

January Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 JAN 20
 DOLORES ABRAMS
 MEMORIAL GAME
 11:00 A.M.
 EXTRA POINTS
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Covid Vax Restriction Lifted

The SCBC Board of Directors met on December 12 to consider the question of continuing the Covid policy that requires the first two Covid vaccinations to play at the SCBC. After receiving feedback from members, reviewing local health recommendations, the positions of the ACBL and other Units in our district, the board voted unanimously to rescind the policy as of December 12.

The board also approved high quality air filters for the SCBC. Members who feel ill or were recently exposed to Covid should not come the SCBC, which continues our general health policy.



70% GAMES DEC 10, 2023 - JAN 4, 2024

DEC 27 WED EVE OPEN
 LESLIE DAVIDSON - LINDA DOWNING 71.88%



Member's Corner

Getting to know.... Mick Friedberg

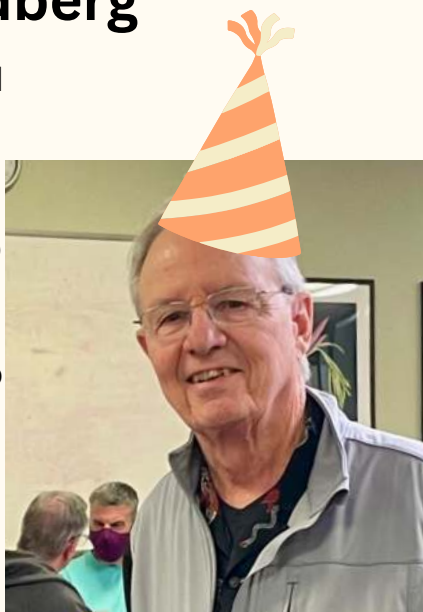
Born in Houston, Texas, raised in Galveston, Mick enjoyed the outdoors. He attended college at North Texas University and obtained his Masters in Psychology. He worked as a school psychologist and in various mental health clinics while in Texas. On a trip out to Santa Cruz, to visit cousin, Laurie, Mick discovered the mild dry weather, and friendly people. He made a decision to stay. Mick found a job with the Salinas School District, and headed to the Central Coast. Santa Cruz been his home for thirty-five years.

Mick has been playing bridge for over sixty years. He learned to play bridge when he was eight or nine years old. His father took him with him to the duplicate bridge club in Galveston, and Mick learned to play by watching. Mick's father encouraged Mick to wander about, watch the other players in the club, as they bid and cogitated their boards. Mick watched greats like Charles Goren and Oswald Jacoby while they played, (as his father was competed in the same games). After rounds had ended, players would ask Oswald Jacoby, a question about any board, Mick was astounded to hear Mr. Jacoby recall each board, bid and played. He knew everyone's cards at the table, not just his own!

Mick has been a Member of the Santa Cruz Bridge Center for 20 or 25 years, "a long time", he says. He has several favorite partners. He enjoys playing at the club with them and on BBO. He is happiest winning at bridge. Bridge is a game where one meets people who are well educated and well traveled. Bridge is a great way to find long time friends with equal interests, he says.

Mick has three pieces of advice for beginners. One is to read bridge books. He recommends two books written by David Bird and Larry Cohen *On the Other Hand* and *Defense on the Other Hand*. One hundred pairs of deals are shown, each professional describes the deal. Secondly, Mick reminds players, "if you make a bid that describes your hand don't bid again. Don't tell your partner something else, unless she has bid a forcing bid in response. Thirdly, if you're on defense and you win the trick, lead a suit that you have a chance to win, i.e. if the Ace, King of Clubs are in dummy, don't lead a club.

Mick has had several funny stories in his long bridge career. He remembers an incident in Sacramento. He and partner, Burt, had been playing very well in the team games. They were in contention, winning the first couple of matches. Burt said he needed a better night's sleep, and took a sleeping pill! In the morning, Mick was at the check-in desk waiting for his partner. With Burt failing to show up, Mick rang Burt's room; he was still asleep! The pill had made Burt incredibly groggy. Mick had to have Burt lean on him, together, they staggered into the conference center. Mick had his doubts, but Burt played "lights out"! Needless to say, they won that day's team matches. Another win!!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW
MEMBERS

JAN E MARTINDALE
TORI SHAFFER
EVELYN R TAYLOR



MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ANNE ELDER - JUNIOR MASTER
LINDA DOWNING - REGIONAL MASTER
GINA BROWN - NEW LIFE MASTER

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

Beginning bridge lessons - Mondays at 12:30 starting Jan. 8
Advanced Beginners/Low intermediate lessons beginning
January 17th Classes taught by Nancy Wainer

for more information
email santacruzbridge.org

Newplicate Results for 1/3/2024

DIANA BAILEY - Linda Owens

59.72

1st A

Danielle Garland - Ronnie Foos

56.94

1st A

Cindy Sedey - Nandor Vadas

52.78

2nd A

Jan Martindale - Mary Graves

50.00

2nd A

Awesome!

Newcomer (aka Newplicate) games are the first Wednesday of the month at 12:30

Next game

February 7th 12:30 P.M.

Lunch Menu

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 !



prepared by Chef Heather MacGregor

