



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Jerry Schemer** who passed away in early September.

Joy White made NABC Master but her achievement was omitted from the last newsletter.

Congratulations, John!

In 2011 **John Brady** set his sights on the ACBL award for winning the most points at sectional tournaments for the year. With the help of his partners from JSOB and across the country, he won that award with a whopping total of 661.97 SILVER points in one year! The plaque commemorating his achievement, presented to him by **Anne Landry**, hung on the wall at our club until 2021. In 2020, ten years, many miles, and many bridge games later, John celebrated his 10th consecutive win, accumulating over 6600 SILVER points! On August 4, 2021, a new plaque was hung on the wall. Take some time to look at the wall of honor and the new plaque, again presented by Anne Landry, his friend of many years and our beloved teacher and director. -- Jan Madsen, President

Fall Silver Point Event

Our October Fall Sectional has been revised to comply with ACBL requirements. Due to COVID concerns the ACBL will not allow a full-blown sectional so our tournament will be a SILVER POINT EVENT which will pay 65% of silver points that would be allotted to sectional status. Please see the [flier](#) (if you are reading this in hard copy, it's on the club website under Tournaments) for all information regarding our newly named "Fall Silver Point" tournament. Pre-COVID, our fall sectional tournament was the best fund raiser of the year. Please support your club financially by attending as many sessions as possible. Call your bridge partners and put together a Swiss team! Let's get back to having fun at bridge!

Election of 2023 Board Members

In October at our Annual Meeting, we will be voting for the Board of Directors for 2022-2023. The slate of candidates will be put forward and those elected are asked to serve for two years. Although this is not a great time commitment, we do ask that Board members participate actively in the Club. COVID-19 has changed the world forever in many ways, and our club is one manifestation of that change. We need Board members who can help plan for the future of the club. The slate of nominees is still open. If you are interested in running, please contact Jan Madsen, President (janice.madsen@att.net). Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting, but signing up to run in advance gives you the opportunity to circulate a statement such as the ones that follow.

Dues collection for 2022 begins Friday October 22, 2021. Annual dues are \$20, payable by December 31, 2021. Dues paid late are assessed a \$5.00 late fee (\$25.00). Payment options are cash or check, either by mail (JSOB, 3353 Washburn Rd., Jacksonville 32250) or in person (not to a director, but to the

person who will be available at most games starting Oct 22 to collect dues). Or, you can send your dues to janice.madsen@att.net via Venmo or Zelle. If paying by cash, please ask for a receipt.

2022-23 Board Candidates (Interim List; please contact Jan if you are interested in running)

Judith Bloch

I began taking bridge lessons at the Hilton Head Bridge Club, SC, in 2016. As a result of the lessons, I made several new friends. We formed a group of ten and met weekly to play bridge, discuss lessons, and reinforce specific goals. I found this experience very rewarding. I moved to Jacksonville in 2019 and joined JSOB. As a mathematics educator, my research and expertise are in the best practices of teaching and learning. As a member of the board, I would use this expertise to support the JSOB education program, encouraging the enjoyment of bridge and the advancement of those who participate.

Bobbie Fost

I love bridge and JSOB. I have commuted from Amelia Island to play here for years. Now that I have moved to Fleet Landing, I can do more. Serving on the Board would be my way to give back to a club that has welcomed me. I want our club to succeed. We need to get people back to playing and recruit more new players. I will be happy to do whatever I can to make bridge a friendly, welcoming experience for all.

Carol Shotwell

I have been an active member of JSOB for over four years. Since I am a 299er, I am very familiar with the 299er players, and remain in contact with several who have not yet returned. As a Board member, I would expand my efforts to increase attendance at 299er games and commit to assist the Board in other endeavors. As a retired CPA, I have financial management experience that may also benefit the club.

Save the Dates

- October 21: JSOB Annual Meeting and Election of New Board Members
- October 22-24: Fall Silver Point Event (see item above). **Volunteers are needed**, please contact **Monica Heseman** (mheseman@hotmail.com)
- November 1 – December 1: Nominate your favorite charity to receive proceeds from JSOB Charity Games. Details to follow.
- December 10: Holiday party
- January 4, 2022: Bridge Basic Lesson series begins

Eighteen Tables--WooHoo!

The Special District Game event held Friday September 24 with Palm Coast and St. Augustine clubs was extremely successful. JSOB fielded thirteen Open teams and five 499er teams. "So good to see you", "I've sure missed being at the club", and "You look fabulous!" were a few of the many positive conversations overheard. Craig Hemphill gave a wonderful free lesson, followed by a free lunch with delicious discounted pizza from Milano's Pizza (thank you, Mark Franzoni, for your help with this!). And of course bridge made the day perfect. A big "thank you" to all who attended and the many Board members who worked hard to make it happen.

Thank you, Judy Miller, for editing the newsletter.