



# Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Bob Trowbridge**, one of the original Founders of JSOB. As celebrated on the recent occasion of JSOB's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Bob initiated the process to determine the feasibility of a free-standing bridge center in Jacksonville. A host of others helped bring his idea to fruition. Bob passed away suddenly this past weekend. No public services will be held.

**The Longest Day** is an annual fundraising event to support the Alzheimer's Association. In nine years of participation, ACBL has raised almost \$9 million! The event takes place on the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice, and symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Our club has contributed every year except during the pandemic. In 2022 we contributed the most so far, over \$3000. Our volunteer co-chairs, **Lorie Holmes** and **Michael Smalline**, contributed last year both in terms of hard work and financial support and will co-chair again this year. During the week of June 19, there will be a silent auction for a game with one of the top ten players in the club (minimum starting bid \$50). At the table near the directors' desk, choose your player and record your bid. The winners will be announced at the game on June 23. All game proceeds from JSOB's Longest Day event will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association by JSOB, and sanction fees will be donated by the ACBL. Please help us top our 2022 donation by playing, participating in the auction, and/or making a donation. There will be a box for donations on the front desk and our co-chairs will be accepting donations all day June 23. Bridge is uniquely suited for The Longest Day because studies have shown that playing strategic games like bridge help keep your brain healthy. The Alzheimer's Association has even included playing bridge on its list of [10 Ways to Love Your Brain](#). --Lorie Holmes

**JSOB Sectional Tournament:** We at JSOB are very excited about our upcoming Summer Sectional (July 28-30). We need volunteers to help ensure we put on the best tournament possible. We need some folks to stay after the Thursday game (July 27) to check and clean the Bridgemates, check and complete all bidding boxes, and to set up tables and chairs. We need a couple of folks on Friday and Saturday mornings (approximately 9:15-10 AM) to direct parking. We need a caddy or two for the Sunday Swiss. Please contact **Mike Siebenhaar** (msiebenhaar@gmail.com, 630-930-3509), our new Tournament Chair, with the good news that you are available and willing to help with any of these.

Also, **Lynne Gheen** is organizing the food committee. We need people to help with setup or cleanup for breakfast or lunch on any or all of the three days. We need people to bring dishes to be served on all three days. The menu has not been finalized but we will be putting out sign-up sheets. Please sign up for

what you intend to do or bring so we know what we need. Please contact **Lynne** (preferably text at 904-318-1996, or [bouv4060@yahoo.com](mailto:bouv4060@yahoo.com)) with offers of help or questions. Thanks!

Let's make sure we put on a good tournament so that we can keep people coming back, and we look forward to seeing as many of you at the tournament as possible.

### **North American Pairs (NAP) Qualifying games: June 1-August 31**

Play in these games, and if you qualify (many players do), consider advancing to the unit and district levels! Typically very few pairs choose to compete, so at any level (A [Open], B [-2500], C [-500 Non-Life Master] your chances of advancing are excellent! And you can get colored points: at club qualifying games, 50/50 red/black; at 1-session unit qualifying games, red; at 2-session unit qualifying games, percentage of gold for overalls. District finals award gold for section firsts and overalls. NAP starts at the club level in June (2, 5, 8, and 30 at JSOB), July (3, 4, 13, and 25), and August (TBA). Club-level qualifications may be earned at any club in any unit in any district. A player may qualify as often as desired and with as many different partners as desired. Optional unit-level qualifiers are held after Sept 1 and before the district final, held after the unit final until the third week in January. At the district final, both players must have qualified at the club level (not necessarily with each other) and must be members of the parent district. District winners receive cash prizes (\$300-\$700 per person) to help pay for travel to the final at the Spring 2023 NABC. Detailed conditions of contest are at <https://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/play/NAP/CoC.pdf>.

### **Upcoming:**

- Once a month, starting in July, pizza will be served prior to the game (dates TBA), courtesy of Michael Smalline. Thank you, Michael!
- Also starting in June, Tacos & Teams will switch away from Nine is Nifty to an open stratified format. There will be no Tacos & Teams in July and August.

### **Save The Dates:**

**Fridays, May 26-July 7<sup>th</sup>**: Bridge Basic III (Popular Conventions) (Ru Terajewicz), 9:15-11:15, (no class on June 16th) ([Register](#) for Bridge Basic III)

**Fri June 2, Mon June 5, Th June 8, and Fri June 30**: North American Pairs Qualifying Games (see item above)

**Mon June 19- Fri June 23**: STaC Week. Silver points! No extra charge, \$7 as usual

**Fri June 23**: Longest Day STaC game, free pizza at 11:30 (see item above)

**Tue June 20**: Tacos and Teams STAC, new open stratified format (see item above), silver points!

**Fri July 28-Sun July 30**: JSOB Sectional (see item above)

**Wednesdays, Sept 6-Oct 11**: Bridge Basic Lesson Series (Introductory) (Ru Terajewicz), 9:15-11:15 ([Register](#) for Bridge Basic)

**Oct 5-6**: Non-Life Master Tournament

**Feb 16-18,2024**: JSOB Sectional

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