



# 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**



**Tracye Ebeling**

**Masterpoint Achievements**

**New Junior Master**

**Elliot Gregg**

**New Club Master**

**Larry Kay**

**New NABC Master**

**Sharlene Shoemaker**

**New Advanced NABC Masters**

**Gene Covington**

**Susan Gibbs**

**New Life Masters**

**Deborah Coffrin**

**Albert Coffrin**

**Michael Hall**

**James Werbel**

**New Gold Life Master**

**William Rogers**

**Contributors: Carolyn Anderson, Neil Hunter, Kathy Adelsheim,  
Su Gibbs, James Ewert, Diane Spilman**



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

Dear Members of the Santa Fe Bridge Center,

The Building Board of Directors did not hold a meeting in October. The November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 11:30 at the club.

One of the topics we will be discussing is adding a "pairings" page to our website. Please feel free to attend or let one of us know if you have any suggestions or experience with online pairings. As always, let me know if you plan to attend our meeting in case there is a change of time or place, so we can let you know.

Congratulations to all who won points and achieved Life Master at the Taos Regional Tournament. To those who were unfortunate enough to catch Covid, we are very glad you are OK now and thank you for isolating until you were well.

Playing cards are still on backorder from Baron Barclay; however, I understand they are finally filling orders. We will have them soon. Apparently no one in the country liked those thin all-plastic cards!

Have a great November!

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,

This month I feel like a sportscaster bringing you the latest impressive results from the various tournaments that were held this month. It was great to have so many events in October.

Congratulations must go out to **Richard Leonardon** for winning the **Taos Regional** with a huge total of 104 gold master points. Also doing extremely well was **Will Rogers** who collected 64 master points. The following Santa Feans collected at least 20 master points: **Richard McCombs, Bill Heid, Kay Enfield, and Neil Hunter**. The following collected at least 5 master points: **James Werbel, Jerry Ruther, Sandy Lemon, Bennet Hirsch, Chuck Case, Stan Weinstein, Susan Gibbs, Rita Levin, Ann Perilloux-Ross and Gene Covington**. Nice job!!!!

Our **749er Non-Life Master Sectional** here in Santa Fe was well attended by our local players, but we did not have many participants from elsewhere. Our table count (27.5 tables) was down a little from last year, but we still did manage to make a small profit for the unit, and we were able to earn \$550 for the bridge center. The winners of the tournament were **Mickey Gordon and Doug Schuba**, with just over 5 silver master points. Well done!!! Santa Feans scoring more than 2 master points were: **Chuck Case, Bob Hilgendorf, Gene Covington, Ann Perilloux-Ross, Don Schmit, Pat Bradley, and Mary Ann Kerstetter**. A special thank you should go out to **Diane Spilman and Abby Wilmer** for organizing the tournament. Also, **Tom Pratt** did an amazing job preparing sandwiches for the Sunday lunch!!!

The results from the **Albuquerque Local Sectional** were just finalized. The tournament was won by Albuquerque's **Joe Harris** with 23 master points. **Neil Hunter** was second with 21 master points followed in third by **Richard McCombs**. **Beth Schaefer** came in seventh. Well done Santa Fe!!!! Also scoring more than 2 master points were **Jerry Ruther, Kay Enfield, Chuck Case, James Werbel, Bill Heid and Jim Joy**.

Dates to remember:

**District 17 Royal StaC week – November 6-12**

**(Gold, Silver, Red, and Black points to be awarded!**

**See attachment at the end of the newsletter)**

**Local Team game - Sunday, November 19th at 11.00 am.**

**Holiday Party - Thursday, December 14th**

**Albuquerque Regional - January 15th - 21st, 2024**

**Santa Fe Open Sectional - May 3rd - 5th, 2024**

We did not hold a team game in October because of all the other events that were happening. The next team game will be held on **November 19th at 11.00 am. Please note the time change.** Virtually every team has won master points in the last four team games!!! The idea that the team games are designed for only the top players is false. The next several team games will be **GNT qualifying events.**

Start thinking about delicious food items for our **Holiday Party on Thursday, December 14th!!!!** There is an election for Unit Board members on that day. **Ann Perilloux-Ross and I** are running for re-election for two-year terms. Other nominations are very welcome.

Congratulations to **Chuck Case** who won enough silver master points at the Albuquerque Sectional to become a life master!!!!!!

Have fun at the bridge center!

Neil Hunter.

Unit 383 President

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

### Advancing Takeout Doubles

When partner makes a direct seat takeout double, 1D-Double-Pass-?, we mentally refer to the following for our Advancer's bid:

0-8 - minimum bid

9-12 - jump 1 level

13+ - cuebid / jump to game

More information:

Non-jump in a suit = 0-8 and 4+ cards in the suit

Single jump in suit = 9-12 and 4+ cards in the suit

Jump to game = good hand/about opening/ 5+ cards in the suit

Cuebid= Strong hand but unsure where to play

1NT= 6-10 HCP balanced with their suit controlled (denies 4 cards in unbid Major)

2NT= 11-12 HCP balanced with their suit controlled (denies 4 cards in unbid Major)

vj3NT= 13-15 HCP balanced with their suit controlled (denies 4 cards in unbid Major)

\*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

## 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](mailto: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,

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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. (To find the game, type “James” into the top right search box and it will pop up.)

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](mailto:ewert.james@gmail.com))



## 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](mailto:thomaspratt16@gmail.com)

# D17 WISHBONE ROYAL STaC

November 6 - 12, 2023

25% **GOLD**, 25% **SILVER**, 25% **RED** & 25% **BLACK**  
POINTS WILL BE AWARDED.

**ALL FACE-TO-FACE CLUBS IN DISTRICT 17  
ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE ROYAL STAC.  
CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL CLUB DIRECTOR  
TO ENSURE THEY ARE PARTICIPATING.**

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