



Jacksonville School of Bridge

Northeast Florida's premiere bridge club experience



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Rank Achievements

John LaCara	Junior Master	Stan Hill	Sectional Master	Nancy Meade	Bronze Life Master
Bijoy Telivala	Junior Master	Girish Joglekar	Sectional Master	Nancy Martin	Silver Life Master
Donna Troele	Junior Master	Pat Collier	Regional Master	Beverly Montgomery	Silver Life Master
Paul Turner	Junior Master	Mary Loftin	Regional Master	Michele Raeuber	Gold Life Master
Alfred Serra	Club Master	Donna Weitzel	Regional Master	Geoffrey Cross	Gold Life Master
		Susan Miklos	Life Master		

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

Master Point Race as of December 31, 2014

*Indicates 2014 Master Point Race Winners

Flight A		Flight B		Flight C	
Nancy Mitchell*	152.54	Daniel Jacobs*	123.81	Virginia Hoffman*	52.31
Craig Hemphill	135.91	George Masters	96.21	Nadine Sabatier	40.35
Marlise Cusick	133.13	Susan Rogers	82.01	Barbara Parke	40.24
Non Life Master					
Robert Malone*	85.54	Christine Bennett	43.51	William Bennett	43.42

Congratulations to the 2015 Officers: Nancy Stein, President; Michele Raeuber, Vice President; Jeanne Harlan, Secretary; and Trella Bromley, Treasurer.

Congratulations, John Brady, ACBL Silver Points champion for the fourth year in a row.

New Members: We have a large number of new members. Space does not allow me to mention them all. However, the Board has decided to produce a new Directory.

Learn Bridge in a Day: Encourage your friends who don't understand the fun to show up on Sat. Feb. 28. For details and registration info, see the Education page of the JSOB website (<http://jacksonvillebridge.org/education.htm>).

Volunteers needed for Learn Bridge in a Day: Please see Trella Bromley, Jeanne Harlan or Trella Bromley for details. We urge members to lend a helping hand on Saturday, February 28th to bring more players to the game.

Thank you, Janet Bromley (daughter of Trella), for cleaning our bidding boxes as a community service project.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Fran Kelly**, whose husband passed away in November.

Dues: Those who have not paid 2015 dues will now be charged an extra \$1 for each club game and/or \$25 to renew membership.

From Director Anne Landry: DID YOU KNOW??

If you and your partner have any kind of ace-asking sequence you MUST, at the conclusion of the auction, announce that you have had an ace-asking sequence and, if asked, you should explain what the responses have shown. If you are playing a convention, such as Jacoby 2NT, in which the first bid (2NT in response to an opening of one of a major by partner) initiates a defined sequence of responses, you must alert the initial 2NT bid and the responses and you must bid them as defined. If your partnership agreements are different from the responses as defined by the convention then you should not alert the 2NT as a Jacoby bid. Alert it as some kind of fit-and-force and then bid according to your partnership agreements, with appropriate alerts, of course. Your opponents are entitled to complete information about your agreements. Make sure that you and your partner have discussed these kinds of sequences. Try not to adopt a convention until you have explored most of its ramifications.

Alan Stout's Corner:

Not a week goes by that I'm not asked about the best defense to use against 1NT openings. In the last issue I wrote about an enhanced Landy method that, when used against a weak 1NT opening, allows you to distinguish between a weak and a strong 2-suiter. In this issue I suggest a different approach that revolves around the "boss" suit, spades. Which you choose boils down to personal taste, as long as a few key components are in place.

About 25 years ago I devised a defense that revolves around the "boss" suit. This method is effective because spades is the suit you can most effectively compete with. Thus, ♠Spades♠ was born. My mid-west partners and I had lots of success using this method.

♠Spades♠ can be used in both the direct and balancing seats. Over a strong 1NT opening:

Double	= Hearts & Spades
2C	= Clubs & Spades
2D	= Diamonds & Spades
2H	= Hearts
2S	= Spades
2NT	= Minors
3C & 3D	= A long preemptive minor
3H & 3S	= A strong try for game. If partner has a couple of trumps and one good high card, game should be playable and partner should bid it.

Give ♠Spades♠ a try. I'll bet you'll like it. I'll give you another one next time. As always, you are welcome to ask any questions you may have about ♠Spades♠.

JSOB WINTER SECTIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

February 6 - 8, 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

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

Partnership Chair: Julie Bradley (904) 220-2299 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.