



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Rank Changes

Irfan Fazli	Club Master	Bunny George	Ruby Life Master
Martie Healy	Club Master	Daniel Jacobs	Gold Life Master
Zeynep Fredrick	Sectional Master	Regina Sooeey	Gold Life Master
Blake Baumgartner	NABC Master		

President's Corner:

It's hard to believe that Fall has arrived! We are happy to welcome back all of our members who headed to cooler climates during the summer. Fall is a season of preparation, and we are preparing for the coming year by electing a slate of nominees who have agreed to serve on our Board of Directors for 2027. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve. It truly takes a village to meet the needs of a club our size.

To help provide valuable information to the new Board, we are asking all members to take a few minutes to complete the online [survey](#). (You can access the survey by clicking on this [link](#) or by navigating to the Membership area of the club website.) Your feedback will provide important insights as the new Board members plan for the coming year.

I also want to remind all of our players about the ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy. I have asked our directors to be diligent in enforcing the principles outlined in the policy. The message is simple: Be polite, play in a timely manner, and treat others as you would like to be treated. We want everyone to feel welcome, respected, and appreciated at JSOB!

--Emmy Peters

In Sympathy:

Our sympathies are with the family of **Alice Schill**, who has passed away; with **Marie Greenstein**, whose husband has passed away; and with **Kay Craft**, whose son-in-law has passed away.

Mentoring Program:

Signups for the 2027 mentoring program will run from Nov. 9 through Dec. 9 for the program beginning Jan. 1. A signup sheet along with the [Mentee Guidelines](#) will be posted on the Mentor/Mentee bulletin board during this time. This free program provides an opportunity for newer and developing players to increase their skills by playing with more experienced players. Mentees play with their mentors in the

open section at JSOB once a month. We culminate the year with an annual Mentee/Mentor game in the fall. Mentees can participate in the program for up to 3 years provided they meet the progressive requirements outlined in the guidelines. This year's 22 mentees range from 1st year mentees with few masterpoints to 3rd year mentees with a few hundred. If you are interested, start with the [Mentee Guidelines](#) (on the club website under Education/Mentoring). Finally, I never miss an opportunity to thank all the volunteer 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**

Bridge Battle:

JSOB won the Swiss Team Bridge Battle, against teams from St. Augustine, Fernandina, Orlando, Ocala, Palm Coast and Gainesville. Thank you to **Per Berg** and **Lynne Ostergaard** from **Palm Coast** who created the event, to JSOB's **Lynn Chapman** and **Tracy Miller** who made it happen, and to **Michael Palmer** for directing. We also thank **Lynne** and **Bill Gheen** and **Jennifer Rootham** for their tireless help during our events to provide great food. Bill also helps in many ways from running to the supermarket to helping with parking, setting up and anything needed. Also, thanks to those who brought salads and desserts. **Kathy Converse** and **Kim Nichols** and husband **Charles Nichols** worked to serve and clean up.

Thank You:

- Thanks to **Ira** and **Anita Richin** for donating a new microwave oven.
- Thanks to **Lynne** and **Bill Gheen** for donating a second air purifier to the club. We have also had UV lights installed in the air conditioning system this year which kill viruses, bacteria and molds. So, we have made our environment as safe as possible.

New Bridgemates:

The new Bridgemates are here. Please be gentle with them! They are expensive (\$4200 for 20 units) so please treat them as your own devices. They work best if you enter your ACBL number slowly.

Upcoming Events:

- October 2-3: St. Augustine NLM Sectional
- October 13: Play of the Hand begins (six week course taught by Sharon Carter; [registration flyer](#))
- October 22-23: JSOB NLM Sectional Tournament. Partnership chair is Jan Madsen.
- October 29: 2026 Annual Meeting and election of the 2027 Board members. You must be present to vote. Candidate statements will be available before the election. This is a good time to hear a recap of how the club is doing financially as well as information about our future objectives. Free pizza lunch.
- November 2-8: Daytona Regional and NAP Finals
- December 11: Holiday party
- **Craig Hemphill** will resume his bi-monthly lessons in October.

Parting Thought: "Bridge is a game of skill, but good table manners keeps us all coming back"

-- ACBL Active Ethics Philosophy

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