



Hey everybody. I hope that the hot weather is behind us. I'm ready for fall. How about you?

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

Upgraded Club Championship games:

Once a year, qualified clubs are allowed to hold a special game called the Upgraded Club Championship Game, where players are allowed to earn extra points without any additional fees. Quite the bargain if I do say so myself! We have scheduled this game at J's Bridge Pad on Friday, September 13, at 10 AM. Both the Open and Intermediate/Novice games will award extra points. Come on down and get some points!

Website:

Our website is currently undergoing construction, sorry if you are having any issues with it. They will be resolved soon, we promise!

Monthly Attendance Prizes:

Have you heard lightning striking in the same place three times? Well, our August attendance prize winner is Joan Ziskind again! She has won a \$25 gift card to Lion's Choice. Congratulations and enjoy the delicious roast beef sandwiches. Below is the photo of the July and August winner, Joan Ziskind, congratulations.



The September prize is going to be a Chick-Fill-A \$25 gift card. Remember, there is not cost to enter, all you have to do to enter is play a game or attend a class at J's Bridge Pad!

70 % game winners:

Congratulations to Uma Kurela & Pat Philips for attaining 70% games. Pat has achieved 70% plus game now two months in a row, who knows, perhaps next month she can go for it again and get a hat-trick !. Their pictures will be on Wall of fame as soon as they are available.

Special Topic Classes Series II

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Series I classes that concluded on August 10th. We hope that you were able to learn some things. Because of the excellent response that we had, we are working on the next series, which will start in the latter part of September. We are delaying the start of the second series a bit with the hope that you will take some time to practice and absorb what you learned from the first series. It will be the same format as the last series, a two-hour class at 10 AM on Saturday. Depending on the list of topics, we will probably have 4 or 5 classes. Following are a few ideas that we have come up with. We would love to have your input on the topics we plan to teach, so if you have any ideas, please let us know.

1. Basic Forcing Bids.
2. How interpreting bidding can help your play of the hands and defence.
3. How to handle interfering bids. I have done a 4-4 weeks class just on this topic alone.
4. Carding & Discards.
5. Overcalls.
6. Double or not to double.
7. Cappelletti over 1NT

New Intermediate/Novice Game:



You may have heard that we started a New Intermediate/Novice game on August 6th. Have you checked it out? The game is being run by J's Bridge Pad's newest staff member, Kathleen "Kiki" Powers. The game includes a mini-class before the game that covers various bridge topics. For a list of the topics of these classes you can go to our website, www.jbridge.info and then to "events" and then to "Tuesday game...."

There is also a promotion that goes along with this game. When you attend your first Tuesday Intermediate/ Novice game in 2019, you will get a \$2 coupon good for your next Tuesday's game at J's Bridge Pad.

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

Kiki's Contact information: Phone: 360-556-5694 Email: spkcp111@gmail.com

2-Day Fall 299er Bridge Tournament on September 21st & 22nd:

Please join us at the 299er Bridge Tournament on September 21st and 22nd at the St. Louis Bridge Center. This fun filled two day event is run by your unit 143. On Friday, there will be 2 sessions, a 10 AM session for players with less than 50 points. & a 3 PM session for players with less than 300 points. Sunday is a single session Swiss at 1 pm for players with less than 300 points. There will be a class on Swiss movement and scoring at 12:30 before the Sunday game.

For reservations and partnership assistance please contact John Welte – Phone: 314 413 9139. Email: jwelte1590@charter.net. For more information and a flyer visit our unit website www.unit143.org.

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

We at J's Bridge Pad, would like to give a hearty congratulations Ms. Linda Cassens, the high bidder that won the opportunity to play with me in the Backstoppers Pro-Am game. With her bid, and my matching it, we will be donating \$400 to this worthy cause. Thank you for your generous donation Linda and thank you to everyone else who bid on me.

Gateway to the West Regional in St. Louis

		<p>St. Louis Gateway to the West Regional August 12 - 18, 2019</p>		
<p>Renaissance Hotel • 9801 Natural Bridge Rd. • St. Louis, MO 63134</p>				
<p>One mile from Airport • Shuttle Available • Free Parking • Special Bridge Rate • Toll Free: 888-340-2594</p>				

Hope you all enjoyed the Gateway to the West Regional tournament. There were a total of 1324 tables, and 718 players that earned a total of 8424 points and the highest masterpoint winner earned 114 points!

The Unit 143 board is always looking for your input to make the tournament a more enjoyable experience. You can send your comments and suggestions to any board member or the tournament chair, Mike Carman. The emails of the Board members, as well as Mike's, are on the Unit 143 website, <http://unit143.org>. Thanx for your input.

Along with pictures of the winning pairs and the attendance prize winner we missed last month, the pictures of the Trophy winners from the Gateway to the West Regional that we have on hand are on our Wall of fame at J's Bridge Pad. Please come on down and check it out!

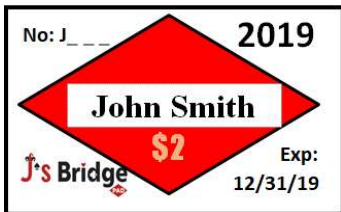
If you know of other J's Bridge Pad regulars that won a trophy at the Regional tournament, please send us your picture as we would like to honor you by placing your picture on our "Wall of Fame".

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 September:

Date	Day	Code	Description	Remark
Sep-5	Thursday	22	Unit Game	Morn
Sep-13	Friday	14	Upgraded Club Championship Game	
Sep-26	Thursday	21	Local Charity Games	
Sep-27	Friday	19	International Fund Month	
Sep-27	Friday	21	Local Charity Games	

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.

Diamond Card:

Did you know that you can buy the diamond card all year round? It is good for 365 days from the date of purchase. 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.

Wednesday's mentor game:

We are suspending this game for the month of September. A replacement event is in the works and as soon as details are finalized, we will let you know. Stay tuned!

And in closing,

We are always striving to improve your experience at J's Bridge Pad. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your experience better. We are implementing all the suggestions we have received so far.

Exercise your brain muscles, play more bridge!

Jay Shah