



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Master Point Races as of October 31, 2019

Flight A		Flight B		Flight C	
Alex Weiss	233.42	Michael Smalline	178.90	Aldo Cardia	113.27
Alan Stout	224.51	Mark Franzoni	11.31	Michael Palmer	83.54
Marlise Cusick	204.88	Marilena Thompson	92.16	William Hutchins	55.76
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Lorie Holmes	54.25	Don Michaels	51.96	Paul Turner	50.48

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Beth Corrigan**, who has passed away.

Board Election: The following **will serve from January 2020 to December 2021: Aldo Cardia, Mark Franzoni, Anne Landry, Dane Margol and Melissa Sovereign.** Continuing to serve through 2020 are: **Lynn Brown, Lorie Holmes, Janice Madsen, Linda O'Dell, John Orren, and Nancy Whitmire.** Thank you to **Nancy Hanna, Penny Marks and Burt O'Dell** for serving on the January 2018-December 2019 Board.

Directory Updates: The 2020 JSOB Directory will go to press in February. Please check the information in the current directory and alert us of any changes when you pay your dues.

Membership Renewals: Dues of \$20 are payable by January 1, 2020 to membership chairperson Jan Madsen or Carl Wasserman. A table will be set up most game days. Be sure to obtain a receipt. After January 1 any renewing members' dues will be \$25 for the 2020 year. After January 1, until dues are paid, a nonmember will pay an extra \$1 per game.

Holiday Party: Party, celebration of remodeled club, and STAC game, Friday December 13 at 10:30 AM. There will be raffles and door prizes. Please sign up at the club to bring appetizers, dessert or a cash donation.

No More Tylenol: To comply with state law, JSOB will no longer supply over the counter pain relievers such as Tylenol.

Winter Class Schedule, 3-5 PM: Monday Jan 13: Play of the Hand (Anne Landry)
Tuesday Jan 14: Beginning Bridge (Burt O'Dell)
Thursday Jan 16: Beginning Bridge (Richard Streeter)

Chat Bridge Schedule: Starting in January, on the third Saturday of each month the chat bridge 0-50 game will begin at 12:30 PM. No morning chat bridge that Saturday.

Next Jacksonville Sectional: Come one, come all to the January 24-26 Sectional in our remodeled home.

Recycling Reminders:

- Thanks for recycling bottles, plastic cups (including clear ones) and cans, but please EMPTY and RINSE them first!
- Plastic caps can be recycled if they are screwed onto the bottle.
- Throw bottle caps and paper napkins in the trash, not in the recycle bin.

From the Directors' Desk: The Web Movement—What and Why?

In the 1970's, director John ("Spider") Harris created the movement we now call the Web. His motivation was to make the scoring of each duplicate game as fair and unbiased as possible. The Web wasn't widely used at that time because the movements require two, sometimes, three sets of common boards. Until the introduction of dealing machines the task of hand-duplicating three sets of boards was more onerous than most directors wanted to undertake.

We know that the fairest movements are those in which everybody plays all the same boards and every EW pair plays every NS pair. Most of the time, these movements do not occur naturally. The Web movements guarantee that everybody plays the same boards, "curing" one of the issues.

Let's consider first the case of "playing the same boards." Suppose there are 16 tables in play. Using a standard Mitchell movement, there would be 32 boards in play. With 13 rounds, each pair would play 26 boards. Each pair will miss playing six of the boards. Pair 1 NS will play boards 1-26, not playing 27-32. Pair 4 NS will play boards 7-32, not playing 1-6. That means there are 12 boards that these two pairs have not played in common, yet their scores will be computed as if their results are "duplicated." Using the Web movement for these same 16 tables, everybody will play boards 1-26, though the order of play may seem a bit odd.

The other flaw that the Web movement addresses is the size of a sit-out. Nobody likes to have a sit-out round, but most of the time with a half table in play, it is unavoidable. The Web will often enable a 2-board sit-out instead of a 3-board sit-out, a clearly less annoying situation.

The final potential problem addressed by the Web is seeding. With two 10-table sections, if the field is not perfectly seeded, the competition in one section may be more or less rigorous than in the other. And pairs are playing only 9 of the 20 pairs in play, not even half of the field. Using the 20 table Web movement, each pair plays 13 of the 20 pairs in the game, clearly a more equitable arrangement.

As our directors begin the learning curve for setting up these games, we ask for your patience and understanding. In no time at all, using the Web will feel like the norm to all of us!

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