



# Jacksonville School of Bridge

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### Rank Achievements

<b>Bill Hutchins</b>	Junior Master	<b>Robert Tonsfeldt</b>	Regional Master	<b>Christine Bennett</b>	Bronze Life Master
<b>Jane Lothrop</b>	Junior Master	<b>Ann Buchholz</b>	Adv NABC Master	<b>Julie Mackey</b>	Bronze Life Master
<b>Jeanne Imhoff</b>	Sectional Master	<b>Jerry Brenner</b>	Life Master	<b>Marilynn Parker</b>	Silver Life Master

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

### Master Point Race Winners 2015

Flight A		Flight B		Flight C	
<b>Craig Hemphill</b>	170.33	<b>Daniel Jacobs</b>	117.20	<b>Buck Plaster</b>	45.76
		Non Life Master			
		<b>Robert Malone</b>	76.81		

**Thank you to all the mentors and mentees** who participated in the 2015 program and who attended the luncheon and game on Saturday, November 21. It is because of you that we are able to provide this service to all our newer players. Congratulations to the winners of their sections, **Joy White/Aggie Kaye and Tim Clutterbuck/Bud Penk**. Thanks also to those who helped make this event a success: **Anne Landry, Linda and Burt O'Dell, Nancy Whitmire and Dane Margol**. Carole Sinoff, 2015 Chairperson.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the families of **Joan Bell, Norman Mills, Bobbie Prevatt, and Geoffrey Cross** who passed away in late 2015. Also we think of **Vicki Harrison** who lost her husband Bill.

Mark your calendar for **Friday February 19. Achievement Day** will honor those who have achieved Life Master or higher, or who have won the JSOB Master point race, Mini McKenney, Ace of Clubs and Silver Sectional Master. The list is posted at the club. Please contact Jeanne Harlan (363-6239) to report errors or omissions. Come honor these 40 plus members and enjoy some cake.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 5-7	Jacksonville Sectional
February 13	Chat Bridge
February 18	Tacos & Teams
February 19	Achievement Day
February 20, 27	Chat Bridge
March 5, 12, 19, 26	Chat Bridge
March 17	Tacos & Teams
TBA	River City Teams League

**Coming to Linda O'Dell's Game,**  
beginning Tuesday, March 1:  
0-49er game, with a free 30-minute lesson at 9:45 AM, followed by the game (10:30, \$6). A question and answer session will follow the game.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Peggy Higginbotham is chair of prizes for the Orlando NABC Nov. 24 – Dec. 4, 2016. Volunteers are needed. Prize desk is easy and fun (everybody loves you when you give them a prize!). General volunteers are assigned to various committees but if you volunteer for prizes, that is what you will do. Anyone interested can contact Peggy (904-527-3944).

**COURTESY FIRST!!** In this lengthy season of political high drama, let's all remember to be respectful of our fellow players and limit political discussion. And remember that it is a long-standing JSOB policy to avoid wearing political buttons, t-shirts, hats and the like. The bridge table is not a good venue for debates over religion, politics or money!!

**AVERAGING, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?** All games at JSOB are now stratifying the field based on the AVERAGE masterpoints of each pair. If you are playing with a partner in the same strat as you (A with A, B with B, C with C) nothing changes. When you play with a partner out of your strat, the computer will automatically compute the average of your masterpoint totals and place you in that strat. This is a great help to our mentoring pairs who will rarely be required to compete in the A strat when playing with an A mentor. It also helps make the distribution of pairs in each strat more even, thus creating a more equitable field. If you have any questions about how you are being stratified, please do not hesitate to ask your director for an explanation.

**PSYCHIC BIDDING** Any call that deliberately and grossly misstates either honor strength or suit length is by definition a psych. Psychs that are disruptive to the game warrant disciplinary action. Tactical psychs are an integral part of the game and are perfectly legal but may require an Alert, possibly delayed.

The ACBL Board of Directors has defined types of disruptive bidding that make offenders subject to penalty. Here are some examples:

- Excessive psychic bidding: When three or more psychic actions by members of a partnership have been reported in any one session, a presumption of inappropriate behavior exists and it is up to the players to demonstrate that they are not just horsing around.
- Frivolous psychic bidding: Any psychic action inspired by a spirit of malicious mischief or lack of will to win may be interpreted as frivolous.
- Unsportsmanlike psychic bidding: Action designed to give the opponents an abnormal opportunity to get a good score, psychs against pairs or teams in contention, psychs against inexperienced players and psychs used merely to create action at the table are all examples of unsportsmanlike psychic bidding.

Tactical psychs are made to paint a picture in opponents' and partner's minds that will cause them to play you for a holding that you do not have, enabling you to succeed at a contract to which you were inevitably headed. Examples:

- Partner opens 1S. Knowing you are going to end up in 4S, you may bid 2D holding three small diamonds in an attempt to ward off a diamond lead.
- You might cue bid an ace that you don't have on your way to bidding six of a suit, hoping to ward off the lead of that suit.

Frequent use of tactical psychs will develop an implicit partnership agreement which requires an Alert, possibly delayed (at the end of the auction before the opening lead is made).

ACBL requires that clubs regulate the use of uncontrolled psychs. The burden of proof is on the player who makes more than two psychic calls per session to prove that he is not using excessive, frivolous or unsportsmanlike psychic bidding. Disciplinary action will be taken against a player whose bidding does not conform to these regulations. Score adjustments should be made only when the result on the board was affected because the partner, due to previous experience, may have allowed for the psychic call.

JSOB expressly forbids psyching of any kind against C pairs or against mentoring pairs.

-Anne Landry

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