

Jacksonville School of Bridge





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Rank Achievements

Judy Melcher	Junior Master	Janet Wylie	Regional Master	Hop Hartmann	Adv NABC Master
Don Michels	Junior Master	Daniel Brannon	Club Master	Ann Buchholz	Silver Life Master
Charles Schubiger	Junior Master	Bill Hutchins	Sectional Master	Vicki Lanier	Silver Life Master
Judy Shaffer	Junior Master	Lynn Chapman	NABC Master	Lynn Leisy	Silver Life Master
Rosemary Copeland	Regional Master			Regina Sooey	Ruby Life Master

Note: Rank Achievements are posted here when published in *Sunshine Bridge News*

Master Point Race as of Nov 6, 2016

Flight A		Flight B		Flight C	
Alan Stout	283.18	Michael Smalline	126.99	Judy Miller	31.39
Craig Hemphill	197.35	Jan Madsen	84.30	Nancy Whitmire	28.98
Alex Weiss	165.46	Daniel Jacobs	83.81	Buck Plaster	27.28
		Non-Life Mas	ter		
Mark Franzoni	95.61	Ann Buchholz	66.81	Hop Hartmann	61.79

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jeanne Harlan** who lost her mother in November.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Leslie Avener, who passed away in November.

Election of January 2017-December 2018 Board: The following will serve: Jeanne Harlan, Jeri Hogan, Leyse Lowry, Dane Margol, Michele Raeuber and Nancy Whitmire. Continuing to serve through 2016 are: Mark Franzoni, Anne Landry, Burt O'Dell, Nancy Stein and Richard Streeter. Thank you to Kay Craft, Dan Jacobs, and John Reeve for serving on the January 2015-December, 2016 Board.

Dues of \$20 are payable by January 1, 2017 to membership chairperson Jan Madsen or Carl Wasserman. A table will be set up most game days. Be sure to obtain a receipt. After January 1 any renewing members' dues will be \$25 for the 2017 year. After January 1, until dues are paid, a nonmember will pay an extra \$1 per game.

JSOB will be printing a new directory at the end of January. Please check the information in the current directory and alert us of any changes when you pay your dues

From the Directors' Desk:

Ace-Asking Auctions: When your side has had an ace asking auction of any variety beginning above level of 3NT, none of the bids are alertable. However, when the auction is over, declarer must make a DELAYED ALERT – you make the announcement that there has been an ace-asking auction. You need not disclose the specific nature of the auction or the nature of the responses unless an opponent inquires, just as with any other alert.

Opening 1NT: The ACBL has recently published a memo regarding the nature of the 1NT opening bid. The complete memo has been posted in the clubhouse. The following is a brief summary of the memo. A NT opening or overcall is natural if, by agreement, it contains no void, at most one singleton which must be the ace, king or queen and no more than two doubletons. If the hand contains a singleton, it may have no doubleton. So hands with following patterns may be considered natural NT openings: 5-4-3-1, 6-3-3-1, 4-4-4-1, 5-4-2-2, 5-3-3-2, and 4-3-3-3. Hands with these distributions are NOT acceptable NT openers: 5-5-2-1, 6-4-2-1, 7-2-2-2.

Ambassador for Bridge Nominations: Please let Burt O'Dell know of your nominations for the next Ambassador for Bridge. The Ambassador for Bridge program is designed to recognize members who put forth extra effort to help JSOB become a pleasant place to play our wonderful game and to provide leadership to help the club grow.

Upcoming Events:

Sat Dec 3	Chat Bridge
Dec 5-11	STAC Week
Tue Dec 6	Linda's Holiday Party
Sat Dec 10	199 & open STAC game
Fri Dec 16	JSOB Holiday Party, 199er and open game
Sat Dec 17	Chat Bridge
Tue Dec 20	Tacos & Teams
Sat Jan 7	Chat Bridge
Tue Jan 17	Tacos & Teams

Note: January, 2017 Chat Bridge Schedule coming soon.

Thank you, **Judy Miller**, for proofreading this issue and correcting my many errors.