



# Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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### Rank Changes

<b>Mary Price</b>	Junior Master	<b>Celia Green</b>	Sectional Master	<b>Ron Maggin</b>	Regional Master
<b>Teddy Broeker</b>	Club Master	<b>Stacie Nicandri</b>	Sectional Master	<b>Anna Korth</b>	NABC Master
<b>Tracy Miller</b>	Club Master	<b>Ken Rayner</b>	Sectional Master	<b>Bill Davis</b>	Life Master
		<b>Georganna Walker</b>	Sectional Master	<b>Clive Morgan</b>	Ruby Life Master

Our sympathies are with the families of **Florence Schemer** (long time member) and **Jodee Rushton**, who both passed away in July.

**Congratulations** to three JSOB pairs who shone at the Toronto NABC: **Jan Madsen/Bijoy Anand** (Bruce LM-6000 Pairs winners); **Clive Morgan/Nick Tallyn** and **Regina Sooeey/Bill Page** (Young 0-2500 pairs).

**Pro-Am game:** Wed., Oct. 16. For this game, a Pro has 500+ masterpoints and an Am has 5-499 masterpoints. You must reserve your spot by Fri. Oct. 11 (email **Carol Shotwell**, [Shotty71@comcast.net](mailto:Shotty71@comcast.net)). To level the playing field, the Pro with the most masterpoints will play with the Am with the fewest masterpoints, etc. Pro plays Am's convention card. Please come by 11:30 to meet your partner and discuss your card. No open game, so join the fun and meet some new players! Sandwiches served.

**Annual Meeting:** Fri., Oct. 18 at 10:30. Please attend this important event and take the time to cast an informed vote for members of the upcoming Board. President **Carol Shotwell** will present the club's 2024 accomplishments and its current financial status. Once a quorum is established, the Jan. 2025-Dec. 2026 Board nominees will be introduced: **Mark Franzoni, Judy Harhai, Anna Korth, Jan Madsen, Donna Miller, Tracy Miller, Michael Smalline, and Nancy Whitmire** (6 to be elected, nominee bios are at the end of this newsletter). Nominations will be taken from the floor. Distribution of ballots and voting by those in attendance will follow. A committee will count the votes, and a selection announcement will be made. Pizza will be served after the meeting.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Pro-Am game** Wednesday, October 16.
- **Annual Meeting** Friday, October 18.
- **Non-Life Master Tournament** Thursday and Friday October 24 and 25. Yes, there will be an open game at noon. Remember to be welcoming and respectful to all our new players.

- **Mentor-Mentee game** Wednesday, November 13.
- **Holiday Party** Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**2025 Dues** will be \$25 if paid by Dec 31, and \$30 thereafter. Dues will be accepted at most club games starting with the Annual Meeting. See the website for [membership/renewal form](#) and mailing directions.

**Please Help with Event Refreshments!!!**

- So many events (see the list above), so many refreshments!!! We need a committee to help!
- You must have noticed Lynne Gheen planning, preparing and serving lunch at our tournaments for the past 2 years. Although still willing to work in the kitchen, Lynne will relinquish responsibility for planning and oversight of sectional tournament lunches beginning in 2025. We need a Sectional Tournament Lunch Coordinator and two Committee Members.
- Please contact **Lynne Gheen** (text 904-318-1886 or email [bouv4060@yahoo.com](mailto:bouv4060@yahoo.com)) if you are willing to help with any or all upcoming events and/or sectional lunches Thank you!

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

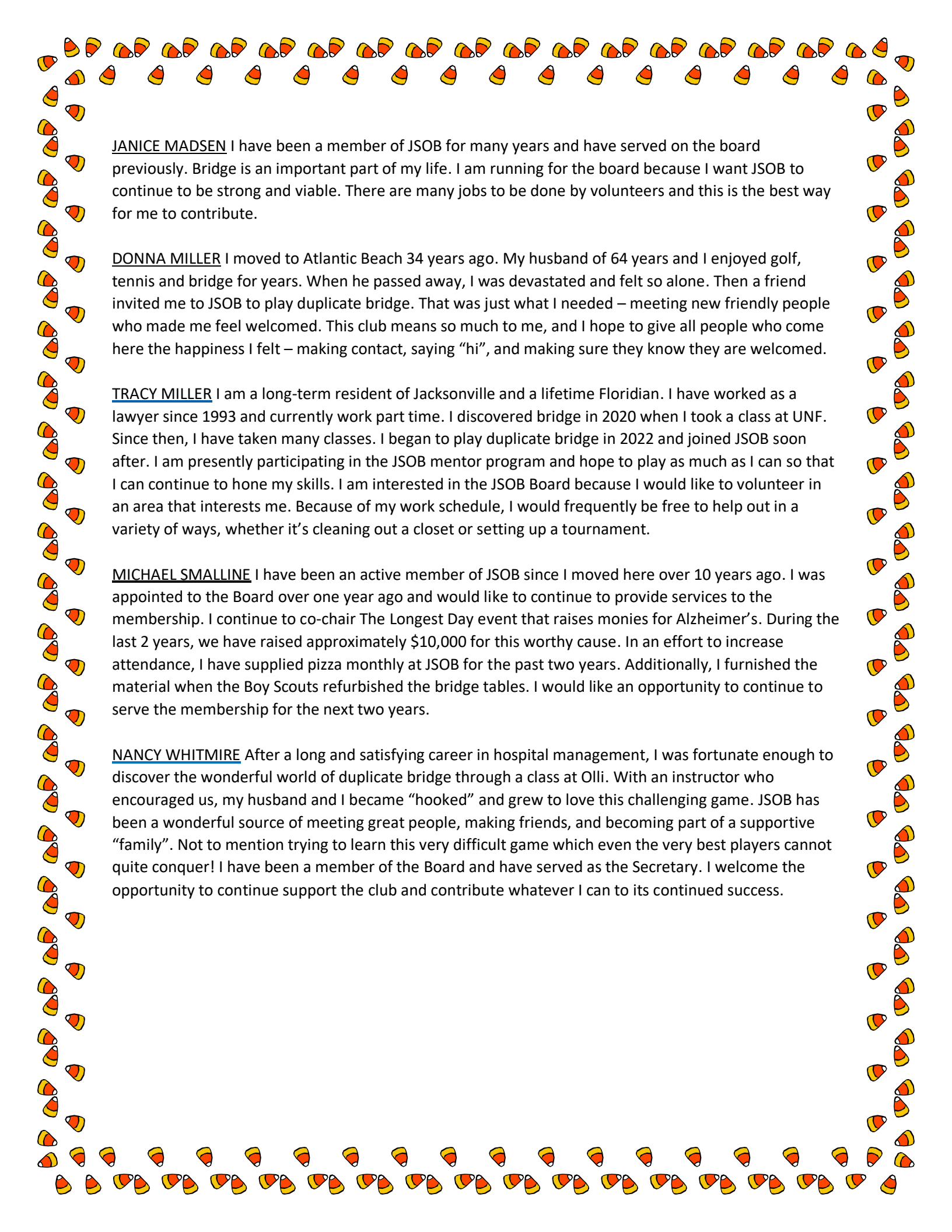


**Board Nominee Bios**

**MARK FRANZONI** I have a Bachelor's in Business, MBA, and passed the CPA test the first time I took it. I retired from tax preparation in 2016 and started playing bridge at that time. I also dabbled in non-attorney stuff like divorce, bankruptcy, deeds, adoptions, contracts, and trusts and wills. At JSOB I have had many partners as I enjoy playing with a variety of the up and coming "C" players. I would also like to be a mentor for people who want to learn the play of the game and conventions. "Don't ever let them play in 2 when not vulnerable" is my favorite saying!

**JUDY HARHAI** I have been taking lessons and playing at JSOB for the past 7 years. Additionally, I have helped with tournament set-ups, worked in the kitchen, and provided landscape assistance. After teaching middle school for 10 years, I was a volunteer at a nonprofit agency in Sandy Springs, Georgia, writing the quarterly newsletters and serving on the Board. JSOB has given me hours of bridge challenges and spurred my intellectual development. And, yes, it's been a lot of fun playing with many supportive partners and against talented opponents. I look forward to serving JSOB for the next 2 years.

**ANNA KORTH** I have enjoyed and benefited from my membership at JSOB. I care about our club and our players. I also feel like it's time for me to give back, so I am seeking a place on our Board of Directors During my "pre-bridge" life, I was a practicing psychotherapist, a licensed real estate broker, and a licensed mortgage broker.



JANICE MADSEN I have been a member of JSOB for many years and have served on the board previously. Bridge is an important part of my life. I am running for the board because I want JSOB to continue to be strong and viable. There are many jobs to be done by volunteers and this is the best way for me to contribute.

DONNA MILLER I moved to Atlantic Beach 34 years ago. My husband of 64 years and I enjoyed golf, tennis and bridge for years. When he passed away, I was devastated and felt so alone. Then a friend invited me to JSOB to play duplicate bridge. That was just what I needed – meeting new friendly people who made me feel welcomed. This club means so much to me, and I hope to give all people who come here the happiness I felt – making contact, saying “hi”, and making sure they know they are welcomed.

TRACY MILLER I am a long-term resident of Jacksonville and a lifetime Floridian. I have worked as a lawyer since 1993 and currently work part time. I discovered bridge in 2020 when I took a class at UNF. Since then, I have taken many classes. I began to play duplicate bridge in 2022 and joined JSOB soon after. I am presently participating in the JSOB mentor program and hope to play as much as I can so that I can continue to hone my skills. I am interested in the JSOB Board because I would like to volunteer in an area that interests me. Because of my work schedule, I would frequently be free to help out in a variety of ways, whether it’s cleaning out a closet or setting up a tournament.

MICHAEL SMALLINE I have been an active member of JSOB since I moved here over 10 years ago. I was appointed to the Board over one year ago and would like to continue to provide services to the membership. I continue to co-chair The Longest Day event that raises monies for Alzheimer’s. During the last 2 years, we have raised approximately \$10,000 for this worthy cause. In an effort to increase attendance, I have supplied pizza monthly at JSOB for the past two years. Additionally, I furnished the material when the Boy Scouts refurbished the bridge tables. I would like an opportunity to continue to serve the membership for the next two years.

NANCY WHITMIRE After a long and satisfying career in hospital management, I was fortunate enough to discover the wonderful world of duplicate bridge through a class at Olli. With an instructor who encouraged us, my husband and I became “hooked” and grew to love this challenging game. JSOB has been a wonderful source of meeting great people, making friends, and becoming part of a supportive “family”. Not to mention trying to learn this very difficult game which even the very best players cannot quite conquer! I have been a member of the Board and have served as the Secretary. I welcome the opportunity to continue support the club and contribute whatever I can to its continued success.