

# Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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# **Rank Changes**

M. Louise	Junior Master	Mahendra Patel	Sectional Master	Lois	Life Master
Lantzy				Sayward	
Chris Terajewicz	Junior Master	Mary Howell	Regional Master	Lorie	Bronze Life Master
				Holmes	
Sharon	Club Master	Alice Kenyon	Regional Master	Ed Jenkins	Silver Life Master
Wulbern					
		Anne Buzby	Regional Master		
		Walt			

Note: The current Sunshine Bridge News shows rank changes only through February 2025.

## President's Corner

Welcome to all of our new members! We are so pleased to have you as a part of our bridge learning community. As a part of that learning, it has been suggested that I take this opportunity to remind everyone of some of the most frequently missed rules of etiquette and protocols for the game we love, duplicate bridge.

- When you are on opening lead, detach a card and lay it face down on the table. Once the card has been played, then record the contract. Leading first saves time.
- All players except dummy may ask for a review of the auction.
- Do not pull up a card from your hand, push it back, and then pull up another card. Instead, wait until you are sure of what card you are going to play before you pull it up. Pulling up a card you don't play can be construed as giving your partner unauthorized information.
- Once the cards in a trick have been turned over, no one can ask to see the cards.
- Avoid hesitations in your play, which can be construed as giving unauthorized information to your partner.
- Play briskly. Slow play is subject to penalty.
- Above all, avoid any behavior that would make anyone (especially newer players) feel uncomfortable.

These are just a few of the ways we can make playing at JSOB pleasurable for all. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as we work together to make JSOB an even better community!

--Emmy Peters

#### In Sympathy

Our sympathies are with the family of **Peggy Higginbotham**, who has passed away; with the family of **Mike Varenholt**, who has passed away; with **Dan Jacobs**, whose wife has passed away; with **Carol Shotwell**, whose brother Gary Byron has passed away; and with **Barbara Parke**, whose brother has passed away.

## Unit 128 Contest Results for 2024

- Ace of Clubs: Aldo Cardia won the national title for the 2nd time in the 1500-2000 category.
   Other members listed in the top 25 in their respective categories include: Craig Hemphill, Alex Weiss, Janice Madsen, Michael Palmer, and Alice Kenyon.
- Mini-McKenney: **Aldo Cardia**, **Mark Fitzmorris**, and **Jim West** were in the top 25 in their respective categories.

#### The Longest Day

The Longest Day is an annual fundraising event to support the Alzheimers Association. In ten years of participation, ACBL has raised over \$9 million! The event takes place on the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice, and symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimers and their caregivers. Our club has contributed every year except during the pandemic. In 2024, we contributed the most so far, over \$6400. Last year's volunteer co-chairs, Lorie Holmes and Michael Smalline, contributed both hard work and financial support. Our co-chairs this year will be Michael Smalline and Carol Shotwell. During the week of June 16, there will be a silent auction for a game with one of the top ten players in the club (minimum starting bid of \$50). At the table near the director's desk, choose your player and record your bid. The winners will be announced at the game on Friday, June 20. All game proceeds from JSOB's Longest Day event will be donated to the Alzheimers Association by JSOB and sanction fees will be donated by the ACBL. Please help us top our 2024 donation by playing, participating in the auction, and/or making a donation. There will be a box for donations on the front desk during the week of June 16 and our co-chairs will be accepting donations all day on June 20. Bridge is uniquely suited for The Longest Day because studies have shown that playing strategic games like bridge help to keep your brain healthy. The Alzheimers Association has even included playing bridge on its list of 10 Ways to Love Your Brain. -- Carol Shotwell

## Mark your calendar

- Longest Day June 20 (see item below)
- Peggy Higginbotham Summer Sectional July 25-27
- Saturday Games June 28 (changed from June 21), July 19, August 30, September 27

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