



Hey Everybody, welcome to our July J's Bridge Pad "Currents".

July is going to be busy month, so be sure to read on!!!

### **Round Clock:**



As you may recall or have heard, J's Bridge Pad recently added a TV. I know what you are thinking. Can we watch Cardinal games on it? Unfortunately not, but we do have big plans for its use to enhance your bridge playing experience. One of the ways which have already begun to utilize it has been to use it as our Round Clock during game play. Below are a couple of notes and tips regarding the Round Clock to help you use it to your advantage.

- We have started using the Round Clock in all games when appropriate. Initially, we will use the Round Clock in Intermediate /Novice games for training purposes.
- Be sure to keep an eye on the clock so that you can keep pace.
- You are allowed 7 minutes per board. The Round clock starts counting down from the total round time. For example, if it is a 3 board round, the round clock will start at 21 minutes and then count down. It will also give you time for a 1 minute break between rounds to move to the next table.
- The Round Clock will also give a 2 minute warning. When the two minute warning sounds you cannot start a new board and should finish the board as quickly as possible. Boards that are not played will be scored as "No Play". If you want to know what that means, please ask me.

Various warning sounds are available, we will try out some and will end up using the one you like! There is also a beginning of a new round warning.

### **Name Badge with Magnet for only \$5:**

J's Bridge Pad's good friend Phyliss Segal had the thought a while ago that we should at least know the name of the folks that we are playing Bridge with. Since then, she and I have been handling orders for name badges. You probably have seen people wearing them out and about on the bridge circuit.

I am offering a new promotion where you can get the badge with a magnet for only \$5, with the only difference being that the 3<sup>rd</sup> line will include J's Bridge Pad. I am hoping that this might help get the word out about J's Bridge Pad. You can see what they will look like below.

I will still be ordering these through Phyllis and the color combinations available are still the same as before. Also note, you still can order them without J's Bridge Pad in the third line for \$7. Either way, to order, you can fill out the order form at J's Bridge Pad or drop me a line.

Proudly represent J's Bridge Pad and save 2 bucks at the same time!

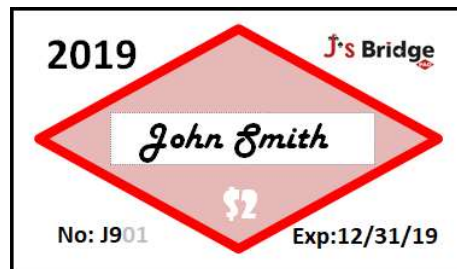


**Monthly Attendance Prizes:**

We are pleased to announce that the June attendance prize winner was Uma Kurela! She won four AMC movie tickets. Congratulation Uma and we hope you enjoy your tickets!



The July prize is going to be the Diamond Card. If you already have a Diamond Card, this promotion still will benefit you, we will simply add 365 days to your current expiration date. Remember, the more you play at J's Bridge Pad, the more chances you have to enter!



**Special Topic Classes start July 13th:**

**Special Topic Classes**  
**Starts: Saturdays, July 13th at 9 AM**  
 4 Class Series, Classes go beyond basic conventions.  
 Fee is \$20 each and includes coffee, snacks.  
 Free game coupon for a sign up of all 4.  
 The list of topics below:  
 13-Jul Duplicate Scoring and its effects on bidding  
 20-Jul New Minor Forcing  
 3-Aug Opening Leads  
 10-Aug Jacoby 2NT, after a major opening

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 15825 Manchester Rd, Suite 221, 63011  
 Elevator Access  
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**70% plus game winners:**

Congratulations to John & Mary Nies and Lee & Kiki for having 70% games at J's Bridge Pad on June 7, 2019.



**Grand Slam Winners:**

Congratulation to John Carr & Nelson Wainwright for bidding and making a grand slam. Great job!

**Rank changes in month of June:**

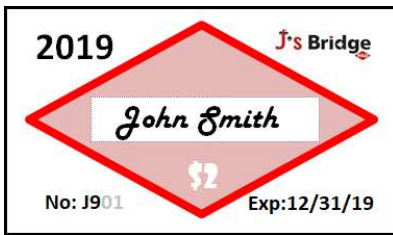
Congratulation are in order to Mike Kelly for becoming a Silver Life Master and to all the following J's Bridge Pad regulars for advancing to the next step.

Joyce Lehman	Junior Master
Joan Ziskind	Sectional Master
Les Bell	Adv NABC Master
Philippa Bell	Adv NABC Master
Jill Padua	Bronze Life Master
Michael Kelly	Silver Life Master

**Diamond Card:**

Did you know that the diamond card is good for 365 days from the date that you buy it? Just as a reminder for those of you who don't know, the Diamond Card saves you \$2 a game for every game you play at J's Bridge Pad for 365 days from the date of purchase. Its cost is \$30. Regardless of when you buy it, you get one year of savings. For example, if you bought it in June 2019, you would play games at J's Bridge Pad for a discount of \$2 a game till the end of June 2020. If you play in 15

or more games, during that period, the card pays for itself! Think about it, it makes cents, no pun intended.



### **Special Games:**

The ACBL, and as well as Unit 143, allows its member clubs to run special games where players can earn more points than a typical regular game. Below is a list of the special games at J's Bridge Pad in July:

 <b>Special Games</b>				Contact: Jay Shah Cell: 314 495 6093 E-mail: jshaent@gmail.com	
Date	Day	Event		Remark	
		Code	Description		
Jul-11	Thursday	15	North American Pair Qualifying Game		
Jul-12	Friday	11	Club Championship Game		
Jul-18	Thursday	15	North American Pair Qualifying Game		
Jul-19	Friday	15	North American Pair Qualifying Game		
Jul-22	Monday	15	North American Pair Qualifying Game		
Jul-29	Monday	11	Club Championship Game		

You can view the complete list of Special Games on our website. Some of the games on the schedule are subject to change. Contact us if you have any questions.

### **Saturday Swiss at Bridge Haven:**

Any J's Bridge Pad regular pair that would like to play with my partner Marie Sanders and I at the Saturday Swiss game at Bridge Haven can contact me.

### **Play with Mark Boswell:**

Our unit 143 president, Mark Boswell, who is an excellent bridge player has generously offered to play with any non-life master player at an Open game at J's Bridge Pad. We have 3 open games in which you can play with him at J's Bridge Pad. Please coordinate with him directly. His Contact info: Email - [mark.ward.boswell@gmail.com](mailto:mark.ward.boswell@gmail.com) Phone - **314-616-2940**

### **Edwardsville Sectional Tournament, July 26 thru 28:**

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall 7132 Marine Rd (Hwy 143) Edwardsville, IL

Directions: Just 2 miles from I-55 Exit 23–Governor's Pkwy West. Follow to the right at the first light for Hwy 143

Tournament Chair: Pam Ames (618) 791-7081 [pkatbridge@gmail.com](mailto:pkatbridge@gmail.com).

Partnership Chair: Kadie Davis (618) 530-9544 [pkatbridge@gmail.com](mailto:pkatbridge@gmail.com)

Click on the [flyer](#) for the schedule and other details.

Please note that ACBL members with less than 5 points play for free in I/N pair games.

### **Wall of Fame:**

Have you seen our Wall of fame at J's Bridge Pad? If not, please come on down and check it out! The pictures on our Wall of Fame Board are also on our website. You can check all of them out by clicking on the "Wall of Fame" Link on the right-hand side of J's Bridge Pad's website home page. In case you haven't been to jPad lately, below is photo of it.



### **Longest Day Events at jPad:**

It has been seven years since the ACBL has joined forces with the Alzheimer's Association to put on the Longest Day event. Through this event, J's Bridge Pad and other clubs have raised more than \$4.7 million for the Alzheimer's Association. In 2018 alone, the ACBL raised over \$1.1 million.

As you may have heard, Phyllis Segal and I held the Longest Day Event to benefit the Alzheimer's Association on June 18th at J's Bridge Pad, and it was a success. We raised \$2435 at the event! We additionally raised over \$1000 through online and direct donations. We at J's Bridge Pad wanted to thank everyone for their donations, food and help in making this such a wonderful event. As you can see from the picture below, J's Bridge Pad was filled to its capacity and good times were had by all. If you missed this fun event, you can still donate to this worthy cause online or send your checks made out to Alzheimer's Association to J's Bridge Pad. For details, you can visit our Website [www.jbridge.info](http://www.jbridge.info) and click on "Events" and then go to the Longest Day.



Last but not least, I wanted to remind you that we have lots of magazines, delicious snacks, coffee, and a water dispenser for your enjoyment. The water dispenser is new. You can get cold and hot water! You can see all of this in the photos below. All of this is a good way to pass sitout and idle times. We also have added Lemonade for your summer time enjoyment. You can just grab it out of the fridge!



In closing, we are always looking to improve your experience at jPad. Please do not hesitate to send any suggestions as to how we can improve your bridge experience.

Stay out of July heat and come to J's Bridge Pad, a nice and cool place and get a game or two in!

Jay Shah