



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Thank you, **Anne Landry**, for donating a bookcase and books specifically recommended for 299ers, which will reside in that part of the room. As with all our bridge books, it is a "lending library" and books should be returned in a reasonable amount of time.

Lessons Return this Fall

- The Bridge Basics III course, Popular Conventions, will begin on Wednesday October 19 with **Ru Terajewicz**.
- The Bridge Basics I course, Beginner Bridge, will begin on October 21 with **Ru Terajewicz**.

Please help recruit! New players are the lifeblood of our club, hang fliers in your clubhouse, post on Nabr and other websites, send to your church bulletin, talk to your friends and neighbors.

Longest Day Fundraiser Results: ACBL raised \$1,003,075.30 for the Alzheimer's Association. JSOB's members contributed \$3290.

Upcoming Events

- October 18: Tacos and Teams
- October 27-28: Jacksonville Non-Life Master Tournament
- October 20: Annual Meeting begins at 9:30 AM. We need you! Even if you are not willing to run, please volunteer for a job. Volunteers make everything happen. Many volunteers do the same job behind the scenes from year to year. Please contact Carol Shotwell (904-860-7842), the volunteer who is organizing the slate of candidates.
- December 7: Mentors and Mentees luncheon and game
- December 9: Holiday Party, festivities begin at 11:30, game time **1:00**.

Memorial Fund

Over the years all our clubs have lost members who have made a significant impact with their presence and/or their volunteer spirit. One such member at the Jacksonville School of Bridge was **Ted Burns**, who passed away unexpectedly last November. Ted was always the first person to help in a myriad of ways – both at large club events and daily as well. He directed traffic for sectionals, assisted in setting up club furniture, bought numerous celebratory cakes for members achieving ranks, and played daily when the club reopened after Covid closing. We certainly recognize that Ted was only one of the many members who made, and continue to make, an impact. The club has set up a memorial fund in his name, with the goal of purchasing 30 sets of new bidding boxes. Our members generously met this goal, with funds to spare, which will be used to purchase additional items the club needs. We are thankful that our club, along with many others in the state, has been able to maintain through the past two years and are grateful to the members who support it. --Emmy Peters and Lorie Holmes

Mentoring Program

After a year hiatus due to Covid-19, the JSOB Mentoring Program is back in full swing this year with face-to-face bridge. This free program provides an opportunity for newer and developing players to increase their skills in all facets of the game by working and playing with more experienced players in an open section environment. The program runs on a calendar year, and mentees play with their mentor at JSOB once a month. We also culminate and celebrate the year with our annual Mentee/Mentor game in late fall. We have 21 Mentees in the program this year, running the gamut from 1st year mentees with few masterpoints to 3rd year mentees with several hundred. We will be gearing up for 2023 shortly, and if this is something that might interest you, I invite you to read the Mentee Guidelines that describe the program in more detail and include the requirements and prerequisites for participation. This can be found on our club website under Education/Mentoring. Signups will be held during the month of November, and we will also offer a general informational meeting prior to that, to talk about the program and answer any questions you might have. Look for future announcements with specific dates. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the mentors, present and past, who graciously give their time, energy, and wisdom to support developing players learning this challenging game that we love.

--Charlie Schubiger

Thank you for your Support

We are so grateful for the continuing support of our members as we operate during these uncertain times. Your membership dues, in addition to the revenues generated when you play at the club or play online in the Southeast Bridge Club Consortium (SEBCC) Virtual Games, help us pay our current bills and prepare for the future as we negotiate the post-pandemic world. We will begin collecting dues October 21, 2022 for 2023.

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

Football is to baseball like blackjack is to bridge. One is the quick jolt; the other the deliberate, slow-paced game of skill.

--Vin Scully