



# The Newsletter

## ACBL Unit 383 of Santa Fe And Santa Fe Bridge Center



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Go to <http://santafebridgeclub.com/> for updates.

## No Saturday Game on October 8th

### Special October Events

8 October SAT 10 am – 4 pm	Learn Bridge in a Day (LBIAD) with Patty Tucker Local Contact: Leslie Brodsky
16 October SUN 1:30 pm	Unit 383 <b>Mentor-Mentee Game</b> Host: Joan Kendrick Fee: \$10 for Mentee
19, 26 October, 2, 9, 16 November Five Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am	<b>Modern Bridge III: Competitive Bidding</b> Instructor: Dennis Dawson Fee: \$99 Register: dennis@bridgevacations.com
25 Oct – 18 Nov TUES and FRI	<b>Introduction to Bridge (Modern Bridge I)</b> Instructor: Joan Kendrick Fee: \$ 119 Register: SFCC

### Save the Date in November

5, 12, 19 November Three Saturdays 9:30 – 11:30 am	<b>Declarer Skills: Planning the Hand</b> for Intermediate/Advanced Players Teacher: Jim Joy Fee: \$40 Register: dr.jjoy@yahoo.com
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### Selected Upcoming District 17 Sectionals, Regionals and NABC

Oct 10-16, 2016	Colorado Springs CO Regional, Open
Oct 21-23, 2016	Glendale [Phoenix] AZ Regional, I/N
Oct 28-30, 2016	Albuquerque NM Sectional, Open

### Mentor-Mentee Game

♠ **Sign up now** for the second, new and improved, Mentor-Mentee Game to be held on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1:00 pm at Leonard Helman Bridge Center**. If you would like to play as a **Mentee**, you **choose your own Mentor** and make the arrangements with that person to play at the game on October 16. Once you and your Mentor have agreed to play, **write your names on the white board** at the Center under Partnerships. There will also be a column for Mentees to sign up who would like to participate but do not know who to ask (like our Monday morning players), and a column for willing Mentors. This will not be a duplicate game. Pairs will be placed in a section with other pairs of like ability and will move from table to table within that section. Each table will have as much time as it needs to discuss the hands. The fee is \$10.00 for mentees, Free for mentors.

♥ This is a valuable opportunity for both Mentees and Mentors! For Mentees it is a way to receive coaching and advice, reduce frustration, and increase your success and satisfaction in playing the game. For Mentors it is a way to share your love of the game and to help the Santa Fe duplicate bridge community.

♣ So join us on Sunday, October 16!

### Unit 383 Hosts LBIAD

Learn Bridge In A Day (LBIAD) is coming to the Leonard Helman Bridge Center (LHBC) on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. Patty Tucker, the developer and National ACBL coordinator for LBIAD will teach the class. The class has been fully subscribed. Thank you Leslie Brodsky for coordinating this event

NOTE: All Classes are held at the Leonard Helman Bridge Center, 3827 Thomas Road, Santa Fe NM

**REMEMBER:** Check the website (<http://santafebridgeclub.com/>) for changes in regular games and for a directory of players.

## ***Introduction to Bridge (Modern Bridge I)***

**New players** are encouraged to take the *Introduction to Bridge Class* taught by Joan Kendrick beginning October 25<sup>th</sup>. This class is held Tuesday and Friday mornings for 4 weeks from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the LHBC. Registration for Joan's class is being handled through Santa Fe Community College. Call 505-428-1676 to register for Course # LS330 01/CRN 21528.

## **New Phone Number & WiFi**

The Leonard Helman Bridge Center at 3827 Thomas Road has a **NEW** phone number. Please delete the old number and put this one in your phone book.

**505-303-3813**

The LHBC now has WiFi as well. Since it is password protected you will need to ask one of the Directors if you need access.

## **Competitive Bidding: Modern Bridge III 5 Wednesday Morning Classes with Dennis Dawson**

Santa Fe Bridge Center 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

### **The Classes**

Competitive Bidding covers the information you need when both partnerships are bidding during the auction. You still want to get to your best contract, but you also want to make it as difficult as possible for the opponents to reach their best spot. You need a more aggressive style of bidding, to bid more with less!

Practice each week with 4 deals designed to illustrate that week's topic.

- Oct 19: Preemptive Opening Bids and Responding to Them
- Oct 26: Simple Overcalls, NT Overcalls, and Jump Overcalls and Advances
- Nov 2: Takeout Doubles, Advances, and Rebids by the Doubler
- Nov 9: Responding after an Overcall or a Double, Advancer's Actions, Opener's Actions, Intervenor's Further Actions
- Nov 16: Defense to Their 1NT Opening - Meckwell

\$99 per person payable at the first class. Notes are included. You don't need a partner. The text is Audrey Grant's *Competitive Bidding*. It is highly recommended and available at Baron Barclay Bridge Supply or Amazon.

### **The Teacher**

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 reserve your spot, email [dennis@bridgevacations.com](mailto:dennis@bridgevacations.com).** Call 505-660-9927 with any questions.

## Message from Santa Fe (Leonard Helman) Bridge Center President

As you all know, we are in a period of transition at the Bridge Center. This message will update you on some of the recent happenings.

Comcast installed cable to the building in late September, which means you won't have to wait so long to get your results on the computer. We will also have a land line with a phone everybody will be able to use. The phone number is 505-303-3813.

Our new web site should be up and running soon. Until the new site is fully operational game results will continue to be posted on the old site. As we transition to the new web site results will be posted on both sites for a time in order to allow players to get accustomed to the new arrangement. Thanks to James Ewert for helping with the new web site. He continues to be our computer guru as well as pitching in to direct games while we get new directors trained.

By the first of the year we should have the directing schedule stabilized for the Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoon games. All of these games will now be handicapped. Art McHaffie will direct on three Mondays a month and Richard Leonardon will direct on the other Monday. James Ewert is in charge of the Friday game. Several directors will take turns for Thursdays. We encourage the newer players to take advantage of these handicapped games, since everyone has a chance to win points.

Joe Bruno is updating our alarm system and saving us money on our monthly bill. Joe has also taken over the accounting and bill-paying system. This is ongoing and has proved to be an enormous amount of work. He is involved in every aspect of the bridge center, while directing the Wednesday game and serving on the Board of Directors. What would we do without him?

The position of Building Manger will be filled by the middle of October. This is a multi-faceted job requiring handyman skills to save us having to hire a contractor for minor leaks and repairs. We are looking for someone who would be willing to be on call 24/7 and who would handle all bridge related calls from outside vendors, the ACBL and everyone else and redirect them accordingly. S/he would also be the point person for the security alarm. And then there's the responsibility of keeping the cupboard stocked with ice, tea, coffee and such. But the most important attribute we are looking for is someone who can keep the physical plant running without having the expense of outside contractors. We are also adding the irrigation to work load. This summer the irrigation was not operating until mid-July, and a water leak cost us several thousands of dollars to repair. We hope the building manager will be knowledgeable in this area as well.

Sally Sabo

## Message from ACBL Unit 383 President

Our ACBL Unit has an active program to encourage members of our community to learn bridge (or become reacquainted with the sport that we love). On October 8 we will host Learn Bridge in a Day, taught with a professional teacher who has conducted these classes all over the country. We also have several beginning classes that are taught at the Bridge Center in Santa Fe. This Fall we will be teaching Modern Bridge I: An Introduction and Modern Bridge III: Competitive Bidding. In the Spring there will be Modern Bridge II: Bidding and Play.

For players who are ready to try duplicate, we have supervised play. You can come without a partner and have an opportunity to play some hands and find out how duplicate bridge works. These take place Tuesday evenings from 5-7 and Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:30. Once you have gotten the hang of it, come to the Monday morning game. James Ewert offers a mini-lesson at 9:00 and then, at 9:30, there is a game for novices. The next step is to try the Tuesday afternoon game (limited to players with 0-299 masterpoints) or the Saturday morning game (limited to 0-500 masterpoints).

The first three Saturdays in November, I will be teaching a class on Declarer Skills: Planning the Hand for intermediate/advanced players.

I look forward to seeing you at the table!

Jim Joy

## Hand of the Month for October, 2016 (Provided by Dennis Dawson)

	<u>North</u>	
	♠A95	
	♥K1086	
	♦J73	
	♣976	
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>
♠J8643		♠KQ72
♥AJ2		♥43
♦1096		♦K
♣84		♣AJ10532
	<u>South</u>	
	♠10	
	♥Q975	
	♦AQ8542	
	♣KQ	

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	dbl	2NT!
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥

Opening lead: ♠K

South thought 2NT was Jacoby 2NT, showing a forcing heart raise. That only applies after opening bids, not responses. Anyway, 4♥ is a good spot, however we got there. The play is the thing, as Shakespeare said.

The first thing to do is make a plan. From my point of view as North, I have two spade losers, at least one heart loser, possibly a diamond loser, and a certain club loser. There is lots to be done. I plan to discard spade losers on dummy's diamonds, so there is no need to ruff them in dummy.

The hearts can be played in several ways. If there were plenty of entries to both hands, I could conceivably start hearts from either hand, possibly intending to finesse the ♥J. Here the bidding suggests East will be shorter in hearts than West, and that East will hold most of the missing points. That means I should lead a low heart from my hand at trick two (just imagine East has the singleton ace). I play a heart to the ♥Q and West wins the ♥A, somewhat surprisingly.

West returns the ♣8. East the ♣A and returns a club to dummy's ♣K.

I now lead a low heart from dummy, finessing the ♥10. This wins and East follows low. So far so good. I draw the last trump.

Now it's time to tackle diamonds. It is NOT correct to lead the ♦J as you do not have the ♦10. **Lead an honor only if it will help you if the next hand covers.**

This is sometimes called the **Singleton Test**. Just imagine the honor you are finessing for is singleton. What happens if you lead an honor? Here I will lose a trick to the ♦10. If East has ♦Kx, it won't matter whether I lead the ♦J or a low diamond, and similarly if East has ♦Kxx.

I lead a low diamond and the king pops up, so I have the rest of the tricks. Making five for a cold top, thanks to good technique.

## Regularly Scheduled Games

TYPE	DAY	TIME	DIRECTOR	Email
<b>Open Pairs:</b>				
	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Ken Harris	ken@santafewebdesign.com
<b>Open Pairs, Handicapped:</b>				
	Monday	1:00 pm	Art McHaffie, Richard Leonardon	ermchaffie@msn.com richard38@q.com
	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Joe Bruno	joebruno63@yahoo.com
	Thursday	1:00 pm	Various	
	Friday	1:00 pm	James Ewert	ewert.james@gmail.com
<b>Limited Games</b>				
0-20 MP's	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 500 MP's	Saturday	12:30 pm	Carolyn Anderson	jackcarolyn@earthlink.net
<b>Supervised Play</b>				
No MP's awarded; no partner needed	Tuesday	5 :00 - 7:00 pm	Kathy Adelsheim	kadelsheim@gmail.com
	Thursday	9:30 – 11:30 am	Deb Triolo	ddtriolo@icloud.com

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### **Editor's Note:**

This newsletter is intended to facilitate communication between players, directors, teachers and members of the Unit 383 and Santa Fe Bridge Center boards. This first edition of the newsletter focuses primarily on changes at the Center and the upcoming fall classes for all levels of bridge players. As the information becomes available, the newsletter will also recognize players who have received ACBL awards and Unit awards as well as new Unit 383 members. Your suggestions regarding regular features or newsworthy items are always welcome. At the bottom of this page is my email address and the deadline for the next newsletter.

**Cheryl**

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Deadline for next Newsletter is COB October 24<sup>th</sup>. Send submissions to [cfossumgraham@gmail.com](mailto:cfossumgraham@gmail.com).

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