



# 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

New Member

Leah J. Swearingen

Masterpoint Achievements

Contributors: Carolyn Anderson, Neil Hunter, Kathy Adelsheim,  
Su Gibbs, James Ewert, Tom Carr, Susy Moesch



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

Dear Santa Fe Bridge Club Members;

The Board of Directors met on June 20th. The monthly financial report from acting treasurer Mr. Tom Carr was approved and we are happy to see the table count growing, THANK YOU! The financial report is posted on the bulletin board on the north wall.

On MONDAY, July 15 we will be holding the annual Unit 383 Awards "dessert extravaganza" and hold a 2 section game. This is also the time when you will be voting on new members to serve on the SFBC Building Board of Directors to replace Rick Rosenthal and myself. We are very happy to announce that James Ewert and Raquel Fernandez have expressed interest in serving on the Board.

We hope you all can attend and enjoy this fun event!

Your Board of Directors;

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



# Unit 383 News

## Letter from the Unit 383 President

Hi there bridge players!!! Nice to see that live attendance at our bridge center is steadily increasing. Red points are available for the next couple of months in many of our local games. These special games are NAP (North American Pairs) qualifying matches for A, B and C players. If you qualify you may participate in the Regional finals at the Taos Regional on Friday, September 27th (B players) and Saturday, September 28th (A & C players). The C player play separately from the A players in Taos. If you win the regional final you receive financial support from District 17 to attend the North American Bridge Championships (NABC) in late November in Las Vegas. A couple of decades ago Anita and I won the regional C flight and received two free flights to Philadelphia and six free nights in the host hotel. They may be a bit less generous now; however, I encourage everyone to participate. The June Albuquerque Sectional was a success last month. Attendance was up compared to last year, although more Santa Feans would have been welcome. Our very own Richard McCoombs won the tournament collecting 27 silver master points along with his partner John Pendergrass. Also doing well were Neil Hunter (20 mps.), Bill Heid (12 mps.), Kay Enfield (11 mps.), Jerry Ruther (11mps.), Patty Stevens (5mps.), James Werbel (4 mps.) and Gary Lowenthal (4mps.). The Unit Board has decided to hold an Open Sectional next spring at the same venue. Suggestions on how to increase attendance are very welcome. We hope to hire the same Director in Charge. We are planning to restart our team games on Sundays later in the summer. We will try to have a mentor pair "teamed up" with a mentee pair. Your pair will be randomly "teamed up" with another pair. It should be fun and educational!!

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Dates to remember:

Award's Party - noon, Monday, July 15th

Taos Regional -September 23rd - 29th

Santa Fe Non-Life Master (749er) Sectional - October 12th - 13<sup>th</sup>

Las Vegas NABC - November 28th - December 8th

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)

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# Modern Bridge III: Competitive Bidding

*Kathy Adelsheim, ACBL Accredited Teacher*

What you learned in Modern Bridge II was just the tip of the iceberg. Join us as we delve into really being able to use these bidding tools in competitive auctions:

Pre-emptive bids  
Overcalls and advances  
Takeout doubles and advances  
Negative and Support doubles  
Competitive auctions- when all 4 people are bidding

*Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 AM  
6 classes: 8/5-9/10*

*To register:  
\$150 per person for all 6 classes, paid before 8/5*

*Mail checks to*

*Kathy Adelsheim, 250 E. Alameda #117, SF, NM, 87501*

*Questions or special arrangements? [kadelsheim@gmail.com](mailto:kadelsheim@gmail.com)*

# I/N Tip

## July, 2024

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### Zero Tolerance

Did you know that the ACBL Zero tolerance policy applies to every person playing in every game at the club no matter how good a player they are?

Sometimes it seems difficult to know exactly what Zero Tolerance means. A Director told me a couple of years ago: Politely call the Director about anything that makes you uncomfortable; just say “I’m not comfortable with ... the way this person is speaking to his partner; with the explanation I received; with negative comments about our bidding; with their talking about the bidding before it is finished; with the sarcastic comments I got when I asked about a bid; with how slowly they are playing.”

Most of us would rather not be near someone who is behaving inappropriately. How can you tell? If you would walk away at a social occasion because you are uncomfortable then, please, call the director.

We owe it to each other as people who love the game to speak up and keep it nice for everyone. Just raise your hand and say “Director please!”

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\*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.

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## **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 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!

You can find the game on BBO – Look for Santa Fe James 499er. (To find the game, type “James” into the top right box and it will pop up.) The Game starts on Sundays at 2 PM. 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.james@gmail.com](mailto:ewert.james@gmail.com))