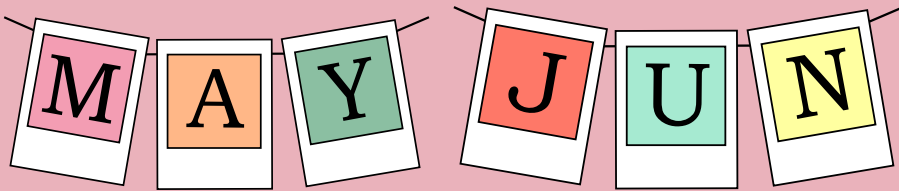
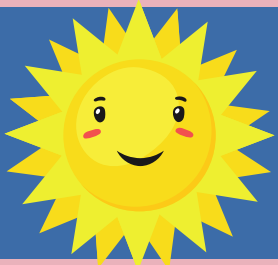




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Accolades

New Junior Masters:

- Robert Hartman
- Christina Kobland
- Daphne Morrissey
- Sam O'Neill
- Craig Smart
- Lesley XU

New Club Master:

Charles White

New Sectional Master:

Nancy Pringle

New Regional Master:

Betsy Allen



70% Gamers

March 28th thru June 1, 2024

Darby Kremers - Linda Downing
 70.37%. April 9

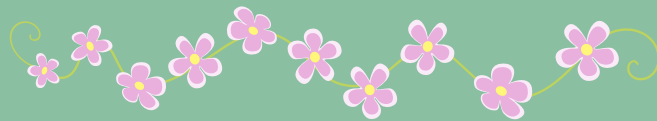


Newcomer Games

The newcomer game continues to grow - 7 tables of enthusiastic novices played on May 1, many enjoying another of Heather's fabulous lunches. Carol Avenmarg directs the first newcomer game of the month and Nancy Wainer directs on the third Wednesday. The next game will be held on Wed. May 15 with a mini-lesson on defense at 12:15 prior to the 12:30 start. Bring your own lunch at 11:45am and enjoy some yummy strawberry shortcake for dessert. All players with less than 50 MPs are eligible to win masterpoints. Those who have over 50MPs, are welcome to join the game but are ineligible for point awards.

12-15 boards are played with the game concluding around 2:30.

Still only \$5! Next Game is June 5th.



MAY 1ST MAY DAY HORS D'OEUVRES POTLUCK PHOTOS..



*To all who participated and
our super social committee!*



Beginning Bridge Classes Return!

Do you know someone who wants to learn the
greatest card game ever?

Bette Harken will instruct Beginning Bridge Classes
Santa Cruz Bridge Center
Wednesday mornings 9:30 - 11:30
beginning August 7.

First class is free.
Following classes \$ 10 each.

To sign up or for more information:
Contact Bette Harken
Email: bdharken@omcast.net
Cell: 831-332-5542



Nancy and Bette the two BEST-EVER Bridge
Teachers

MEMBER'S

CORNER Getting to Know...

Heather MacGregor

Have you participated in the Sunday Brunch or the Newcomer's Lunch and wondered who develops and prepares these yummy menus? It's Heather MacGregor. Heather was born and raised in the East Bay. With an interest in cooking, she moved to New York to attend Culinary School. After graduating, Heather moved back to the Central Coast, and began working for Chaminade, she was their baker; at Kelly's Bakery, their cake decorator. Heather also worked for several bakeries over the hill. In 2003 an opportunity arose for her to work for Cost-Co, decorating their cakes. Since 2016, she has driven the fork-lift at Cost-Co.

Heather met her husband, Gary, a master bridge player, after she had been playing bridge for approximately five years. Of course, she knew of him, but was introduced to Gary at a regional through a mutual friend. Gary would often come to play with her at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center; members would ask her if she felt she was competent enough to partner with him. Gary and she married in 2013. He has taught her much about bridge over the years. Heather lived in both Santa Cruz and Boulder Creek from 1982 until 2003. She and Gary now live over the hill in Portola Valley.

Heather learned to play bridge from Dolores Abrams who directed the beginners, in 1993. Sherry Gilbreth and she also took bridge lessons through the Community Center, after they found a pamphlet offering bridge lessons. With friends, they began playing money bridge at each other's homes. The ante was 25 cents, and 5 cents a trick or 10 cents a trick vulnerable. It was all in fun until a big fracas ensued. An opponent on defense was looking at back tricks. Heather's partner, playing dummy, grabbed the offender's hand and said "you can't do that!" The offender, vociferated, "are you accusing me of cheating?" That's when the money game broke up and she and her partner didn't go back.

She has been a bridge player for about thirty years. She says it keeps her mind fit. Taking it off her routine and puts her focus on to thinking about the cards and solving the problem of the contract. Bridge is really good for everyone's brain, Heather says. Her advice to beginners? She says the three most important things one needs to know are, Stayman, Transfers and Negative Doubles. As well as read bridge books. We have so many books on the shelves of the Santa Cruz Bridge Club. Beginners should be looking at them, and learning the basics, (Intermediates and advanced players as well).



Gary and Heather MacGregor

That is a good reminder for all of us to count our cards before we look at them.

Heather's second funny story happened at a regional team game. The teams were on the third round, Having finished and compared two rounds with their teammates, Heather and her partner found their third round seats, but the opponents were occupying them. She and her partner returned to the directors table to double check they had read the seating chart correctly. After ascertaining they were indeed in the correct seats, it was discovered that the opponents didn't know what team they were on. Heather asks, how can a team compared scores from two previous rounds, and with their team but not know who their teammates are? It's truly a head scratcher....

There are two funny stories Heather can remember. The first, she was defending a hand, trying to locate where the Ace of Clubs was. She kept waiting for it to be played. In the end, the declarer's hand was short, a card. (Declarer had not counted her cards.) The card was later found in the purse of the woman who had previously occupied the declarer's chair!



STaC Week Results

Week of May 6- 12

STaC Games** May 6 - 10

**STaC Open Game with 5+ Tables

MP Winners

Tuesday May 7

Club Championship (less than 5 tables) Black Points
Heather MacGregor - James Slinger 64.29 1st O A2.04
Ken Llacera - Mick Friedberg 62.50 2nd OA 1.53
Janet Tainty - Susan Slinger 57.14 3rd OA 1.15
Angie Millslagle - Lani Ray 54.76 1st OB 1.23
Mary Peterson - Phyllis Cramblet 48.21. 2nd OB. 0.92

Wednesday May 8

STaC Silver Points

James Slinger - Susan Slinger 60.83 1st OA 3.19
Leslie Davidson - Nancy Wainer 60.42 2nd OA 2.39
Bruce Dau - Lani Ray 58.33. 3rd OA 1.79
Eric Stolzberg - Mark Riley 56.67 1st OB 1.76
Richard Pearce - Susan Pearce 53.33 2nd OB 1.32
Andrew Calciano - Marilyn Calciano 52.08 3rd OB 0.99
Carol Cowen - Gina Brown 49.58 4th OB 0.74
Nancy Pringle - Nandor Vadas 47.92 3rd OC 0.66

Thursday, May 9

STaC Silver Points

John Walker - Lester Loops 55.09 1st A 1.88
James Slinger - Jim Miller 54.63 2nd A 1.32
Gina Brown - Glenn Chee 52.31 3/4th A 0.80
Angie Millslagle - Shamim Formoso 52.31 3/4th A 0.80

Friday, May 10

STaC Silver Points

Ken Gamble - Ken Llacera 67.48 1st A 2.06
John Oppenheimer - John Wesolowski 61.56 2nd A 1.44
James Slinger - Susan Slinger 57.70 3rd A 1.03
Charles Pender - John Hullman 56.54 2nd B 0.88
Jim Miller - Robert Johnson 49.56 1st C 0.69
Farol Henderson - Jacci Sterling 47.70 2nd C 0.48

Authentic Cuisine

Lunch on May 17th was prepared by sisters Shamim Formoso and Yasmin Kureshi . An authentic Indian Meal of Butter Chicken, Khichadi (lentil and rice), Raita (yogurt, cucumber salad) Naan and Kulfi (ice cream)
It was a delicious treat for hungry players!



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Wednesday June 19 5:30

Wine down Wednesday with

Hors d'oeuvres/appetizer pot luck

bring your favorite pu pus to share game starts at
6:00 p.m.



Swiss teams

Sunday, June 23rd. 10:00 a.m. BYOL Sign up on the
bulletin board

