



# 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 Club Master

Contributors: Carolyn Anderson, Neil Hunter, Kathy Adelsheim,  
Su Gibbs, Don Hinsman, James Ewert, Susy Moesch



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

Dear Members of the Santa Fe Bridge Club;

The building Board of Directors met on May 16, 2024. The first item of business was a financial report from Tom Carr, who has been volunteering to act as treasurer and we are most appreciative of the fine job Tom has been doing. The numbers of players are still growing and the club's finances are in solid shape. A copy of this report is on the bulletin board at the club.

The decision to install solar panels is still being considered but will take more financial investigation in the next couple of months. We hope you appreciate our caution with the finances. Stan Weinstein had a successful discussion with Comcast and was able to get our bill reduced by \$200.00 per month! Thank you, Stan!

We are still working with our Web Master on the use of our membership list for easy and safe access.

The Annual "awards and deserts membership meeting" has been changed this year to Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at noon when the awards of master point achievements will be presented and the election of new officers to the Building Board of Directors will occur. Rick Rosenthal and myself will be retiring from the BOD. This was our 6<sup>th</sup> year navigating the most interesting waters of Covid and beyond... we hope you will consider filling our chairs at the monthly meetings. Don't let that number scare you, we changed the by-laws to allowing members to serve by the year unless personal circumstances prevail. Sally Sabo has written the following message to you all.

**Alert!! Needed: New Board members for the club.** The annual meeting is coming up in July, at which time President Carolyn Anderson and member Richard Rosenthal will go off the Board, leaving only four members, Kevin Bursley, Tom Pratt, Sally Sabo and Stan Weinstein.

Although a Board member's time asks only an hour or so a month in person, he or she can make a great contribution to the ongoing smooth running of our club. At present we are considering adding solar panels to the roof and working with our web master to make it easier for members to contact each other but without opening members to scammers. There are always financial issues to resolve and other opportunities to make the club even better.

You need not be a financial whiz or particularly knowledgeable about running an organization. The best board members in any organization are people who care about it and are good listeners and contributors.

We hope that when you are asked to join the Board of Directors you will see it as an opportunity to help. If you would like to consider it and would like more information, talk to Carolyn, Sally Sabo or any Board member.

For the Board: Kevin Bursley, Sally Sabo, Tom Pratt, Stan Weinstein and Board Treasurer, Tom Carr who is generously contributing his time.

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

11:19 AM (3  
minutes ago)

Hi there bridge players!!!

The May Sectional in Santa Fe was a success despite the significant drop in attendance from 130 tables in 2023 to only 103 tables this year. The schedule and dates for the sectional were the same as last year, so it is a bit of mystery as to why the drop was so dramatic. In the coming months the Unit Board will be considering what to do next year. We welcome your input. Due to several cost cutting measures made by the planning committee, we did manage a profit of about \$700.00, so that was a relief. The hard work by the Unit Board, Vinny, Tom Carr, Gene Covington and many others was much appreciated. It was nice to have first rate Directors this year.

Santa Feans did well at the tournament. Bill Heid along with his teammates from Albuquerque won the tournament with 22 master points. Neil Hunter and his teammates were close behind with 19 master points. Also in the top 20 were Anita Carlson, Chuck Case, Sally Sabo, Donna Sirubi, Bennett Hirsch, Jerry Ruther and Karen Walker. Also scoring more than 5 master points were Rob Hilgendorf, Beth Schaefer, Joan Vernick, Jim Joy and James Werbel.

Several Santa Feans travelled to the Denver Regional last week and collected "pots of gold". Richard Leonardon grabbed 61 master points. Neil Hunter and Richard McCombs won 32 master points - not bad for playing only 5 sessions. Kay Enfield gathered 29 master points, and James Werbel collected almost 9 master points.

I hope lots of us travel to Albuquerque for the Open Sectional on June 14th through 16th. There are flyers for this tournament in the bridge center. There are team games on Friday and Sunday, pairs games on Friday and Saturday.

Dates to remember:

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](http://acbl.org), results, master- point races.

Many of you will remember Phil and MaryAnn Essig. Phil passed away last month in California after a long illness. He was always a gentleman at the table, and a first rate Treasurer for our Unit Board for many years. All for now. 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

## June, 2024

### The Rule of 17

When your partner makes a weak pre-emptive opening bid of a Major at the 2 level, when should you raise to game?

The Rule of 17 says add your high card points and the number of trump (your partner's suit). If it is 17 or higher go ahead and bid game.

This is another tool, another guideline you may choose to use.

\*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](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! (\$ 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](mailto:ewert.james@gmail.com))