



The Santa Fe Bridge Club Newsletter



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All games are stratified!!



Welcome

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

Masterpoint Achievements

New Club Master

Gary W. Rodenz

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Santa Fe Bridge Center News (Leonard Helman Bridge Center)

Dear Members of the Santa Fe Bridge Club;

The Board met on April 18 with a full agenda. Members attending were Carolyn Anderson, Tom Pratt, Kevin Bursley, Sally Sabo, and Stan Weinstein. Richard Rosenthal was traveling. Tom Carr our acting treasurer attended along with Vincent Harrild.

Mr. Carr was happy to report our finances are in satisfactory shape due to a small but steady increase in table count. I will take this moment to encourage you to tell friends who may be interested in learning this great game, that Chuck Case will be teaching a Bridge 101 class beginning in June. He needs two more students!!

The discussion of adding solar panels is ongoing and depends on financing. We will keep you informed.

We have learned from our Web Master at Enduretech, Manny Rodriguez, that he is working on a membership list plan which will allow you to decide whether or not to reveal your phone numbers and email addresses. Sometime in May, Mr. Rodriguez will let me know if it is ready to go, at which time I will send out a notice with the details of how this works. In the meantime, you are now able to send a message to anyone listed in the directory by using the "message" box under their name. You will have to login to the directory with your name and a pin number. If you have lost it or don't remember, you can create a new one. This will be much more efficient and current than a printed book.

Minutes of this meeting are posted on the bulletin board at the club.

Happy May!

Respectfully,

Your Board of Directors:

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

Unit 383 News

Letter from the Unit 383 President

Hello bridge players!!!

Don't forget our **Santa Fe Sectional from May 3rd until May 5th**. There are flyers for this event at the bridge center. There are team games on all three days and pairs games in the morning and afternoon on Friday and Saturday. Please bring food on Friday or Saturday, or make a donation for food. Unit Board members will be collecting. We have first rate Directors this year. There are games set up for people with little or no experience in tournaments. Please give it a try for at least one day. The regular games at the bridge center on Friday and Saturday will not be happening.

Dates to remember:

Santa Fe Open Sectional - May 3rd - 5th



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Denver Regional - May 21st - 27th

Albuquerque Open Sectional - June 14th - 16th

Award's Party - Monday, July 15th

Taos Regional - September 23rd - 29th

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

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. The date is **Monday, July 15th**. Check and see if you have won by logging into acbl.org, results, master-point races.

All for now. Have fun at the bridge center
Neil Hunter

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

I/N Tip

May, 2024

No Trump Interference

We all love 1NT opening bids. There are many reasons: partner has a good hand so it's probably ours to play. Partner has limited their hand so it's easier to find the best contract and we have Stayman and Jacoby Transfers to use. What happens to our systems, Stayman and Jacoby, if the opponents interfere? We all need a partnership agreement for those hands.

A solid agreement for newer players to use is to just bid naturally over a double and if you were planning to respond with Stayman (2 clubs) you can double saying the opps took my bid. This is sometimes called a Stolen Bid double.

Think about what works for you and be sure to talk to your partner about it.

See you all at the Sectional on May 3,4,and 5. St. John's Church. Come play at at least one session. It's fun and supports the club!

*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 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 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! (\$ 6.00 only)

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)