



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Rank Achievements

Bob Blythe	Club Master	Gary Smith	NABC Master
Kathleen Converse	Club Master	Palle Reddy	Life Master
David Sandeen	Club Master	Ann Ruden	Life Master
Penney Shannon	Club Master	Bobbie Fost	Ruby Life Master
Susan Goodall	Sectional Master	Sharon Bushman	Gold Life Master
Pat Smith	Regional Master	Vicki Coward	Gold Life Master
Charlotte Ehlig	NABC Master	John Landry	Diamond Life Master
Linda Gilberto	NABC Master	Christie Sellers	Diamond Life Master
Jeanne Imhoff	NABC Master		

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Liz Gelwicks** and family with the loss of her brother, and with **Dawn Genest** and family with the loss of her brother.

Thank you, **John Orren and Gerry and Florence Schemer**, for the bridge books you donated to JSOB.

Save the Dates: STaC (Sectional Tournament at Club) week is **August 2-5, Silver Points!**

JSOB Sectional Tournament is **October 22-24.**

Charity Games: All games run at JSOB are sanctioned by the ACBL. The American Contract Bridge League is our parent regulatory body. If you have joined ACBL, you are one of approximately 160,000 members. To earn master points, you must be a member of ACBL. When you play at any sanctioned game, part of your table fee goes back to ACBL. The JSOB portion of your table fee and your JSOB membership fee stay at the club to maintain the facility, pay directors, etc. Many JSOB games are designated to raise money for charity and in exchange you are awarded extra points. This year JSOB has run 13 charity games from April 1 thru June 30.

There are two types of Charity games, and both award extra points. The first returns money to the ACBL Charity Foundation. In 2019, through the Foundation, ACBL members donated \$1.6 million to charity. \$30,000 of that was given to the Alzheimer's Association on behalf of our district, District 9, which encompasses most of Florida.

Funds from the second type, our JSOB charity games, are accumulated and disbursed annually to charities of our choosing. Historically, JSOB has donated about \$1500 in \$500 increments to various organizations, including Wounded Warriors Project, Meals on Wheels, and the Humane Society. Of



course, this year our fund will not be as robust for the obvious reasons. We have smaller games and only nine months to collect. Every November, members are asked to nominate their favorite 501(c)(3) exempt charity for a drawing to receive a JSOB donation. If you want to submit the name of a local charity for a donation, you must provide the name, address, president or local organizer, non-profit 501(c)(3) charity status, and tax ID#. A form will be emailed to you by November 1. The drawing will be held at the Holiday Party.



To date, in the second quarter of 2021 we have collected almost \$400 in charity donations between our fund and the ACBL Charity Foundation fund.



Please Be Scent-sitive: Some people have extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes, perfumes, body wash, or lotions). Because duplicate bridge requires players to be near each other, those who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (including migraines) or breathing-related problems. For those who suffer from this sensitivity, the issue is more serious than simply disliking a certain smell. It is a real health problem. **Please refrain from wearing scented products when you come to the bridge club!**



Help JSOB reduce waste! JSOB generates a lot of trash, and we want to be responsible citizens of the earth and reclaim as much of it as possible. Reusable cups reduce trash, help the environment, and save the club money. Here are some FAQs about recycling at the club:



What items are recyclable? White paper, clear plastic cups (empty), aluminum cans (empty and rinsed), glass.



What items are not recyclable? Plastic bags, plastic wraps, Styrofoam, paper napkins, plastic cutlery, food waste. If you are not sure if something is recyclable, DON'T. Contaminating the recyclables can ruin the entire batch.



Where can I find the recycling containers? The blue bins are located near the entrances to the kitchen.



Are there other ways to reduce JSOB's impact on the earth?

- Use ceramic coffee cups (usually on the counter near the coffee, if not in the cupboard above the ice bucket) and place them in the dishwasher at the end of the day.
- Use both sides of a two-sided score sheet.
- Coffee cups cost us \$250 annually; cold cups cost us \$300; paper towels cost \$500. Please do what you can to reduce use of all these items.



Whom can I contact with questions? At the club, Jan Madsen (janicemadsen@att.net); for the City of Jacksonville, <http://www.coj.net/curbsiderecycling>. To contribute ideas or comments, use the Contact Us feature under Club Information on the JSOB website, www.bridgewebs.com/jacksonvilleschool.



Thank you, Judy Miller, for editing the newsletter.

