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Rank Achievements

Cheryl Maguire Junior Master	Ann Ruden Sectional Master	Aggie Kaye Silver Life Master
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John LaCara Club Master	Diane Cohen NABC Master	Jack Carter Gold Life Master
Mary Massman Club Master	Steve Kimmel Bronze Life Master	

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

Master Point Race as of April 30, 2015

Flight A		Flight B		Flight C	
Marlise Cusick	52.50	Daniel Jacobs	40.18	William Bennett	18.31
Jack Carter	51.67	Michael Smalline	39.37	Christine Bennett	18.31
Nancy Mitchell	49.28	Chester Montgomery	31.53	Buck Plaster	14.60
Non-Life Master					
Robert Malone	23.10	Christopher Felker	13.11	Hop Hartmann	12.99

Welcome, new members Paul and Barbara Thorpe.

Thank you, Marcia Wasserman and Julie Bradley, for our 2015 directory.

Courtesy Reminder: With all of the new players joining us in our favorite pastime, it is incumbent upon all of us "regulars" to be especially attentive to behavior at the table—our posture should be pleasant, non-critical, non-combative, and helpful. And FYI, though it is traditional for North-South to manage the boards, there is no proscription against East-West either changing them or moving them. Please graciously accept help from anyone who is willing to provide it!!

Emails from the Club: If you are a JSOB member, you should be receiving via email the monthly calendar and other JSOB announcements. If you are not receiving these emails, please be sure that JSOB.community@gmail.com is in your email account's Contacts or Safe Senders list. If you do not wish to receive these emails, contact Jeanne Harlan.

Directory Updates: Directory updates will be sent when the newsletter is emailed.

New Bridge League: JSOB is forming a new flighted IMP League for the River City! League play will begin in late August or early September. Follow the JSOB web site for updates and new information. There will be large master point awards, prizes for lower brackets and FAME for the winners! Teams are forming now. Contact Keith White, wkw45@icloud.com

Anne Landry's Tips for Tops—Opening Leads and Aces

With full credit to Mike Lawrence from his wonderful book *Opening Leads*, I make the following proclamation:

NEVER UNDER-LEAD AN ACE AGAINST A SUIT CONTRACT!!!! Here are some of the reasons why this rates to be the worst opening lead in bridge.

1. If either declarer or dummy has a singleton King, you have just cost your side a trick.
2. If declarer has the King and the dummy has a singleton, you have just cost your side a trick.
3. You may give declarer a trick with his king that he could not otherwise get.
4. Even if your partner happens to have the King, under-leading your Ace probably won't gain you anything.
5. Your partner may have the King but won't know to play it because he will be sure that declarer has the Ace.
6. Even if you get lucky and find dummy with the king and your partner with the queen, your lead may not gain you a trick.
7. Even if you get lucky and find dummy with the king and your partner with the queen, partner won't know whether to play the queen or not.
8. When you lead away from an Ace and it costs your side a trick, it is often your partner who looks silly. This doesn't do much for partnership morale!

In summary, under-leading an Ace nearly always costs the defense at least one trick and, at best, does not rate to gain anything on defense. Remove this option from your opening lead arsenal.

Next terrible opening lead against a suit contract: an unsupported Ace. (An unsupported Ace is not part of an Ace-King or Ace-King-Queen combination.) Even if your partner has bid the suit, the lead of an unsupported Ace is, more often than not, going to give the declarer a trick he could not get on his own. Leading an unsupported Ace gives declarer timing he would not be able to find for himself. Even worse, it may enable declarer to establish a side suit that he can use to discard losers. This lead will rarely gain your side anything and will nearly always cost a trick. Remember, Aces are meant to take Kings! Find another lead.

Leading is an imperfect science, for sure. To quote Mike Lawrence, "... opening leads won't always be wonderful. The best they can be is reasonably good ... Follow these guidelines and you will make fewer bad leads and you will make more good ones." In the long run, that's a mighty fine outcome.

Upcoming Events: June 8-14 STaC games
Month of July Enter your local charity for JSOB charity games drawing in August
June 29- July 5 Jacksonville Regional (flyer at
<http://www.acbl.org/tournaments/schedule.php?tourid=14844>)
October 16-18 Jacksonville Sectional
October 24 Mentor-Mentee luncheon and game

Thank you, **Judith Miller**, for proof reading each issue and correcting my many errors.

