



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Rank Achievements

Carole Roth	Club Master	Dom Mancini	Bronze Life Master
Blake Baumgartner	Regional Master	Monica Heseman	Gold Life Master
Tracy Miller	Regional Master	Bill Page	Gold Life Master
Kae Harding	NABC Master	Dennis Bushman	Diamond Life Master

President's Corner: We have had a busy and productive summer at JSOB! Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Tracy Miller and her committee, we exceeded our fundraising goal for the Alzheimer's Association and set a new record, raising more than \$14,000 through bids and donations. We also hosted a very successful Summer Sectional and partnered with Palm Coast Bridge Club to sponsor a Swiss Team Competition, to be held in August. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the time, talent, and dedication of our many member volunteers. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

As we look ahead to 2027, our goal is to continue growing as a club while meeting the needs of our members. To achieve that, we need members who are willing to serve on our Board. Five Board positions will become vacant at the end of this year, and we encourage you to consider running for election. More details about the election process will be shared soon. In addition, if you have an interest in education, record keeping, technology, or finance, we would love to have your help. Your involvement makes a difference, and we need you! --**Emmy Peters**

In Sympathy: Our sympathies are with the families of **Frank Hamwey** and **Brian Gunnell**, longtime members who have passed away; and with **Bob Blythe**, whose son has passed away.

Summer Sectional Report: JSOB hosted a very successful summer sectional. We had a total of 107.5 tables over three days of play. Thank you, **Mike Siebenhaar**, for planning and executing a great tournament. A special thank you goes out to our hospitality committee headed by **Lynne Gheen** and **Jennifer Rootham**, supported by kitchen volunteers and food contributors too numerous to name. Without everyone pitching in, we could not have done this. It was fun to welcome visitors from afar and sign up two new members!

Do What You Love (Alzheimer's Fundraiser): At last accounting, JSOB had raised \$13,450 for the Alzheimer's Fund. The Sunshine Bridge News will be running an article highlighting JSOB's participation in the event. Way to go, JSOB members! Here is how the top organizations who participated fared:

1. American Contract Bridge League – \$1,126,148
2. Washburn Challenge – \$267,633
3. Alpha Delta Kappa – \$243,123
4. 48 Peaks – \$225,000
5. Mah Jongg For Memories – \$223,485

Thank you, **Tracy Miller**, for all your hard work getting us there.

Nominating Committee for 2027 Board Members: **Judy Harhai** is chairing the nominating committee for the five open seats on the 2027 Board. Anyone interested in serving, please contact her (judyh31@gmail.com).

End of Summer Bridge Battle: JSOB vs Palm Coast Swiss Team Game Saturday August 29th 10 AM (2 sessions play through). The format will be team matches against the opposite club in the same strat (90-99, 100-749, 750-1500, open). Black masterpoints will be awarded. Table fee is \$30 per person, which includes a light breakfast and a fabulous lunch. Tournament chairs: **Lynn Chapman** (Jax) & **Lynn Ostergard** (Palm Coast). Director: **Michael Palmer**. Contact for questions and partnerships (singles and pairs): **Lynn Chapman** via text (904-553-8914) or email (lynn4dux@yahoo.com).

Upcoming Classes: Please notify anyone you know who may be interested. Links to registration flyers below are live. You can also access registration flyers in the Education/Lessons section of the [club website](#).

- **Avoiding Bidding Mistakes** (Louise Fontecchio): July 20, 27 & Aug 3, 10. You may attend individual classes. ([Registration flyer](#))
- **Bridge Basic 1 (Beginning Bridge)** (Ru Terajewicz): Sept 16, 23, 30 & Oct 7, 14, 28. ([Registration flyer](#))
- **Play of the Hand** (Sharon Carter): Oct 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17. ([Registration flyer](#))

Use of Credit Cards for Game Payment: In the fall we will initiate a trial run of Square to see if this application will work for us.

Name tags: JSOB will no longer order name tags for members. If you would like a name tag, please deal directly with the company we have ordered from, sevennotrump.com, where you will have more options.

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