



The Santa Fe Bridge Newsletter



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March 2020

Annual Awards Game: Thursday, March 12th, 12:30 pm

Summer Classes are Coming (see flyer on Page 11)

Save the Date



WELCOME

There were no new members to Unit 383 in February. The Unit has 267 members.

Masterpoint Achievements

New Club Masters

Kevin Bursley
Clemens Gunn

New NABC Masters

Jane Jeffords
Suzi Borgo

New Advanced NABC Masters

Kathy Adelsheim

New Life Masters

Larry Saine

New Bronze Life Masters

Larry Saine

New Sapphire Life Masters

Art McHaffie

Wednesday March 11 th 9:30 – 11:30	*NEW: Don't Touch That Card Instructor: Dennis Dawson
Thursday, March 12 th , 2020 12:30 pm	*Annual Unit 383 Awards Game
Starts Tuesday, March 17 th , 9:30 – 11:30 am	*NEW: Modern Bridge II: Practice Hands Instructor: Su Gibbs 6 sessions
Starts Wednesday March 18 th 9:30 – 11:30 am	*NEW: 2/1 Game Force Instructor: Kathy Adelsheim 6 sessions
Starts Monday March 23 rd 5:00 – 7:00 pm	*NEW: Practice Hands for Modern Bridge I Instructor: Don Hinsman 6 sessions
Sunday March 29 th 3:15 – 5:00 pm	Social Duplicate Bridge FREE
Friday – Sunday, May 1 st -3 rd , 2020	*Santa Fe Spring Sectional at St. John's Methodist Church (Santa Fe Spring Sectional)
Monday – Sunday, May 4 th – 10 th , 2020	STaC Week

Thank you to everyone, players and volunteers, for making the 499 NLM Sectional a success!

*See Flyers for these classes and tournaments at the end of this Newsletter

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Bridge Center Phone Number: (505) 303-3813

Website: <https://santafebridgeclub.com/>

Regularly Scheduled Games at Santa Fe Bridge Center

TYPE	DAY	TIME	CLUB/DIRECTOR	Email
Open Pairs, Handicapped				
	Monday	1:00 pm	<u>Santa Fe Aces/ Art McHaffie</u>	ermchaffie@msn.com
	Wednesday	1:00 pm	<u>Joe's Game/ Joe Bruno</u>	joebruno63@yahoo.com
	Thursday	1:00 pm	<u>Thursday Pairs/ Jim Joy</u>	dr.jjoy@yahoo.com
Open Pairs, Stratified				
	Friday	1:00 pm	<u>James' Game/ James Ewert</u>	ewert.james@gmail.com
Limited Games				
<u>Mini-Lesson</u> followed by 0-20 MPs Game	Monday	9:00 am	James Ewert	ewert.james@gmail.com
	Monday	9:30 am	<u>Carolyn's Game/ Carolyn Anderson</u>	jackcarolyn@earthlink.net
NLM less than 300 MPs	Tuesday	12:30 pm	<u>James' Game/ James Ewert</u>	ewert.james@gmail.com
NLM less than 200 MPs	Friday	9:00 am	<u>Santa Fe Aces/ Art McHaffie</u>	ermchaffie@msn.com
NLM less than 500 MPs	Saturday	12:30 pm	<u>Carolyn's Game/ Carolyn Anderson</u>	jackcarolyn@earthlink.net
Supervised Play				
No MPs awarded; no partner needed	Thursday	9:30 – 11:30 am	Su Gibbs	su.susangibbs@gmail.com
	Sunday	1:00 – 3:00 pm	James Ewert	ewert.james@gmail.com

Unit 383 is the American Contract Bridge League's organization for all ACBL members in the Santa Fe area. During 2020, we will have Board meetings the second Thursday morning of every month except June and August; if you'd like to attend, please let one of the Board members know. The Board members are Maggie Auld, Pat Brantley, Tom Carr, Ken Hirshon, Sandy Lemon, Sanya Schick and Charlie Wilkins. Unit 383 is part of ACBL's District 17, which covers Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and parts of four other states. District 17 publishes two email newsletters: the Scorecard ([D17 Scorecard](#)) is published in even-numbered months, and the Bridge Buzz ([Bridge Buzz](#)) is published in odd-numbered months. These newsletters provide information on upcoming tournaments. In order to receive these, make sure you have given the ACBL your correct email address, and make sure that you have added emailservices@acbl.org to your list of permitted email contacts.



Unit 383 News

From Charlie Wilkins, President ACBL Unit 383 Board of Directors

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, March 12 which will be the annual Awards Game. We will briefly honor everyone who won the most masterpoints in their bracket during 2019, and we will honor those who made Life Master during 2019. The awards ceremony will start at 12:30; please bring a dessert and be there at 12:30 to help congratulate the awardees. And, the next time you're at the bridge center, please take a moment to see the poster listing all of the winners; thanks to Cheryl Graham for creating the poster.

Thanks to Tournament Chair Rick Rosenthal and Tournament Coordinator Tom Carr, and to everyone else who volunteered, for making the February 29 – March 1 Non-Life-Master Sectional a success.

Here's an interesting hand from a recent game at the LHBC;

Board 22
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ 8		
♥ 10 6 4		
♦ 6 4 2		
♣ K Q 10 9 5 2		
♠ Q J 9 7 5 3		♠ K 6 4 2
♥ 2		♥ A 9 7 5
♦ K J 7 3		♦ Q 10 9
♣ 4 3		♣ J 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10	
♥ K Q J 8 3	
♦ A 8 5	
♣ A 8 7	

I was South and took twelve tricks in 4H (Queen of spades lead to my Ace, ruff a spade low, start trumps by leading the Ten of hearts, win East's diamond return, pull trumps, run clubs for twelve tricks). But that's not the interesting part – 4H is a normal contract, and I followed a very normal line of play – rather, the interesting part is that we were the only NS pair to score plus 480.

Here's the rest of the story: there were many ways for NS to make small mistakes (or encounter bad luck) and thereby fail to score plus 480. (1) We could have sold out to 1S, 2S or 3S by EW (at our table, I opened 1H, West made an aggressive 2S overcall, and partner (Ken Hirshon) did well to raise to 3H). (2) EW could have bid to their top spot of 4S (which goes down only one trick). (3) After winning the Ace of clubs, I could have attacked trumps without first taking a spade ruff. (4) I could have ruffed a spade with dummy's Ten, which (on this layout) would have cost a trick in the trump suit. (5) I could have started trumps by leading dummy's low trump instead of the Ten; then when trumps are 4-1 I might have lost a trump trick. (6) I might have miscounted trumps and failed to pull four rounds of trumps. (7) On the third and fourth round of trumps, I might have discarded clubs from dummy instead of discarding the losing diamonds. Often it's small things like these that matter; if you stay focused throughout the entire hand, you can gain an advantage over other players who take their eye off the ball.

Best wishes for a great month of bridge in March!



Santa Fe Bridge Center News (Leonard Helman Bridge Center)

From Carolyn Anderson, President Santa Fe Bridge Center Board of Directors

The SFBC Board meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. The meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Board Room of the Santa Fe Country Club at 9:00am. This month there will be a presentation and discussion of purchasing solar panels for our building and a presentation by the committee investigating the possibilities of expansion of the club.

Basic hygiene practices at the SFBC: Although there are no reported cases of the COVID -19 (coronavirus) in New Mexico at the time of this letter, our members should always be considerate of each other by observing basic hygiene practices.

- Do not come to the games if you are feeling sick. While you may have the common cold or other minor ailment, we still do not want it to spread.
- Wash your hands regularly and use utensils provided for choosing snacks. Do not use your fingers. We will be keeping alcohol based hand sanitizers available in the restrooms to use after you wash your hands and by the treat counter to use before you pick up anything to eat. It might also be a good idea to try to handle everything with a napkin when possible. Some have suggested using hand sanitizers before or after you play each round of cards. Please bring your personal bottles if this is what you want to do. As with everything in life, it seems, there have been articles warning against overuse of hand sanitizers!

If the COVID -19 (coronavirus) gets closer to home, we will be following the suggestions of the CDC regarding further steps up to, and including, closures of public buildings.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Carolyn

NOTE from Rick Rosenthal:

The Santa Fe 199'er Sectional, held at the Bridge Center last weekend, was a rousing success by all measures!

Our director on Saturday, Art McHaffie, held together 17 tables in both the morning and afternoon sessions! A combination of bridge and the fabulous food provided by many of our member / volunteers had something to do with it but a good time was had by all! By my count, 20 of our SFBC members won masterpoints!

On Sunday, James Ewert taught us all a thing or two about Swiss teams. We had 10 teams of four playing all morning and afternoon with a break for more great food! Again, our SFBC members did well with 16 earning MP's! Many thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible!

We look forward now to the Santa Fe Spring Sectional on the weekend of May 1 at which we hope to see even more of our members. Pick up a flyer at the SFBC and mark your calendars!

I/N* Tip of the Month from Kathy Adelsheim

HAND EVALUATION

This is the second installment about hand evaluation from an article by Adam Parrish. Remember the game is about taking tricks- not counting points. It is important to factor in high cards, shape, type of honor, location of the honors and spot cards.

More shape is better than less shape. A balanced hand 4-3-3-3 should be downgraded. More tricks are possible with more shape whether length or shortness. Also, shape is relative- if you have opened 1NT the shapeliest you can be is 5-3-3-2 which is valuable. However, if you opened 1 ♥ or 1 ♠ 5-3-3-2 is the worst shape you can have because it is the most balanced.

I often get questions about counting both length and shortness. We count one or the other depending on how much information is available from the bidding so far. We start with length points and when we know the strain and the "declarer to be" then the "dummy" should count shortness instead of length, providing that player has trump to use for ruffing in the dummy.

So count your points but stay flexible as the bidding helps you develop a picture of where the cards are in that 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.

GAME DIRECTORS' UPDATE for Match

Monday Morning Newcomer Game (Carolyn's Game)

To be announced at each game.

Monday Afternoon Game (Santa Fe Aces Bridge Club)

March 2 - ACBL-wide Senior Pairs Game - \$8.00
March 9 - Regular Game - \$7.00
March 16 - Local Charity Game (St. Elizabeth Shelter) - \$8.00
March 23 - Regular Game - \$7.00
March 30 - Regular Game - \$7.00

Tuesday Afternoon Game (James' Game)

To be announced at each game

Wednesday Afternoon Game (Joe's Game)

TBD

Friday Morning 199er Game (Santa Fe Aces Bridge Club)

Judy Carr arranges partnerships for the Friday morning game. Please contact Judy at 123judycarr@gmail.com if you need a partner.

March 6 - Regular Game \$7.00
March 13 - Regular Game - \$7.00
March 20 - Local Charity Game (St. Elizabeth Shelter) - \$8.00
March 27 - Regular Game - \$7.00

Saturday Afternoon Game (Carolyn's Game)

Check Carolyn's emails for updates.

Check out the website for additional information (<http://santafebridgeclub.com/events/>)

Social Duplicate Bridge Party

Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020

Time: 3:15-5:30 pm

Cost: *The Bridge Club is graciously waiving all fees for this event!*

- Do you want to play duplicate bridge in a more relaxed setting?
- Do you want to meet other bridge players at your level?
- Have you completed Modern Bridge 2 and want to see how duplicate play really works?
- Do you go to supervised play and wonder what your bidding would look like if Su or James didn't help?
- Do you play on Monday mornings and want a little more practice?
- Do you have less than 20 masterpoints?
- Do you play social bridge and want to see what duplicate bridge has to offer?

Then we have the event for you. Welcome to **Social Duplicate Bridge Party**. While this is NOT a sanctioned game, we will play in accordance with basic duplicate bridge rules - while having E/W and the boards move as they do in regular duplicate play.

Starting with appetizers and beverages, we will all get to know each other a little better. Then we'll move on to play with duplicate boards, bidding boxes, convention/score cards, and an onsite director to help us with any procedural aspects of the game we may be unsure of. At the end of play, keep your score card. We'll send you a copy of the hands and the results of a sanctioned game using the same hands.

Sign up with a partner or ask us to find you one.

Please RSVP to Laura Pantano: lbpantano@gmail.com / 505-795-1390 (text) with your info and either your partner's name or request a partner. **

**There is no deadline for signing up – but please RSVP as soon as you can to help us estimate the number of pairs. If you are unsure whether this is for you – please feel free to contact Laura to discuss.



Intermediate Workshop:
The Play at Trick One

Don't Touch That Card!

***With Dennis Dawson,
National Champion***

***Santa Fe Bridge Club
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
9:30 – 11:30***

Playing from the dummy at the first trick is the single most important card you will play as the declarer. You cannot become a good player by memorizing a lot of rules. You must learn how to think at the table. Dennis will show you how to do this at trick one,

Learn what to think about *before* playing from the dummy, not after when it is often too late. Practice what you've learned by playing several hands. Dennis will discuss each one after you've played it.

You will be able to tackle even the most difficult hands with more confidence. Notes are included. You don't need a partner.

To register, email dennis@bridgevacations.com

- \$35 per person if registered by March 7. Pay at the door.
- \$45 per person at the door for those not registered
- Money back guarantee if not satisfied

Modern Bridge 2: Practice Hands Class

Tuesday Mornings 9:30 – 11:30

Six weeks starting March 17, 2020

Santa Fe Bridge Center

This class is for anyone who has completed Modern Bridge 2 or has basic knowledge of the content of that course and wants to reinforce those concepts by playing practice hands. Topics will include:

- Opening, responses, and rebids for major and minor suits
- Opening, responses, and rebids for No Trump (including Stayman and Jacoby transfers)
- Pre-emptive bidding (weak 2 and 3 opening bids)
- Simple Overcalls
- Simple Takeout Doubles
- Strong 2 Club opening and responses

Each session will include a short review of one of these topics, followed by directed play of at least 6 practice hands. Following the class, students should feel confident beginning to play in limited duplicate bridge games (Monday or Friday mornings).

To Register:

Email su.susangibbs@gmail.com, and send a check to

P.O. Box 5122
Santa Fe, NM 87502

- \$149 per person for all six classes if paid by Friday, March 13, 2020
- \$169 per person if paid after March 13, 2020
- or \$30 per class

Minimum # of students: 8

2/1 Game Force

Kathy Adelsheim, ACBL Accredited Teacher

Two-Over-One Game Force is an adaptation of Standard American Bidding. It is considered mainstream by most players. Even if you do not use the system, it's an advantage to understand it.

Class 1- What is Two-Over-One and why play it?

Class 2- Forcing 1 NT with weak responding hands

Class 3- Forcing 1NT with Invitational Responding Hands

Class 4- Opener's Rebids

Class 5- Responder's Rebids

Class 6- Questions and Hands to bid and play

Text: 2/1 Game Force by Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell

6 Classes— Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 AM

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, and 15

With the 6th session on May 13th, 2020

\$149 for all 6 classes paid at first class session
or \$30 per class

Please Pre-register with Instructor

kadelsheim@gmail.com



New Class!!

Practice Hands for Modern Bridge I

with Don Hinsman

Santa Fe Bridge Center
Mondays 5-7 PM, 6 sessions
March 23 - April 20 and May 11

Practice Hands for Modern Bridge I is highly recommended for those who have completed Modern Bridge I as well as those seeking a hands-on review of many of the basics of bridge. During each session, prepared hands will be bid with supervisory evaluation, opening leads made, a review of Declarer's plan, followed by play with after-play evaluation. Hand description with notes will be distributed after each session.

Your instructor is Don Hinsman, an experienced bridge instructor. He is a Regional Master with the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and has been a member since 2011.

To Register

Email: dhinsman@comcast.net
\$149 per person for six sessions
or \$30 per person per class

Please make checks payable to:
Don Hinsman
4 Crestview Circle Santa Fe, NM, 87506

WELCOME

The Santa Fe Bridge Center Summer 2020 Classes

Introduction to Bridge Workshop

Join the Millions of people who love this game! Bridge is a challenging game that's endlessly fascinating. It's played with a partner who can be with you in the same room or online. SFCC offers a series of classes starting with this one. Come join a fun, quick and stress-free afternoon workshop introducing the game. Designed for beginners and those who are returning to bridge after many years. Learn the 3 ways tricks are won, how to work with a partner, the impact of a trump suit and how to select the best one. Come alone or with a partner.

Sunday, May 17th 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Fee \$20 — pay instructor at workshop
Instructor: Susan Gibbs

Modern Bridge I: An Introduction

If you are new to bridge, or haven't played for years, this class is for you. Experience playing modern bridge from the beginning by learning the basic principles to enjoy bridge. Basic principles include: assessing the hand; browsing your toolkit for additional tricks; considering the order of play; 1NT and responses; 1 Major open, responses and rebids; 1 Minor open responses and rebids; and appropriate defensive signals.

Offered through the Santa Fe Community College Continuing Education.
Tuesdays, 8 sessions beginning, June 2, 2020
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
To register, call 505-428-1676
Instructor: Don Hinsman Fee \$129

Modern Bridge II: Bidding and Play

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, then this class is for you. Come by yourself or with a partner and learn in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Offered through the Santa Fe Community College Continuing Education.
Mondays, 8 sessions starting June 8, 2020
5:30-7:30 p.m.
To register, call 505-428-1676
Instructor: Susan Gibbs, Fee \$129

**All Classes held at the Leonard Helman Bridge Center, 3827 Thomas Road
(for directions see our website, santafebridgeclub.com)**

ACBL Unit 383 ANNUAL AWARDS GAME

OPEN SECTION & 499 NLM
SECTION

WHEN

Thursday
March 12th
12:30 pm

WHERE

Leonard Helman
Bridge Center

3827 Thomas Road, Santa Fe NM

BRING A DESSERT &
CONGRATULATE THE WINNERS

ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS (PRELIM):

Ann Perilloux-Ross
Christine Morton
Sandra Woodall
Tom Carr
Michael Hall
Patty Stevens
Larry Saine
Charlie Wilkins
Don LoCrao
Greg Goggin
Harold Paul
Ken Hirshon
Jerry Ruther
Kay Enfield
Dennis Dawson

MINI MCKENNEY WINNERS (PRELIM):

Dick Cramer
Christine Morton
Sandra Woodall
Tom Carr
Gene Covington
Suzi Borgo
Larry Saine
Charlie Wilkins
Donna Sirubi
Richard Leonardon
Joan Vernick
Ken Hirshon
Bill Heid
Kay Enfield
Bill Harker

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Andy Cornett
Paul Lazarus
Helen Newton
Gary Lowenthal



Santa Fe Spring Sectional

May 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 2020 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

**→ NEW
LOCATION**

**St. John's United Methodist
Church**

**[1200 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe,
NM](#)**

Friday, May 1	
9:00 AM	2:00 PM
Stratified Open Pairs (single session) Stratified 299er Pairs (single session) Bracketed Teams (Round 1)	Stratified Open Pairs (single session) Stratified 299er Pairs (single session) Bracketed Teams (Round 2)
Saturday, May 2	
9:00 AM	2:00 PM
Stratified Open Pairs (single session) Stratified 299er Pairs (single session) Bracketed Teams (Round 1)	Stratified Open Pairs (single session) Stratified 299er Pairs (single session) Bracketed Teams (Round 2)
Sunday, May 3	
10:00 AM Bracketed Teams (2 Sessions) - Lunch included with play through a short break	

Stratified Open Pair Events

A= 2000+; B= 750-2000; C=0-750

299er Pair Stratification

D= 150-300 E= 75-150 F= 0-75

Top bracket of teams on Friday and Saturday may be handicapped at discretion of director.

Tournament chair: Richard Rosenthal cmrosen@ameritech.net
Partnerships: Charles Wilkins cwilkins@compassgroup.net
Director in charge: Carolyn Pinto bridge.pinto@gmail.com

Fees: ACBL member \$13 per session; Unpaid ACBL members \$17 per session

Sunday Teams: \$116 per team

ALL players must have an ACBL number.

All ACBL members with less than 5 points play FREE.