



# 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

Cynthia Anderson

Steve Marquis (transfer)

**Masterpoint Achievements**

**New Regional Masters**

**Wolfgang Schmidt**

**Doug Schuba**

**New Life Master**

**Chuck Case**

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Su Gibbs, Don Hinsman, James Ewert, Diane Spilman**



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

Dear Members of the Santa Fe Bridge Center,

The meeting of the Building Board of Directors was held in November.

The board is still looking into other clubs' pairing mechanisms. Stan Weinstein sent his Florida club's example, and it looks very interesting. We will keep you posted.

The Board Members are looking forward to seeing you all at the annual "potluck" Holiday party on Thursday, December 14th. There will be a signup area on the large "white board" for your potluck contributions, so we aren't all bringing the same vegetable dishes or desserts! (The building board is buying a ham.) There will be 2 sections of play, open and 499. Get your partner lined up and "ready to rumble!"

The club will be closed on Monday December 25th for Christmas.

Hope you have a fun December!

Your 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,

Great performances by our Santa Fe duplicate bridge enthusiasts continued in November.

During the Royal STaC week we had some really great results. On Wednesday afternoon **Karen Walker and Virginia King** scored 65%, resulting in first in B and first in C in District 17, and collecting 9.74 multi-colored master points. On Thursday **Tom Pratt and James Werner** placed third in C in District 17. Our neighbors up the hill in Los Alamos (**Jerry Fleming and Rudy Cliff**) had a huge game in the fewer than 5 tables STaC event on Wednesday afternoon. With a score of 72% they collected 6.38 master points.

I thought it would be fun to mention a number of impressive scores by our members in recent local club games. Apologies to those whom I may have omitted. **Bennett Hirsch and Virginia King** had a 71% game. **Richard McCombs and Neil Hunter** had a 70% game, while **Patty Stevens and Mary Collins** had a 69% game. **Kim Jordan and Tom Baxter** managed 68%. **Jude Wallace and Gene Covington** had a 67% game and **Ann Moon and Camille Ovitsky** had a 66% game. Well done everybody!!!

We had a small (5 tables) GNT qualifying team game in November. The event was won by **Jim and Stanza Joy** teamed up with **Neil Hunter and Anita Carlson**. Welcome back Stanza!!!! There will be no team game in December. The next one will happen on **January 7th or 14th starting at 11:00am**. This start time allows our Directors and travelers from Las Vegas to get home in daylight.

Dates to remember:

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

**GNT team game - Sunday, January 7th or 14th starting @ 11:00am.**

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

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

Start thinking about delicious food items for our **Holiday Party on Thursday, December 14th!!!!** Eating starts around noon!!! 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. We are looking for a nominee to replace **Diane Spilman** who has done a terrific job over the past several years. Thankfully, she has agreed to stay on as editor of our newsletter. This is a “lifetime appointment”!!!

Congratulations to **Bud and Deborah Coffrin** who recently became life masters!!!!

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.

### **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)

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

### **Opening Strong Hands with 2 Clubs**

Standard American calls for a 2 Club opening bid with 22 or more points. Your partner will bid 2 Diamonds (Waiting), while you bid again to further describe your hand.

If your hand is unbalanced, include length points, then rebid with the suit you are proposing as trump. Opening length guidelines are in place, i.e., a major is at least 5 cards.

If you have a balanced hand, your 22+ points must be all high card points. After the 2D response you will bid 2NT with 22-24 HCP, and 3NT with 25+ HCP. Systems are on (Stayman and Transfers), partner is captain, adjusting for 22 HCPs as your bid, rather than 15-17 or 20-21.

Have fun with this one!

\*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

## ONLINE CLASS

### **Advanced Modern Bridge II: Bidding & Play**

If you have completed Modern Bridge II, you are familiar with the Stayman and Jacoby Transfer Conventions as described in Audrey Grant's Bridge Basic 3. Advanced Modern Bridge II presents a comprehensive modern approach to the other bids available to Responder and delves more deeply into Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. This approach is contained in Dennis Dawson's Beyond Stayman and Transfers, which is used as a reference during the class. We will also review and update preemptive 3-level and 2-level bids, as well as Strong 2C and 2NT openings and responses. Finally, Meckwell, a convention used by Defenders to interfere with the 1NT Partnership's bidding, will be presented.

In order to have practice following each lesson, Advanced MB II will be combined with Practice Hands for MB II in a class lasting 16 weeks. Each Advanced MB II class will be followed the next week by a Practice Hands class. Practice Hand lessons will occur on Sharkbridge; each Partnership will both bid and play every hand. Declarers will alternate for each hand.

The Class will take place online using Zoom and Sharkbridge. Textbooks and Notes include: Audrey Grant's: Bridge Basic 1, 2, and 3; and the following books and notes written by Dennis Dawson and edited by Don Hinsman: Beyond Stayman and Transfers; After They Open NT – Meckwell Workshop; and Losing Trick Count.

Classes will start Monday January 8, 2024 from 1 PM until 3 PM and continue each Monday for a total of 16 Sessions. Instructor: Don Hinsman ([dhinsman@comcast.net](mailto:dhinsman@comcast.net)). Fee \$240

### **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.*



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))

