



# The Santa Fe Bridge Club Newsletter



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**Save the Dates!! October 15-16 – 499'er Non-Life Master Sectional  
(See flyer later in the newsletter!!)**

**All games are stratified!!**

**Sunday**

2:00 p.m. James' 0-199 Game  
**Virtual Game on BBO**

**Monday**

9:30 a.m. Carolyn's 0-50 Game  
1:00 p.m. Jim Joy's Open Pairs

**Tuesday**

1:00 p.m. James' 0-299 Pairs

**Wednesday**

1:00 p.m. James' Open Game

**Thursday**

9:30 a.m. Susan Gibbs-Supervised Play  
and Lessons  
1:00 p.m. Jim Joy's Open Game

**Friday**

9:30 a.m. ~~James' 0-299 Game~~  
(Paused until further notice)

**Saturday**

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



**Welcome**



**New Members to Unit 383  
In September**

Susan Johnson (transfer)

Lawrence Kay (transfer)

**Masterpoint Achievements**

**New Junior Master**

**Laurie Knight**

**New Club Master**

**Don Tucker**

**New Regional Master**

**Richard Van Camp**

**New Bronze Life Master**

**Mark Robbins**

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Don Hinsman, Su Gibbs, Diane Spilman**



# Santa Fe Bridge Center News (Leonard Helman Bridge Center)

Dear Members of The Santa Fe Bridge Center,

For those who missed seeing our announcement about Dennis Dawson, we were notified of our dear friend and mentor supreme passing away this week. I have been in touch with his daughter, Kim, who asked me to tell you there will be a memorial for Dennis in Santa Fe in the near future and all will be invited to attend. (A warning for those "Santa Fe Precision" players....YES, he is still watching over your shoulders and occasionally saying.....WHAT??? But mostly he is smiling!!

October brings the special event, 499 NLM 2-day tournament, October 15 and 16. This is hosted and held at our club house by Unit 383 under the supervision of President Neil Hunter and chaired by Diane Spilman and Abigail Wilmer. Please plan to attend if you have fewer than 500 master points! Lots of fun and POINTS! You don't have to attend both if you have another commitment that weekend. Obviously, Carolyn's Game will not be held on the 15th so you can participate in this tournament.

Attendance in the F2F games continues to rise and we thank you so much for this support. The new Bridge Mates are in and running very, very well but directors are still learning to use them to their full capacity.

Everyone seems to be very healthy with only one case of C19 that we have been made aware of. "Self quarantine" kept exposure away from the club and they are fully recovered. Thank you.

Have a great October!

Santa Fe Bridge Center Board of Directors:

Carolyn Anderson, Bob Hilgendorf, Craig Meyer, Tom Carr, Rick Rosenthal, and Stan Weinstein

Our walls are displaying the colorful work of Sarah Spilman. While Sarah doesn't play bridge with us, her mother is the well-known editor of our newsletter and chairing the 499 tournament this month! Thank you, Diane for bringing Sarah's work in to share and purchase! (The artists contribute 10% of their sales to the club.)



# Unit 383 News

## Letter from the Unit 383 President

Hello Everyone,

Mark your calendars!! We will hold a **Non- Life Masters Sectional** on the weekend of **October 15th and 16th** at our own bridge center. **Diane Spilman** and **Abbie Willmer** kindly volunteered to chair this event. The flyer for this sectional is attached. We will need lots of help with food, especially on Saturday. Do not forget to form teams for the Sunday Swiss. There are sign-up sheets at the bridge center. Please sign up for the events you plan to attend so that we will have some idea how much food to purchase.

We are hoping to have a **second practice Swiss team event on Sunday, October 2nd @ 1 PM**. Please come early. We will try to pair up pairs with fewer than a total of 1000 MP's with a pair that has more than a total of 1000 points. This will be done at game time. The hope is that the more experienced pairs will mentor the less experienced pairs. Please sign up your pairs on the white board in the bridge center.

Congratulations to a guy named Neil and **Richard McCombs** on winning the Thursday afternoon District 17 STAC game with a score of 75%. They earned over 15 master points. **Sandy Lemon, Kay Enfield, Dee Brenner and Donna Sirubi** also did well.

Richard and Neil have started their series of group lessons for advanced players on Sunday mornings starting @ 11.00am in the bridge center. The next lessons are on **October 2nd and October 9th**. They will focus on defensive signaling and continue practice on slam bidding and defense against slams. There is still room for a few more participants.

Congratulations to Doug Schuba on becoming a Director!!!! The other Directors must be elated!!!

I was very sad to learn of the death of my mentor Dennis Dawson. Anita and I were his first clients in Santa Fe, frequently attending private and group lessons. They were worth every penny!! Even though he was a very fine player (it is not easy to become a Grand Life Master), I think he got his greatest pleasure in watching his students become better players. He could be tough on his clients. "Are you insane??" was one of his favorite comments. I will miss hearing those words. I plan to write more in the near future so if any of you have anecdotes involving Dennis please pass them on to me. Kim, Dennis's daughter, would like to have a ceremony for Dennis in Santa Fe at some point.

Neil

For additional information regarding opportunities to play bridge in District 17, please visit the website at: <https://www.d17acbl.org>. Also check out the D17 Bridge Buzz Newsletter, available at that site.

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

### Making a Plan

My thinking this week keeps going back to my mentor and friend, Dennis Dawson. I learned so much from him. Dennis was an exceptional teacher partly, I think, because he loved the game so much that his enthusiasm just boiled over.

One of the things that he stressed for the declarer was to "Make a plan. Any plan is better than no plan". As I have come to understand, many hands are won or lost on the first play from the dummy. He recommended always stopping to review the bidding and what it means, to think about the lead and what it means, and to take your first look at the dummy. Make a plan for how you want to play the hand.

A plan in a Trump contract starts with counting your losers. A plan in a NoTrump contract starts with counting your sure winners. Be sure to make your plan from the point of view of the master hand—the hand with the longer trump suit. Sometimes, especially after a NT open with a transfer bid, the dummy is the master hand.

This week take a minute to honor Dennis and make a plan every time.

\*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.

# Upcoming Bridge Classes

New-start students of today are the future of bridge tomorrow. Bridge Classes offer a continuous path to becoming very proficient in basic bridge. Here are some that will be available soon. If you know someone who may be interested, please contact the student who is the future for bridge and encourage registration. For Fall 2022, the Santa Fe Bridge Club will offer Modern Bridge II as an online class. Supervised Play on Thursday is also available.

## **ONLINE CLASS**

### **Modern Bridge II: Bidding & 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. Course will take place Online using Zoom. Textbooks: Audrey Grant's: Bridge Basic 1: An Introduction, Bridge Basic 2: Competitive Bidding, and Bridge Basic 3: Popular Conventions. Modern Bridge II will start Monday, October 31, 2022, from 9:00 am to 11:00.

Instructor: Don Hinsman (dhinsman@comcast.net). Fee \$129 - Offered through Santa Fe Community College Continuing Education, Fall Semester.

## **IN-PERSON CLASS**

### **(at the Santa Fe Bridge Club)**

### **Supervised Play**

Supervised Play meets face-to-face at the bridge club. All players must show proof of vaccination on their first visit; mask-wearing is optional (unless requested by a player at your table). Please join us any Thursday morning at 9:30 for a brief lesson and then play some hands. You can ask for help with bidding or play and practice your skills. Come alone or with a partner; cost is \$7, payable in cash, or by check or Venmo. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well or have any Covid symptoms. Contact Susan Gibbs at su.susangibbs@gmail with any questions.

ACBL Unit 383 of Santa Fe

## **Santa Fe 499'er Non-Life Master Sectional**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Leonard Helman Bridge Center; 3827 Thomas Road, Santa Fe NM

**All participants must show proof of vaccination. The wearing of masks is optional. Snacks and beverages will be provided on Saturday. Lunch is included in the Sunday team fee.**

| <b>Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup></b>   |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>9:00 am</b>   | <b>1:30 pm</b>                    |
| Stratified Pairs (Single Session)  | Stratified Pairs (Single Session) |
| Fees: \$10.00 per session for ACBL Members<br>\$14.00 per session for unpaid ACBL members              |                                   |
| <b>Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup></b>   |                                   |
| <b>9:00 am</b>   |                                   |
| Stratified Swiss Teams -Two Sessions with lunch provided   |                                   |
| Fees: \$25.00 per person for ACBL Members/\$100 per team<br>\$28.00 per person for unpaid ACBL members |                                   |

**All events will be stratified by average master points:  
A=300-499; B=100-299; C=0-99**

**Tournament Chair: Diane Spilman**  
**Tournament Co-Chair: Abigail Willmer**  
**Partnership Desk: Ann P Ross**  
**Saturday Director: James Ewert**  
**Sunday Director: Kay Enfield**

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The Leonard Helman Bridge Center is a smoke free facility with free parking.

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