



# Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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### Rank Changes

<b>Susan Brown</b>	Club Master	<b>Ed Berg</b>	Ruby Life Master
<b>Karen Ostergren</b>	Regional Master	<b>Aldo Cardia</b>	Gold Life Master
<b>Michael Palmer</b>	Silver Life Master	<b>Jan Madsen</b>	Saphire Life Master

### Zero Tolerance Reminder

Our Zero Tolerance policy allows NO religious nor political discussion in the club. If such discussion takes place at the table, a matchpoint penalty can be assessed. Please keep your opinions outside of our friendly, supportive community.

### Longest Day for Alzheimer's

JSOB donated more than \$5800, exceeding our previous record by \$1000! Thank you to all of you who participated and donated. Thanks to **Michael Smalline** and **Lorie Holmes** for carrying the torch and organizing our continued support. JSOB was designated as a Solstice Champion by TLD. Lorie and Michael are to be featured on the TLD Facebook page.

### Summer Sectional

Our summer tournament was great fun! Thanks to **Lynne Gheen** for organizing the kitchen detail and to all who brought food, donated money and came to help set up, serve and clean up. We so appreciate all of you! We couldn't have hosted the tournament without you. Thanks also to **Mike Siebenhaar**, tournament chair, who worked diligently to make the tournament run smoothly, and to Tournament Director **Nick Tallyn**.

However, participation by JSOB members was disappointing. The total table count was 106, down seven tables from last year, and compared with 112 at the first tournament after we reopened in 2020. Of the 106 tables at this year's tournament, 17 were people from other clubs. If you did attend, thank you, and please send your feedback about the tournament to Carol Shotwell. If you did not attend, please let Carol know what we can do to get your participation in the next tournament.

### **JSOB Board Membership**

It is not too early to consider serving on the next Board, with a term of January 2025 through December 2027. It's easy to second guess the Board's actions—so get involved and have a say in the decision making! Please let **Mark Franzoni** know of your interest (there's no obligation for having the conversation!).

### **Emergency Contact Cards:**

To facilitate response to a medical emergency at JSOB, we have a plan to have information available for EMT's who arrive on the scene. Blank Emergency Contact cards are available. Please consider bringing a completed card to the Director, **Carol Shotwell**, or **Jeanne Harlan**, who will place it in a locked file box to be kept in the director's desk and used only in the event of an emergency. If you have already filled out a card and wish to review it or make changes, please also see Carol. Thank you for helping the club help you. Contact Carol with questions.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Driveway Resurfacing:** Re-surfacing of the driveway (dates TBA) will cause JSOB to close for one or two days. Weekend work is not possible due to materials not being delivered on weekends.
- **NLM Tournament:** JSOB will host a Non-Life Master tournament on Thursday and Friday, **October 24-25**. YES, we will have an open game at noon. Remember to be welcoming and respectful to all our new players.
- **Pro-Am Game:** Wednesday, October 16
- **Annual Meeting:** Friday, October 18
- **Mentor-Mentee Game:** Wednesday, November 13
- **Holiday Party:** Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

According to **Bill Gates**, "Bridge is one of the last games in which the computer (AI) is not better!" According to BBO, "Yes, you heard that right--AI hasn't quite cracked the code of this intricate game of incomplete information and subtle cooperation."

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