



The Santa Fe Bridge Newsletter



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Face to Face Schedule At Santa Fe Bridge Center

Monday

9:00 a.m. "Carolyn's 0-50 Game"
1:00 p.m. "Jim Joy Open Pairs"

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. "James' Santa Fe 299er Pairs"

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. "Rick Rosenthal Open Pairs"

Thursday

1:00 p.m. "Jerry Fleming Open Pairs"

Friday

9:00 a.m. "James' Santa Fe 199er Pairs"

Saturday

12:30 p.m. "Carolyn's 0-750 Game"

Virtual Games on BBO

Sunday

10:00 a.m. "499er Champagne Brunch"
2:00 p.m. "James' 99er Game"

♥♣♦♠ WELCOME ♥♣♦♠

New members to Unit 383 in July:

- ♠ Deborah Coffrin (transfer)
- ♠ Albert Coffrin (transfer)
- ♠ Michael Levine (transfer)

Masterpoint Achievements

New Junior Masters

Doris Green

New Club Masters

Richard Dickson
Joany Hunt

New Sectional Masters

Karen Benjamin
Sander Karp

Supervised Play has returned to live, face-to-face play at the club! Please join us any Thursday morning at 9:30 (vaccination card required on first visit). There's a brief talk about a bridge topic, then we play hands until 11:30, and you can ask questions about bidding or play as you wish. All skill levels are welcome, and you do not need to bring a partner. Cost is \$7.00, payable in cash, check, or Venmo. See you Thursday! Questions, contact su.susangibbs@gmail.com.



Santa Fe Bridge Center News (Leonard Helman Bridge Center)

Dear Members of the Santa Fe Bridge Club;

The directors are so happy to see so many good friends back at the club again. Many "welcome back" and "so happy to see you again" hugs were seen all over the room! Sprints are lifted for sure! Every player has shown their vaccination card to the director in charge, and we have created a data base for reference. We will continue to monitor the NMHD for any safety updates or new recommendations. As another layer of protection, some players are choosing to wear masks even though they have been vaccinated.

August game schedule: The week of August 9 through the 14 is another Welcome Back Club Championship awarding double black points for \$7.00

Week of Aug. 16 through the 21st is Sectional Tournaments at Clubs awarding silver points for \$8.00.

Week of Aug. 23 through 26th is another Welcome Back CC for \$7.00. Double Black.

We thank everyone for your continued support of our very special bridge club.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Bridge Club:

Carolyn Anderson, Bob Hilgendorf, Rick Rosenthal, Tom Carr and Sandy Lemon



Unit 383 News

Message from the Acting Unit President

It is great to see folks playing bridge live. It is so much more fun being able to revoke and lead out of turn!! 😊😊😊 Hopefully we will be able to keep playing; however, I am sure we will all be cautious.

After many years of doing a fabulous job managing the monthly Unit newsletter, Cheryl would like to pass this opportunity on to someone else. Please contact Cheryl or myself if you are interested in taking on this valuable community service. As is always the case, the financial rewards are enormous.

Because of the surge in COVID-19 cases throughout much of the country, ACBL has cancelled all major events, including sectionals, for the month of August. We will continue to watch for a decision regarding our sectional in October, and I will continue to work on making this event a success until we know it is not happening. I am very pleased that a number of you have volunteered to help. However, we still need more helpers with food and I need one more caddy for Friday and Sunday. I am sure everyone appreciates that only folks that have been fully vaccinated will be allowed to participate in the sectional. This is an ACBL requirement.

We have had several nominations to serve on our Unit 383 Board. More recommendations are welcome. Our first live meeting of the Unit Board is after the Thursday afternoon game on August 12th (around 4.15 PM). Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a Board member to attend.

Thanks for all those delicious chocolate chip cookies!!!! They are worth a hundred master points!!!

Neil Hunter

I/N* Tip of the Month from Kathy Adelsheim

One of the toughest bidding situations using Standard American is what to do when partner opens and you have a big hand, which in this case is opening or better. A jump to game is not good because that is a weak response. A raise of any kind is not forcing. The key point here is that you need more than one bid to describe your hand so you need to make a forcing bid.

A forcing bid means partner needs to bid or be sure you get a second bid to describe your hand. A new suit by responder is forcing for 1 round of bidding so that's what you want to do.

For example: Partner opens 1Heart. You hold:

S- A K x x
H_ A J 9
D- x x x x
C- K x

You first bid is 1 Spade. You can support hearts after partner bids again further describing her hand. Even a raise to 3 right is a Limit Raise showing 4 Hearts and 10-12 points. That's not what you have. One Spade shows at least 4 spades and at least 6 points which you do have. Remember- the bigger the hand the slower you go in the bidding.

Have fun out there!

*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.

Hand of the Month

A World Record

By Dennis Dawson

	<u>North</u>	
	♠ 10	
	♥ A J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3	
	♦ 10	
	♣ 2	
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>
♠ 9 8 7 6 5		♠ A K Q J
♥ Q		♥ K
♦ 9 7 6		♦ A K Q J
♣ 7 6 4 3		♣ K Q J 10
	<u>South</u>	
	♠ 4 3 2	
	♥ 2	
	♦ 8 5 4 3 2	
	♣ A 9 8 5	

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
P	3♥	P	2NT!!
P	4NT	P	3NT
P	5NT	P	5♣
P	7NT	Double	6♥

Opening Lead: ♥Q

This hand was created by Alec Traub of South Africa to set a record and was reported by Alan Truscott in the *New York Times* when it still had a bridge column.

But first Traub had to explain the bidding. The scene is a men's rubber bridge game in a local club where strong two bids are still standard. Beyond that, there is little agreement, even about 4NT. North, old and garrulous, favors one version of Blackwood, while South, old and more than slightly deaf, favors another.

After some typical gossip from North, South is persuaded it is his turn to bid. Sounding a little puzzled, he initiates the bizarre auction shown above. The explanation of South's bidding will have to wait. North thinks South has shown three aces and two kings in a balanced hand, so 13 tricks should be lay-down. Fearing that something has gone wrong, he does not redouble. East, who has been bidding his time in the certainty that his opponents are having a massive misunderstanding, expects a huge penalty.

A spade or a diamond lead would have led to a fast eight down. West is about to lead a spade, but unfortunately for him, he stopped to ask himself what the double meant. He concludes it is a Lightner double, asking for an unusual lead. This is often dummy's first bid suit, hearts in this case, so he tables the ♥Q.

South is astonished by the sight of dummy, but pulls himself together in time to call for the ♥A. When the king falls, he runs eight more hearts and reaches this position:

North

	♠ 10	
	♥ 3	
	♦ 10	
	♣ 2	
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>
♠ 9		♠ A
♥ --		♥ --
♦ --		♦ A
♣ 7 6 4		♣ K Q
	<u>South</u>	
	♠ --	
	♥ --	
	♦ --	
	♣ A 9 8 5	

When the final heart was led from dummy, East was in extremis. If he threw a club, South's last three clubs would be good. He postponed the inevitable by discarding the ♠A – the ♦A would have been no better. His ruin was complete when the ♠10 was led from dummy.

The scoring and the post-mortem were quite lengthy. North and South, working separately with pencil and paper, eventually agreed on a score of 2690. Meanwhile the opponents had plenty to say.

"You could have led any other suit and beaten the contract," East fumed.

"I was going to lead a spade," retorted West, "but your double asked for a heart lead. Why did you double if you can't stand a heart lead?"

"Are you suggesting I didn't have my double?" screamed an apoplectic East.

South offered to buy everyone drinks at the bar to celebrate his world record: 7NT bid and made with a combined holding of 9 high card points!

And the mystery of the opening bid was finally revealed. South thought his partner had opened a strong two-bid out of turn and East had accepted it. North had actually been announcing the success of his actress granddaughter in the London theater who had been offered TWO PARTS.

Fall 2021 Bridge Class

Modern Bridge I: An Introduction

If you are new to bridge, or haven't played for years, this class is for you. Bridge is a fun, social game that can be enjoyed in person or in the virtual world. Come alone or with a partner. Learn or review modern bidding practices, how to communicate with your partner, and techniques for playing the hand.

Recommended textbook: *Bridge Basics 1: An Introduction* by Audrey Grant, ISBN 0-939460-90-4 (book can usually be purchased new or used on Amazon, or new on baronbarclay.com). The class is offered through through Santa Fe Community College Continuing Education, and meets at the Helman Bridge Center.

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., 8 sessions starting September 7, 2021

To register, call 505-428-1676 or go to <https://sfcc.augusoft.net/> and search for Modern Bridge 1: Introduction

Instructor: Susan Gibbs, Course Fee \$149



ACBL Unit 383 of Santa Fe

Santa Fe Fall Sectional

October 15th, 16th, 17th, 2021 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

St. John's United Methodist Church
1200 Old Pecos Trail. Santa Fe, NM

Friday, October 15 th	
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, October 16 th	
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, October 17 th	
10:00 AM Bracketed Teams (2 Sessions) - Lunch included with play through a short break	

Sanction #2110366

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:	Neil Hunter	Neilhunter101@gmail.com
Partnerships:	Ann Perilloux-Ross	
Director in charge:	Carolyn Pinto	
Assistant Director:	Bill Koehler	

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.