



Jacksonville School of Bridge

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Rank Changes

Lisa Bombria	Junior Master	Don Husmann	Sectional Master	Frances Polley	Bronze Life Master
Jan Dragotta	Junior Master	Thomas Houts	Regional Master	Nancy Whitmire	Silver Life Master
Larry Kanter	Junior Master	Jennifer Rootham	Regional Master	Betty Davis	Gold Life Master
Melissa Ford	Club Master	Jean Gardner	NABC Master	Mark Franzoni	Gold Life Master
Cathy Woosley	Club Master	Lorie Holmes	Life Master	Ru Terajewicz	Sapphire Life Master
Kae Harding	Sect'l Master	Frances Polley	Life Master	Joseph Ur	Sapphire Life Master

President's Corner: I would like to thank **Carol Shotwell** and all of our 2024 board members for their work last year. As we look forward to another great year of duplicate bridge at JSOB, I am happy to serve as your president in 2025. While serving as a board member, I learned a great deal about our club and heard from members about their thoughts, wishes, and concerns. As I was reflecting on the important role the game of bridge plays in each of our lives, I was struck by the similarity the seats at the bridge table have to the points of a compass – North, South, East and West. Just as a compass provides us with direction, we too may consider the direction we want our club to take in the coming year. What are our goals? What concerns do we have? How can we continue to enrich the experience for our current members while also welcoming new ones? We all make JSOB our home for a variety of reasons--social interaction, intellectual challenge, fun, learning, teaching, brownies(!). Whatever your reasons, we welcome your input and hope that playing in games and tournaments here is a good experience each and every time you play! --**Emmy Peters**

Our sympathies are with the families of **Joan Douglas Gordon** and **Al Serra**, of whose deaths we were recently informed.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers: **Emmy Peters**, President; **Jan Madsen**, Vice President; **Nancy Whitmire**, Secretary; and **Mark Franzoni**, Treasurer.

Congratulations to the **2024 Master Point Race** winners (points earned in JSOB club games only):

Strat	1 st Place	2 nd Place
A	Craig Hemphill	Alex Weiss
B	Aldo Cardia	Mark Franzoni
C	Bill Hutchins	Lori Holmes
299	Carol Shotwell	Nancy Lamb
199	Alice Kenyon	Jean Garner

The Charity drawing winners are **Hubbard House**, **Freed to Run**, and **No More Homeless Pets**. Each will receive a check for \$500. Thank you, **Don Dvorak**, for running this contest every year for 15 years!

Plan to participate in JSOB's next Sectional Tournament, February 21-23, and bring your friends. On Friday and Saturday, Stratified Open Pairs and 499 NLM Pairs games start at 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM. The Sunday two-session Open Swiss tournament (and a 499 NLM if we have enough pairs) starts at 10:00 AM. Entry fees are \$15 per person per session. A light continental breakfast all three days will include pastries, fruit and bagels. Lunch will be available for \$5/person on Friday (BBQ) and Saturday (pasta). On Sunday, come early so that you don't miss **Craig Hemphill's** famous French toast for breakfast and pizza for lunch, both at no charge. **Lynne Gheen** needs volunteers to help in in the kitchen—there is a signup sheet at the club. If you would like to make something delicious to share, please contact **Tracy Miller** (ssdlawyer@bellsouth.net, 904-563-3703). Any tournament questions, contact **Mike Siebenhaar** (m siebenhaar@gmail.com, 630-930-3509); if you need a partner, contact **Julie Bradley** (julieabq@yahoo.com, 904-220-2299).

Emergency Contact Cards: To facilitate response to a medical emergency at JSOB, we have a plan to have essential information available for EMTs who arrive on the scene. Blank emergency contact cards are available for you to fill out and give to the Director, **Carol Shotwell**, or **Jeanne Harlan**. The card will be placed 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 see **Carol Shotwell**. Thank you for helping the club help you.

From the Director's Handbook: "A. Drawing Attention to an Irregularity: 1. Unless prohibited by Law, any player may draw attention to an irregularity during the auction period, whether or not it is his turn to call; 2. Unless prohibited by Law, declarer or either defender may draw attention to an irregularity that occurs during the play period...Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity until after the play of the board is concluded (with the exception of correcting declarer's mistaken explanation of a call, Law 20F5). Note: Once the irregularity happens, it goes without saying that it can no longer be prevented. Example: Declarer starts pulling a card to lead from the wrong hand. Until the card is played, dummy may call their attention and prevent them from doing so. After declarer leads, dummy can no longer prevent the irregularity, because it already happened. The right to draw attention to any irregularity may be restricted by a specific Law. For example, 65B states that dummy or a defender cannot draw attention to a quitted trick pointed incorrectly after a lead to the next trick has been made. Except for correcting an apparently wrong explanation from partner (Law 20F5), [A5. There is no obligation to draw attention to an infraction of law committed by one's own side.]" (Page 20 of the Director's Handbook)

From the Web Manager: When was the last time you shut down and restarted your computer? Experts recommend doing this at least once a week, to clear temporary files from memory, refresh system processes, apply updates, troubleshoot issues, and generally improve performance. If you are having trouble with web pages not displaying updated information, try this! Restarting gives your computer a clean slate to operate from, which can resolve glitches or slowdowns that may accumulate over time.

—**Judy Miller**

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