



# Jacksonville School of Bridge

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## December 2014 – January 2015

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### Rank Achievements

**Ann Buchholz**  
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Sectional Master  
Sectional Master  
Regional Master

**Anne Lufrano**  
**Margie Deegan**  
**Judith Miller**

Regional Master  
NABC Master  
NABC Master

**Vicki Collins**  
**Sarah Goodstein**

Bronze Life Master  
Gold Life Master

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



### Master Point Race as of November 30, 2014

#### Flight A

**Nancy Mitchell** 133.64  
**Craig Hemphill** 121.54  
**Marlise Cusick** 114.61

#### Flight B

**Daniel Jacobs** 99.15  
**George Masters** 80.42  
**Mary Anne Prosswimmer** 70.68

#### Flight C

**Virginia Hoffman** 37.88  
**Barbara Parke** 36.40  
**Nadine Sabatier** 33.74

#### Non Life Master

**Robert Malone** 74.18      **Christine Bennett** 34.51      **William Bennett** 34.42



**Election of 2015-2017 Board:** The following will serve: **Trella Bromley** (incumbent), **Jeanne Harlan** (incumbent), **Dan Jacobs**, **Dane Margol**, **Michelle Raeuber** (incumbent) and **John Reeve**. Continuing to serve through 2015 are: **Kay Craft**, **Craig Hemphill**, **Anne Landry**, **Bud Penk**, **Carole Sinoff**, **Julie Bradley** and **Nancy Stein**. Thank you to **Dotty Johnson** for serving on the 2012-2014 Board.



**Welcome new members!** **John and Marilyn Carlson**, 5603 Sirius Ct, Atlantic Beach 32233; 904-241-1415, cell 703-606-3589; [jandm5603@gmail.com](mailto:jandm5603@gmail.com); **Dennis and Sharon Bushman**, 6324 Autumn Berry Circle, Jacksonville 32258; cell 440-221-0116; [dbushman27@yahoo.com](mailto:dbushman27@yahoo.com) (his), [shbushman27@yahoo.com](mailto:shbushman27@yahoo.com) (hers); **Sherry Dennison**, 373 Bell Branch Lane, St. Johns, FL 32259; 828-387-4438, cell 904-874-3015; [shersher4@mac.com](mailto:shersher4@mac.com); **Doris R. Fairgrieve**, 10901 Burnt Mill Rd, Jacksonville 32256; 904-518-3080

**Directory Updates:** **Dorene Thompson** 904-945-3983; **Fleur Howard**, 1017 Captain's Court, Amelia Island 32034; **Ginny Hoffman**, 2085 Sandpiper Court, Ponte Vedra Beach 32082; **Nancy Meade**, 8261 Shadetree Ct., 32256

**Dues of \$20** are payable by the end of January to either a director or Linda Drake. Starting February 1, 2015 anyone who has not paid their dues will be charged an extra \$1.00 fee to play as are non-members.



**Thank you** for your hard work during the Fall Sectional: **Michele Reauber**, **Julie Bradley**, **Ginny Hoffman**, **Nancy Stein** and **Judy Pujol** as well as all our members who contributed.

**Save the Date: Holiday Party is Friday December 12, 2014.** Old Board – New Board meeting to follow.



### Upcoming Education Opportunities:

- **2015 Mentor/Mentee program** begins January 1, 2015. Contact Carole Sinoff ([carolesinoff@comcast.net](mailto:carolesinoff@comcast.net), 635-1561 (cell).
- **Beginning Bridge Classes:** Rich Streeter will teach a beginners class on Fridays from 9-11 AM starting Jan 9 and running for 8 weeks (\$150 plus cost of book). Peggy Higginbotham will teach a beginners class on Wednesdays from 3-5 PM starting Jan 14 and running for 8 weeks (\$150 includes book). More details are on the Education page of the club website, <http://jacksonvillebridge.org/education.htm>.
- **Learn Bridge in a Day, Sat Feb 28.** Contact Trella Bromley 859-8381, Nancy Stein 998-0899, or Jeanne Harlan 363-6239.





**Mentor/Mentee Luncheon:** Our second mentor-mentee lunch, held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, was a fun day. Many thanks to Anne Landry who made her delicious turkey tetrazzini for 80 of us, and to Liz Gelwicks for all the fabulous desserts. Carole Sinoff was behind the scenes making name tags and working tirelessly. Trella Bromley and Alta Tanner volunteered to direct the *real* team players!! Alan Stout gave a few important bridge pointers and this helped make our lunch program special. I could not have done it without all of you. Our program is always a group effort and I appreciate all the support!

--Rona Brenner

### Alan Stout's Corner: A New Look at an Old Convention

The oldest and simplest of all defenses against 1NT openings was introduced back in the 1940's and 1950's by Alvin Landy and bears his name. This method, which I teach and use with many of my students, is easily understood as follows:

- DBL = Penalty
- 2C = Both Majors
- 2D = ♦
- 2H = ♥
- 2S = ♠

So one day last winter when I gazed at a 15 foot snow bank for about the 6<sup>th</sup> week in a row, I had a brainstorm about upgrading Landy against weak 1NT openings. So what did I come up with on that cold and dreary day? Over 1 NT (12-14):

- DBL = Still penalty. Perhaps a good example might be XXX, AX, KQJ10XX, AX
- 2C = A weak major 2 suiter. A good example might be QJ10XX, QJ10XX, XX, X
- 2D = A very strong major 2 suiter where partner needs very little to produce a game, e.g.  
AKJXX, AKQXX, X, XX. Partner needs no more than 4 small trumps in either major and a doubleton in the other major to make game very playable.
- 2H = Natural. No change.
- 2S = Natural. No change.

Why this small but important adjustment? We now can bid the weak Landy 2C and try to steal the contract with QJ10XX, QJ10XX, XX, X, OR with AKJ10X, AKQXX, X, XX we can try for a game our way. Really, giving up a natural 2♦ overall is a small price to pay to be able to just compete with QJ10XX, QJ10XX, XX, X but to issue a very strong possibility for game with AKJ10X, AKQXX, X, XX.

So to gain partial credit, let's label the defense to strong NTs as *Alvin's Landy* and follow-up with the defense to weak NTs as: *Alan's Landy*. I sense help is on the way! Feel free to ask me any questions you may have about this upgraded version.

**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 commonly reported symptoms are intense headaches (including migraines) or breathing 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 fellow players to cut down or refrain altogether from wearing cologne, perfume or scented lotions. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **JSOB WINTER SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT**

**February 6 - 8, 2015**

#### **Schedule for Friday & Saturday**

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| 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**

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

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Served Daily

Tournament Chair: Michele Raeuber (904) 731-3844 [micheleH21@hotmail.com](mailto:micheleH21@hotmail.com)

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

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



Thank you, **Judith Miller**, for proof reading each issue and correcting my many errors.