



The Newsletter

ACBL Unit 383 of Santa Fe



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**Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to attend the
Bridge Fair and Open House on Sunday, September 10th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm
 (see page 8 for details)**

Special September Events

All Month	Club International Fund Games
Sunday, Sep 10th 1:00 PM LHBS*	Bridge Fair and Open House

New Fall Classes

Negative Doubles Workshop with Dennis Dawson
 Wednesday September 13th,
 9:30 am – 12:00 pm at LHBC
 (See page 7 for details)

Judgement at Bridge with Dennis Dawson
 Wednesdays September 27 – November 8 (6wks)
 (no class Oct. 11)
9:30 am – 11:30 am at LHBC
 (see page 7 for details)

Introduction to Bridge Workshop with Dennis Dawson,
 Sunday October 1st,
 1 – 5 pm at LHBC*: \$20
 Sign up at dennis@bridgevacations.com

Modern Bridge 1: Introduction with Joan Kendrick, \$129
 Tuesday & Thursday starting October 24th for 4 wks,
 9:30 – 11:30 am at LHBC*:
 Sign up through Santa Fe Community College

♥♣♦♠ WELCOME ♥♣♦♠

Recent transfers into Unit 383 are:

- Thomas Williams



**Masterpoint Achievements
! Congratulations !**

New Junior Masters:

- Kay Grant
- Nancy Murphy
- Dow Suhre

New Club Masters:

- Barbara Hodges
- Ann Barker

New Sectional Masters:

- Joe Horton
- Kathryn Leaken

New Regional Masters:

- Robert Hilgendorf

Unit 383 Membership Statistics

From 2008 through 2017 the membership of Unit 383 has **grown by 50%** while the overall of growth of ACBL has remained flat.

*LHBC = Leonard Helman Bridge Center, 3827 Thomas Road, Santa Fe NM

From Sally Sabo, President, Santa Fe (Leonard Helman) Bridge Center

Your Board of Directors has been very busy with projects that you don't necessarily see when you come to play. With help from Bob Hilgendorf we are acquiring a storage shed so that the extra chairs and other items will have a place to go. Up to now individual Board members have housed various records and documents. With the arrival of the new shed we will be able to have them in a central location in the building itself. Big improvement!

We are streamlining the budget process and thinking hard about future needs so that we will not have unpleasant surprises down the line. Rick Rosenthal, our new treasurer, has been busy using the new computer and software to be sure financial aspects of the club are completely up to date. Thanks to the work of Joe Bruno, the transition from one to the other has been very smooth.

Recently we hired a professional to check the crawl space for any problems we don't necessarily think about to be sure the fans and duct work are functioning properly and to be sure there are no uninvited guests making it their home. Indeed, there were several items that needed attention, but overall, the report was positive.

Chuck Case is currently working on a policy manual that will spell out procedures for handling various aspects of the club. It is just one example of the work being done so that the club can be run in an orderly manner and so new board members can get up to speed easily.

In previous years it was unclear and certainly not intuitive what the Unit owned and what the Bridge Center owned. For example, up to now the Unit owned the tables and we owned the chairs. So the two boards did an inventory of everything being used. In talks with the Unit Board, the Bridge Center Board has agreed to take ownership of all equipment, including the cost of any repairs.

And so it goes. Suffice it to say that your board keeps itself busy on your behalf.

Sally Sabo

From Jim Joy, President, ACBL Unit 383

HOLIDAY PARTY

The holiday party this year will be on Sunday, December 10. In addition to the party atmosphere, and the bridge game, Unit 383 will hold its annual meeting. The main agenda item will be the election of four new Board members. I will be retiring from the Board, along with Joan Kendrick, Kathy Adelsheim and Craig Meyer.

In accordance with our bylaws, I appointed a nominating committee: Camille Ovitsky, Donna Sirubi and Dennis Dawson. This committee has an excellent slate to present for election: Bea Daly, Cheryl Graham, Larry Saine and Charlie Wilkins. Many thanks to the nominating committee for this effort!

Jim Joy

I/N* Tip of the Month from Kathy Adelsheim

Communications

Sometimes partners get left out in the cold in our thinking process. For example, we know we wanted to bid a heart so when RHO opens 1H we double, stolen bid right? OOPS, No that means something else and partner isn't clairvoyant!

I arrived at a table recently near the end of a game and asked the N/S pair what they were playing? They answered in unison—"2 over 1" and "Precision". How unfortunate that they had not taken the time to get on the same page sooner in the day.

It is recommended that you always plan to meet your partner 30 minutes before the game to go over your card. This is especially important for a newer partnership but my longtime partners and I always find some bridge thing one of us wants to discuss. And odds are if we don't talk about Jacoby 2NT there will be one that afternoon.

The ACBL website has a great section on convention cards. On the home page click LEARN then go to the bottom and click the orange box for Convention Cards. You will see this: CONVENTION CARD with 4 choices:

ACBL Convention Card
ACBL "Fat Free" Convention Card
Basic 2 over 1 Convention Card
Standard American Yellow Card

You can personalize a printed card for each partnership. They look so professional. Have fun!!

*Intermediate/Newcomers (I/N) players is generally defined by ACBL as players with less than 500 masterpoints and includes a spectrum of playing skills from novice to intermediate/advanced

ASK Carolyn:

STOP Card is Disappearing

It was announced at a recent game that the STOP card will disappear from bidding boxes after January 1, 2018. This decision was made during the ACBL Board of Directors meeting in July at the Toronto tournament by a 20-5 vote. The change applies to any sanctioned tournament that starts after January 1, 2018. ACBL-affiliated clubs (e.g. Santa Fe Games, Carolyn's Games, etc.) are NOT required to remove the STOP card from bidding boxes but are encouraged to do so. Stay tuned for information on implementation in Santa Fe.

CLUB/GAME DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

<p style="text-align: center;">Santa Fe Games at LHBC (Monday, Thursday, Friday Afternoon and Friday Morning)</p> <p>International Fund Games: All Games/All Month Extra points for an extra dollar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Joe's Wednesday Afternoon Game</p> <p>International Fund Games: All Games/All Month Extra points for an extra dollar</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Ken's Wednesday Night Game</p> <p>There will be one more effort to continue the Wednesday Evening Game.</p> <p>Ken will send out emails on Monday Sept. 4th seeking any interested parties.</p> <p>We'll have Handicapped pairs games on Sept. 6th, 13th, 20th. Sept. 27th will be a team game.</p> <p>If we cannot get table count beyond sub-minimum levels for the pairs games then the team game on the 27th will likely be the final go for this version of evening bridge here in Santa Fe.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bob's Tuesday Night Game</p> <p>Announcing a free, friendly game of bridge, probably rubber bridge or Chicago scoring, beginning September 5th.</p> <p>Home of Bob Walsh, 1553 Camino Amado, first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00.</p> <p>If enough for more than one table, players will play with those of comparable experience. Possible 5-player table with one player out for 4 hands.</p> <p>Possible beginner lesson, depending on attendance.</p> <p>Reservations required by email to walshb@cybermesa.com by noon of game day. Indicate experience level: "never played" to "life master."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Art's 199er Friday Morning Game</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mini-lessons for September:</p> <p>September 8 - Western Cue Bid September 15 - Defensive Signaling - Attitude September 22 - Defensive Signaling - Count September 29 - Defensive Signaling - Suit Preference</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">James' Tuesday Games Regular Schedule</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Carolyn's Saturday Game Regular Schedule</p>

The Winners Are:

The winning "Swingers" of the Swing & Swiss are Richard Leonardon, Donna Sirubi, Jerry Ruther and Joan Vernick. The winning "Swissers" are Bob Walsh, Beth Schaefer, Judith McQuigg and Kelly-Loree Bliss. A great time was had by all! Special recognition to Sandy Lemon who gave a great lecture on "chipping vs pitching" and to James Ewert for flawlessly directing a 15 table Swiss Team game.

Hand of the Month

An Extra Chance

By Dennis Dawson

North

♠98
♥Q10
♦KJ954
♣KJ52

West

♠64
♥K7632
♦Q762
♣96

East

♠75
♥9854
♦A1083
♣873

South

♠AKQJ1032
♥AJ
♦--
♣AQ104

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	7♣

Opening Lead: ♣9

South has a fantastic hand no matter how you count, whether it's 21 high-card points plus a seven-card suit, or a Losing Trick Count of 2. South opens 2♣, strong, artificial, and forcing. North makes a waiting bid of 2♦, and South shows the spade suit.

North's 2NT shows some values since 3♣, the cheaper minor, would be a negative bid. The auction could continue in many ways from here, but let's say South simply bids a grand slam in spades. That's the contract that was actually reached when the deal was played.

With only the ♥J to worry about, South could simply draw trump and take the 50% heart finesse. But there is another chance. See if you can spot it before reading on.

If the defenders' diamonds divide 4-4 or the ♦A falls in two or three rounds, a diamond winner can be developed on which to discard the ♥J.

In what order should declarer play the cards to maximize the chance of making the contract?

To establish and reach a diamond winner, declarer must make use of every available entry. Declarer wins the first trick with the ♣A. Playing the ♠2 to dummy's ♠8 allows declarer to lead a diamond and ruff high. Then play the ♠3 to dummy's ♠9, allowing declarer to ruff a second diamond.

Declarer leads the ♣Q and overtakes with the ♣K, noting the defenders' clubs have divided 3-2. Declarer ruffs a third diamond.

Since the ♦A hasn't appeared, declarer plays the ♣10 and overtakes with dummy's ♣J to lead a fourth diamond. This time the ♦A appears. Declarer crosses to dummy once more by playing the ♣4 to dummy's ♣5 and takes the ♦K, discarding the heart loser. If the ♦A didn't appear or the clubs broke 4-1, declarer could fall back on the heart finesse.

Alfred Sheinwold, famous bridge columnist, played the deal exactly this way.

Fall Classes with Dennis Dawson

New Class!!

Negative Doubles

Santa Fe Bridge Center

Wednesday, September 13

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Learn **the single most important convention in bridge** - and also one of the most misunderstood. It is **not** true:

- They deny an opening bid
- They promises both unbid suits
- 1 suit – 1NT – Dbl is negative
- They only apply to major suits

\$25 per person payable at the door. Email dennis@bridgevacations.com if you plan to attend.

New Class!!

Judgment at Bridge

6 Wednesday Mornings Starting September 27 (no class Oct 11)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Go beyond just counting your high-card points to understand what your hand is really worth! Learn about:

- Losing Trick Count
- Common situations in which people underbid and ones in which they overbid
- Forcing and non-forcing auctions and Fourth Suit Forcing
- The dreaded reverse
- ...and much more!

Dennis is a Grand Life Master of the ACBL, a National Champion, and a World Championship Bronze Medalist. He has won more than 15,000 masterpoints and over 250 regional events.

To Register, send a check to 105 Michelle Dr, Santa Fe, NM, 87501.

\$119 per person for all six classes if paid by September 20

\$139 per person if paid after September 20

ACBL Unit 383 and Leonard Helman Bridge Club

BRIDGE FAIR

AND

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2017

1-4 PM

We offer:

Bridge lessons for new and returning players

Supervised Play

Duplicate games

Great people to play with

Wonderful brain exercise!

Drop by, see what it's all about

Have some refreshments and play a few hands

Meet our teachers and directors

Leonard Helman Bridge Center

3827 Thomas Road

Santa Fe, NM 87507

santafebridgeclub.com

For info call Kathy @ 505-474-6921

ACBL Unit 383 Regularly Scheduled Games

TYPE	DAY	TIME	DIRECTOR	Email
Open Pairs, Handicapped				
	Monday	1:00 pm	Jim Joy Richard Leonardon	dr.jjoy@yahoo.com richard38@q.com
	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Joe Bruno	joebruno63@yahoo.com
	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Ken Harris	ken@santafewebdesign.com
	Thursday	1:00 pm	Carolyn Anderson Frank Moran	jackcarolyn@earthlink.net helenandfrank@aol.com
	Friday	1:00 pm	James Ewert	ewert.james@gmail.com

Limited Games

Mini-Lesson followed by 0-20 MP's Game	Monday Monday	9:00 am 9:30 am	James Ewert Carolyn Anderson	ewert.james@gmail.com jackcarolyn@earthlink.net
NLM less than 300 MP's	Tuesday	12:30 pm	James Ewert	ewert.james@gmail.com
NLM less than 200 MP's	Friday	9:00 am	Art McHaffie	ermchaffie@msn.com
NLM less than 500 MP's	Saturday	12:30 pm	Carolyn Anderson	jackcarolyn@earthlink.net

Supervised Play

No MP's awarded; no partner needed	Thursday	9:30 – 11:30 am	Su Gibbs	su.susangibbs@gmail.com
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated all games are played at the Santa Fe (Leonard Helman) Bridge Center

Contributors to this month's newsletter: Dennis Dawson, Kathy Adelsheim, Joe Bruno, Carolyn Anderson, Ken Harris, Bob Walsh. THANK YOU!

Deadline for next Newsletter is COB September 30th, 2017.
Send article suggestions and submissions to cfoosumgraham@gmail.com.
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