



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Rank Changes

Michael North	Junior Master	Anne-Marie McCusker	Club Master	Jennifer Rootham	NABC Master
Nancy Babineaux	Club Master	Larry Kanter	Sectional Master	Penny Marks	Advanced NABC Master
Jude Fredericks Sr.	Club Master			Frances Polley	Silver Life Master

President's Corner

Have you discovered the podcast "Sorry Partner"? Hosted by Catherine Harris and Jocelyn Startz, it is a lively session for all of us who love bridge, with humorous stories and interviews with world class bridge champions. The podcast which aired April 9 contains an interview with David Berkowitz, whose message of the day was "Be nice to your partner - or you may not have a partner." He recounts the first time he was invited to play by Larry Cohen. He was so excited and felt they had a good game; only one problem, Larry did not ask him to play again. When David inquired why, Larry responded, "You yelled at me about my play at the table. You can talk to me after the game, at dinner, or any time other than at the table." He went on to say "Realize that your partner is your only friend at the table. You can never criticize at the time. This is a rule that can never be broken if you want to play with me." That's a message we can all take to heart. (He and David did come to an agreement and they have played together for 25 years, winning multiple championships.) At JSOB let's all strive to be the kind of partner Larry Cohen would want to play with! You can listen to all of the Sorry Partner Podcasts by searching on the Apple Podcast App. (They make your morning walk go by really fast!) -- **Emmy Peters**

Our sympathies are with the families of **Jack Carter** and **Francine Winzelburg**, who both passed away.

Thank you, **Barbara** and **Dick Parke**, for donating a new refrigerator to JSOB.

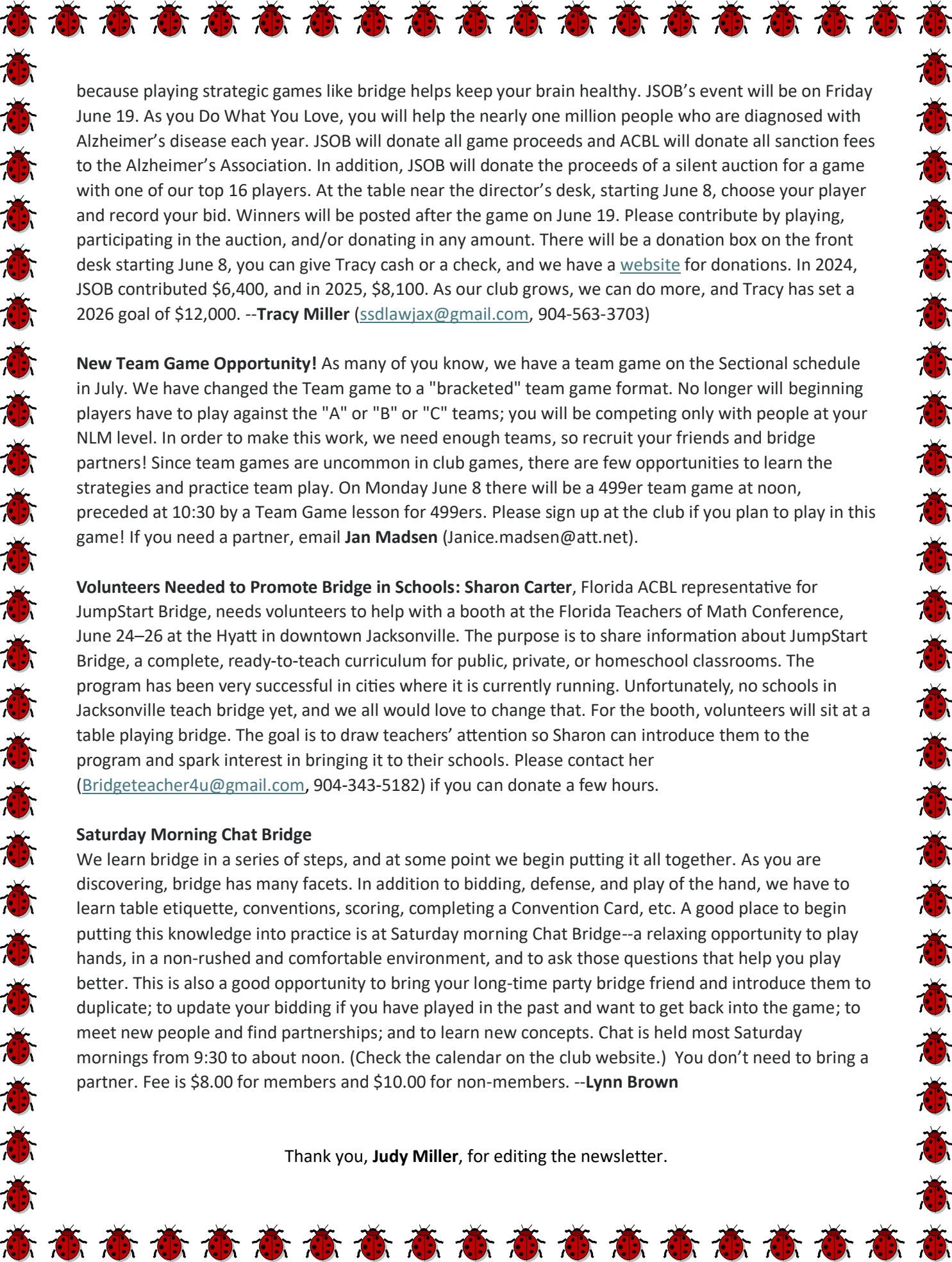
Upcoming events

June 1-6 STaC week, Silver Points all week. Saturday Game 10:30 AM

June 14-21 Alzheimer's Auction Fund Raiser renamed "Do What YOU Love"

July 17-19 Jacksonville Summer Sectional. See the [flyer](#).

Do What You Love (formerly The Longest Day) is an annual event in which bridge clubs nationwide raise money to support the Alzheimer's Association. Bridge is uniquely suited as the centerpiece of this event



because playing strategic games like bridge helps keep your brain healthy. JSOB's event will be on Friday June 19. As you Do What You Love, you will help the nearly one million people who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease each year. JSOB will donate all game proceeds and ACBL will donate all sanction fees to the Alzheimer's Association. In addition, JSOB will donate the proceeds of a silent auction for a game with one of our top 16 players. At the table near the director's desk, starting June 8, choose your player and record your bid. Winners will be posted after the game on June 19. Please contribute by playing, participating in the auction, and/or donating in any amount. There will be a donation box on the front desk starting June 8, you can give Tracy cash or a check, and we have a [website](#) for donations. In 2024, JSOB contributed \$6,400, and in 2025, \$8,100. As our club grows, we can do more, and Tracy has set a 2026 goal of \$12,000. --**Tracy Miller** (ssdlawjax@gmail.com, 904-563-3703)

New Team Game Opportunity! As many of you know, we have a team game on the Sectional schedule in July. We have changed the Team game to a "bracketed" team game format. No longer will beginning players have to play against the "A" or "B" or "C" teams; you will be competing only with people at your NLM level. In order to make this work, we need enough teams, so recruit your friends and bridge partners! Since team games are uncommon in club games, there are few opportunities to learn the strategies and practice team play. On Monday June 8 there will be a 499er team game at noon, preceded at 10:30 by a Team Game lesson for 499ers. Please sign up at the club if you plan to play in this game! If you need a partner, email **Jan Madsen** (Janice.madsen@att.net).

Volunteers Needed to Promote Bridge in Schools: Sharon Carter, Florida ACBL representative for JumpStart Bridge, needs volunteers to help with a booth at the Florida Teachers of Math Conference, June 24–26 at the Hyatt in downtown Jacksonville. The purpose is to share information about JumpStart Bridge, a complete, ready-to-teach curriculum for public, private, or homeschool classrooms. The program has been very successful in cities where it is currently running. Unfortunately, no schools in Jacksonville teach bridge yet, and we all would love to change that. For the booth, volunteers will sit at a table playing bridge. The goal is to draw teachers' attention so Sharon can introduce them to the program and spark interest in bringing it to their schools. Please contact her (Bridgeteacher4u@gmail.com, 904-343-5182) if you can donate a few hours.

Saturday Morning Chat Bridge

We learn bridge in a series of steps, and at some point we begin putting it all together. As you are discovering, bridge has many facets. In addition to bidding, defense, and play of the hand, we have to learn table etiquette, conventions, scoring, completing a Convention Card, etc. A good place to begin putting this knowledge into practice is at Saturday morning Chat Bridge--a relaxing opportunity to play hands, in a non-rushed and comfortable environment, and to ask those questions that help you play better. This is also a good opportunity to bring your long-time party bridge friend and introduce them to duplicate; to update your bidding if you have played in the past and want to get back into the game; to meet new people and find partnerships; and to learn new concepts. Chat is held most Saturday mornings from 9:30 to about noon. (Check the calendar on the club website.) You don't need to bring a partner. Fee is \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. --**Lynn Brown**

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