



The Santa Fe Bridge Club Newsletter



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All games are stratified!!

Sunday

2:00 p.m. James' 0-499 Game

Virtual Game on BBO

Monday

9:30 a.m. Carolyn's 0-99 Game

1:00 p.m. Jim Joy's Open Pairs

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. James' 0-500 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

1:00 p.m. Doug's 0-399 Game

Saturday

12:30 p.m. Carolyn's 0-999 Game



Welcome



Alice Pomeranz (transfer)

Masterpoint Achievements

New Junior Masters

Susan Johnson

Susan Robeck

New Regional Masters

Jane Nantz

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Su Gibbs, James Ewert, Diane Spilman**



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

Dear Members of the Santa Fe Bridge Center,

The Board of Directors hope those who played in the Taos Tournament were wildly successful and gathered lots of points!

This month, we are turning our attention to our own 749 Sectional held in our clubhouse, October 14th and 15th. There is a signup sheet for the team game on the 15th. This is an excellent opportunity to acquaint yourselves with "team play."

The BOD is very pleased with the growing attendance in our weekly games. While there were a couple of reports of Covid 19 reported, those who tested positive, said the illness was mild and short lived. We appreciate their consideration of others by staying home until they tested negative. THANK YOU!

The next meeting of the BOD is not scheduled until Thursday, November 16th unless some unforeseen circumstance demands otherwise. As always, please let one of us know if you plan to attend or have an issue you wish us to discuss concerning the building or property. Our fabulous directors are in total control of the games including etiquette and laws, so any concerns about the games should be taken to the director in charge as soon as possible. Thank you.

We hope you have a great October at the club!

Sincerely,

SFBC Board of Directors: Carolyn Anderson, Sally Sabo, Rick Rosenthal, Stan Weinstein, Tom Pratt, and Kevin Bursley.



Unit 383 News

Letter from the Unit 383 President

Hi folks,

I am writing from my hotel room at the Taos Regional where the attendance has been impressive. There have already been some great results from Santa Fe-ans. **Richard Leonardon** has already gathered at least 75 gold master points. **Chuck Case** has collected enough gold points to become a life master. Now he craves silver points!!! More result announcements will appear in the November newsletter.

Dates to remember:

749er Non Life Masters Sectional in Santa Fe - October 14th and 15
Albuquerque Open Local Sectional - October 27th - 29th
Local Team game - November 19th
Albuquerque Regional - January 15th - 21st, 2024

We held another team game on Sunday, September 17th. Unfortunately, we had only 5 full teams. This was a GNT qualifying event, and 4 teams actually qualified. The results are posted on the Santa Fe Bridge website under Jim Joy's name. The team of **Frank and Peggy Moran, Dee Brenner and Leyla Sansoy** were the winners. The next team game will be held on **November 19th**. Every team has won master points in the last three team games!!! The idea that the team games are designed for only the top players is false.

Nice to see our table count slowly creeping up!!!! Jim Joy's Monday game had 10 tables during STAC week.

Have fun at the bridge center.

Neil Hunter.
Unit 383 President

I/N* Tip of the Month from Kathy Adelsheim

Table Manners

Part of good table manners is being quietly respectful of other players in the room. When we finish playing a hand it just feels so right to chat about it while it is fresh in your mind. However, with even 8 tables that's 32 people chatting. When you add in trying to be loud enough for a hearing challenged person to understand, we have the equivalent of a noisy restaurant!

Also, the boards are going to the next table to be played, usually only 6 feet away. Consider this director call: With the player asking before she gets a board, "I know on the next hand I will have 6/5 distribution and it looks like slam but doesn't make. What should I do?" The Director has to say, "Try to bid and play as if you hadn't heard that."

Let's not put each other in that a situation. At the October tournament there will be a lot more people in the room. Please, keep the noise down. Whispers really don't work. Let's be kind and thoughtful by not discussing hands at all during the play. Make a note and send your partner an email later.

It's all part of Zero Tolerance but what it really is, is making our club a better place to play.

*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.

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.

Upcoming Bridge Classes

Supervised Play

Supervised Play meets face-to-face every Thursday morning from 9:30-11:30 at the bridge club. Please join us for a brief lesson, and then play some hands in a fun, friendly atmosphere. 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. Contact Susan Gibbs at su.susangibbs@gmail.com with any questions.

Intermediate Lessons

Ongoing Class Series: -- Concentrating on conventions, defense, & play of the hand. No need to attend every class – come any Saturday to learn something new! (or review something you already know!) I will send out an email prior to each class stating that Saturday's class subject. Be sure to get on my email list so you don't miss out! (If there is a subject you would like to know more about, please let me know.)

Instructor: Tom Pratt

Weekly - Saturdays: from 10:00-11:30

Fee: \$30.00/class, with \$5.00/class going to the club

Contact information: Tom Pratt, 505-316-3796,
thomaspratt16@gmail.com

Precision Players – Something for you

Ongoing - Wednesdays at 11:30 AM - an hour-long discussion group on Santa Fe Precision led by David Barbour. The group is open to all levels of Precision player and is currently free of charge. David Barbour is not an expert player, nor even an expert on Precision but is excited by Precision and wants to help its development. Topics for the next week's discussion will be decided in the last 15 minutes of the group. **At this time, it is undecided about future classes.**

Please contact David for further updates and information:

email: david.v.barbour@gmail.com

landline: 505-323-1378 (No texts please)

Modern Bridge I: An Introduction

New beginning bridge class starting on October 17. Please see flyer on the next page for details. Encourage that friend you know who has been asking about bridge to sign up!"

Bridge Lessons



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. Come by yourself or with a partner and learn in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 AM, 8 sessions, 10/17 to 12/5

Course Fee is \$169

To register, send a check to Chuck Case at 566 Del Norte Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87501 or use Zelle to send electronically to 602-390-7267.

For questions or further information call or text 602-390-7267 or email to cgcaseii@yahoo.com

Textbook: *Bridge Basics 1, An Introduction* by Audrey Grant. Widely available in bookstores and on Amazon.

Classes held at The Santa Fe Bridge Center, 3827 Thomas Road.



Reminder – don't miss out!
James has a Sunday Online game!
Anyone with up to 499 Masterpoints can play

If you have been looking for another opportunity to play bridge (from the comfort of your own home), this is something to check out! (Still only \$5!)

You can find the game on BBO – Look for Santa Fe James 499er. The game starts on Sundays at 2PM. Register early so you won't be left out!

If you have questions about how to play the game on BBO, or need a partner, please check with James Ewert (ewert.james@gmail.com)



Have you been curious about Team Games – not sure if this is for you?

Team Games are for everyone!

Even if you have never played in one, you might want to give it a try in the Santa Fe 749-er Sectional.

It may be the first team game for many, so you won't be alone!

See the flyer at the end of the newsletter and sign up!

A sign-up list is posted on the entry door.

Partnership Desk

Need a partner for a game? You can sign up on the whiteboard or contact Tom Pratt: 505-316-3796, thomaspratt16@gmail.com

ACBL Unit 383 of Santa Fe

Santa Fe 749'er Non-Life Master Sectional

October 14th & 15th, 2023

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

The wearing of masks is optional unless a player wearing a mask specifically asks you to wear one. Snacks and beverages will be provided on Saturday. Lunch is included in the Sunday team fee.

9:00 am and 1:30 pm., Saturday, October 14th

Stratified Pairs (Single Sessions)

Fees: \$12.00 per session for ACBL Members

\$16.00 per session for unpaid ACBL members

Sunday, October 15th

10:00 am

Bracketed Swiss Teams -Two Sessions with lunch provided

Fees: \$29.00 per person for ACBL Members/\$116 per team

\$32.00 per person for unpaid ACBL members

All events will be stratified by average master points:

A=500-749; B=200-499; C=0-199

Tournament Chair: Diane Spilman

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Tournament Co-Chair: Abigail Willmer

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Saturday Director: James Ewert

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Sunday Director: Jerry Fleming

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

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