

# Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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#### **Rank Achievements**

<b>Constance Maynard</b>	Junior Master	Anna Bell	Sectional Master	Norma Larsen	Regional Master
Lynne Gheen	Club Master	Judy Shaffer	Sectional Master	Trudy Little	Regional Master
Pasquale Gilberto	Club Master	Carolyn Somerville	Sectional Master	<b>Charlotte Tingen</b>	Regional Master
Terry Lundborg	Club Master	Scott Zager	Sectional Master	<b>Charles Schubiger</b>	NABC Master
Emmy Peters	Club Master	Joy Cook	Regional Master	Ruth Spackman	Bronze Life Master
Paul Rushton	Club Master	<b>Lorie Holmes</b>	Regional Master	Bijoy Anand	Gold Life Master
Carol Shotwell	Club Master	Jeanne Imhoff	Regional Master	Nancy Stein	Gold Life Master

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

### Master Point Races as of August 31, 2018

Flight A		Flight B		Flight C					
Alan Stout	172.66	Michael Smalline	133.62	Hop Hartmann	55.14				
Alex Weiss	154.62	Jan Madsen	90.72	Dane Margol	38.99				
Marilyn/John	135.53	Mark Franzoni	85.49	John Orren	36.81				
Carlson									
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Bill Hutchins	44.58	Lorie Holmes	30.82	Ted Burns	29.13				

Save the dates: Mentor-Mentee Game Thursday, November 1; Holiday Party Friday December 14

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of David Watson, who passed away.

**Annual Meeting** will take place on **Thurs. Oct 18**<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:30 (game start will be delayed), at which time six members will be elected to the January, 2019 – December, 2020 Board. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

**Membership Renewals**: JSOB will begin collecting 2019 dues at the Annual Meeting (Th Oct 18) and at most games thereafter. New member dues and renewals are \$20. Renewals will be \$25 starting January 1, 2019. Members who have not renewed by January 1 must pay an extra \$1 per game until renewed.

**Recycling:** Look for special containers for emptied cups, bottles and cans in one container and all paper products in another. Help save our world! Thank you, **Ann Buchholz** and **Jan Madsen** for spearheading this project.

# **Board Nominee Bios:**

**Lynn Brown:** Bridge has been a part of my life since watching my mother and father play socially as I was growing up. I was introduced to duplicate in the late 1980s when living overseas. When I returned to the US in 2002, I became very active in tournament play and obtained my teacher accreditation. I taught for many years, both privately and at the Daytona Bridge Club. I worked as a director in Daytona for a number of years. I also served on the board there for 3 years. If elected to serve on the JSOB board, I would offer my experience and perhaps be able to share ideas from a sister club.

**Lorie Holmes**: I have been playing bridge since I was in college...and am totally addicted to the game! I have been volunteering for over 50 years and I am still at it...obviously, another addiction. Throughout my life I have worn

many hats, from opening a small manufacturers business to serving on the zoning commission in St Louis Park..... from being a real estate agent for a large land developer to fundraising and traveling with the US Women's National Golf Team. I have also been appointed to many boards and served on various commissions. I feel that I am very qualified to serve on this Board. If I were to be elected, I would apply my leadership, organizational, and people skills to help promote the continued success of JSOB. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

**Leyse Lowry:** I started to play duplicate bridge in 2012 and joined the JSOB Board 2 years ago. This year I ran The Longest Day Event to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

Jan Madsen: I live in Jacksonville. I am retired. I have been a member of JSOB for 10+ years. I am running for the board to give some of my time to help keep JSOB the healthy, vital club it is. Bridge is a love that I discovered here. I would like others to have the opportunity to learn a great game and to make friends and acquaintances who enrich their lives. Along with several others, I am working to start a recycling program. This is something that helps us all as well as helping our community and our world. The support from the club members has been wonderful. Our initial foray has been collecting paper and taking it home to recycle. We have several more ideas and plan to expand our effort. Look for more information in the coming weeks. Any feedback is welcome.

**Penny Marks:** After a career teaching high school English, I began learning bridge. I played party bridge for a bit when a friend coerced me to try DUPLICATE Bridge....and that was all it took! I have been fortunate to play at JSOB for a few years. While at the club I have benefitted from the excellent educational opportunities offered...from lessons prior to playing...to classes offered through the Duval Continuing Education program...to the mentor/mentee pairing...to tournaments and special events (Pro/Am, holiday party, tacos and teams.) I have also had the pleasure of meeting many new people while playing....people willing to share advice, share a smile, or just share their time to add to the atmosphere of JSOB. JSOB exists because of the many hours of dedication of its volunteers. I appreciate the work and kindness of others, and I suppose I feel that everyone who enjoys JSOB should be a part of helping make it a better place. For this reason I would like to be a part of the organization.

**Linda O'Dell:** I have been playing bridge for 52 years. I started playing seriously 11 years ago. it is a passion. Directing is my number one thing to do with bridge. In my previous life was in financial planning. I hired and trained people. Organizing is my specialty. I believe that my skills in my profession will help me on the board. JSOB has been good to me and it is now time for me to give back.

**John Orrens:** I have a BSEE from Purdue University. I served as a Naval Flight Officer in the Navy for eight years, and I am a disabled American veteran of the Viet Nam era. I have started and operated several companies from fast food fried chicken to software systems consulting. I understand accounting and financials. I believe that our club has to find ways to engage young people in duplicate bridge in order to grow our membership. To do this, I believe we have to find a way to successfully begin evening and weekend games. I would be honored to serve on the board of the Jacksonville School of Bridge. Thank you.

Marilena Thompson: I have enjoyed playing at this club since 2010 as a "snow bird" and as a resident for the last three years. I learned to play social bridge in Dayton, Ohio with girlfriends and in the late 90's, after the death of my husband, I was encouraged by my best friend to play duplicate at the Dayton club. I became Hooked! You all know about that! I served there on the Club Board for several years; Partnership Chair for sectionals and regionals and chaired the Mentor/Mentee Program. We transitioned through 2 facilities and experienced overall club growth. The growth we are experiencing in this club is phenomenal, thanks to some very hard working members of the Board. If elected, I would promote more friendliness and kindness so new players would feel less intimidated at the table and make our games a fun hobby for everyone. Elected or not, I am here to help our Club.

**Nancy Whitmire:** I have been a member of JSOB for about 8 years. I fell in love with Duplicate Bridge after my husband Jim and I played in our first match. The "good players" at JSOB are devoting their time and efforts to allow new players to "fall in love". Their efforts have allowed our club to prosper and grow! I want to give back to JSOB in any way I can and would.

Thank you, Judy Miller, for proofreading this issue.