

# SANTA CRUZ BRIDGE CENTER

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# NEWSLETTER

MARCH - APRIL 2025

## New Members

Peter Emanuel  
Lyn Kondrot  
Nikki Shoemaker  
James Van Campen  
Danielle Garland

**WELCOME**

## 70% Games

2/4/25/ Jared Boggs -  
Kenneth Martin 73.08%

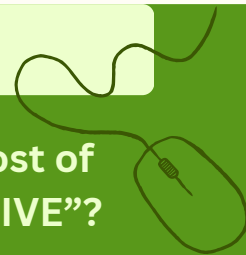
as of 3/20 no others

## Tech Tok

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our website is "LIVE"?

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want to read more  
about something,  
(newsletter or brunch  
menu, perhaps?)

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your mouse's arrow



## New Accomplishments

Carol Olsen  
Jr. Master

Shamim Formoso  
Sectional Master

Anthony Nelson  
Sectional Master

Gina Brown  
Bronze Life Master

Heather MacGregor  
Diamond Life Master



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**SCBC Rising Stars  
Sectional  
March 8 -9  
Deemed Successful  
and Enjoyable**

**Thanks to the hard work of Farol Henderson and her team, Jacci Sterling, John Wesolowski, Robert Johnson, Shamim Formoso, Angie Millslagle, Jim Miller, Michael Modest and Director Jenny Khun from the ACBL!!**



**It was well attended having 8.5 tables both sessions Saturday and 3 tables in the AM Saturday for the newcomers.**

**The Sunday Swiss Team Game was intimate (with three teams) and enjoyable.**

**Good food and terrific Camaraderie  
Congratulations to all the winners (see below)**

## **0-750 Pairs - 8.5 Tables N/S**

**Marilyn Calciano - Andrew Calciano, Soquel CA**

**63.70%**

**Jan Pfiffner - Kathy Vita, San Jose CA**

**63.40%**

**Anthony Nelson - Shamim Formoso, Santa Cruz CA**

**59.56%**

**Bette Harken - David Harken, Aptos CA**

**54.95%**

**J Xavier Prochaska - Robert Johnson, Santa Cruz CA**

**54.86%**

**Diane Duey, Aptos CA; Darby Kremers, Santa Cruz CA**

**52.55%**

**Kathleen Pfitzer, Carmel Valley CA; Joyce Hamza, Monterey CA**

**52.20%**

**Carol Cowen, Capitola CA; Amos Hahn, Santa Cruz CA**

**48.55%**

## **0-750 Pairs - 8.5 Tables E/W**

**Willis Pack, Hollister CA; Ivan Godard, Palo Alto CA**

**60.80%**

**Judy Osborn, Felton CA; Barbara Tidmore, Santa Cruz CA**

**57.61%**

**Nancy Kirwan, Campbell CA; Melinda Byerley, San Jose CA**

**57.53%**

**Bette Harken - David Harken, Aptos CA**

**47.48%**

**Jan Pfiffner - Kathy Vita, San Jose CA**

**57.10%**

**Pamela Kissiah, Los Gatos CA; Catherine Foy, Soquel CA**

**55.80%**

## **0-100 Newcomer Pairs - 3.0 Tables**

**Catherine Foy, Soquel CA; Pamela Kissiah, Los Gatos CA**

**58.75%**

**Kathy Stone, Scotts Valley CA; Matthew Nathanson, Santa Cruz CA**

**55.00%**

## **0-750 Swiss Teams - 3 Tables**

**Jacci Sterling - Michael Modest, Aptos CA; Farol Henderson - Robert Johnson, Santa Cruz CA**

**62.00%**

The events committee sponsored a Valentine's Day Game on 2/14/2025

Sanctioned game ★ ★ ★ Masterpoint Winners ★ ★ ★

**Carol Avenmarg - Lani Ray 1st A**  
**Angie Millslagle - John Wesolowski 1st A,B,C**  
**Jim Miller - Michael Modest 1st in B,C**

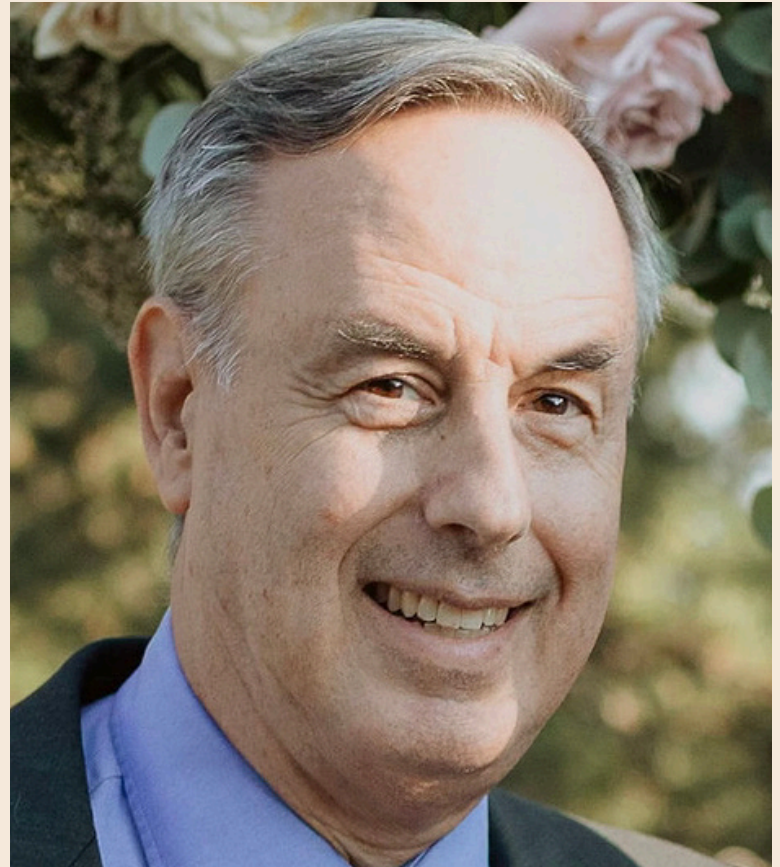
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# MEMBER'S CORNER

## GETTING TO KNOW... RICK ZINMAN

Born in upstate New York but moving to Southern California at 6 months of age, Rick considers himself a California native. He remembers telling his friends in Los Angeles in fifth grade he would attend UCLA when he grew up (probably because he followed the UCLA Bruins sports teams. Rick fulfilled his youthful dream and received both his BA and MA in Economics from UCLA. He then came to Santa Cruz in 1981 to earn his Ph.D. in political theory and American politics from UCSC and he has lived here ever since.



Rick met his wife Dori, while he attended graduate school and she worked at UCSC. Together they have two sons, Eli, 33, married to Rori (with no grandchild yet) and his son, Issac, 27, who is single.

Rick retired from the paid workforce in 2017. Since then, he has spent a good part of his time writing works of academic film criticism. His first book, entitled, *Reality and Fantasy in American Independent Cinema* came out last September and is widely available (at an absurd price as is the case for most academic books). He is working on a new book, provisionally titled, *The Natural: Baseball Superhero Fantasies and the American Dream*, which he hopes to finish early next year.

In addition to playing bridge, he enjoys attending classical music concerts and listening to classical music, attending Santa Cruz Warriors basketball games with Dori and playing beach volleyball a couple of times a week.

If you have met Rick, you know he is an excellent bridge player. He was encouraged by his mother to start playing bridge over thirty years ago. He started playing using the Omar Shariff Bridge game on his computer in the 1990s.

He played in-person party bridge games for a while, then he started attending the duplicate games at the bridge center on Captiola Road in the Octagon building in the early 2000s.

He enjoys bridge for a number of reasons. He likes playing with his buddies and he enjoys the intellectual challenge of playing bridge and working to improve his game. Playing in-person games is obviously more social and brings its own rewards. Playing online has the advantage of being able to review hands easily and seeing what mistakes one may have made and hopefully learning from those mistakes.

Rick's advice to beginners is to take advantage of the many rewards the game has to offer, keeping in mind that for most people, the learning curve is fairly long compared to other activities. Getting better takes practice, but it is important to remember to enjoy the journey. "People should find their own level of where they want to reach, and recognize that bridge is fun at every level."

Rick doesn't have a funny story to share but does remember an incident that wasn't funny. During a game at the former club at the Capitola building, a club member had a medical emergency. Former nurse Jacci Sterling attended to the member and other players helped as well. He was thankful the individual got the medical attention that they needed. Being in a group of compassionate and caring people is a blessing.



**St Patrick's Day Pot Luck presented by the Events Committee.**

**Sanctioned Game: March 17th, 2025**



**Corn Beef and Vegetables cooked by the committee members...the pot luck and the fun provided by the membership.**





## ★★ Masterpoint Winners ★★

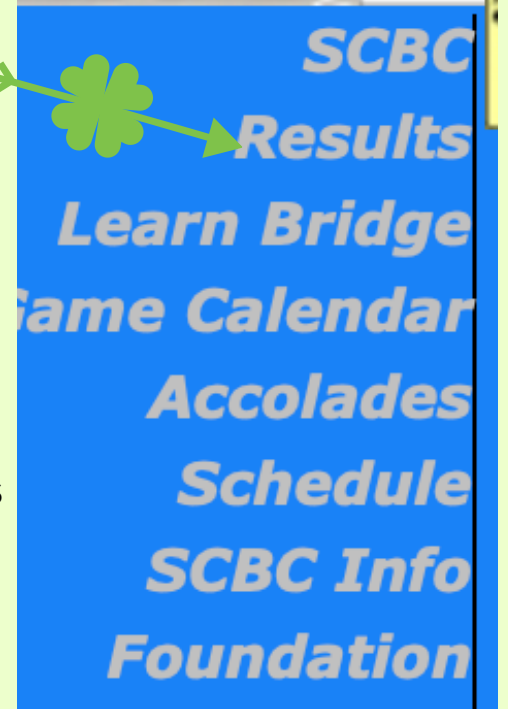
John Walker - Lester Loops 1st A, B

Carol Avenmarg - Lani Ray 1st A

Lesley Xu - Peter Emanuel 1st B, C

Nancy Pringle - Nandor Vada 1st C

More results can be found on our website home page [santacruzbridge.org](http://santacruzbridge.org). **You must LOG IN** to retrieve results more than two weeks old. ....Click on the results tab found on the top left side of the web page.





# Save the Date

May 3-4, 2025

## Monterey Cypress Sectional

Monterey Bridge Club Unit 530  
Portugese Hall of Monterey  
950 Casanova Ave. Monterey, CA 93940  
831-747-1650

Saturday May 3rd 10:00 A.M.

Pairs 100/300/500

Pairs 250/750/Unlimited

Saturday May 3rd 2:30 P.M.

Pairs 100/300/500

Pairs 250/750/Unlimited

Sunday May 4th 10:00 AM & TBD

Swiss Teams

\$15 per person/per session  
Lunch available

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