



# The Newsletter

## ACBL Unit 383 of Santa Fe



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**Special Unit 383 Meeting on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at LHBC to vote on Amended By-Laws**



**NO Game on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>)**



**NO Game on Christmas Day (Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>)**



### Special November Events

<u>Friday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<b>NO Friday morning 199er Game</b>
<u>Thursday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup></u> <u>12:30 pm</u> <u>LHBC</u>	<b>Special Unit 383 Meeting to Vote on Amended By-Laws</b>

### Upcoming December Events

<u>Monday-Sunday</u> <u>Dec 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup></u>	<b>STaC Week</b>
<u>Sunday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup></u> <u>LHBC</u>	<b>Annual Unit 383 Meeting and Holiday Party/Game</b>

**Check the White Board at LHBC for late breaking announcements and sign-ups.**

#### Unit 383 Statistics for November

Total Members: 250  
Life Masters: 81 (32% of membership)  
Non-Life Masters: 169 (68% of membership)

♥♣♦♠ **WELCOME** ♥♣♦♠

New Members of ACBL and Unit 383 in October:

- ♣ James Engstrom
- ♣ Jose Ofman

Transferred into Unit 383:

- ♣ Shifra Rubin

**Masterpoint Achievements**  
**! Congratulations !!**



#### New Junior Masters:

David Clough

#### New Sectional Masters:

Ted Hazard

#### New Regional Masters:

Craig Meyer

#### New Life Masters:

Shelley Cooper

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

**A Good Time Was Had By All!**  
**Thank You to James and to Everyone who came in Costume and brought Snacks!**



## Note from the Editor:

This is the time of the year to give thanks and gratitude. I am grateful to all the readers who have made suggestions on content and to the monthly contributors to this Newsletter during the past year. Everyone who makes this Newsletter happen every month volunteers considerable time and thought to make the information useful and relevant to members of Unit 383. There have been monthly updates from the Leonard Helman Bridge Center and Unit 383 by Sally Sabo and Jim Joy, respectively. Dennis Dawson and Kathy Adelsheim have provided monthly playing tips for the experienced and not so experienced players as well as providing information on upcoming lessons. All of the Directors have announced special games each month including, Carolyn Anderson, James Ewert, Joe Bruno, Art McHaffie, Ken Harris and Bob Walsh. Thanks to Carolyn for providing insights into the rules of the game, and to everyone who has made me aware of special items for inclusion in the Newsletter.

I invite any of the members of Unit 383 who have ideas for improving the Newsletter or items for publication to please feel free to contact me at any time. This is your Newsletter, so let me know any ideas you have about improving its content.

Cheryl ([cfossumgraham@gmail.com](mailto:cfossumgraham@gmail.com))

## Santa Fe Players Shine at the Taos Regional Tournament

Every now and then Bridge Players have a personal best, a true milestone in their Bridge playing life. At the Taos Regional Tournament, several of our players had true milestone events.

**Jerry Ruther** won 55 gold points in the Taos regional tournament recently. He was 18th overall and #1 of all Santa Fe players in the tournament. He won 2 top bracket 2 session Swiss events and was 3rd in another.

**Jude Wallace** and **Sandy Lemon** had a career high 76.39% game at the Tuesday night session of the Gold Rush.

Other top winners from Santa Fe were (place, masterpoints, name):

49	39.53	Mary Dougherty, Santa Fe NM
51	38.56	Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM
96	21.37	William Rogers, Santa Fe NM
110	18.17	Joan Vernick, Santa Fe NM
112	18.17	Francesca Stedman, Santa Fe NM
124	17.05	Richard McCombs, Santa Fe NM
125	17.05	Neil Hunter, Santa Fe NM
126	17.03	Frank Moran, Santa Fe NM
147	14.48	Stan Weinstein, Santa Fe NM
148	14.48	Paul Hummel, Santa Fe NM
159	13.73	Harold Paul, Santa Fe NM
207	10.87	Matilda Rubin, Santa Fe NM
208	10.87	Don Locrasto, Santa Fe NM
219	10.02	Bob Walsh, Santa Fe NM

## I/N\* Tip of the Month from Kathy Adelsheim

### Partnerships

Bridge is a partnership game whose basis is mutual respect and understanding of how difficult this game is. Being at the club on time is a measure of respect for partner. Keeping all comments until after the game is another.

Per ACBL, each time you play you need to have a current convention card available for the opponents' use. An added benefit is that you both will be speaking the same language during the game. Please know what you have agreed to: what to alert, what to announce, when conventions are used. Most players meet each time they play before the game to update their card. I try to seriously think about what I am agreeing to when I say, for example, "Sure, let's play Jacoby 2 no-trump." There is the initial bid and then there are the responses which follow.

The process of learning bridge may be seen as 4 steps:

- 1-introduction of a concept/convention/ whatever—to recognize it in theory- in a book or during a lesson
- 2-understanding when it is used during a game
- 3-being able to respond appropriately when bid by my partner
- 4- being able to initiate its use

I need to be good at step 4 before I say yes to something new. I'm better off keeping our agreements simple and closer to what I know than agreeing to something I am even a bit unsure about.

Also, some partners agree to practice something new in order to learn it and both people know there will be many mistakes during the learning curve. It's important to clarify this and have a few laughs when you end up in a 5 card trump suit.

\*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:

There is a huge change in Law 68 that went into effect in September of this year.

Old Law 68 said once a claim has been made, play ceases. As of September of 2017, if the non-claiming side wishes play to continue, **play resumes**. If declarer's cards have been faced, he has to pick them up and play continues. The director should be called to make sure the line of play is continued correctly. As always, a claim must always be **ACCOMPANIED BY A "CLAIM STATEMENT."**

## Hand of the Month

# The Worst Lead in the History of Bridge

By Dennis Dawson

	<u>North</u>		
	♠K3		
	♥AKQJ1092		
	♦6		
	♣AQ3		
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>	
♠Q62		♠AJ10985	
♥3		♥754	
♦AQ108743		♦95	
♣65		♣82	
	<u>South</u>		
	♠74		
	♥86		
	♦KJ2		
	♣KJ10974		
<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
3♦	Double	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ??

This hand was a battle of two world-class pairs, who shall remain nameless to protect the guilty, especially East-West. West opened 3♦. North was too strong to just overcall 4♥, so North doubled.

South shunned clubs, trying 3NT instead with diamonds stopped. North blasted a small slam without checking for aces.

What would you lead as West?

There are several winning solutions. The ♦A, to look at dummy, would have worked, followed by the “obvious” spade switch.

Even better would be an opening spade lead. Much better.

East could win and play the ♦9 through declarer’s ♦KJ. West could win, continue spades, and East could take six more spade tricks. Then another diamond lead through declarer would let West take the rest of the diamonds for all 13 tricks, down only 12!

But West, after long thought, guessed to lead a heart! Now *declarer* had all 13 tricks!

No doubt West not so politely asked East in the post-mortem why East hadn’t bid 3♣ to help West with the lead.

# CLUB/GAME DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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

**Week of 11/1:** Regular Games \$7  
**Week of 11/6:** Charity Games (Local) \$8  
**Week of 11/13:** Quarterly Club Championship Games \$7  
**Week of 11/20:** Regular Games \$7 (Team Game Fri pm); NO Game on Thanksgiving  
**Week of 11/27:** Regular Games \$7

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**Fri 12/1;** Regular Games \$7  
**Week of 12/4:** STaC Games \$9  
**Week of 12/11:** Charity Games (Local) \$8  
**Week of 12/18:** Regular Games \$7  
**Week of 12/25:** Regular Games \$7; NO Game on Christmas Day

**Bob Has a New Site**  
Friends of Bridge  
2 Calle Medico, Suite 5A (lower level)

**Tuesday,** 1:30 p.m., Open IMP Pairs, \$10  
**Tuesday,** 7:00 p.m., Fun social game, \$5  
**Wednesday,** 1:30 p.m., Beginner Lesson and Play, \$10  
**Wednesday,** 5:45 p.m., Light Supper and Open Pairs, \$15  
**Thursday,** 7:30 p.m., Home Style, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday only, Invitational  
**Saturday,** 9:30 a.m., Intermediate Lesson and Play, 0-20 MP, \$10  
**Saturday,** 1:30 p.m., Open Pairs, \$10

Standby partner available.

For more info, leave message at (505) 470-1254.

**Joe's Wednesday Afternoon Game**

11/1 Regular Game \$7  
 11/8 Charity Game (Local) \$8  
 11/15 Quarterly Club Championship Game \$7  
 11/22 Regular Game \$7  
 11/29 Regular Game \$7

12/5 STaC Game \$9  
 12/12 Charity Game (Local) \$8  
 12/19 Regular Game \$7  
 12/26 Regular Game \$7

**Art's 199er Friday Morning Game**

**Mini-lessons for November:** 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.

**Carolyn's Saturday Game**

Birthday Saturday on November 4<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Veteran's Day (Nov 11) Charity Game for Disabled American Veterans

**James' Tuesday Game**  
Regular Schedule

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**Ken's Wednesday Night Game**  
No Games in November.

## ACBL Unit 383 Regularly Scheduled Games at LHBC

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

### Limited Games

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

### Supervised Play

No MP's awarded; no partner needed	Thursday	9:30 – 11:30 am	Su Gibbs	<a href="mailto:su.susangibbs@gmail.com">su.susangibbs@gmail.com</a>
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Contributors to this month's newsletter: Dennis Dawson, Kathy Adelsheim, Joe Bruno, Bob Walsh.  
THANK YOU!

Deadline for next Newsletter is COB December 8th, 2017.  
Send article suggestions and submissions to [cfoosumgraham@gmail.com](mailto:cfoosumgraham@gmail.com).  
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