



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Our thoughts are with **Lynn Brown**, whose brother passed away a few months ago.

Most ACBL members play in local club games. To recognize achievement at the club level, ACBL created the Ace of Clubs competition in 1984. These club champions are recognized at the unit level and ACBL-wide. All points won at the club level are counted in this contest except for those won in STaCs. Congratulations to **Aldo Cardia**, who won the ACBL-wide B category in 2023, earning all 300.94 points at JSOB.

Mark your Calendar:

- **The Longest Day** is an annual fundraising event to support the Alzheimer's Association. In nine years of participation, ACBL has raised almost \$9 million! The event takes place on the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice, and symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Our club has contributed every year except during the pandemic. In 2023 we contributed the most so far, over \$5000. Our volunteer co-chairs, Lorie Holmes and Michael Smalline, contributed last year both in terms of hard work and financial support and will co-chair again this year. During the week of June 17, there will be a silent auction for a game with one of the top ten players in the club (minimum starting bid \$50). At the table near the directors' desk, choose your player and record your bid. The winners will be announced at the game on June 21. All game proceeds from JSOB's Longest Day event will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association by JSOB, and sanction fees will be donated by the ACBL. Please help us top our 2023 donation by playing, participating in the auction, and/or making a donation. There will be a box for donations on the front desk and our co-chairs will be accepting donations all day June 21. Bridge is uniquely suited for The Longest Day because studies have shown that playing strategic games like bridge help keep your brain healthy. The Alzheimer's Association has even included playing bridge on its list of [10 Ways to Love Your Brain](#). --Lorie Holmes
- **NAP Qualifying games** to be offered in June.
- **StaC week June 24-28**
- Our next **Sectional Tournament** is July 12 - 14.
Earn some silver points! Let's get some 499er teams formed for a separate stratum on Sunday, along with our usual Open section. Lunch will be available for \$5 on Friday and Saturday and provided on Sunday. Game times are 10:00 and 2:15 (note the change). Make plans to join us for this rewarding tournament. Direct inquiries to **Carol Shotwell**.

Please consider volunteering for the Summer Sectional July 12-14, 2024! We need people to help plan, set up, serve food and clean up. Contact **Lynne Gheen** (text to 904-318-1996 or email to bouv4060@yahoo.com) if you are willing to help make our tournament a success.

From the Director's Table:

It has been suggested that we all be aware of the following which happens frequently at our games:
CHANGE OF CALL-25

-A slip of fingers is okay, a change of mind is not.

-An unintended call can be changed if PARTNER has not bid yet. An intended call cannot be changed.

-LHO may withdraw and/or change his call.

New ACBL Benefit:

Below is a new benefit that the ACBL has added in partnership with Grouper.

I responded but did not qualify. However, I have not received any annoying ads or anything that makes me wish that I hadn't tried. Jan Madsen

<https://app.hellogrouper.com/acbl>

Get a Free Year of ACBL Membership

Many Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement Plans recognize the power of social fitness activities, such as bridge, and seek to reward participants. Grouper (formerly Element3 Health) collaborates with these plans to encourage individuals to remain physically, socially, and mentally active. That's why the ACBL has partnered with Grouper—to encourage more people to play and have fun.

Through our partnership with Grouper, any ACBL members who are also enrolled in an eligible health plan can receive a free year of ACBL membership.

It's easy get started:

Sign up. Visit the [Grouper website](#) to sign up for the program and check your eligibility with your health plan. (Have your health plan ID ready as you go through the process.)

If you have any questions, please call Grouper at (844) 974-0558 or email them at info@hellogrouper.com.

Note: Only available for certain U.S. Medicare Advantage and Supplemental plans.

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