

SCBC MARCH/APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER



Santa Cruz
Unit 550

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Welcome

NEW ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Susan Schwartz
Charlotte Keeley

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Petere Emanuel
Lawrence Frank

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Catherine Foy
Cindy Sedey

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Nancy Pringle

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

John Wesolowski

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER

Alan Chase

2/1/26 to 4/10/26

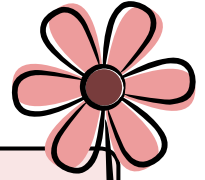
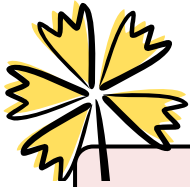
70% GAMES

- **Lesley Xu - Matthew Nathanson 2/4**
70.6%
- **Cindy Sedey - Larry McAdams 3/4**
71.67%
- **Andrew Calciano - Marilyn Calciano 3/4**
70.38%
- **Georgianna Spinazze - Kathy Traback 3/18**
70.87%
- **Angie Millslagle - Mary Graves 3/26**
71.43%



Spring Techtok

Utilizing the Event Ap



The Event Ap uses a Drop Down Menu Feature:
Under EVENTS scroll with the blue arrow keys. to the
select the event desired.

NEXT under **ACTIONS** Pick the event

SCBC Event Registration

Welcome Back
your name

Events

Select Event

Actions

Pick Event

eXit

Sunday Brunch & Unit Game

your name
April 26, 2026 menu
by Chef Ron Shoemaker

Registration

Make your selections and press Register.

Optional Brunch: \$10
Optional Game: \$10

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 23**
Trouble with registration?
email your request to Farol

your name appears here

Game?

Sunday Brunch
 Non-Restricted Vegetarian Vegan Gluten Free

Partner.

(Enter ACBL# or Partner's Last Name, minimum 3 letters)
 Don't have Partner's ACBL#
 Need a partner

Game?

Sunday Brunch
 Non-Restricted Vegetarian Vegan Gluten Free

**Brunch reservations cancelled after the deadline are
responsible for the \$10 brunch cost.

Actions

Register

Discard Entry

eXit

A new menu is propogated with event selection. You can register just yourself or both you and your partner. You can register to play and eat or just to eat or just to play bridge... but you are missing some great food.

Registering helps the chef's prepare enough meals with out over purchases of foodstuff.

No partner ? No problem, leave it blank after completing the menu Click green register icon to complete registration.

Still have trouble? Email Farol. farol@cruzio.com



Getting to Know...

Peter Andrews

Peter Andrews is a kind, soft-spoken member of our club. His genteel manner is evident when he greets you at the bridge table. He has an entertaining history and is a world traveler.

Born in England, Peter was five when WWII began. He and his family lived in Tiverton, England. However, during the war years, thousands of children were evacuated out of London to the countryside. He and his sister were sent to live with their two grandmothers about twenty miles from their own home which became housing for some of the young evacuees.

Peter's grandmother took charge of their education and taught them bridge, a life skill as important to her as her garden, chickens and rabbits. They attended the local convent school. It was set up to teach the locals and evacuees under tents, on picnic benches in the cold with no paper, just slates, and a fifteen student to one nun ratio.

After the war, at age eleven, Peter was sent to boarding school near Stonehenge. On Sundays, the school taught "social graces", which included bridge, euchre, bezique, cribbage and chess. At age seventeen, unlike what most of us were used to doing, picking our own studies, Peter's father and uncle decided Peter would be an accountant. He became a Chartered Accountant, (an apprenticeship) and after five years he passed his exams. Exams completed, he began traveling while working different accounting jobs.

For two years he worked in the Canary Islands for banana plantations. He moved to Montreal with a group of friends who rented a place together but for whom practical qualifications were a must: be able to cook, ski, and keen to play bridge. It was a fabulous city.

Wanderlust had Peter traveling from Montreal to Detroit. In those days, Peter recalls one could get a "pick up" vehicle. If someone needed a car delivered to them, and you had a desire to drive to the delivery destination you drove that car for them. He was given an ambulance to drive to Las Vegas. Peter's destination? A secret naval base outside of Las Vegas. It was very cloak and dagger, with gates and check points, After being directed to "Z" block, Peter drove around and around, looking for "C" block. Peter had never heard "Z" pronounced 'zee'. Until then he didn't know Zed was Z in the American's alphabet. After locating the person to whom he was to deliver the ambulance, Peter needed assistance from the staff to get out of the secret base. He headed to Southern California to meet up with an aunt.

From Los Angeles, to Hawaii, then Fiji, finally he and his colleague get to New Zealand and find work in Wellington. Planning to travel by ship from Wellington to England, they voyaged via Hong Kong, India and Ceylon. He managed to visit the pyramids while his ship was stuck in the Suez Canal, and he had extra time. While there, he was reprimanded for climbing half way up a pyramid. Only a reprimand, he was lucky...

Peter returned to England, then Montreal, where his great group of friends remained. While living in Montreal Peter summered in Vermont and Massachusetts, where he met his future wife, Irma. Irma was attending summer classes in Wellesley and working on her masters degree. Irma was from Nova Scotia;

they headed there for the wedding. Peter married Irma at age thirty in 1966; he says it was the best thing he ever did. They had planned to live in England, but first, after hearing of Peter's adventures, she asked him to promise to take her around the world.

After Irma completed her masters in teaching, she and Peter drove from Tatamagouche in Nova Scotia to Panama, after the wedding. They continued down the West side of South America, then back up the middle of it. Their original plan to travel around the world, didn't pan out as they needed financial assistance in Central America where no one recognized American Express checks or American cash. Finding their way to Newport Beach in California, they bought a home in Laguna Beach. With the birth of their son Tim in 1970, the family made the decision to move back to Nova Scotia. Peter, Irma and Tim lived between Sweden, Aptos and Nova Scotia.

In all, Peter has played bridge for eighty five years. He and Irma played bridge together for sixty years.

Peter has been a member of the Santa Cruz Bridge Club for twenty six years. He enjoys the social side of bridge. Bidding and making a grad slam is second in enjoyment.

His advice: the more simple you keep your game, the fewer mistakes you will make. When bidding, develop a sense of the value of the distribution of the cards you hold. Always keep a positive view of the cards you have and don't discard cards you should keep.

The funniest incident Peter remembers is during a game with Irma. Peter had just returned from a trip to Europe. His left hand opponent opened. He bid next, although it wasn't his turn. The opponent to his right lifted an eyebrow, but didn't say much. Irma raised her eyes but bid her response. After the bidding was over, no one had called the director. Peter said "Oh yes, I bid the English version, you do know we play counter clockwise, like we drive on the left side of the road."



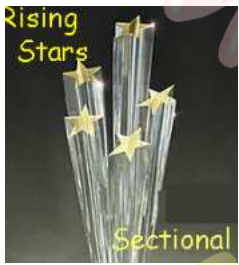
Rising Stars a success



Many thanks to Farol Henderson and Jacci Sterling, chairperson and co-chairperson for putting on a fantastic sectional!

Many thanks to Cindy Sedey and her husband Larry McAdams spearheading the sandwiches order and pick up

Gratitude for those who provided snacks and appetizers, assisted in set up and clean up.



RISING STARS cont'd...

RESULTS FOR RISING STARS

can be found at the ACBL Website:

<https://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2026/03/2603371.htm>

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



21 RULES FOR BEING A GOOD PARTNER AND USING KINDNESS AND COURTESY AT THE BRIDGE TABLE

CONTINUED

7. If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud, excuse yourself and take a walk.
8. When there is time between hands, *do not* discuss bridge.
9. When you want to consult another player about a disaster, ask about your hand, not theirs or your partner's.

ST. PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATION

GAME 3/18/26

The Bridge Center provided Corned Beef prepared by committee members of the Events Committee with attendees adding side dishes and desserts to the fare.

Seventeen pairs enjoyed an evening of **Fun, Food and Bridge.**

