



The Newsletter

ACBL Unit 383 of Santa Fe



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**NO Games on Thursday or Friday Afternoon, October 12th & 13th.
See You at the TAOS Regional!**

Special October Events

**Monday – Sunday
Oct 9-15th**

**TAOS Regional
[Taos Tournament Flyer](#)**

**Lots of Special Games In October
See [Page 5](#) for details**

New Fall Classes

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

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♥♣♦♠ WELCOME ♥♣♦♠

New Members of ACBL and Unit 383 in September:

- Mary Stevens
- Margaret Walsh



**Masterpoint Achievements
! Congratulations !**

New Junior Masters:

- Deborah Farson
- Loenard Ramist

New Club Masters:

- Jane Gerik

New Regional Masters:

- Ellen Walton

New Silver Life Masters:

- Foxx Silveira

Unit 383 Statistics for October

Total Members: 251
Life Masters: 80 (32% of membership)
Non-Life Masters: 171 (68% of membership)

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

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

The ACBL has been busy looking at ways to improve the player experience and recruit new members. The average age of members is 72 and new players' age means they qualify for Medicare. So how do we attract younger players? Recently we received a list of Big Ideas for our consideration. Some of these Big Ideas include the following:

- 1) Promote the health benefits of bridge. Most of us can think of several of these, including helping our fading memory, seeing and interacting with people we know and like, and keeping our minds sharp.
- 2) Create ways for people to play social bridge at the clubs. Of course one might ask why people would pay to play social bridge at a club when they could play at home for free.
- 3) Simplify masterpoints. Apparently some believe the current system is complicated and hard to understand. Perhaps it is difficult from their point of view, but it seems to work for most of us.
- 4) Upgrade technology. The ACBL scoring program is not very user friendly. It is very complicated to get the hands, bidding and scores on line, as we have recently seen at our own club. This is an area that needs work apparently.
- 5) Provide a platform for money bridge at tournaments. How many of us would go out of town to play for money?

These are some of the ideas that have been proposed and which the ACBL would like comments on. If you have thoughts on any of these topics an email to me or directly to the ACBL would help the national board make important decisions for the future.

Note: We have two baskets for recyclables and one for trash. Paper such as gently used napkins and plates can now be put with the recyclables. The directors and the board would greatly appreciate it if everyone would use the correct basket.

Sally Sabo

ART Wall

Karen Nelson is our featured artist this month.

From Jim Joy, President, ACBL Unit 383

On November 9, right before the Thursday game at the club, there will be a special meeting for Unit 383. This meeting has been called to amend the Unit bylaws.

You can review the proposed new bylaws on the santafebridgeclub.com site ([Unit 383 Revised ByLaws](#)). Some of the changes are merely cosmetic but there are three substantial changes. First, the Unit annual meeting will be at the holiday party in December. We have had our annual meeting at this party for the last several years, but those meetings actually contravened the bylaws which specified a meeting in November. Second, if there is a contested election at the annual meeting, the Unit Secretary will be able to set up an electronic voting system (ensuring a secret ballot, however). Under the previous bylaws, the balloting had to be by mail. Third, our previous bylaws had specified disciplinary procedures that ensured due process for individuals accused of wrong doing ... but were not in accordance with the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. We are not allowed to have our own procedures. The new bylaws simply state that disciplinary procedures will be in accordance with the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

On December 10, on the occasion of our holiday party, Unit 383 will hold its annual meeting and elect four new members to the Unit Board. Joan Kendrick, Craig Meyer, Kathy Adelsheim and I will all be stepping down. The nominating committee has a slate of four candidates to replace us: Bea Daly, Charlie Wilkins, Larry Saine and Cheryl Graham. The four new members will join Dennis Dawson, Sandy Lemon and Rich Martin on the Board.

Jim Joy

I/N* Tip of the Month from Kathy Adelsheim

Opening vs Overcalling

In bridge terminology a bid is actually a “call” as in the “opening call was 1 spade”.

This is the derivation of the term overcalling, i.e. bidding over a previous player’s bid or call.

The first player in the rotation to bid something other than pass is the Opener and their partner is the responder. The opponent of the Opener to bid is an Overcaller and their partner is the Advancer. The overcall may be a suit bid or a double but any bid is an overcall.

In Standard American, an overcall at the one level shows a 5 card suit and 7-17 points. An overcall at the two level shows a 5 card suit and an opening hand. It is very important to be aware of the bidding sequence so you know how strong your partner’s hand is and what you have said about your own hand.

*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:

“Reminding” players that Law 74, “Conduct and Etiquette” is the rule of
“Proper Attitude”

Law 74 says:

“A player should carefully avoid ANY remark or action that might cause ANNOYANCE or EMBARRASSMENT to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.”

An unsolicited remark made under the false pretense of being “helpful” risks being embarrassing and hurtful. If you are genuinely wanting to be helpful, ASK if the other person would like to hear what you have to offer. ASK!

CLUB/GAME DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Santa Fe Games at LHBC
(Monday, Thursday, Friday Afternoon and Friday Morning)

Week of 10/ 2, 5, 6;
All Regular Games \$7

Week of 10/9;
M 10/9 Jr. Fund \$8
No games on Th. & Fri. 10/12 & 10/13

Week of 10/ 16, 19, 20;
All Club Appreciation Games \$7

Week of 10/ 23, 26, 27;
All Regular Games \$7
except 10/27 Fri PM, GNT Team Game \$8

Week of 10/30
M 10/30 Charity Game \$8

Ken's Wednesday Night Game

Wednesday Evening Games Soldier on!
Weekly games are scheduled for October with a reduced schedule in November and December.

Oct. 4 Club Appreciation HCP Pairs
Oct. 11 NO GAME - Taos Regional
Oct. 18 Club Appreciation HCP Pairs
Oct. 25 Club Appreciation Swiss Teams
Pays 5% Gold Points
Nov. 1 HCP Pairs
Nov. 8 GNT Swiss Qualifier
No Games Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13
Dec. 20 HCP Pairs
Dec. 27 GNT Swiss Qualifier

Joe's Wednesday Afternoon Game

10/4 Regular Game \$7
10/11 Junior Fund \$8
10/18 Club Appreciation Game \$7
10/25 ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game \$10, A gold point will be awarded.

Bob's Tuesday Night Game

Free, fun game, rubber bridge or Chicago scoring, continues on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00.
Friendly IMP pair game at 1:00 resumes Oct. 17 (after Taos), then first and third Tuesday, \$1 for ACBL.
Both games at home of Bob Walsh, 1553 Camino Amado. Standby partner available.
For more information, leave a message at (505) 470-1254.

Art's 199er Friday Morning Game

Mini-lessons for October: I plan to offer mini-lessons each week based on what people ask for the previous week. If I have the lesson already prepared, I will copy what I have in my file. If it is a new topic, I will use the week to work on the new topic. Sometimes, requestors may need to wait a little more than a week depending upon my schedule.

James' Tuesday Game
Regular Schedule

Carolyn's Saturday Game

Oct. 7: James will be directing
Birthday Saturday
Charity Games will be scheduled as permitted.

UPCOMING CLASSES FOR NEW PLAYERS

Modern Bridge I: An Introduction

This course is both for people who have never played bridge and would like to learn and for those who have not played for many years and would like to start from the beginning to learn modern bridge.

8 Classes Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-11:30 am Starting Oct. 24 for 4 weeks

Instructor: Joan Kendrick, Fee \$129

Register with Santa Fe Community College Continuing Education 505-428-1676 Course #LS330 01/CRN 21528

Modern Bridge II: Bidding and Play

This class is for you if you have completed Modern Bridge I or if you played bridge in the past and want to review the fundamentals and bring your game up to date. We cover a different topic each week. Come by yourself or with a partner and learn in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

8 Classes Monday, 5 to 7 pm, Jan. 29- March 19, 2018

Instructor: Kathy Adelsheim, Fee \$129.

Register with Santa Fe Community College Continuing Education 505-428-1676 or Contact Kathy 505-474-6921 kadelsheim@gmail.com

Hand of the Month

Can You Get There From Here?

By Dennis Dawson

	<u>North</u>	
	♠85	
	♥J107	
	♦J82	
	♣AK852	
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>
♠1093		♠--
♥Q953		♥842
♦4		♦KQ109765
♣J9643		♣Q107
	<u>South</u>	
	♠AKQJ7642	
	♥AK6	
	♦A3	
	♣--	

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
		3♦	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♦4

East opens 3♦. It's difficult to bid scientifically after this start, so South took a chance on 6♠, needing as little as the ♥Q from partner.

West led the ♦4, declarer played low from dummy, and East played the ♦10. Declarer wins the first trick with the ♦A.

Declarer can afford only one loser, but he has two, a heart and a diamond. One too many. If there were just an entry to dummy, declarer could discard the losers on the ♣AK.

Can declarer create an entry? Maybe.

South could play all his spades and then play the ♥A and ♥K, hoping the ♥Q falls. If not, declarer can lead another heart, hoping the defender who wins has to lead a club. This won't work against best defense as West can discard clubs and hold on to all four hearts.

It is apparent from the auction and the opening lead that West has no more diamonds. Not only does a preempt usually show a seven-card suit, but look at the card led. If West had two diamonds, West would lead the top of a doubleton. West would lead low from three diamonds, but that would mean East had only five – virtually impossible.

A better plan is to force West to lead either a heart or a club. Declarer begins to draw trump, but when East shows out, declarer leads the ♠2 on the third round of spades, giving up a trick to West!

Whatever West leads puts declarer in dummy to discard the two losers.

You manufactured a spade loser, but got two winners in return.

ACBL Unit 383 Regularly Scheduled Games

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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

<u>Mini-Lesson</u> 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, Jim Joy, Sally Sabo. THANK YOU!

Deadline for next Newsletter is COB October 31st, 2017.

Send article suggestions and submissions to cfoosumgraham@gmail.com.

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