



Jacksonville School of Bridge

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Rank Achievements

Bob Fagin	Junior Master	Beatta Kinz	Regional Master	Julie Mackey	Life Master
Catherine Beykovsky	Sectional Master	Christine Bennett	Life Master	Nancy Meade	Life Master
Cris Hayes	Sectional Master	William Bennett	Life Master	Jim Whitmire	Bronze Life Master
Linda Felker	Regional Master	Trella Bromley	Life Master		

Note: Rank Achievements are announced here when published in *Sunshine Bridge News*.

Master Point Race as of April 30, 2014

Flight A		Flight B		Flight C	
Nancy Mitchell	60.03	Daniel Jacobs	34.16	Virginia Hoffman	17.36
Craig Hemphill	54.58	George Masters	33.41	Barbara Parke	16.72
Marlise Cusick	48.21	Barry Fogel	30.80	Buck Plaster	16.64
Non Life Master					
Robert Malone	20.48	William Bennett	18.72	Christopher Felker	12.54
		Christine Bennett	18.72		

Congratulations to **Linda Drake**, JSOB Bookkeeper.

Congratulations to **Trella Bromley** who replaces Linda on the Board

Congratulations to **Julie Bradley** who is our new Facility Manager.

Thank you to **Bonnie Clutterbuck** for her years of service as Lawn Maintenance Chair and Website Chair. We are looking for member volunteers to fill these positions.

Thank you, Olivia Ehmer, John Gurganious and CeCe Lichtenstein for purchasing and delivering JSOB's supplies.

Other thank you's:

- **Mark Franzoni** audited JSOB's books for the period January 1 to March 30, 2014.
- **Julie Bradley** found our new director's desk and **Michelle Raeuber** and **Nancy Stein** helped put it together.
- **Susan Miklos** arranged our wall of plaques and **Bill Carigan** hung them.

The Helping Hand Fund was established 10 years ago by two anonymous couples, to pay table fees for ardent bridge players who had fallen on hard times. **Thank you** to a recent **Anonymous Donor** for a \$500 donation.

Thank you to another **Anonymous Donor!** Nancy Stein and Julie Bradley are working on ideas to use their gift to spruce up JSOB.

Volunteers are needed for the Jacksonville Regional. Please contact Shirley Seals, shirleysealsfl@aol.com or Craig Hemphill, rcraigh@aol.com.

The Saturday game is on! At this time, the format is staying the same except that there will not be a lesson. The game starts at noon and the cost is \$6. Each pair is limited to 1500 MP. Changes to the format are under consideration; please make your preferences known by completing the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JFCH2Q9>. Contact Trella Bromley (trella@mac.com, 859-8381) with questions.

It was Sunday and the very last board of the Jax Sectional, the end of three full days of playing bridge for us Flight C partners, and we were tired. We had done fairly well in the Swiss so far and were facing Flight A opponents, **Linda** and **Burt O'Dell**. Fairly early in the hand, my partner claimed, conceding a club to Linda's ace. Linda pointed out that my partner could avoid losing the club and refused to accept the trick. Thanks to Linda and Burt for their fine sportsmanship and for setting such a good example of how bridge could be played, even in a tournament setting.

--Leslie Avenier

JSOB Directory Updates

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Alan Stout's Corner: Michaels Cue Bid

Most Players are aware of and many use (or misuse) this tool. Here is a small refinement that will lead to better results. Let's label the conclusions Little Michaels, Big Michaels, and No Michaels:

- **Little Michaels:** Since our right hand opponent opened 1D, we'd like to find a bid with QJ10xx, QJ10xx, x, xx. Let's bid Michaels and never be heard from again.
- **Big Michaels:** Our right hand opponent opens 1D. We are dealt a rock crusher with AKQxx, AKQxx, x, xx. In this scenario, we can make a Michaels cue bid of 2D; determine partner's preference; and then bid game in his choice. Would you believe it if I told you we rate to make game if partner is 4-2 in the majors with no points at all?
- **No Michaels:** How about when you have 10-16 points such as AK10xx, AJ10xx, x, Kx? The answer is to overcall 1D in our example and then bid to 3H all by ourselves. Partner will know we have the middle range, a few good trumps and 1 good outside card. Perhaps the A of clubs is enough for game.

Isn't it more fun to clue partner into the strength of your hand and watch him/her do the right thing rather than flounder about with 4S down 2 and 2H making 5? **By splitting the ranges, you will be well on your way to good Michaels Cue Bid results!!**

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