

SCBC

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NEWSLETTER

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Tech "Tok"

"Talking" 'bout the Events app

Using the Events app, you can register for an event, include your partner or request a partner, give your meal preferences.

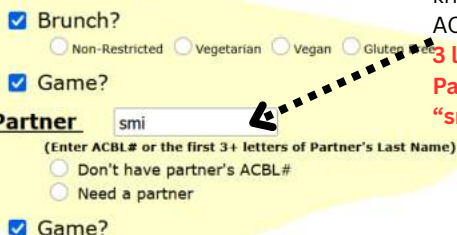


Click
Registration link



After entering your ACBL#, select **Brunch** and/or **Game**. If you selected **Game**, you must specify a **Partner** or indicate you need a **Partner**

Shirley Llacera (R)



Let's assume you don't know your Partner's ACBL#, so enter the **first 3 letters of your Partner's last name**, "smi"



After clicking the **Register** button, you are presented with a drop-down list. Click **Select Partner**



Click your Partner's name. You are presented with the Confirm screen

Confirm your entry or make changes

HIGH ACHIEVERS

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Robert Hartmann

Catherine Foy

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Mark Riley

Amos Hahn



Welcome New Members

- Margot Collins
- Clark Foy
- Charlotte Keely

70% games April and May 2025

Barbara Rodrigues - Carol Avenmarg

70.9% 4/2

Heather MacGregor - Jim Slinger 75.5%

4/8

John Miller - Lynn Shannon

73.7% 5/25

Andrew Calciano - Marilyn Calciano

72.8% 5/28

Getting to know...

Bette Harken



Perhaps you've been lucky enough to be taught by, gotten to play with, or just know Bette. She always has a sunny smile on her face and a kind word for everyone.

Bette, the eldest of eight brothers and sisters, was born in Illinois. As part of a military family, she moved every three years. She attended grade schools in Illinois, California, Iowa and Georgia in the United States. She started her high school education in Georgia, and then, as military families move a lot, Bette graduated in Germany from Munich American High School. She enrolled in an extension of the University of Maryland located in Munich.

After returning to the United States, Bette earned her Theology degree from the Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan. While working at the Continental Bank in Chicago, she met her husband, David. Soon after the newlyweds moved to Los Angeles, California, where David was transferred. She maintained her employment with the bank and worked with Continental Bank until David's next transfer. The couple moved to Omaha, Nebraska, raising their two children Anna and Nick there. Bette worked for the Union Pacific Railroad as a Marketing and Sales Director. Retiring after twenty-six years, she and David found a home in Aptos. They have lived in Santa Cruz County for seventeen years.

The Harkens have six grandchildren living in Florida and Kentucky. They find themselves frequent fliers, working to keep up with the growing grands.

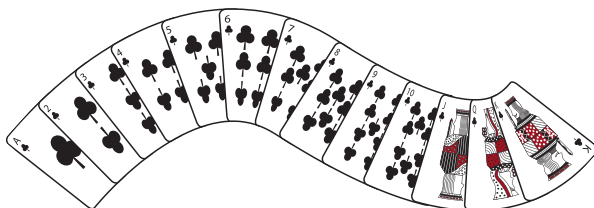
Bette learned to play bridge from her parents; they played, and she became familiar with the bridge "language". Being of German descent, (her maiden last name is Deutsch) she played cards all her life. Germans are great card players. Bette thinks she has been playing bridge for forty years.

Bette has been a member of the Santa Cruz Bridge Club for seventeen years since it was over on Capitola Ave. in the Octagon building. She says she became aware that bridge has many things in common with working in the business world: entering in the best possible contract with your partners, gathering all the information you can build on that basis of information, and being willing to change your approach as new information is obtained.

What does Bette love most about bridge? She absolutely loves teaching Beginners Bridge. Bette loves it when she sees the students learn a new concept and sees that feeling of accomplishment on their faces as they implement the newly-learned concepts into play with practice hands..

Her advice to all bridge beginners – enjoy the game. Play as much as possible, on line, in person, just play. One learns as much if not more going down in a contract as when bidding and making the contract.

The funniest thing Bette remembers regarding her bridge life? She had only been playing social bridge. She and her friend Ellen decided they would like to play in a tournament in Iowa. They sat down at the bridge table and had to ask their opponents what the boxes on the table were– they had never played duplicate bridge before! The opponents generously explained the bidding boxes, how to use them, how to find the scores on the backs of the bidding cards. They were also told they must join the ACBL to play in the tournament. Bette and Ellen signed up, entered the tournament and proceeded to win the bracket they were in!



Want to know more about the SCBC?

Who are the board Members?

Did you know there are lessons on our website?

Ken Llacera has posted many lessons on our webpage.

Click on the Learn Bridge link here and open lessons for 99ers, Intermediate and Advanced players. Included are links for practice. It's worth a look if you haven't checked it out.



The list of board members' info is found on the website. Just click the SCBC Info link on the left side of the webpage. Lot's of good information is in this link:

Our bylaws, the Board Meeting Minutes for the year 2025 and prior, a Guide for Using the Hand Records and the Calendar use guide.



**Cinco De Mayo pot luck organized by
the EVENTS Committee
Pot Luck provided by the members.
Beverages from the Committee.
A good time was had by all...
SALUD!**



**Una Fiesta Muy Fantastica
ONCE (11) Mesas (tables) and
comida increíble (amazing food).
Muchas Gracias to the Events
Committee for organizing the fun.**