



# Jacksonville School of Bridge

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## Rank Achievements

<b>Ann Buchholz</b>	Regional Master	<b>Jerry Brenner</b>	NABC Master	<b>Dorothy Johnson</b>	Diamond Life Master
<b>Jeri Hogan</b>	Regional Master	<b>Susan Miklos</b>	Bronze Life Master	<b>John Garner</b>	Gold Life Master

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

## Master Point Race as of February 28, 2015

Flight A		Flight B		Flight C	
<b>Jack Carter</b>	27.42	<b>Michael Smalline</b>	27.13	<b>Virginia Hoffman</b>	16.68
<b>Craig Hemphill</b>	25.94	<b>Daniel Jacobs</b>	22.74	<b>Bobbie Fost</b>	10.09
<b>Nancy Mitchell</b>	25.34	<b>Nancy Martin</b>	20.34	<b>Vicki Collins</b>	8.35

Non-Life Master		
<b>Robert Malone</b>	14.03	<b>Christine Moyer</b> 12.16
		<b>Gregory Euston</b> 8.95

**LBIAD:** Congratulations to Trella Bromley, Jeanne Harlan and Nancy Stein for all their hard work and great success with "Learn Bridge in a Day" on Feb. 28. About 120 people attended! Thanks also to the club members who volunteered to be table monitors; as one myself, I enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people and hopefully future bridge players. A big thank you to Ginny Hoffman and Patricia Bayer for all their help in the kitchen. Kudos to all for a job well done. -Michele Raeuber

**Effective February 1**, charity games, special fund games, Grand National games and STAC games have a table fee of \$7.00.

**Be Scent-sitive!** Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances (colognes or perfumes). Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, those who suffer from fragrance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. Among the commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (including migraines) and breathing-related problems. For those who suffer from this sensitivity, the issue is more serious than simply disliking a certain smell--it is a real health problem. Although JSOB does not have a policy forbidding the wearing of fragrances, members are asking for the goodwill of our players to cut down or refrain altogether from wearing cologne, perfume or scented lotions. Thanks for your help.

**Tacos & Teams, Pizza & Pairs:** We plan to run a Taco & Teams on the first Thursday of each month and a Pizza & Pairs game on the third Thursday of each month. When this schedule conflicts with sectionals and regionals in the surrounding area, we will try to find a convenient alternate date. The official schedule is kept updated on the home page of the club website. All these games begin at 6:30pm. We would greatly appreciate your signing up in advance for those sessions you plan to attend. For the Pizza and Pairs game, there is an additional \$2 fee for those who indulge in the pizza, and we need a headcount so we know how much pizza to order. SEE YOU THERE!!  
-John Reeve and Anne Landry

**Save the dates:** June 29-July 5 Jacksonville Regional

### Alan Stout's Corner: Becker

As promised in the last issue, I've dug out another of the earlier defenses against a 1NT opening by the opponents. You would think that B.J. Becker or Steve and Mike, his two sons, would have devised this method, but all three deny it.

About 35 years ago this method was fairly popular in parts of the midwest. This method is even tamer than the Landy treatment, because you are able to use all of its parts at the two-level and not risk the three-level unless partner has a big fit for one of your suits.

Here is the layout of the **Becker** convention. Over 1NT by the opponent,

**Double** = Penalty

**2C** = Both Minors

**2♦** = Both Majors

**2♥** = Hearts

**2S** = Spades

If you want to extend the convention to the 3-level, you would bid:

**3 of a Minor** = Preempt

**3 of a Major** = A strong hand trying to reach game. With a couple of trumps and one good high card, partner should carry on to game.

If you like the safety the two-level provides, you may want to give Becker a try.

### Common Game

We have shared with the folks at the Common Game the rather vocal complaints we have been hearing about the nature of the Common Game hands. Here is the gist of their response:

The Common Game hands have been subjected to extensive statistical analysis looking for things such as randomness of distribution, randomness of points, extended runs of specific kinds of hands and so forth. Based on several different kinds of analysis, these hands have been found to be well within the expected statistical occurrence. This means that there are not any unusual strings of strong hands or weak hands or distributional hands in any one direction. This analysis is based upon inspection of a large sample of hands (over 1000), NOT on the very small sample of 27 hands that you might play in one session. That means it is entirely possible to have a string of weak hands in your direction for any given session of bridge. If you were to play several sessions of those dealt hands you would find that your cards were, in fact, randomly distributed. To see the analysis, send an email to [sara@thecommongame.com](mailto:sara@thecommongame.com). She will happily and promptly return several pages of statistics.

### JSOB Spring Sectional Tournament May 22-24, 2015

#### Schedule for Friday & Saturday

Stratified Open Pairs	10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (Single Sessions)
299er Pairs (0-300)	10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (Single Sessions)

#### Schedule for Sunday

Stratified Swiss Teams      10:30 a.m. Play Thru  
(Team Strata determined by average MPs)

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Served Daily

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Partnership Chair: Julie Bradley (904) 220-2299 [julieabq@yahoo.com](mailto:julieabq@yahoo.com)

Strata: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750

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