



# Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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As you arrive at the Club, you may have noticed the cleaned-up areas of vegetation in the front and in front of the parking lot. The amount of trimming and cutting back has been tremendous. The dumpster is overflowing for the third weekend in a row! Heartfelt thanks to several people who have given up their Sunday afternoons to help. President **Carol Shotwell** organized the group, which included **Susan Goodall, Lynne Gheen, Paul Herron, Judy and Michael Harhai, and Judy and Paul Shaffer.**

**Thank you, Lynne Gheen,** for cleaning up our storage closet. Things can now be found.

## Mark your Calendar:



- Starting April 6, the Thursday games will start at noon.
- April 18 is Tacos and Teams. Sign your team up early!
- On April 21 JSOB will celebrate its 30-year anniversary. The celebration begins at 11:15 with a luncheon. Chicken wings and meatballs will be provided and there will be a sign-up sheet for a few more hors d'oeuvres. **Bob Trowbridge** and others who played and supported JSOB during its 1993-ish founding era will be honored. If your JSOB roots go back 30 years, contact **Carol Shotwell** to be sure you are among the group of honorees.
- JSOB Sectional Tournament July 28-30

**Please Arrive Earlier!** It would be helpful if you could arrive for games by 11:45 a.m. (10:15 on Thursdays). It's very difficult to begin the game on time when people arrive at 12:00. It adds to confusion and makes it difficult for the director to determine the best movement when running two simultaneous games. She also must try to seed the field so that everyone in their category has a chance to earn points and one strat is not lopsided. Setting up the game is much more than saying "sit at NS 9". So please do your part and arrive earlier.





### More Lessons!

- Beginning April 7, **Michael Palmer** will begin a Friday after-game review of hands for the 199ers. Participation during April will determine whether this endeavor continues.
- Are you and your partner confused about how to fill out the new convention card? **Louise Fontecchio** will return from playing in the Gatlinburg Regional using the new card. Louise will share her insights into why it was changed and some of the new provisions. Working with your partner to put your agreements in writing will improve your partnership communication!
  - On Wed April 26, Louise will run a single session for advanced players at 10:30. (\$10, all proceeds to JSOB).
  - On Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 (April 27-May 18), Louise will run a 4-session series for newer players. Cost \$25, registration information TBA.
- **Jerry Helms** will be at JSOB! Jerry will offer a free Ask Jerry session on Friday May 5 at 3:30, and a 3-session seminar on Managing your Defense for all levels May 6 and 7 (\$175 if registered by April 15, then \$200). This is a good way for newer players to become acquainted with Jerry, a Grand Life Master whose Ask Jerry column is featured monthly in the ACBL Bulletin. [Fliers](#) with a registration form are also available at the club. See Peggy Higginbotham for more information.
- **Ru Terajewicz** will teach Bridge Basics 3, Popular Conventions, on Fridays from 9:15-11:15, June 2-July 7. [Sign-up sheets](#) are also at the club.





**More Master Points!** Effective February 27, face-to-face games began awarding more points. Your points will be increased by a factor of up to 50% depending on the number of boards played. So, playing at the club is now worth more points than online games. This upgrade applies only to regular club games (labeled "XXXday Pairs" on the club calendar), not to special games that award extra masterpoints. Your upgraded score will not show on the club printout. To find your upgraded:

- Go to ACBL.org;
- Click on Menu (top of page);
- Click on Results (left hand side of page);
- Click on Live for Clubs; Input "Jacksonville Sch of Bridge" in Search block;
- Scroll to game you are interested in to check your adjusted score. It should reflect either a 44% or 50% adjustment, depending on if you played 26 or 27 boards.



**Gas Grills Needed:** At our Sectional Tournament on Saturday July 29th, we would like to offer grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Can you help by providing a gas grill? If so, contact Lynne Gheen ([bouv4060@yahoo.com](mailto:bouv4060@yahoo.com)) or Carol Shotwell ([shotty91@comcast.net](mailto:shotty91@comcast.net)). We need to know now or else change the menu.



**Please Be Scent-sitive:** Some people have extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes, perfumes, body wash, or lotions). Because duplicate bridge requires players to be near each other, those who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (including migraines) and breathing-related problems. For those who suffer from this sensitivity, the issue is more serious than simply disliking a certain smell. It is a real health problem. Please refrain from wearing scented products when you come to the bridge club!



Thank you, **Judy Miller**, for editing this newsletter.

