



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Rank Changes

Mary Glackin	Junior Master	Blake Baumgartner	Sectional Master	Ann S Meadows	Regional Master
Mark Harvey	Junior Master	Bernie Grossman	Sectional Master	Bonnie Crook	Silver LM
Mark Basso	Club Master	Kitsy Wedekind	Sectional Master	Jeff Hoek	Silver LM
Alyce Bullock	Club Master			Danny Sellers Jr.	Diamond LM

Note: Sunshine News current issue shows rank changes only through May 2025

President's Corner

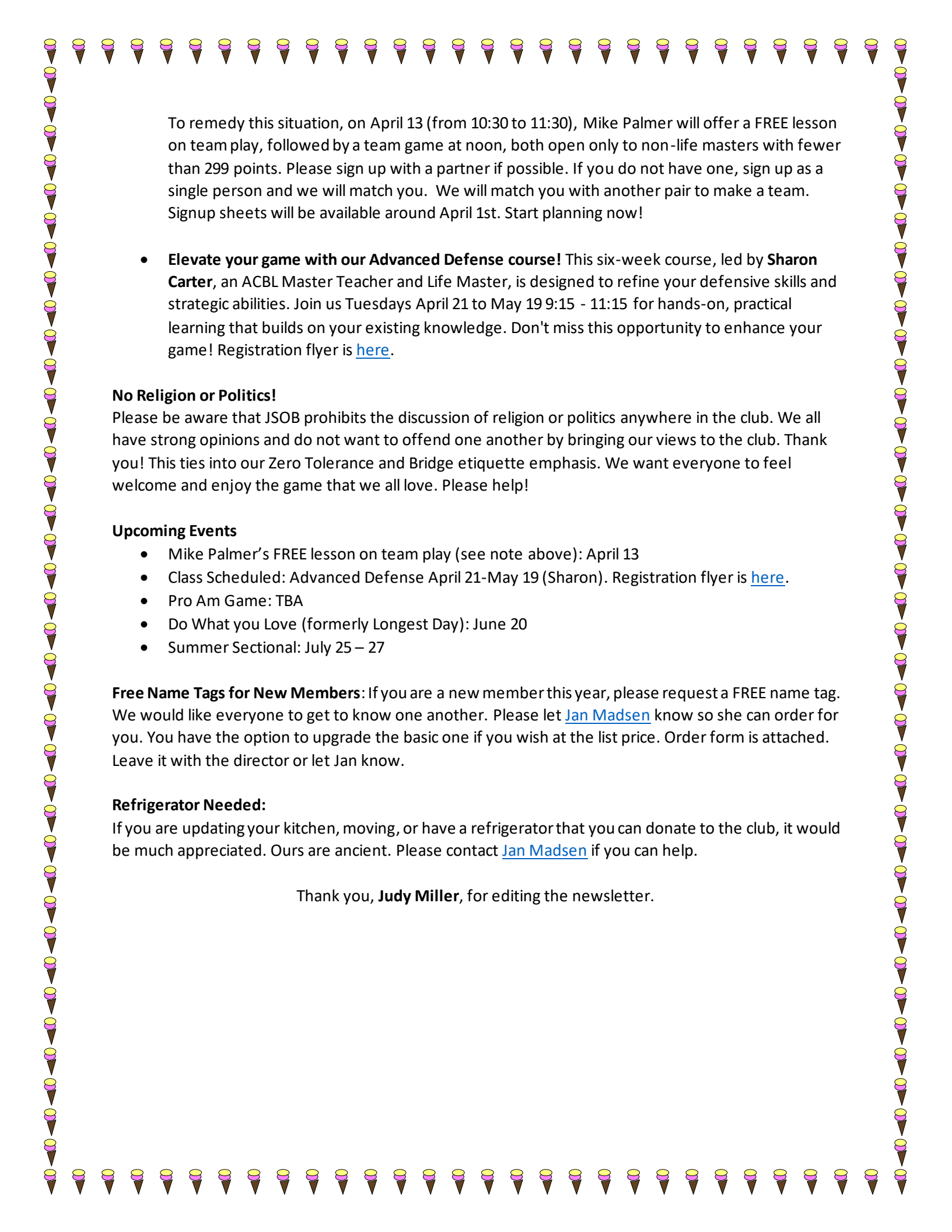
Have you noticed all the good things happening at our club? Our membership is at an all-time high since Covid, and we are enjoying meeting and getting to know our many new members. Our classes are full of students eager to learn bridge or refresh and strengthen their existing skills. We are fortunate to have such gifted and knowledgeable teachers who are willing to share their expertise. As your President, I want to work with all members to address any problems or concerns. You are always welcome to reach me by text at 904-993-7602 or by email at emmypeters5@gmail.com. I do ask that you please avoid bringing up issues during play or immediately before or during a game, as that can be distracting for me, my partner, and our opponents. If something needs immediate attention during a game, our Directors are available to help. I would also like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped on Grounds Cleanup Day!--**Emmy Peters**

In Sympathy

Our sympathies are with **Nancy Whitmire**, whose husband, former JSOB member **Jim Whitmire**, has passed away; and with **Don Michels**, whose wife Debbie has passed away.

Lessons

- **Learn how to play in a team game!** As many of you know, we have a team game on the Sectional schedule in July. Team games are great fun and easier than matchpoints because of the difference in scoring. To benefit NLM players, we have changed the team game at the tournament to a bracketed format. No longer will you have to play the A or B or C teams in the open game, you will be competing in your strat only with players at your level. In order to make this work, we need enough teams. Since team games are generally not part of a regular club schedule, there are few opportunities to learn the strategies and to practice team play.



To remedy this situation, on April 13 (from 10:30 to 11:30), Mike Palmer will offer a FREE lesson on team play, followed by a team game at noon, both open only to non-life masters with fewer than 299 points. Please sign up with a partner if possible. If you do not have one, sign up as a single person and we will match you. We will match you with another pair to make a team. Signup sheets will be available around April 1st. Start planning now!

- **Elevate your game with our Advanced Defense course!** This six-week course, led by **Sharon Carter**, an ACBL Master Teacher and Life Master, is designed to refine your defensive skills and strategic abilities. Join us Tuesdays April 21 to May 19 9:15 - 11:15 for hands-on, practical learning that builds on your existing knowledge. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your game! Registration flyer is [here](#).

No Religion or Politics!

Please be aware that JSOB prohibits the discussion of religion or politics anywhere in the club. We all have strong opinions and do not want to offend one another by bringing our views to the club. Thank you! This ties into our Zero Tolerance and Bridge etiquette emphasis. We want everyone to feel welcome and enjoy the game that we all love. Please help!

Upcoming Events

- Mike Palmer's FREE lesson on team play (see note above): April 13
- Class Scheduled: Advanced Defense April 21-May 19 (Sharon). Registration flyer is [here](#).
- Pro Am Game: TBA
- Do What you Love (formerly Longest Day): June 20
- Summer Sectional: July 25 – 27

Free Name Tags for New Members: If you are a new member this year, please request a FREE name tag. We would like everyone to get to know one another. Please let [Jan Madsen](#) know so she can order for you. You have the option to upgrade the basic one if you wish at the list price. Order form is attached. Leave it with the director or let Jan know.

Refrigerator Needed:

If you are updating your kitchen, moving, or have a refrigerator that you can donate to the club, it would be much appreciated. Ours are ancient. Please contact [Jan Madsen](#) if you can help.

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