



Hey everybody. Hope that you are enjoying a break from the hot weather we had in July. I took the picture above on Saturday, July 20, 2019 while strolling around downtown, I hope they have fixed the arch since then!

Welcome to J's Bridge Pad August "Currents". Please be sure to read on!!!

Most Games cancelled at J's Bridge Pad during the Regional event Aug. 12th thru Aug. 18th:

There will be no games at J's Bridge Pad during the week of August 12th– August 18th. However, Lee will have his Monday AM game and most likely Jo will have her Friday morning 299er game. Check with Jo during the week of 8/12 to confirm her game.

\$2 off Coupons:

You may have seen J's Bridge Pad's new coupon below at neighborhood businesses and at J's Bridge Pad. Please pass these along to your friends who may want to try out bridge or J's Bridge Pad. There is a pile of them sitting at J's Bridge Pad, and if you don't see them. Just ask!



Monthly Attendance Prizes:

We are pleased to announce that the July attendance prize winner is Joan Ziskind. You may recognize her name because she won J's Bridge Pad February attendance prize too! I guess lightening can strike the same place twice. She has won a Diamond Card. Congratulations and enjoy the \$2 discount on every game you play until December 31, 2020. At the time of publication, we do not have her picture available, but her 2nd photo will go up on Wall of Fame later. Be sure to check it out.

The August prize is going to be a Lion's Choice \$25 gift card.



Special Topic Classes Aug 3rd & 10th:

The topic of The August 3rd Special Topic class is "Opening Leads". This class can benefit beginner and intermediate players alike.

The topic of the August 10th class will be Jacoby 2NT, a convention that is used with major openings. It would be beneficial to intermediate players who are knowledgeable about basic conventions.

70% plus game winners:

The duo of Meg Griffin & Karen Crayne strikes again! They had another 70 % game on July 15th. Janet Pomeroy & Pat Phillips had one on July 26th and Lee Hasting & Jennifer Luner had one on July 29th. July has seemed to have brought us an abundance of 70% games.

Congratulations to all! Unfortunately, we do not have pictures of the other two pairs available at the time of publication of this newsletter. Their pictures will go up on Wall of Fame later. By the way, have you seen our Wall of fame at J's Bridge Pad? If not, please come on down and check it out! You can also access a picture of it on our website.



New Intermediate/Novice Game:



We have had several requests for another daytime game at J's Bridge Pad and agreed that it was a fantastic idea! As a result, we are starting a new Intermediate/Novice game on Tuesdays at 10 AM. It is going to be a restricted points game, meaning that it is for only Intermediate/Novice Players. In the beginning, Jo Chorpening or I will assist Kathleen "Kiki" Powers in getting the game started. Kiki will eventually take over running the game.

This new Tuesday game will be unique because at the end of each game, we will casually discuss the prior hands that we played for about 15 minutes. The hands we discuss will be based upon your suggestions. Additionally, we are planning adding mini lessons by Kiki Powers before each Tuesday game. If you have any suggestions for topics, now or later, let us know!

As a bonus, any time you attend your first Tuesday game in 2019, you will get a \$2 coupon good for a following week's game. Be sure to take advantage of this promotion.

If you plan on playing in our new game, please let us know as soon as you can, so we can plan accordingly. Please do not hesitate to contact Kiki, Jo or myself if you have any questions.

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BackStoppers Pro-Am game on Sept 15 at 1 PM at St. Louis Bridge Center:

BackStoppers is an organization that provides financial assistance to the families of police officers, firefighters, paramedics and EMTs who have lost their lives in the line of duty. They hold a bridge game annually with the proceeds going to support their mission. Over the last nine years that this game has been going on, it has raised on average over \$9000 a year. A fun aspect of this game is that you can bid on various local players to be your partner. In 2018, I became eligible to play as a pro and you will have the chance to bid on me so that you can be my partner. The highest bidder gets to play with me in this game. I will match the final bid on me and donate it to BackStoppers. You can send all your bids to Barbara Reid; her information is below. Please don't leave me hanging! All donations go to Back Stoppers.

If you would like to bid on me or have any questions you can call or email Barbara Reid. - Email: starovasnik@sbcglobal.net, Phone: 314-374-6027. More specific bidding instructions are included in the Back-stoppers flyer that was attached to this email. You can also call me or visit my website at www.jbridge.info for more details.

Gateway to the West Regional in St. Louis – August 12- August 18th, 2019

The Gateway to the West Regional at the Renaissance Hotel is approaching fast, so make sure to attend. This will be a good chance to earn some gold and red points at a convenient location. A paper copy of the flyer is available at J’s Bridge Pad and other area clubs. You can always get it online by visiting J’s Bridge Pad website www.jbridge.info and then clicking on “Events”, then to “Regional Tournament.” You can also get it by visiting www.unit143.org.

We also wanted to highlight and let you know about the Newcomer Event on Monday August 12th, 2019 at the tournament. This event is for ACBL members and non-members alike who have less than 20 points. This Newcomer event will consist of a free class, a free game, as well as complimentary Coffee and Pastries. Class starts at 10 AM and game starts at 1:00 PM. You can pick up a flyer for this event from J’s Bridge Pad or any other local clubs or online at J’s Bridge Pad website or the Unit 143 websites mentioned above.

Following is highlight of the Intermediate/Novice events at the tournament. You can also get a copy of this card at J’s Bridge Pad

2018- Regional Intermediate/Novice Events Schedule							
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	8/12	8/13	8/14	8/15	8/16	8/17	8/18
10:00 AM	LESSON*	499er	499er	499er	499er	499er	SWISS
1:00 PM	0-20 Game*	*FRRE	SWISS IS BRACKETED				
		499er	499er	499er	499er	499er	
2:30 PM	499er	GOLD RUSH	SWISS	GOLD RUSH SWISS	GOLD RUSH	SWISS	
		499er	499er	499er	499er	499er	
7:30 PM	499er	GOLD RUSH	SWISS	GOLD RUSH SWISS	GOLD RUSH	SWISS	
0-750 PTS , MUST PLAY BOTH SESSIONS OF THE DAY FOR GOLD PTS							
Wed thru Sun 2 session Swiss Events are Bracketed							
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Rank changes in month of June:

Congratulations are in order to all the following J's Bridge Pad regulars for advancing to the next rank:

Life Master: Mark Behling of Fenton, MO

Bronze Life Master: Linda McHoney of Ballwin, MO

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 August:

Date		Day	Event		Remark
			Code	Description	
Aug-15	Thursday	15	North American Pair Qualifying Game		
Aug-19	Monday	15	North American Pair Qualifying Game		
Aug-22	Thursday	15	North American Pair Qualifying Game		
Aug-23	Friday	15	North American Pair Qualifying Game		



Special Games

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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 so that we can set something up.

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 Phone - **314-616-2940**.

Alzheimer's Association:

It is still possible to donate to this worthy cause. Our online donation page on J's Bridge Pad's website still will be active until 8/31/19. You can send your checks made out to the Alzheimer's Association to J's Bridge Pad. For details, you can visit our website, www.jbridge.info and click on "Events" and then go to the "Longest Day".

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.

Name Badge with Magnet for only \$5:

You probably have seen people wearing name badges out and about on the bridge circuit.

Now you can get your own J's Bridge pad badge! I am offering a new promotion where you can get a badge with a magnet for only \$5. You can see what they will look like below. As you can see, I have added J's Bridge Pad to the badge. I am hoping that this might help get the word out about J's Bridge Pad. Please note, you still can order them without J's Bridge Pad in the third line for \$7

In the past we had been ordering these through Phyllis Segal and we will still be ordering these through Phyllis and the color combinations available are still the same as before. 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!



Final thoughts.....at last!

We are always looking to improve your experience at J's Bridge Pad. Last week, one of our wonderful J's Bridge Pad Patrons suggested that we clean the bidding cards and boxes. Which after careful inspection, was a very good idea. This situation was resolved very quickly, thanks to the very hard work of J's Bridge Pad's good friends Dave and Jo Chorpening. They also provided brand new bidding cards for 5 our tables. Many thanx go to Jo and Dave! If you see them in the future, maybe thank them for all they do for J's Bridge Pad to enhance our J's Bridge Pad experience.

If you are wondering what happened to the water pitcher? It's gone! It has been replaced by our new 5-gallon hot and cold-water dispenser.

Whether it's Hot or cold, come to J's Bridge Pad and enjoy a nice game or two of bridge!

Jay Shah