



The New Deal



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This issue contains the list of nominees for your 2008-2009 Board of Directors and the official ballot. You may return the ballot to the club or send an email to info@santacruzbridge.org copying the ballot to the email and indicating your selections with an "x". In either case, your ACBL number is required for the ballot to be counted.

Special thanks to our out-going Board members:

Barbara Shepardson – She has handled many of the hospitality assignments and is always there for our members.

Diana Schilling – She stepped in as Secretary and has done another marvelous job.

Joyce Martin – In addition to other tasks as first VP, she has managed all the ACBL sanctions, without which we would not get any masterpoints.

Elena Laborde-Bishop – In addition to her board participation, she has done an excellent job of handling the newsletter mailings.

We will miss all of them and their contributions to the Board.

The club showed its heart and style with Bernie's retirement game. Bernie was very appreciative; he may use our gift to purchase an ultra-light wheelchair.

Make sure you have reserved the weekend of **October 13 & 14** for the **Surf's Up Sectional**. The unit needs volunteers for setup, hospitality and cleanup. Please add your support to this important and fun event.

There have been several maintenance issues plaguing us: central sunshine screen, grease trap and plumbing, shrubs blocking the lights, roof leaking and the parking lot pavement. The Board is addressing these as resources and money permit. You will eventually see results, but not immediately due to the difficulties of resolving these issues.

Identifying and promoting programs which advance new bridge players in their game and making them comfortable with duplicate is a key objective your Board set for 2007. We are extremely excited about two new programs initiated this year. **Nancy Wainer's Bridge Camp** with lessons and analyzed hands sold out sessions each month this summer with 50 or more players signing up. Contact Nancy if you are interested in attending a future Bridge Camp.

For even newer players, Nancy Driscoll will run a **99er Game** on Thursday mornings. This game will have

lower table fees with fewer boards to provide more time for analysis and instruction. Be sure to have your newer bridge player friends check out both of these programs.

Bill McIntosh's Monday evening and Tuesday AM games now feature hand records. This is a terrific way to review your bidding and play.

—Ken Llacera

CONGRATULATIONS—At the All Western Championships held in Santa Clara over Labor Day, **Dick Wasserstrom** won just enough gold masterpoints to become a Life Master. We have all watched Dick become an excellent player over the last couple of years by hard work, long hours of studying and playing with a multitude of partners, including his favorite partner Phyllis, his wife of many years. We look forward to seeing Dick achieve much more in his future bridge career.

Santa Cruz's two newest Bronze Life Masters are **Charlie Pender** and **Mary Pulliam**. Charlie was on Dick's KO team that got Dick his required gold points. Mary has earned her points the hard way, often filling in when one of the Directors at night needed one more player for a table. She has always been very generous with her time and flexible when asked to join a game. Congratulations Mary and Charlie.

A 7 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT GAME IN OCTOBER—Robin Evenden will direct this new game and the time will shift to 7 pm starting in October. It will be at 6:30 pm on 9/19 and 9/26. Robin is currently cruising the Hawaiian Islands, so Nancy Wainer will direct the first game on September 19.

MORE GOLD—October is gold point month. There are at least six opportunities to win gold points at the club. The NAP Unit finals on October 6 award 5%-10%-20% gold points. The Club Appreciation Swiss Teams award 5% gold points. Plan now to play and win a lot of gold points in October.

Unit 550 Board of Directors

Ken Llacera - President
Joyce Martin - 1st Vice President
Barbara Shepardson - 2nd Vice President
Lois Henry - Treasurer
Diana Schilling - Secretary
Mary Peterson (Membership Chair), Charlie Pender (Facilities Chair), Elena Laborde-Bishop, Carol Maggipinto - At Large Members

Unit 550 Directors and their Games	
Robin Evenden 462-5367 robinde@juno.com	Wednesday evening and 2nd Saturday Unit game
Sherry Gilbreath 438-7222	Mon/Wed afternoon & Friday morning open games
Mark Hasey 427-2112 markhaze@juno.com	Thursday evening open game & Sunday afternoon NLM
Bill McIntosh 408-842-4886 wmc@earthlink.net	Monday evening, Tuesday morning open and Saturday special games
Nancy Wainer 465-1234 n_wainer@yahoo.com	Tuesday evening NLM
Nancy Driscoll 477-9561 BRD258@peoplepc.com	Thursday morning 99er Game

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Key Functions for 2007	
299er Sectional	Nancy Driscoll
Open Sectional	Dick Wasserstrom
Judiciary	Ann Ottenberg
Sunshine	Diana Schilling
Newsletter	Pam Benz
Webmaster	Ken Llacera
Forum Editor	Jeanne Boss
District Reps	Ken Llacera and Bill McIntosh
Club Director Liaison	Mary Peterson
Education Liaison	Nancy Wainer