



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

None this month

Masterpoint Achievements

New Regional Master

Mickey Gordon

New Silver Life Masters

Sandy Lemon

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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,

Well, we made it through the snowstorms and hope February keeps the snow up on our beautiful mountains instead of our streets!

Our attendance was down because of the storms, but it is looking good for February, starting with a week of Sectional Tournaments at Clubs! All games are registered and ready to go. Pigmented points to gather.

There are still some strains of viruses out running around, so if you are not feeling well, please protect your buddies at the club and wait until you feel well to return. Thank you.

Wishing you a fun and productive month.

Your Board of Directors,

Carolyn Anderson, Sally Sabo, Rick Rosenthal, Stan Weinstein, Tom Pratt, and Kevin Bursley.

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



Unit 383 News

Letter from the Unit 383 President

The newly elected Unit Board met recently to select officers for 2024. There has been little change of positions compared to 2023. You are always welcome to chat with us about our team games, our holiday party, the awards celebration, and our sectionals. We are also involved in all other activities that promote duplicate bridge. Complaints about the building should be addressed to the other Board - the Leonard Herman Bridge Center Board. The currently elected officers:

President - Neil Hunter

Vice President - Mary Newburger

Treasurer - Tom Carr

Secretary - Mac Ennis

Board Member - Ann Perilloux-Ross

Board member - Rita Levin

Board Member - Tom Pratt

Electronic Communication - Abby Willmer

The attendance by Santa Fe-ans at the Albuquerque Regional was impressive. Our top master point winner was **Kay Enfield** with about 70 master points. Second was **Richard Leonardon** with 60 master points. The following people scored between 15 and 30 master points: **Bill Harker, Bill Heid, Joan Vernick, Richard McCombs, Kathy Adelsheim, Jim Joy, Sandy Lemon, Patty Stevens and Neil Hunter.** The following scored between 5 and 15 master points: **Rita Levin, Jerry Ruther, James Werbel, Gene Covington, Ann Perilloux-Ross, Susan Gibbs, Bob Walsh, Karen Walker, Mickey Gordon, Virginia King, Doug Schuba, Chuck Case, Bennett Hirsch and Beth Schaefer.** You may be interested to learn that the tournament was won by a 19-year-old young man who has already won two Gold medals at the Junior World Championships!!! Talk about a rising star!!!!

We need to encourage our beginning players to attend **Regionals**. It is the best place to earn gold points, which you need to become a life master. Our next Regionals are in **May in Denver** and in **Taos in late September**. There are also Regionals this year in District 17 in **Tucson in February** and **Phoenix in August**.

Our next team game (GNT qualifying) is set for **noon on Sunday, February 25th**. We had to cancel our team game last month due to lack of participation. Hopefully we will do better this time. **Doug Schuba** hopes to get a beginner's team game going before our May Sectional.

Don't forget the **March Sectional in Los Alamos (March 22nd - 24th)** and our **Santa Fe Sectional from May 3rd until May 5th**. There are fliers for both events at the bridge center.

Dates to remember:

GNT qualifying team game - Sunday, February 25th starting @ noon

Los Alamos Sectional - March 22nd - 24th

Santa Fe Open Sectional - May 3rd - 5th

Albuquerque Open Sectional - June 14th - 16th

Taos Regional - September 23rd - 29th

Santa Fe Non-Life Master (749er) Sectional - mid October

Once again, we must thank **Diane Spilman** for the wonderful job she has done for the newsletter. Diane will continue as editor for a short while longer at which point **Susy Moesch** will take over. Welcome aboard Susy!!!

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

Classes at the Club

Supervised play is ongoing every Thursday morning at 9:30. It consists of a short lesson and then time to play lots of hands. You do not need a partner; it's drop-in, and anyone may attend. This is geared toward newer players who may or may not be playing in sanctioned games yet. Su Gibbs runs this class.

Modern Bridge I and Modern Bridge II are being offered through Santa Fe Community College this Spring. Both are on Tuesday mornings at 9:30. Su Gibbs is teaching Bridge I in January and February and Kathy Adelsheim will teach Bridge II in March and April. Lots of players find it helpful to take this class more than once.

Details for all of these classes can be found on our website under Classes.

We are looking for other players who may be interested in teaching newer players at the club. If you are a good teacher, we'd love to talk with you about teaching bridge. How advanced your bridge is, is not as important as your love of teaching. We have great texts, teachers' manuals, and lots of assistance.

If you are interested in offering a class please contact the chair of the Education committee, Kathy Adelsheim at kadelsheim@gmail.com

*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.

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; the cost is \$9, payable in cash, or by check or Venmo. Contact Susan Gibbs at 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



Thank you to all the loyal regular players – you are making this game a real success! Spread the word so that it can be even better!

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)