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President's Corner

It's been a busy and productive three months since the start of this calendar year! When the Board met in January, we set several goals for the year, and I'm pleased to report that we're well on our way to achieving many of them. Our top priority was to increase attendance and table count – and thanks to all of you, we've made great strides. Our Tuesday/Thursday 299 games, under-20 Wednesday games, and Saturday sessions have all contributed to this success. However, it's important to remember that this momentum can easily be lost if the new players we've welcomed decide not to return. Let's work together to continue growing JSOB by following these simple actions:

- Always greet new pairs at your table.
- Take the time to introduce yourself to someone you don't know each week, especially visitors and players with fewer points.
- Wear your name tag to make interactions easier.
- Keep the club clean and inviting by disposing of your trash after each game.
- Keep any negative comments private and address them after the game.

--Emmy Peters

Our sympathies are with **Stacie Nicandri** and family on the tragic loss of their daughter Melissa.

Our sympathies are with **Kae Harding** whose father has died.

We remember **Joy Cook, Bill Foerster, and Sandy Schenk.**

Congratulations to Patricia Dovell who has earned 20,000 masterpoints and to **Craig Hemphill** who has earned 15,000 masterpoints.

Mini-McKenney: JSOB is proud to have made a great showing in the District 9 2024 Mini-McKinney Masterpoint Races. Two members were first in their categories: **Mark Fitzmorris** in the 5000-7500 masterpoint strat, winning 641 mps; and **Jim West** in the 2500-3500 strat, winning 442 mps. Also in the top 5 in their strats were **Jan Madsen, Ru Terajewicz, Aldo Cardia** and **Alice Kenyon.** Congratulations!



Winter Sectional: Thanks to all of you who attended our great Winter Sectional! If you weren't there you missed out on great food (thanks, **Lynne Gheen** and **Tracy Miller**!) and great bridge! Players from all over the state attended. It was a great opportunity to meet like-level players and show off our beautiful club. It was also a successful tournament with 124.5 tables in play over 3 days. Many of our newest players attended. There were 11 tables in the 499er section on Friday morning! Thanks to **Mike Siebenhaar**, our tournament chair, who was present continuously from Thursday through Sunday assuring that everything ran smoothly. It was well organized from start to finish.



Landscaping: On Saturday, March 1, **40 Teens and their youth leaders** from The Church of Eleven22 worked to clean up our grounds as part of a service project. Many unsightly plants were discarded, and stumps of palmettos were removed. With the help of **Paul Herron** and **Judy Harhai**, we also planted two camellias in memory of Stacie Nicandri's daughter Melissa. Looking forward, any members interested in helping with some watering or new landscaping please volunteer!



Lessons:

- **Ru Terajewicz** will be offering a 2 over 1 class on Wednesdays May 7th and May 14th. She will repeat the same 2 over 1 class on Tuesdays June 24 and July 1. Each class is limited to 24. Right now, there is a waiting list of 12 for the first class. This class does not allow free repeats (unlike BB1, BB2, and BB3, which can be repeated at no charge if you have already attended as Ru's student). Registration forms for the two classes are available here ([May class](#); [June/July class](#)).
- BB3 Popular Conventions will begin on May 6th and will run for 6 weeks. Registration form is available [here](#).



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

