



# 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

**Masterpoint Achievements**

**New Junior Masters**

Steve Marquis

**New Club Masters**

Elliot E. Gregg

**New Sectional Masters**

Kevin Bursley

**New Regional Masters**

Margarita Auld

**New Platinum Life Masters**

Kay L. Enfield

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

Dear Members of the Santa Fe Bridge Club;

The weather has cleared and maybe now we can count on good driving days to the club for our games.

We did not have enough members in town or available to hold the meeting in February. We will hold a meeting on March 14, at 11:30 at the club. We will be hearing a presentation on solar energy for the club. We will hold a meeting in March and will be hearing a presentation about solar energy from roof panels from Mr. Kopavi Rubins from Positive Energy Solar. The date has yet to be confirmed. If you are interested in attending, please let one of us know so we can provide a confirmation of the meeting date and time.

As some of you may know, we have had a homeless person sleeping on our front porch for a few weeks. We want you to know that we are doing everything we can to deal with the situation and now have the police involved as he was actually threatening Vinnie this morning. If for some reason you arrive early and see him on the porch, please do not get out of your car or approach him in any way.

Hope you have a very productive March winning lots of master points and enjoying the great friendships.

Sincerely;

Your Board of Directors:

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



# Unit 383 News

## Letter from the Unit 383 President

Hello bridge players!!!

We need to encourage our beginning players to attend **Regionals**. It is the best place to earn the 50 gold points which you need to become a life master. Our next "local" Regionals are in **May in Denver** and in **Taos in late September**. There is also a Regional this year in **Phoenix in August**.

The easiest way to gather gold points is in team games. There are a few strategies when playing team games that are useful to know. I spent some time early in February explaining this to "Sue's supervised play group". They seemed to enjoy it. I am happy to do this for other groups of players. **Doug Schuba** hopes to get a beginner's team game going before our May Sectional. Meanwhile our next team game is set for **1 pm on Sunday, March 31st**.

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 flyers for both events at the bridge center.

Dates to remember:

**Los Alamos Sectional - March 22nd - 24th**

**Local team game - Sunday, March 31st starting @ 1 PM.**

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

**Denver Regional - May 21st - 27th**

**Albuquerque Open Sectional - June 14th - 16th**

**Taos Regional - September 23rd - 29th**

**Santa Fe Non-Life Master (749er) Sectional - October 12th - 13th**

**Susy Moesch** has taken over as editor of our newsletter..  
Welcome aboard Susy!!!

The final results of the **2023 Mini-McKenny and Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs** races are now available online. Winners in each category of the Ace of Clubs races will receive a free play at our Award's party this summer. Check and see if you have won by logging into [acbl.org](http://acbl.org), results, master-point races.

Have fun at the bridge center.

Neil Hunter.  
Unit 383 President

**Club Financial Overview**  
By Tom Carr

Nothing to report.

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

## March, 2024

### Suit Quality/ Overcalls

Suit Quality—to determine suit quality, add the number of cards in the suit to the number of honors (A,K,Q,J,10); also called Quality Points.

Ex: A K X X X = 5 cards plus 2 honors= Suit quality of 7

Ex: A J X X X X = 6 cards plus 2 honors= Suit Quality of 8

Ex: K Q 10 X X X =6 plus 3 honors= Suit quality of 9

To overcall at the two level you need an opening hand. If you know losing trick count, that is 7 LTC. Your suit should be 8 quality points.

Why so strong? Because at least one opponent has an opening hand and with your opening hand there are only about 15 HCPs left for your partner to share with the opener's partner. By overcalling at the 2 level you are committing to taking 8 tricks. Your partner might have nothing.

\*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**

## **Modern Bridge II: Bidding and Play with Kathy Adelsheim ACBL Certified SFCC Continuing Education ClassTeacher**

In Modern Bridge II we begin by reviewing the bidding basics from Modern Bridge I. Then we work on NT systems, Stayman and Jacoby transfers. We continue with Pre-emptive bids, Overcalls at both the 1 and 2 levels, Takeout doubles and opening strong hands with 2C.

Many players find it useful to take this class more than once as there is a lot of material.

If you want to take the class starting March 19th please register soon. If you are unsure and would like some guidance please call Kathy at 505-474-6921.

Many of you attending Supervised Play and playing in limited games could find this class fun and helpful.

Tuesdays, 8 sessions, March 19-May 7 9.30-11.30

To register call 505-428-1676 SFCC Continuing Education

Classes are held at the Bridge Club

Textbooks: Bridge Basics 1, An Introduction and Bridge Basics 2,

Competitive Bidding both by Audrey Grant. They are widely available in bookstores and may be purchased at Amazon.

The instructor, Kathy Adelsheim, has a Masters in Education and is nationally certified by the American Contract Bridge League.

Call / text Kathy with any questions @ 505-474-6921.

## **Online Classes By Don Hinsman**

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 to 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 \$ 9.00 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

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)