

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2025

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Welcome

New Members

Betsy Powers
Marilyn Jean
Lindsay Johnson

70% Games

Woohee!

8/6/25 Charles Pender - Christina
Kobland 77.4%

8/18/25 Andrew Calciano -Willimam
Calciano 70%

8/26/25 Kenneth Johnson - Vincent
McLoughlin 74.5%

9/3/25 Cindy Sedey - Larry
McAdams
74%

9/29/25 Leslie Davidson - Robert
Johnson 72%

New Accolades

New Jr. Masters:
Clark Foy
Lawrence Frank



New Club Master:
Francesco Ruggeri

New Silver Life Masters:
Annemarie Moller
Angie Millslagle

Upcoming Events

Surf's Up Sectional

OCT 18-19**

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**Halloween Costume
Party OCT 31**



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SURF'S UP




OPEN SECTIONAL IN SANTA CRUZ

OCT 18TH AND 19TH 2025

JOIN US AND START PLAYING IN THE SURF TODAY!

 Saturday Oct 18	10 AM	Stratified Open Pairs Two Sessions: Play either or both. Overall and session awards	0-750	750-2000	2000+
		I/N Pairs	0-100	100-300	300-500
	SIGN UP on our bulletin board to help with hospitality				
	2:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs	0-750	750-2000	2000+
I/N Pairs (min of 5 tables)		0-100	100-300	300-500	

 Sunday Oct 19	10 AM	Open Swiss Teams Two sessions with short break seven board matches. 20 VP scale	0-750	750-2000	2000+

Pairs: \$15 per person/session; Swiss Entries: \$120 per Team

\$4 additional per session for lapsed ACBL members

**TOURNAMENT PREREGISTRATION IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED
AS REGISTERED PLAYERS HAVE SEATING PRIORITY.**

VISIT THE SANTA CRUZ BRIDGE CENTER WEBSITE SANTACRUZBRIDGE.ORG TO
REGISTER.

SANDWICHES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BOTH DAYS

CONTINUOUS FREE COFFEE AND SNACKS

PLEASE, NO SMOKING WITHIN 20 FEET OF ENTRANCE

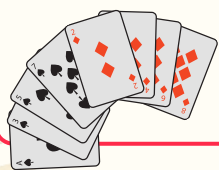


**Don't
Miss
Out**

More Upcoming Events

Nancy Wainer is offering classes on October 13 and 27 and 1 in November (TBD) on Monday mornings for advanced beginners and intermediate players stressing the basics on bidding, play and defense. Lots of hands to play with helpful handouts. For more information contact Nancy at NLMBRIDGE@yahoo.com.

Starting in January Nancy will start new classes for beginners teaching 2/1 on Mondays (time TBD). If you have friends who want to learn the world's greatest game please refer them to Nancy.



Our own Bridge Book Library..

Perhaps you have noticed that the SCBC library has been cleaned out and organized. The library is stocked with more recent and classic texts organized into categories for beginners, declarer play, defense, quizzes and tips. The library is operated on an honor system so unit members may take books to use then return them when they are finished. Please return books to the correct shelf or leave with director for the librarian to refile. It's much better to take "advice" from the experts rather than your opponents at the table!



SCBC

Facebook PAGE



Did you know our Bridge club has a **FACEBOOK** page? It's titled **SANTA CRUZ BRIDGE CENTER**. It has photos, memories, news and stories.

Simply log into your FB account, search the name **SANTA CRUZ BRIDGE CENTER** and it should show up in GROUPS. It is a private page so you must ask to join. Only members of the SCBC can view the page or contribute items. Administrator approves or dismisses requests to join. Currently we have 87 members - many long time players but we'd like newer members to view it.

Nancy Wainer
Administrator



Member's Corner...

Getting to know Joanne Bruno



Joanne's family settled in what is now present-day Solano County in the 1840's. She and her family are true native Californians. The Pena and Vaca families are descendants of Florida and Mexico traveled together from New Mexico to Alta California via the the Olde Spanish trail which terminated in Los Angeles. From the Los Angeles basin, they traveled north on the El Camino Real and settled in what became Vaca Valley,

which included Vacaville, Suisun, Fairfield and Dixon. Both the Penas and the Vacas families are considered the first to settlers in the region. Receiving a land grant in 1845, from Governor Pio Pico, the acreage was called the Rancho Los Putos. The famous Pena Adobe, erected in 1842, is an historic site today. Joanne's mother, a member of the Pena family, was born there. Sadly, the families were swindled out of some of the land, other acreage was lost to gambling and failure to pay taxes and many acres were sold to private parties.

Joanne's family moved to San Francisco and then to Marin County, California, where she was born. She attended Marin Catholic High School in Greenbrae, where she met her husband Bruce. She went to school at Seattle University, for two years, then returned to Marin. She earned a teaching credential from Dominican College in San Rafael, California. While Joanne began teaching, Bruce graduated from dental school and immediately joined the Air Force. He and a group of colleagues enlisted as dentists rather than be drafted to Viet Nam as medics. The base they were sent to was such an awful place that all the helicopter pilots volunteered to go to Viet Nam rather than stay there. After President Kennedy's was assination, the base was locked down.

After two years of teaching, Joanne became pregnant with twins. She and Bruce had their third child right after the twins, three babies under thirteen months. Suffice it to say, she stopped teaching. Five years later they welcomed their fourth child.

The Brunos came to the Monterey Bay area thinking Bruce was going to purchase a retiring dentist's practice in Carmel. But it had been sold shortly before they arrived. Fortunately another opportunity presented itself and he was able to take over a different practice in Watsonville, not an established one but they built it up. Joanne started working in Bruce's office initially to help with the insurance claims, then managed the office until he retired. The family moved to Rio Del Mar while building their home in La Selva Beach in 1967.

Joanne had a little experience playing party bridge. But she really began enjoying it when she began playing duplicate bridge. She was taught by a woman named Rollie Allen Ronnie, a bridge club member. Ronnie was an interesting character, being a crossword puzzle writer for the New York Times and excellent at bridge. Joanne also took lessons from Nancy Wainer on Tuesday evenings in Soquel.

Joanne thinks she started playing bridge more consistently in the early 90's. Once her children grew up, into and their college years, and Bruce's practice didn't need her to help with the insurance and management quite as much. She could devote more time to bridge and tennis volunteering and water aerobics.

The most fun Joanne remembers having was playing in the gold knockouts in tournaments. The teams included Vickie Coleman, Diana Schilling, Susan Benich, Mary Peterson, Elena Laborda-Bishop and John Hadley. Knockouts were fun but very draining. The teams started morning play and returned at 7 P.M in the evening late at night and returned to play again early the following morning.

Joanne has been a member at the Santa Cruz Bridge Club for over twenty years. She is happiest meeting many different people she wouldn't have had the opportunity to meet otherwise. Joanne's advice to beginners is to remember not everyone is going to be a top notch player. Do the best you can and enjoy the successes that come your way.

The funniest incident Joanne remembers is a lead she made out of turn. The director was called to the table, the choices were given to the opponents to remedy the infraction, play started again and Joanne again led out of turn! Another incident occurred when her Swiss Team was disqualified from a board being played as their partners took a hand from the second board and put it in the first. Wow that sounds confusing! How did the directors figure that out?



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SCBC Members...

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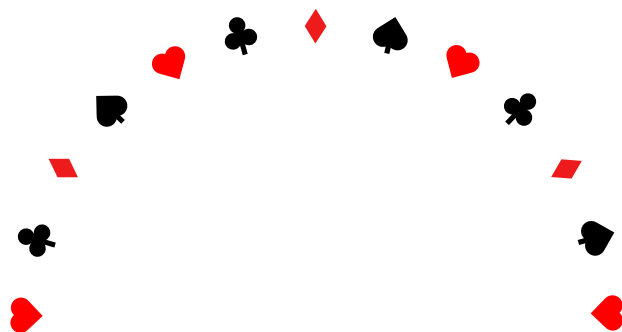
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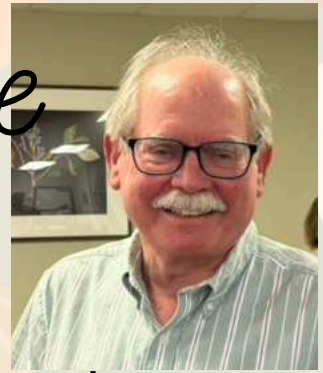
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Swiss Teams Game

September 24th



Many Thanks and Kudos to Jan and Ken Llacera for directing and playing in the fun-filled End of Summer Bridge Party.



Costume and Bridge Party

Bring your own lunch and
tricks, wear your favorite
costume, Treats of
pumpkin pie provided by
the SCBC Friday, October
31 Bridge Game starts at
10:00AM

