



# Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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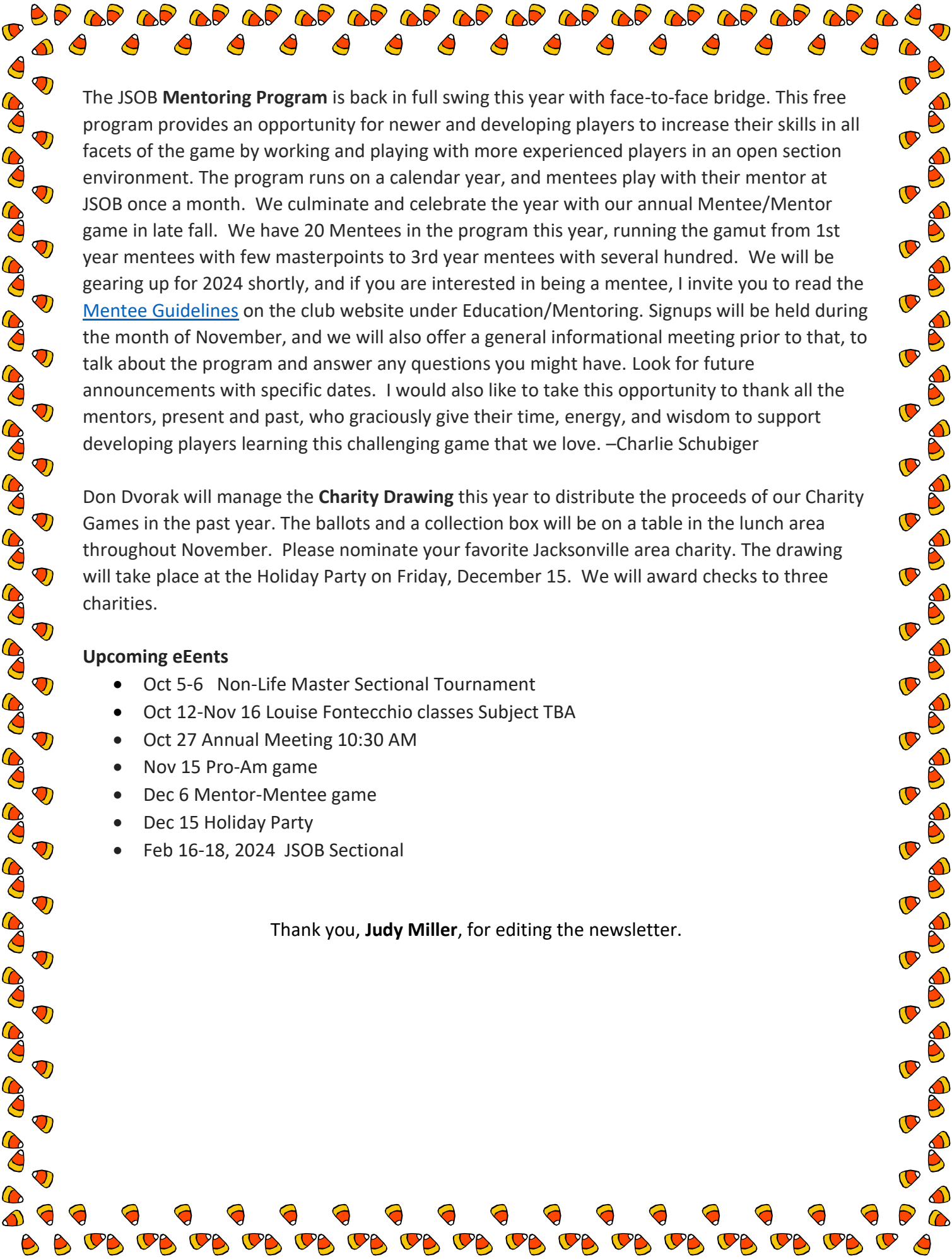
Our sympathies go out to **Ginny Hoffman** who lost her sister in August, and with **Kathy Munson** whose daughter died.

JSOB is hosting an **NLM tournament** on October 5 and 6. YES, we will have an open game at noon as always on the **5th and 6th**. Remember to be welcoming and respectful to all our new players. They are our future!

Thank you to those of you who donated lightly used or new items to **Hubbard House**. Also, thanks to **Estes Carns** who delivered them. They were very appreciative. Please feel free to continue to bring LIKE-NEW items, we will deliver them to Hubbard House. Items not deemed like-new will be donated to their Thrift Store. At Thanksgiving we will be having a donation drive for either cash donations or gift card donations for Hubbard House. Look for information as it gets closer.

Our **annual meeting** is scheduled for Friday, October 27 at 10:30 AM. On the agenda is the election of new board members to serve January 2024-December 2025. Nominees include **Bunny George, Mike Palmer, Emmy Peters, Carol Shotwell, Michael Smalline, and Alta Tanner**. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

We will begin collecting **dues for 2024** at the Annual meeting. The membership cost is still \$20, as it has been for many years. Please feel free to add a little as a donation if you are able. **Michael Smalline** and **Nancy Whitmire** have volunteered to collect dues at a collection table that will be set up at most games. Dues will be collected through the end of the year. After January 1, 2024, you will pay an extra dollar per game if you have not joined.



The JSOB **Mentoring Program** is back in full swing this year with face-to-face bridge. This free program provides an opportunity for newer and developing players to increase their skills in all facets of the game by working and playing with more experienced players in an open section environment. The program runs on a calendar year, and mentees play with their mentor at JSOB once a month. We culminate and celebrate the year with our annual Mentee/Mentor game in late fall. We have 20 Mentees in the program this year, running the gamut from 1st year mentees with few masterpoints to 3rd year mentees with several hundred. We will be gearing up for 2024 shortly, and if you are interested in being a mentee, I invite you to read the [Mentee Guidelines](#) on the club website under Education/Mentoring. Signups will be held during the month of November, and we will also offer a general informational meeting prior to that, to talk about the program and answer any questions you might have. Look for future announcements with specific dates. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the mentors, present and past, who graciously give their time, energy, and wisdom to support developing players learning this challenging game that we love. —Charlie Schubiger

Don Dvorak will manage the **Charity Drawing** this year to distribute the proceeds of our Charity Games in the past year. The ballots and a collection box will be on a table in the lunch area throughout November. Please nominate your favorite Jacksonville area charity. The drawing will take place at the Holiday Party on Friday, December 15. We will award checks to three charities.

#### Upcoming eEvents

- Oct 5-6 Non-Life Master Sectional Tournament
- Oct 12-Nov 16 Louise Fontecchio classes Subject TBA
- Oct 27 Annual Meeting 10:30 AM
- Nov 15 Pro-Am game
- Dec 6 Mentor-Mentee game
- Dec 15 Holiday Party
- Feb 16-18, 2024 JSOB Sectional

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