

# November/December Newsletter 2024



Santa Cruz  
Unit 550

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**BOB GOLDSTEIN**  
**KELLY BUHR**  
**JONDI GUMZ**  
**ELISA SWANSON**

## NEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 8/31 to 11/1

New Junior Master:

**Cindy Sedey**  
**Jane Barr**  
**Peter Barr**

New Life Master:

**Jacci Sterling**

New Ruby Life Master:

**Carol Avenmarg**

**WONDERFUL!**

**AMAZING!**

## 70+% GAMES 9/17 to 11/12

9/18: Lester Loops - Michael Modest

11/05: Jane Barr - Peter Barr

11/11: Robert Hartman - Tony Nelson

11/12: Ken Llacera - Mick Friedberg

Sunday Brunch prepared by Chef Heather begins at 11:15 - the  
4th Sunday of the month\* 12:00 game follows

**\*NO December brunch**



The Ladies at Brunch,  
Janet, Julie, Renee, Mary and Pam



Chef Heather



Lani, Joanne and Gary, getting ready to play after brunch



Daphne and Barbara  
enjoying their brunch

# Santa Cruz Bridge Center

## SURF'S UP SECTIONAL

October 5th & 6th

Thanks to a marvelous suggestion from **Farol Henderson**; this year the sectional was held at

Santa Cruz Bridge Center with a **very** successful turnout:

3 tables in the 0 - 500 Pairs

12 tables in the Saturday Open Pairs

13 Tables in Sunday Swiss teams

\*\*\*\*Top Scorers: \*\*\*\*

0-500 Saturday AM game

Nancy Kirwan, Campbell CA; Melinda Byerley, San Jose CA 63.39%

Linda Downing, Soquel CA; Nandor Vadas, Santa Cruz CA. 51.00%

### Saturday OPEN Pairs

8.25 MP - 1A.	Lynn Shannon - Diane Shannon, Campbell CA - 63.39%
6.19 MP - 2A/1B	Carol Avenmarg, Aptos CA; Robin McDuff, Santa Cruz CA - 59.32%
4.64 MP 3A	James Craig, Gilroy CA; S Graham Kelly, San Martin CA - 57.19%
3.48 MP 4A 2B 1C	Rajee v Jog - Niraj Jain, San Jose CA - 56.61%

\*\*\*\*Sunday OPEN Swiss Teams 13 Tables \*\*\*\*

6.33 MP 1A :

Lynn Shannon, Campbell CA; Ken Rosenfeld, Mountain View CA; Joel Koransky, Saratoga CA; Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA

4.72 MP 2A:

Vincent McLoughlin - Kenneth Johnson - Joanne Wicker, Morgan Hill CA; S Graham Kelly, San Martin CA

3.56 MP 3A 1 B

Diana Schilling, Aptos CA; Joanne Bruno, Watsonville CA; Robert Johnson - John Wesolowski, Santa Cruz CA

2.67 MP 4 A

James Craig - Winston Stone, Gilroy CA; David Jackson, Morgan Hill CA; Jonna Robinson, San Jose CA

2.55 MP 2B 1C

David Ow - Glenn Chee, Salinas CA; Carol Cowen, Capitola CA; Gina Brown, Soquel CA

\*\*\*\* For more DETAILED RESULTS go to [tournaments.acbl.org](http://tournaments.acbl.org)

Many thanks to our team:

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: GREG VANCE

CHAIR: ROBERT JOHNSON

CO-CHAIR: KEN LLACERA

PARTNERSHIPS: JOHN WESOLOWSKI



# Member's Corner

## Getting to know...

### Sue and Rich Pearce



If you play in the evenings, you've had the pleasure of meeting Rich and Sue Pearce. They can be found on the golf course during the day, as they are avid golfers. If you forget their names, Sue always says it's easy to remember, "Sue and get Rich".

Rich, born second to last of six kids, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska lived there until his father was transferred to Watsonville shortly after Rich's birth. His father was a soil engineer for the federal government. Rich attended

Morello High School in Santa Cruz; housed then at the catholic church on West Cliff Drive. After graduation, he attended UCSC. Rich married his first wife, very young, and divorced early. He became interested in construction and became a carpenter. Rich's employers promoted him to superintendent overseeing large projects. He enjoyed his occupation for thirty three years.

Sue, raised on the East Coast but born in Pittsburgh, lived with her single mom, who became single after WWII. While living in Pittsburgh, Sue's mother had many friends, two of whom, turns out, were the parents of Nancy Wainer; they all went to the same high school and palled around together.

Sue and her mom moved to Princeton NJ. Her mother found work at Gallup Inc., the multinational analytics company started by George Gallup. She remembers him as being exceptionally kind and accepting of her coming to her mother's workplace. She met many other interesting people while her mother was employed at Gallup. She met Albert Einstein but not through her mother's employment. Einstein lived down the street from a playmate, and she met him on the way home from school.

Sue met lots of astronauts as well. Sue also married young; her first husband was an engineer with the Space Program in Houston, TX. Sue and her previous spouse had three children together, but the marriage didn't last. Sue, having grown up near beaches, chose to bring her young family to Santa Cruz. Her first job was at Leask's Department Store making the window set designs. Sue worked for Leask's four years until she got a job for the State of California at the Santa Cruz Employment Development Department. She retired after twenty-five years with the state.

Rich and Sue met in 1986 after Sue moved to Santa Cruz. They became a couple in 1987. In 1994, they married and bought a house together. They have a great blended family.

Rich learned to play bridge at home and in the home of his piano teacher. His teacher and other students played together, as well as his parents, who not only played party bridge but had bridge parties. Rich and his college friends played a lot together as well. There was a Sacramento regional they attended, beating the #1 team Swiss pair of Barry Crane and his partner.

Sue learned to play bridge while living in Houston. Her neighbor, a life master, asked if she would like to learn. She accepted the invitation, utilizing his teachings and a placemat which had bidding ladders and helpful hints.

Rich's college friends enlightened Sue on his bridge prowess. They began playing duplicate bridge with Dolores Abrams in downtown Soquel. Then they started attending the Bridge Center games at the Octagon building in Capitola. Sue thinks she has been playing bridge for sixty years; Rich thinks he has been playing for fifty-five years. They joined the ACBL just prior to the pandemic. They weren't conscious of the points awards until just recently.

Sue is happiest playing bridge because it's a card game. Rich enjoys getting the top board in a game and playing the hands. They both enjoy the social aspect of bridge.

Their advice to beginners? Rich says be persistent, this game takes time, one has to keep at it. It's an interesting, difficult game. Sue says keep taking lessons; there is always something more to learn.

The funniest incident they remember was being out on the golf course after a lesson and game Ken Llacera had given and directed the evening before. The lesson was regarding leads. Ken had taught never lead away from an ace. Ken approached Sue on the golf course saying, "Sue, I saw on the boards from last night, you led away from your ace." How did he remember what I led the next day? "Won't do that ever again though", she says.



## OUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY ON OCTOBER 30TH

A complete success Thanks to our Hospitality Committee:

Lani Ray, Janet Loops, Linda Downing, Daphne Morrissey, Judy Osborn, Barbara Rodrigues, and Barb Tidmore

\*More photos posted in the SCBC



# Royal STaC Week

November 18-23

18th

6:00PM

499er Pairs  
Winter STaC

19th

10:00AM

Open Pairs  
Bring Your Own Lunch  
Winter STaC

20th

12:30PM

Newcomer Pairs (non-STaC)  
0-49

6:00PM

Open Pairs  
Winter STaC

21

10:00AM

Open Pairs/ Pro-Am Game (750 Strat)  
Bring Your Own Lunch  
Winter STaC

22

10:00AM

Open Pairs  
Bring Your Own Lunch  
Winter STaC

Royal STaC is YOUR  
chance to win GOLD  
SILVER RED AND BLACK  
points

Get your favorite partner  
and come play  
There must be 5 or more  
tables for a STaC game



## Mark your Calendars

**Dolores Abram's Holiday Party and annual meeting\*\* December 7th, 11:00 A.M** Food will be provided for by the unit and prepared by Heather MacGregor and her elves.

We need the members to assist with clean up... please sign upon the Club bulletin board

**\*\*SEVERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS ARE OPEN, CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE OUR CLUB THE BEST IT CAN BE!! YOU CAN DRIVE**

**CHANGE BY JOINING**

**WE NEED YOU!**

# *Holiday Menu*

*December 7, 2024*



## *Salads*

**Mixed Green Salad**  
**Fresh Fruit salad**  
**Rice salad**

## *Entrees*

**Baked Spiral Ham**  
**Assorted Quiche\*\***  
**Potato dish**

## *Deserts*

**Mini Pumpkin Doughnut Muffins**  
**Mini Pear Ginger Scones**  
**Maple cinnamon rolls**  
**Chocolate pecan pie\*\***  
**Mini cranberry cheesecake**  
**Mini Apple Bundt Cakes with Carmel Sauce**

## *Berverages*

**Wine, Champagne, Orange Juice, Martinelli's Sarkling Apple Juice**