

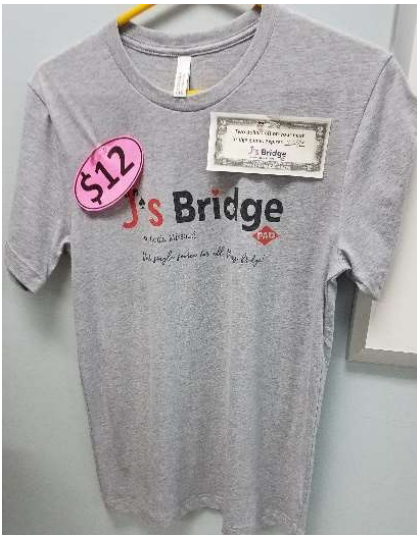


## Best of luck on Thursday and beyond!!

Hey everybody, Happy Halloween, be safe out there.

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

Have you seen our new T-shirt hanging near the bulletin board at J's Bridge Pad? The T-shirt cost is \$12 and you will also get a \$2 off coupon for your next game at J's bridge Pad.



### Monthly Attendance Prizes:

Our September Chick-Fill –A gift card winner is Ted Fahs. Congratulations to Ted. His picture will be on the wall of fame at J's Bridge Pad as soon as we have it.

Joan, a three-time monthly attendance prize winner, informed us that she is will not be entering her name in pumpkin for a few months to give others a chance. Thanks Joan.



The October prize is going to be a \$25 Board Walk Pizza gift card.

Remember, there is no 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 are in order to the following 70% game winners:

Marsh Marsh, on left with Bethena Hunt at the Trout Lodge Fall Break 2019.

Dennis Ablen & Barbara MacPeek

Hedy Glover, Joan Marshall, Picture to come later.

Paul & Linda Lee

You can see their pictures under the heading “What’s new on the Wall of Fame” down below.

**New Life Masters:**

Congratulations to Ken Deutch on becoming our newest life master. Next time you see Ken, be sure to congratulate him.

**Mentor game on Wednesday evenings:**

We are suspending Wednesday’s mentor game for the remainder of the year. We are starting Modern Bidding system classes in its place. See the details below.

**MODERN BIDDING SYSTEM**

We will be starting a new series on Wednesdays at 7 PM. The first class starts on Oct 16th. The modern bidding system classes will cover counting points, 7 basic conventions, doubles and more. The first hour of the class will be a lesson on the topic of the day, followed by an hour of practice hands related to the topic of the day. For details you can visit our website and go to Events, then to Modern Bidding System Classes, and then click on Flyer. The link to the flyer is also included in the email transmitting this letter.

If you have any friends who may be interested in learning the Modern Bidding System be sure to tell them!

**Special Topic Classes Series II**



We are starting our Special Topic series II on Saturdays at 9:30 AM. The first class is on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.

1. Basic Forcing Bids.
2. How interpreting bidding can help your play of the hands and defense.
3. How to handle interfering bids Part 1
4. How to handle interfering bids Part 2
5. Cappelletti over 1NT opening


**Intermediate/Novice Game on Tuesday:**

Based on input we received, we started an Intermediate/Novice game with the hope it would thrive. Unfortunately, that was not the case and as a result, as of Oct 1<sup>st</sup> we are suspending the game.

We are considering a replacement event with a chat game for beginners or something else along those lines. Let us know if you would be interested. We will let you know when we have something to report.

**Fall 299er Bridge Tournament :**

Hope you all enjoyed the tournament last month. Please let us know what we can do to make your experience better. Thank you to all who participated. Congratulations to the winners of master pints and trophies, including Felica Bamer, on the right and Maureen Curren. Their picture is included in "What's new on the Wall of Fame" down below: If you have any suggestions to make this tournament more enjoyable, feel free to pass them to me or any Unit 143 Board member.

**Caseyville Sectional Tournament, October 4th thru 6th:**


**Caseyville Sectional**  
Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Steamfitters Local 439  
1220 Donald Bailey Dr.  
Caseyville, IL 62232

Partnership: Gail (618) 623-8886 Ken (618) 779-7798

Friday	1:00 pairs 7:00 swiss
Saturday	10:00 and 3:00 two session pairs, Harrison Trophy 10:00 Side Pairs 3:00 Side Pairs
Sunday	9:30 swiss, lunch not provided

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See you all in Caseyville. Details Below:

Please note that there will be a separate 299er section if there are enough tables.

**Fall Sectional Tournament, October 18<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> :**

You should have received a postcard in the mail from Unit 143 about the fall sectional tournament. We also have flyers for you to pick up at J's Bridge Pad. Did you know that ACBL members with less than 5 masterpoints get to play for free in the pair games? Give it a shot you may like it, and you have nothing to lose. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

**Free Labels:**

Did you know that J's Bridge Pad is offering free labels that contain your ACBL number & name? You can use these labels on your entry form at upcoming tournaments. You can pick them up at J's Bridge pad. Just email us your information or fill out the form at J's bridge pad.



**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 October:

Date	Day	Event	Remark
		Description	
Oct-14	Monday	Club Championship Game	
Oct-17	Thursday	Jane Johnson Club Appr. Game	
Oct-18	Friday	Jane Johnson Club Appr. Game	
Oct-31	Thursday	STaC	Silver points
Nov-1	Friday	STaC	Silver points

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.

**Trout Loge Fall Bridge Break, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4th:**

We at J's Bridge Pad hope that you enjoyed our latest fun-filled bridge break!

At this, like our all other bridge breaks in Potosi, there were bridge classes for beginners and intermediate players alike, as well as sanctioned and non-sanctioned bridge games. In addition to all the bridge activities, there were many other non-bridge activities available for the players and their families! Players enjoyed other activities such as zip lining, trail walking, a great magician's performance from the "Amazing J", ice cream socials and a lot of great food! In Picture below, Peg Nugent(left) & Philip Salavti(right) are getting ready to start their Moonlight zipline while the Hummingbird(middle) is waiting for the bridge game to start!



Do not miss out on all these fun at our Spring 2020 bridge break. As soon as dates are available, we will let you know.

### **Backstoppers' Charity game:**

Linda Cassens and I played in the Backstoppers' charity game on September 16. Thank you, Linda, for your generous donation. Our total donation of \$400 was a small part of the total funds of \$16,000 plus raised by this Charity game. I also like to thank Barbara Reid for her hard work in making this event a such a great success. Bridge Haven has been doing this event for 10 years and has raised over \$110, 000 for this very worthy cause. Mark your calendar for the 2020 event on September 13th. Linda's picture is also included down below under "What's new on the Wall of Fame"

### **Rank Changes:**

Did you know that ACBL has 14 ranks you can advance through? Would you like to know the difference between a Junior Master and a Club Master? On J's Bridge Pad website, we will have a document called "Point Colors n Ranks" listing all of the ranks and the requirements for each rank. The link to this document is also included in the email transmitting this newsletter. Following are the rank changes in August 2019.

Junior Master	Polly Rutherford	Chesterfield	MO
Club Master	Brenda Lessel	Chesterfield	MO
Sectional Master	Linda Cassens	Marco Island	FL
Life Master	Jay Sarver	Saint Louis	MO
Ruby Life Master	Caroline Hughes	Wilmington	DE
Ruby Life Master	John Strange	Wilmington	DE



As you may have heard J's Bridge Pad's good friend Lisa Lampen is moving to Palm Desert, CA. We all are going to miss her. Lisa, we wish you the best of luck and be sure to include J's Bridge Pad in your future visits to St. Louis

**What's new on the Wall of fame:**



**We could use your help:**

I know that all of us would like a nice place to play bridge like the one pictured below. Could we ask you to help us by getting folks to follow three simple steps after the game is over? Following these three steps will go a long way in helping us keep the place tidy.

1. Clean up around table and throw trash away.
2. Return the chairs to their original location.
3. Push chairs back.

P.S – Please turn off cell phones or put them on vibrate during the game. Thank you all for your cooperation.



**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 the suggestions as we get them.

*Exercise your brain muscles in a fun way, play more bridge!*

Jay Shah