



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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President's Corner

Greetings to all of our members, and a special welcome to all of our new members! We hope that you are finding your experience at our club both engaging and rewarding. We are happy to have you. Fall is a time of simultaneously looking back at our yearly accomplishments and also looking forward to what is ahead. In reviewing our year so far, we are proud to report increased membership and table counts for games and Chat Bridge, the addition of a 299 game on Thursdays, continued offerings of classes for all levels of players, the addition of a big screen monitor for displaying results, and the addition of a new computer. We have also updated our time clocks and our card shuffling machine. A special thank you is extended to our Vice President, **Jan Madsen**, for her weekly emails to members, which enable everyone to keep up with JSOB news and happenings. And looking forward... there is a lot happening! You can be part of the new endeavors by running for the Board. Check the online monthly calendar and the bulletin boards at the club to see what's happening. See you at the table!

--Emmy Peters

Welcome

Welcome to JSOB, **new members from the Orange Park, Temple, and Timuquana clubs**. We're delighted to welcome you to our community of bridge enthusiasts! You've found a friendly and supportive place to play, learn, and grow your game. At JSOB, we value good sportsmanship, friendly competition, and creating an inclusive environment for players of all experience levels. Our games follow standard duplicate bridge rules, ensuring a fair and fun experience for everyone at the table. We offer:

- ❖ Regular Duplicate Games – Enjoy structured, competitive play in a welcoming atmosphere. In addition to daily open games, we also have 0-299 games, a 0-99 game, and on occasion a 0-20 game.
- ❖ Learning Opportunities – In keeping with our name (*School* of Bridge), from beginner lessons to strategy workshops, there's always more to explore.
- ❖ Friendly Community – Meet new partners and make lasting friendships at and away from the table.
- ❖ Comfortable Environment – Light refreshments, good company, and plenty of laughter guaranteed!

Visit our website at www.jacksonvilleschoolofbridge for more information.

In sympathy

Our sympathies are with the families of **Nancy Lamb, Bud (Noel) Penk**, and past president **Carol Freedman**, all of whom have passed away recently.

New Technology

Thank you to **Peggy Higginbotham's family**, whose generous donation purchased the new wall monitor. Thank you to **George Felts** for donating the new state-of-the-art computer (he built it!) and monitor. Thanks to George, **Alta Tanner** and **Dick Streeter** who spent a weekend setting up the new computer. We're delighted to have joined the 21st century!

Please Be Scent-sitive

Some people have extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes, perfumes, body wash, lotions, even dryer sheets and laundry detergent). Because duplicate bridge requires players to be near each other, those who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms, which have occurred at our club, are intense headaches (including migraines) and breathing-related problems. For those who suffer from this sensitivity, the issue is more serious than simply disliking a certain smell; it is a real health problem. Please refrain from wearing scented products when you come to the bridge club, and please review your routines to make sure that scents are not hitchhiking on your clothes. Thank you!

Plan to Attend

- Annual meeting 11:00 on Thursday October 23. Pizza will be served! Nominees are **Bill Fagan, Louise Fontecchio, Paul Herron, Ellen Lockamy, Bill Page, Emmy Peters, and Ru Terajewicz**. Biographies to be posted at club. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor.
- Mentor-Mentee Game Wednesday December 3. Lunch will be served.

Mentor-Mentee Program

Signups for the 2026 Mentoring Program will begin Nov. 10 and run through Dec. 10. A signup sheet will be posted on the Mentor/Mentee bulletin board during that time period. 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, beginning on Jan. 1, and mentees play with their mentors at JSOB once a month. We culminate and celebrate the year with our annual Mentee/Mentor game in late fall. Mentees can participate in the program for up to 3 years provided they meet the progressive requirements outlined in the guidelines. We have 20 Mentees in the program this year, running the gamut from 1st year mentees with few masterpoints to 3rd year mentees with several hundred. If you are interested in being in the program, I encourage you to read the [Mentee Guidelines](#) on the club website under Education/Mentoring. They are also posted on the Mentor/Mentee bulletin board at the club. This program would not be possible without the volunteer mentors who graciously give their time, energy, and wisdom to support developing players. Thank you to all, past and present!

--**Charlie Schubiger**

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