



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Rank Achievements

Anne Bader	Junior Master	Margaret Fulton	Regional Master	Palle Reddy	NABC Master
Barbara Brown	Club Master	Penny Marks	Regional Master	Jeri Hogan	Life Master
Susan Goodall	Club Master	Donna Miller	Regional Master	Fred Schantz	Life Master
Joanne Davis	Sectional Master	Geraldine Myers	Regional Master	Edith Hill	Bronze Life Master
Karen Ostergren	Sectional Master	Emmy Peters	Regional Master	Mark Franzoni	Ruby Life Master
Lynn Sandry	Sectional Master	Nancy Hanna	NABC Master	Alex Weiss	Emerald Life Master
Pat Smith	Sectional Master	Donald Michels	NABC Master		

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

Master Point Races as of March 16, 2020

Flight A		Flight B		Flight C	
Alex Weiss	53.79	Bud Penk	27.95	Michael Palmer	22.19
Alan Stout	44.25	Aldo Cardia	27.14	Charlie Schubiger	14.89
Fran Weiss	43.98	Marilena Thompson	26.54	John Orren	14.85
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Paul Turner	20.49	Don Michels	9.10	Estes Carns	8.64

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and at the request of ACBL, JSOB will be closed until further notice. All games, lessons and other events are cancelled. For the benefit of the Club and your own sanity, you are encouraged to play bridge online at www.bridgebase.com. Select an ACBL game to win black master points and support JSOB! If you need help using Bridgebase, contact Linda or Burt O'Dell. Stay safe, and wash your hands.

Congratulations to **Burt O'Dell**, our newest Ambassador for Bridge.

In the midst of a pandemic, environmental concerns are still as important as ever. Even while you are stuck at home, you can still recycle! **YOU MUST RECYCLE** if you are serious about the environment

Recycling Update 2020

After rising quickly in the 1980s and 1990s, recycling rates slowed in 2000 and then peaked at around 34% by 2010, where, according to the most recent EPA data, the country has remained since. Most cities had programs that collected paper separately from glass, metal, and plastic, minimizing contamination and allowing for cost-effective processing that was attractive to local and regional markets. According to a 2016 EPA study (based on 2007 data), the **U.S. recycling industry comprised more than 757,000 jobs, \$36.6 billion in wages and \$6.7 billion in tax revenue.**

Here is how to do it right:

1. ALL Recycling MUST be clean

Florida's Department of Environmental Protection reports, as of summer 2019, that the state "is not experiencing the same negative effects" as the West Coast due to greater regional access to domestic markets for recyclables. However, many waste haulers and MRF operators have had to **reduce contamination levels**, leading municipalities to renegotiate recycling contracts – typically at higher rates and with fewer recyclables accepted.

2. **Glass** is a valuable commodity, CLEAN bottles first

While glass collection is still a common service in many curbside programs – especially when markets are close enough to justify transportation costs – much of it is still not being recycled. The U.S. EPA's latest statistics estimate more than 73% of glass generated in 2017 went to landfills or incinerators. EOW's goal is to help verify the path of the nearly 27% being recycled and also start shifting that ratio.

Glass processors meet tight industry specifications for manufacturing bottles, insulation and abrasives. Their material is also commonly used in foundations for building and road construction, as well as clean fill. Windowpane and auto glass is used for manufacturing road reflectors and safety equipment for fire and emergency workers. Glass recycling is also rich with jobs. **According to Strategic Materials, its plant in Wilson, North Carolina processes 100,000 tons annually and ships to plants that employ 2,300 workers in the region.**

3. **Plastics**- a continuing problem

Although nearly all plastics are recyclable and recoverable, approximately 45% of the plastics that could be recycled end up in landfills largely due to improper disposal by the waste generator and lack of robust markets. The plastics that cannot be mechanically recycled can be chemically recycled or recovered for energy through alternative technologies such as waste-to-energy, gasification and pyrolysis.

Continue to recycle plastic containers but be sure they are numbered 1-3-5.

Recycle your Publix bags at Publix! Target also accepts them. They can be used to make new ones.

In addition:

- Recycle your batteries and light bulbs at Lowes.
- Make sure your home recycling is CLEAN, no #6 plastics, no milk cartons.
- Take your old electronics to the recycling center at 2675 Commonwealth Ave. or the Veterans Electronics program <https://sensiblerecycling.com/>
- Aerosol cans, chemicals, pesticides, car batteries, oil, appliances and other dangerous products can also be taken to 2675 Commonwealth Ave. or watch for the City of Jacksonville Beach annual drop-off date.

At JSOB:

Recycle **cans** and **bottles** FOR SURE but rinse them first, both easily recycled

Our clear **plastic cups** ARE recyclable, rinse them first

NO napkins, paper plates, utensils, candy wrappers, chip bags

Thank you, **Judy Miller**, for proofreading this issue.