the Monterey Regional

*Tuesday:*

**Ken Gamble - Ken Llacera,  
Jacci Sterling - Farol Henderson  
Robert Johnson - Lester Loops  
John Walker - Nancy Ficarrotta**

*Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs:*

**Michael Modest - Lorie Pelc**

*Wednesday Break Out Teams:*

**Xavier Prochaska - Ken Llacera - Jared Boggs and Mick  
Friedberg**

*Wednesday Mid Flight Side Pairs:*


**Robin Evenden - Richard Hill  
Annemarie Moller - Peter Andrews**

*Thursday Break Out Teams:*

**Glenn Chee - David Ow, Gina Brown, Neville Kirby,  
Robert Johnson - John Walker, Michael Modest - Lester  
Loops**

*Thursday Event Side Pairs :*

**Nancy Wainer - Ken Gamble  
Peter Andrews - Annemarie Moller  
Janet Tainty - Rachael Spencer**



Monterey  
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*Thursday Event Side Pairs :*

**Nancy Wainer - Ken Gamble**  
**Peter Andrews - Annemarie Moller**  
**Janet Tainty - Rachael Spencer**

*Thursday Gold Rush Pairs:*

**Steve Cheng - Xavier Prochaska**  
**Leslie Davidson - Matthew Nathanson**

*Friday AM 499er Pairs:*

**Leslie Davidson - Barbara Tidmore**

*Friday Mid-Flight Pairs:*

**John Walker - Lester Loops**

*Saturday Open Pairs*

**Xavier Prochaska - Ken Llacera**

*Sat Morning Side Pairs*

**Ken Gamble - Farol Henderson**

*Sat Brk Teams*

David Ow - Glenn Chee, Scott Hanham, **Gina Brown**

**Bette Harken - Jacci Sterling - Judith Murdock - Jan Winham**



## 2nd Monthly Newcomer Game

This February features **two** Newcomer games: **Feb 7th & 21st**

The lunch prepared by Chef Heather are on the 7th,

**BYOL** on the on Feb 21st

### LUNCH Menu for Feb 7th:

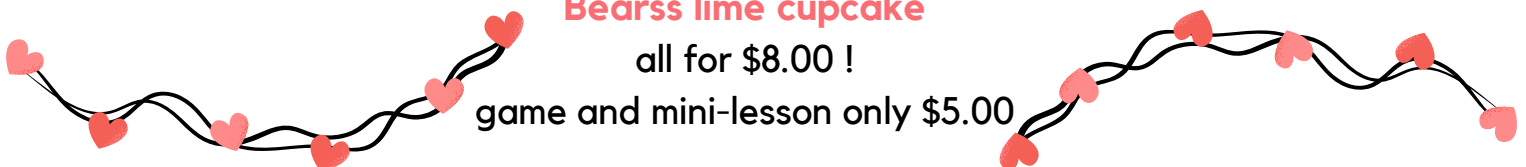
**Baked honey nut squash stuffed with quinoa, pears,  
kale, and fresh sage**

**Pear, endive, sunchoke, and roasted brussel sprout salad with  
vinaigrette**

**Bearss lime cupcake**

**all for \$8.00 !**

**game and mini-lesson only \$5.00**



## GETTING TO KNOW....JACCI STERLING



Jacci Spanier Sterling, was born in San Francisco, and moved to Grass Valley, CA at the age four. An idyllic place to grow up a wonderful, safe community amidst scenic landscape. Jacci attended Sacramento State, studying nursing. She finished her degree at the Highland School of Nursing, in Oakland. Back home in Grass Valley, she volunteered to work in the Obstetrical Department. She found her calling, it was fun and rewarding, helping women and babies with health issues.

After marrying her first husband Tom, they had two children. Tom, working for the government, was transferred to Novato, CA and the family moved to beautiful Marin. On a whim, Jacci

stopped by the local Community hospital, inquiring about job opportunities for an OB nurse. Not only was there an opening, the Nursing Director hired her on the spot!

After she and Tom separated, Jacci met Tad. They were both avid tennis players, and married in 1984. They have a blended family with her two children and his one. They raised their family together in Novato. Jacci opened a stained glass business, (while still working at the hospital), their lives were full.

The Director of Nursing in Novato sent Jacci to Oregon for training; “The Plain Tree Program”, aimed at helping medical staff provide a healing environment focusing on patient centered care. She and her two cohorts taught EVERY hospital staff member how to provide this innovative care. A Sutter Health Care Administrator heard Jacci during one session. The administrator, impressed, offered Jacci to help start the Sutter Maternity Hospital here in Santa Cruz. Jacci was intrigued, she and Tad thought they might look at it, the children were grown, it was an amazing opportunity. Jacci became the Perinatal Director of Nursing at the brand new Sutter Maternity and Surgical Center. Jacci moved to Santa Cruz in 1995, she and Tad started living here in 1996.

Jacci thinks she has been playing bridge for over 40 years. Jacci started playing party bridge in 1980 with some friends in Novato.\*\* They taught themselves how to play. When one of the group learned a new convention, she taught the others. They were excited to learn how to ask for Aces and how to use Stayman. Jacci’s first experience with duplicate bridge, was in San Rafael. She and her partner tried to separate and deal the boards. Others at the table exclaimed, “You sort your cards?”

Jacci can’t remember how long she and Tad have been members of the Santa Cruz Bridge Club. She met Mark Wainer while working at the Surgery Center. Mark brought her three bridge books to help her learn more. The one she remembers most is 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know written by Barbara Seagram and Marc Smith. Mark Wainer became Jacci’s mentor, she learned so much from him.

The challenge is the part about bridge which makes Jacci happiest. She loves to “chase the carrot”, make the plays and bidding better. She says she can’t wait to see her hand, it’s never the same. Bridge is good for your brain, she says. Jacci also likes the sociability bridge gives her.

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Jacci's advice to beginners, don't take on too much at once. Slow down, while you are learning, learn the basics first and don't get too bogged down.

The funniest thing Jacci remembers about bridge happened during the NABC in Reno. Bette and David Harken, Barbara Black, and she, new to the NABCs, were unsure what team event to pay. They chose a knockout tournament team event called the Vanderbilt. At the playing area, Vanderbilt wasn't posted. They found a schedule, showing the Vanderbilts in another building. They approached a man in the lobby, asking, "Where are the Vanderbilts?" The man replied, "You are **not** Vanderbilts," and left. They found someone else who tells them, the same thing, "You are **not** Vanderbilts". Now perplexed, the four of them returned to their friends, to discover the Vanderbilts are the highest ranking knockout event and have held that distinction since 1928. No, they weren't Vanderbilts, and, furthermore, they didn't want to be Vanderbilts!

*\*\*While interviewing Jacci for this piece, we discovered that my mother, Barbara Lee, was one of Jacci's Novato friends in her bridge group. Not only were Jacci and friends, Mom catered Jacci and Tad's wedding!! ....It really is a small world.*

## MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### New Junior Masters:

Patti Bostard  
Catherine Foy  
Mary Graves  
Kathy Shortly

New **Ruby Life Master:**  
**Mark Wainer**

## New MEMBERS YAY!!!

Veronica Foos  
Lawrence Frank

# NO 70% games

JANUARY 4TH THROUGH JANUARY  
27TH... SOME CLOSE SCORES THO

Weekly F2F games

Add More fun with face to face...

MONDAY NIGHT - 6:00 P.M. 499er game,

Tuesday - 10:00 A.M. OPEN game

**\*\*Tuesday Eve BBO\*\*\* - 6:30 P.M. Followed by an 8:30 Wednesday Morning**

**Free hand review with Ken Llacera**

🍷 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](http://santacruzbridge.org)




# NEW GAMES AND FUN

**FEBRUARY 22, SWISS TEAMS 10:00 am**  
**sign ups on the bulletin board**

## February Brunch and Game

**2/25/24**

### Menu:



Fried chicken and waffles-maple syrup  
( available- fried eggplant and vegan gluten free waffles)  
buttermilk biscuits  
lemon herb coleslaw  
coconut cake  
sparkling wine

**MARCH 17th:**

**ST PATRICKS DAY Potluck and Game**

**Corned Beef Entree provided**

**Member POTLUCK: salads and sides & dessert**

**please show your interest by**  
**signing up on the bulletin board**

**more info: email [info@santacruzbridge.org](mailto:info@santacruzbridge.org)**





*Looking forward to our:*

**SANTA CRUZ  
Rising Stars  
Limited/750\*  
Sectional**



**Santa Cruz  
Unit 550**

**March 9 & 10, 2024  
Mid-County Senior Center  
829 Bay Avenue  
Capitola, CA 95010**

*Please Signup for bringing a food  
dish and/or setup and take down  
jobs on our bulletin board...  
Let's make this a team effort*