



# Jacksonville School of Bridge

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Congratulations to **Michele Raeuber**, who made Sapphire Life Master, and **Michael Siebenhaar**, who made Silver Life Master. (Note: Rank Changes are not readily available, so these are from the Bridge Bulletin, which publishes only Life Master and above. For corrections or additions, please contact Jeanne Harlan, [vandykat@gmail.com](mailto:vandykat@gmail.com).)

Thank you, **Lisa Higginbotham**, for picking up and bagging debris from Hurricane Ian in our front yard.

Our sympathies are with the families of **Buck Plaster** and **Steve Bonner**, both of whom have passed away.

Congratulations to newly elected board members: **Mark Franzoni**, **Barbara Parke**, **Mike Siebenhaar**, **Lynne Gheen**, **Anne Landry**, and **Nancy Whitmire**, who will serve January 2023-December 2024.

Continuing to serve through December 2023 are **Judy Bloch**, **Bobbie Fost**, **Craig Hemphill**, **Jan Madsen**, and **Carol Shotwell**.

## Mark your calendar

- December 7, Mentors and Mentees luncheon (11:00) and game (noon). There will also be an open game, 0-20 game, and Supervised Play that day as usual.
- December 9, Holiday Party. Party begins at 11:30, game moved to 1:00.
- Tacos and Teams is cancelled in December due to the holiday.

**Financial State of JSOB**, as reported at the annual meeting: Through September 30th, the club netted \$30,000. \$11,000 of that amount came from donations and \$5000 from the July Sectional. So, we are clearing about \$1200 per month from play. We need more play. We are assessing our building needs for the next few years and have several expenses coming: gutter replacement, cracks in stucco, more plumbing, painting, lawn replacement or resod, roof replacement, etc. **Please consider playing at the club once a week if you are not doing so now.**



### Non-Life Master Tournament Report

After what seemed like a long hiatus due to COVID 19, JSOB finally hosted a NLM/499er tournament on October 27-28. Two sessions were held each day. **Alta Tanner**, JSOB Director, graciously agreed to manage all four sessions in addition to directing the local games each day. Her directing fee was considerably less than what ACBL would have charged. The four sessions attracted a total of 31 tables.

In the past, the tournament was well attended by out-of-town partnerships trying to earn silver points on their way to achieving Life Master status. Unfortunately, this recent event was attended by only three out-of-town guests. We appreciate those visitors plus our local members, many of whom had the stamina to play all four sessions.

The many volunteer hours donated by numerous club members are deeply appreciated. Without your support the event would not have been possible. Fearing the possibility of not including everyone who volunteered, I will not list names. You all know who you are, and I say, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart." Without you, JSOB would not have realized the profit of approximately \$1300 from the event, along with the goodwill generated and the fun that was had by all.

-Monica Heseman, Tournament Chairperson

From President **Jan Madsen**: Thank you to both **Monica Heseman**, Tournament Chair, and **Carol Shotwell**, Partnership Chair, for a well-run and successful tournament. **Alta Tanner**, tournament director, did a great job of stratifying the group to maximize the opportunity to win silver. Thank you, Alta. We had several attendees from the newest beginner group attending their first tournament. They included **Philla Hinder**, **Sue Marcy**, **Stacie Nicandri**, **Kim Nichols**, **Ellen O'Connell**, **Jennifer Rootham** and **Mary Zievis**. Many also earned points.

**Charity Selection:** **Don Dvorak** will manage the charity selection process (for the 14<sup>th</sup> year--thank you, Don!). The ballots and a collection box are on the table in the lunch area. Please nominate your favorite charity. The drawing for charitable donations will take place at the Holiday Party on Friday, December 9. We will again award \$250 to three different organizations who qualify.

**Dues collection for 2023** has begun. Dues remain at \$20. Look for a sign on a table at the club designating a collection location. Please do not give your dues to a director. You can also send them to Jan Madsen via Venmo (@janice-madsen-4), Zelle (Janice.madsen@att.net) or PayPal (Janice.madsen@att.net). Dues renewed after December 31, 2022, will be \$25.

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