



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Rank Changes

Nancy Babineaux	Junior Master	Z Fredrick	Club Master	Pat Lewis	NABC Master
Mark Basso	Junior Master	Ray Kreichelt	Club Master	Donna Miller	NABC Master
Kelly McKee	Junior Master	Betsy Schifanella	Club Master	Estes Carns	Adv NABC Master
Steve Pierson	Junior Master	Marianne Campbell	Sectional Master	Louis Adams	Bronze Life Master
Jeanne Pittman	Junior Master	Brenda Brickley	Regional Master	Harold Elkins	Silver Life Master
Perry Russell	Junior Master	Diane Burch	Regional Master	Doris Fairgrieve	Silver Life Master
Lisa Smith	Junior Master	Bill Fagan	Regional Master	Barbara Parke	Silver Life Master
Debbie Wakenight	Junior Master	Kae Harding	Regional Master	Nancy Meade	Ruby Life Master
Emory Washington	Junior Master				

Note: The current Sunshine Bridge News shows rank changes through May 2025.

President's Corner

Summer at the Jacksonville School of Bridge has been spectacular! We're thrilled to welcome a number of new members. Their strong participation and support, in both the Tuesday 299er and the Wednesday 0–20 games, have contributed to the growth in membership. Our Open Game players continue to show their support in many ways, keeping the club lively and engaged. There's no better place to be than our Bridge Club when the temperatures soar outside!

Our Summer Sectional was a tremendous success, thanks not only to enthusiastic participation throughout the weekend, but also to the many dedicated volunteers who gave their time and energy to plan, organize and help wherever needed. On the topic of volunteers, please consider running for a 2-year term on the Board in the upcoming November election. The Nominating Committee will begin their work this month to identify candidates for the open positions.

The Board respectfully requests that if you bring lunch, you complete eating well before play begins or move the food to a separate table. This will help us keep cards clean and not distract play. Thank you!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and don't forget to check the Information Board (located above the score sheets supplies table) regularly for updates on club news and member concerns.

--Emmy Peters

In Sympathy

Our sympathies are with the families of 104-year-old **Virginia Noon** and of **Bill Davis**, who passed away recently.

Sectional Tournament

The recent **Peggy Higginbotham** Summer Sectional attracted 76+ tables in the Open pairs games, almost half of them in the 499er pairs, and visitors from around the state. Swiss teams attracted 18 teams in total, of which the 499er turnout was likewise robust. Thank you to the tournament chair, **Mike Siebenhaar**, and to the many volunteers who took care of setup and cleanup, food, and parking. We could not have done this without you!

Longest Day

Michael Smalline, the master auctioneer, and **Carol Shotwell** continued JSOB's streak of increasing donations to the Alzheimer's Association for the fourth straight year. JSOB is very proud to have raised \$8030 this year. From 2022 -2024, **Lorie Holmes** and **Michael Smalline** increased participation and the club's donation every year, raising a total of over \$15,000. The ACBL and participating clubs around the country have donated more than \$10,000,000 in support of Alzheimer's research. Thank you all for your generosity! Thank you, Michael and Carol, for your hard work! Thank you to the auction volunteers: **Aldo Cardia, Craig Hemphill, Anne Landry, Ralph Croskey, Jan Madsen, Nancy Mitchell, Alta Tanner, Mark Franzoni, Ru Terajewicz** and **Louise Fontecchio**. If you won a game with one of the auction participants, contact him/her to schedule a game.

Upcoming Lessons

Bridge Basics 1 (Beginning Bridge) will be offered this fall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting Tuesday 9/16. (Class dates are 9/16, 9/17, 9/23, 9/24, 9/30, and 10/1.) Registration flyer is [here](#). Cost is \$135 which includes the book, or \$25 per class and \$15 for the textbook. Instructor is Ru Terajewicz. For questions, contact Jan Madsen Janice.madsen@att.net. Don't delay, this class fills quickly!

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