



The Santa Fe Contract Bridge Newsletter



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January 2018

No Afternoon Games on Thursday, January 18th and Friday, January 19th

Junior Fund Games All Month, Extra Points

Special January Events

All Month Junior Fund, extra points

January 15-21, 2018
Albuquerque Navajo Trail Regional
([Tournament Flyer](#))

Upcoming Events

March 3-4, 2018
Saturday, Sunday
Santa Fe, LHBC* 499er Santa Fe Sectional
(see Flyer on Page 7)

May 4-6, 2018
Friday thru Sunday
Santa Fe Santa Fe Sectional
([Santa Fe Sectional](#))

May 7-13, 2018 STaC Games

What is the Junior Fund?

January is designated as Junior Fund month. A club may hold as many games as they have sessions to benefit the ACBL Junior Fund. Players earn extra masterpoints while helping the Junior program for youth up to age 26. Junior players have their own special events as well. Check them out at www.acbl.org/juniors.

♥♣♦♠ **WELCOME** ♥♣♦♠

New Members of Unit 383 in November:

♣ Bill Heid

Masterpoint Achievements
! Congratulatory !



New Junior Masters:
Veronica Kadish

New Emerald Life Masters:
Kay Enfield

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

Looking back on this first full year since the changeover to new management, we see a solid financial position, especially because some of our generous members have given us meaningful gifts. Along these lines, we are going to file to become a 501c3 organization so that when players choose to help us financially they might be able to use it as a tax deduction. Thanks go to Rick Rosenthal for his proactive efforts as treasurer.

The lot next door is finally ours thanks to Bob Hilgendorf. It closed right before Christmas. In order to get the land in shape to use for parking, we will need to make a curb cut, remove the vegetation and put down gravel. It is on the to-do list for this year.

Our real estate mogul, Bob, is in the process of filing with the state so that we will be exempt from property and sales tax.

Marilyn Whitehurst spearheaded choosing and ordering the new chairs as well as the matching table coverings. They certainly add a bit of pizzazz to the decor.

An emphasis this past year has been making sure the center is an enjoyable place to be. You might have noticed the posters reminding people to be courteous and friendly. Chuck Case, vice president, has been instrumental in this regard.

We added more storage space so that unneeded chairs and other equipment have a place to go when not in use. It helps the space look less cluttered and more attractive.

We have seen new players come in to take lessons and play in games designed for them. Carolyn Anderson and Art McHaffie have helped this effort with their Monday and Friday morning games tilted toward our newer players. One of the goals for the coming year is to become more visible and do more outreach. Those of you who attend Lensic programs will see our ad in the programs beginning in February.

Our charity games have provided needed funds for operations such as the the Food Depot. We intend to emphasize and grow our efforts in this area.

When you come to play you take it for granted that the restrooms will have toilet paper and that a director will already be there to run the game. We have Joe Bruno to thank for scheduling directors and doing much of the behind-the-scenes work that makes for a smoothly running organization.

The other "invisible" hand who makes sure the building is always ready for a game is Vinny Harrild. As building manager he makes sure there is ice in the frig, toilet paper in the bathrooms and does a myriad other jobs. For example, this year he built the new shed, repaired plumbing, climbed on the roof to fix a vent pipe and made sure all the lighting was working. He orders all the bridge supplies and is available in case of emergencies.

Of course, the newsletter itself is a terrific addition to our enjoyment of the club. Kudos to Cheryl Graham who puts it out.

If it takes a village to raise a child, it's evident that it takes many people to make the center run smoothly. So here's a big "well done" to all the directors, board members and others who have pitched in to make 2017 a successful year. We look forward to 2018 with thanks and enthusiasm for the new challenges ahead.

Sally

I/N* Tip of the Month from Kathy Adelsheim

It's a new year and I suggest all new players try something new...playing in a Tournament!

Tournaments come in all shapes and sizes. For some, you need to travel and some are right here in Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Los Alamos. There are lots of people who go to tournaments as a way of seeing new places and meeting new people. Last year, George Inglehart went to the Regional in Ventura, CA by himself. At the time, he was playing Monday mornings and had very few points. He got paired up at the Partnership desk and had a great time. The fellow he played with was from Albuquerque. They played in Ventura again this year and have plans to play in an Albuquerque tournament.

We have 2 tournaments in Santa Fe. The one especially for newer players is March 3-4, 2018 at our club. There will be 2 sessions of pairs games on Sat. and a Swiss team on Sunday. You are scored with your group by Masterpoints. The groups will likely be 0-100, 100-300, 300-500 MP's. We will have a free class about 2 weeks before to provide the in's and out's of playing Swiss Teams. It's fun! You meet people! You can try your hand playing against people you don't know who perhaps have come from Albuquerque, Colorado Springs, Durango, or California.

The other Tournament is in May. It will be held at the GCCC. It also is divided by MP groups and the pairs will have a section 0-199, just like the Friday morning game.

*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

Education

As you can see the Education Committee of the Santa Fe Bridge Center has an ambitious number of classes scheduled for Spring and Summer. We are always looking for players who have ideas for classes, workshops, and any programs to help us all learn more bridge. Please contact Kathy Adelsheim Kadelsheim@gmail.com if you have any interest in helping with our educational programs.

Spring Classes

Modern Bridge I: An Introduction

8 classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Starting April 2nd 5:30-7:30 PM

Instructor: Su Gibbs

Register SFCC

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8 classes

Tuesdays, Starting May 15th 9-11AM

Instructor: James Ewert

Register SFCC

Modern Bridge II: Bidding and Play

8 classes

Mondays, Starting January 29th 5-7PM

Instructor: Kathy Adelsheim

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Modern Bridge II: Bidding and Play

8 classes

Mondays, Starting June 4th 5-7PM

Instructor: Kathy Adelsheim

Register SFCC

Introduction to Bridge Workshop

1 Session Sunday May 20th, 1-4:30 PM

Instructor: Dennis Dawson

Register with Dennis Dawson

How to Take More Tricks on Defense

6 Classes

Saturday Mornings 9:30 – 11:30AM, Starting Jan 6th

Instructor: Kathy Adelsheim

Ideal for new and intermediate players who want to improve their game.

Register with Dennis Dawson

Thinking Bridge

6 classes

Wednesday Mornings 9:30 – 12:00, Starting Jan 3rd

Instructor: Dennis Dawson

Pre-selected hands will highlight problems in bidding, declarer play and defense (or all three!)

After each hand, Dennis will discuss the hand.

Register with Dennis Dawson

Hand of the Month

The Weakest Weak Two-Bid Ever Made

By Dennis Dawson

	<u>North</u>	
	♠AQ953	
	♥K75	
	♦972	
	♣Q3	
<u>West</u>		<u>East (Marty Bergen)</u>
♠--		♠87642
♥Q642		♥J93
♦J108654		♦AK3
♣J86		♣104
	<u>South</u>	
	♠KJ10	
	♥A108	
	♦Q	
	♣AK9752	

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
		2♠!	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♦J

Marty Bergen revolutionized bidding in the 1980s with feather-weight preempts and aggressive bidding based on the number of trump the partnership held. Along the way he set one record that will not soon be broken – the world’s weakest weak two-bid.

The setting: the finals of a major team championship. Marty’s team was trailing by a lot, and he was desperate. He opened 2♠ with the East hand.

You might overcall 3♣ with South’s hand. But many experts, including many-time World Champion Bobby Wolff, would bid 2NT. As long as North-South had spades stopped (did they ever!) and no heart fit, 3NT was inevitable.

West (Larry Cohen) cleverly avoided a spade lead. East-West ran diamonds for down two.

What is the best contract for North-South? The answer is 6♣, even with the 5-0 split. Bergen had opened a weak two-bid in a suit in which his opponents could make a slam!

As Marty said, “Some players collect trophies, others win World Championships. I seem to specialize in obscure records.”

Did this help Marty win the event? No, it did not. His teammates reached 6♣, which went down on a spade ruff with the ♦A providing the setting trick. His gain on the hand was minimal, but he did manage to set a record.

CLUB/GAME DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Santa Fe Games at LHBC

(Monday, Thursday, Friday Afternoon and Friday Morning)

All Santa Fe Games (M aft, Th aft, F Morn, and F aft) will also be Jr. Fund Games except Thurs. Aft 1/18 and Fri Aft 1/19 when there will be no game due to the Albuquerque Regional.

<p>Joe's Wednesday Afternoon Game</p> <p>All five of my Wednesday afternoon games will be Jr. Fund Games, \$8</p>	<p>Carolyn's Saturday Afternoon Game</p> <p>Jan. 6 Birthday Saturday and Quarterly Club Championship Jan. 13 Charity game Jan. 20 Charity game Jan. 27 Regular game.</p>
<p>Art's 199er Friday Morning Game</p> <p>Regular Schedule with mini-lessons from "A First Book of Bridge Problems" by Patrick O'Connor.</p>	<p>James' Tuesday Afternoon Game</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Regular Schedule</p>

Regularly Scheduled Games at LHBC

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
	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	9:00 am	James Ewert	ewert.james@gmail.com
	Monday	9:30 am	Carolyn Anderson	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

ACBL Unit 383 of Santa Fe
Santa Fe 499'er Nonlife Master Sectional
March 3rd & 4th, 2018

Leonard Helman Bridge Center
3827 Thomas Road, Santa Fe NM
505-303-3813

Saturday, March 3	
9:00 am	1:30 pm
Stratified Pairs (Single Session)	Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
Fees: \$10.00 per session for ACBL Members \$13.00 per session for Nonmembers & unpaid ACBL members Fee includes snacks, coffee, tea	
Sunday, March 4	
9:00 am	
Stratified Swiss Teams -Two Sessions with a short break for lunch	
Fees: \$24.00 per person for ACBL Members \$27.00 per person for Nonmembers & unpaid ACBL members Fee includes lunch, snacks, coffee, tea	

**All events will be stratified by average master points:
A=300-500; B=100-300; C=0-100**

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Director: James Ewert

The Leonard Helman Bridge Center is a smoke free facility with free parking.
DIRECTIONS: Take [Relief Route 599](#) to Airport Rd. Turn east (toward the mountains). Travel 1.2 miles (you will pass a golf course) to the intersection at Country Club Road. Continue 100 yards and turn left onto Thomas Road. The Leonard Helman Bridge Center is on the right.