



Jacksonville School of Bridge

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Congratulations to the 2023 Master Point Race Winners! (points earned in JSOB club games only):

- Strat A: Craig Hemphill, 269.25
- Strat B: Aldo Cardia, 184.31
- Strat C: Charles Schubiger, 98.58
- 299er: Carol Shotwell, 79.63
- 199er: Brenda Brickley, 52.06

Our sympathies are with the family of **Michael Waskew**, who passed away in December.

Thank yous!

- Thank you to all who contributed to our annual Holiday Party! **Julie Mackey**, **Nancy Meade**, and others decorated the club beautifully, and **Susan Goodall**, **Estes Carns**, **Penny Marks**, **Pat Smith**, and **Emmy Peters** set up and cleaned up the buffet. **Lynne Gheen** and **Carol Shotwell** planned and oversaw the party and provided raffled prizes. **Anna Piner**, **Judy Shaffer**, **Carol Shotwell**, and others took down the decorations and **Lynne Gheen** organized them in the storeroom. Heartfelt thanks to all!
- Thank you, **Don Dvorak**, for organizing the charity drawing project. Congratulations to the following charities that were drawn: Hubbard House, nominated by **Bonnie Crook**; Love Me True Rescue, nominated by **Carol Shotwell**; and First Coast No More Homeless Pets, nominated by **Sheila Grimm**.
- Special thanks to **Lynne Gheen**, who spends countless hours taking inventories and purchasing supplies for everyday use and special events, taking our recyclables home for pickup, and periodically cleaning and organizing our storeroom and kitchen.

Important notices:

- Table fees are now \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.
- **Michael Smalline** will finish out the one remaining year on the board for **Barbara Parke**, who has resigned.

Mark your calendar for February 16-18, 2024, the JSOB Winter Sectional Tournament. As usual, Stratified Open Pairs and 499 NLM Pairs on Friday and Saturday, Swiss teams on Sunday. Please save the dates and tell your friends. Watch for volunteer opportunities as we get closer to the tourney.

Zero Tolerance: Please review the JSOB Zero Tolerance policy, which lays out penalties for unacceptable behavior including (but not limited to) badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats or violence; negative comments concerning the play or bidding of the opponents or partner; gloating over good results; constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table; loud and disruptive arguing with a Director's ruling. The full policy is linked from the News Flashes area of the [JSOB home page](#).

Find a Partner! By popular demand, the Find a Partner feature on Bridgewebs is now active (sorry, it works only for members). To try it out:

- Log in to the Membership area from the left-hand menu of the club home page (www.bridgewebs.com/jacksonvilleschool). (Read the instructions on the right side of the page. If you do not have an account, or don't remember your password, click Set/Reset Password.)
- Click on the Find a Partner tab.
- Check the PR box for any event for which you would like a partner.

This will be useful if and only if lots of people use it! Send feedback and questions through the Contact Us link in the left-hand menu on the home page.

For New Players: If you plan to continue with duplicate bridge, then consider joining ACBL. Membership includes the monthly Bridge Bulletin, which is full of articles for new players. For those who have never joined ACBL before, ACBL offers a free 3-month guest membership. If you have previously joined ACBL or already tried the free guest membership, you will have to enroll as a new member (individual, household, or junior) without the 3 free months. Please use these links so that JSOB will get a fee.

- Link to 3-month free guest membership (for new members only):
<https://my.acbl.org/membership/join?guest=X&club=117960&teacher=5328632>
- If you have previously joined ACBL or tried the free guest membership, you will have to enroll as new member without the 3 free months:
<https://my.acbl.org/membership/join?club=117960&teacher=5328632>

Contact Ru Terajewicz (ru.terajewicz@gmail.com) with questions.

Change to Nonagenarian (90+) Free Play Policy: The policy providing free play for 90+ players began as a tribute to those who helped establish JSOB and who maintained a long-term commitment. We are a growing club. Many new members are already approaching age 90, and they do not meet the long-term commitment criterion that was an implicit part of the original policy. The Board of Directors has updated the policy effective January 18, 2024, grandfathering in all who are presently 90+ and extending it to all who attain the age of 90+ and who have been a dues-paying member for at least 10 years.

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