



Hey everybody,

Welcome to J's Bridge Pad November "Currents". Be sure to read on!!!

J's Bridge Pad is featured in the October 16th issue of the Town & Style:

Not sure if you have heard, J's Bridge Pad was featured in the October 16th issue of the Town & Style. A link to this article is included in the email transmitting the "Currents". You can also view this article at our website www.jbridge.info home page by scrolling down a bit and clicking on the "Notable Neighbors" link.

Veteran's Day, November 11th:

This Veteran's day we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge J's Bridge Pad's good friend Dave Peterson, Pictured below.

On July 1, 1944 Dave entered the V12, a collegiate officer training program, and was then sent to Boot Camp. He joined the Navy in 1945 was sent to the USS Mississippi which was in Norfolk, VA for repairs. He was transferred to the USS Dayton which was in the Caribbean. Subsequently, Dave entered the Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant during the Korean Conflict in 1951 and served until 1953. While in the Air Force he spent 1 year in Japan and 1 week in Korea. Upon leaving the Air Force he returned to college and studied structural design. While in the Air Force Reserves, he worked on restoring airplanes that would have been scrapped.

Dave, always being modest says, "I was no hero". In my book anyone who serves our country and did as much as him, is a hero.

Be sure to thank a veteran next time you see one.



Club Results:

We have started loading our game results to ACBL Live. The results are sent to the common games by ACBL, so you should also continue to receive email/text messages from the common games too. Detailed explanations are coming out in a separate email. Be on lookout for that email.

Diamond Card Renewal – the 400 Special:

J's Bridge Pad is introducing "the 400 Special". You may be asking yourself what is "the 400 Special"? Typically, a renewal of your Diamond Card is for one year, 365 days. However, with the 400 Special, if you renew your Diamond Card any time before December 31st, 2019 you will get 400 days added to your Diamond Card, instead of 365 days, a bonus of 35 days. For example, if your card is expiring on March 31st, 2020, it will be good till May 5th, 2021! As J's Bridge Pad's friend Phyllis would say "such a deal!"

Monthly Attendance Prizes:

Before we announce our monthly attendance prize winner, we are sad to announce that after year of admirable service, collecting your attendance prize entries, we are retiring the "Purple Pumpkin". We are replacing it with a bigger Jar, which we are temporarily calling the JJar. We are unsure of this name and are looking for something catchier. Do you have any suggestions? If you have any suggestions let me know. If we select your suggested name, we will give you a free game coupon.

Back to the business at hand, our October Boardwalk Pizza gift card winner is Mary Ann Mitchell. Congratulations to Mary Ann. Her picture is included in section "What's new at the Wall of fame", at the end of the "Current".

Remember, there is no cost to enter the attendance prize give away, all you have to do to enter is play a game or attend a class at J's Bridge Pad, that easy!

The November prize is going to be a \$25 Master Card gift card, courtesy of J's Bridge Pad's good friend Ms. Priti Jain, pictured below. She has offered to meet anyone at J's Bridge Pad before or after a game to answer questions about Medicare, supplemental insurance or any other insurance needs you may have. If you are interested, her flyer is on our magazine table.



70% game winner:

Congratulations to Les & Philippa Bell and to Joan Marshall & Phil Salavati for having 70% games. Their pictures are included in the section "What's new at the wall of fame."

MODERN BIDDING SYSTEM

We had our first class of the Modern Bidding System series on Wednesday, October 16, at 7 PM. We had an excellent turnout of 3 tables. We still have space for more players, so come on down. Note that these are stand-alone classes so you can attend any one or all of them!

The modern bidding system classes cover: Counting points, the seven basic conventions, doubles and much 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. The complete class schedule is included below:

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

MODERN BIDDING SYSTEM

SCHEDULE - WEDNESDAY @ 7 pm



is located in West county @
15817 Manchester Rd, 63011

Website: www.jbridge.inf

Date	Topic
16-Oct	Introduction - Points, Conversation
23-Oct	Minor Suit Opening
30-Oct	Major Suit Opening
6-Nov	One No Trump Opening
13-Nov	Pre-emptive Bids
20-Nov	Strong Bids
4-Dec	Doubles
11-Dec	Recap & Graduation

Contact Jay Shah: Cell 314 495 6093, Email jshaent@gmail.com

Special Topic Classes Series II



We had our first class of Special Topic series II on Saturday, October 19th, at 9:00 AM. The next class is on November 6th and the topic will be “How to handle interfering bids”.

1. Basic Forcing Bids.
2. Bids Interpretation
3. **How to handle interfering bids Part 1**
4. How to handle interfering bids Part 2
5. Cappelletti over 1NT opening

Bridge with Training wheels:

Be on a look-out for our new addition, Bridge with training wheels, a game where you can ask questions to the coach during the game as well as refer to reference material you may have with you. As soon as we have finalized the details, we will let you know.

Fall Sectional Tournament:

Hope you all had a good time at the sectional last month. J's Bridge Pad's good friends, Joan Marshall and Hedy Glover, won another trophy at the sectional tournament. Congratulation Joan and Hedy!



Here are the stats from the Sectional Tournament. There were 247 tables and 313 players earned a total of 1188 master points. The highest point total earned by a single player was 37.



If you did not know, Sunday's lunch at the sectional tournament was catered by Bootleggin BBQ, a restaurant owned by my Daughter and Son-in-law, pictured below with me. You may want to visit their website www.bootlegginbbq.com, to see how they can make your thanksgiving or holiday parties more delicious.



ACBL Ranks:

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

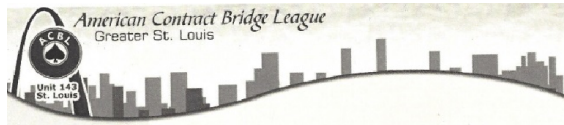
Special Games:

The ACBL, and as well as Unit 143, allow 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 November:

Date	Day	Event	Remark
		Description	
Nov-1	Friday	STaC	Silver points
Nov-11	Monday	Club Championship Game	
Nov-14	Thursday	Unit Game	
Nov-14	Thursday	Club Championship Game	
Nov-15	Friday	Club Championship Game	
Nov-21	Thursday	Local Charity Games	
Nov-22	Friday	Local Charity Games	

2020 Datebook:

Unit 143 publishes a date book once a year for your use and convenience. It contains a schedule for all regular and special games at the area clubs, local and nearby tournaments, as well as special events and much more. Keep in mind Information is only current as of the date of publication, be sure to verify the most current information at the unit 143's and clubs' website. The datebook is available at J's Bridge Pad, ask the director for your copy.



**2020 DATE BOOK
&
CLUB DIRECTORY**

Housekeeping Reminders:

1. Parking – Preferred parking is in back. Only handicap parking is allowed on the store front side. If you must park in front, please use the side facing Manchester.
2. Be sure to clean up around table and throw trash away.
3. Return chairs to their original location.
4. Push chairs in.
5. Don't forget to turn cell phones off or put them on vibrate during the game.

Thank you all for your cooperation

What's new at the Wall of Fame:



In closing,

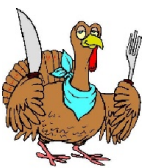
We would like you to know that J's bridge Pad's good friend, Peg Nugent, pictured below, has moved westward, to Denver, CO. We all are going to miss her. Peg, we wish you the best of luck and be sure to include J's Bridge Pad in your future visits to St. Louis.



We are always striving to improve your experience at J's Bridge Pad. Do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything, we can do to make your experience better. We are implementing the suggestions as we get them.

One final thought, here is a quote someone sent me in response to our Town & Style article:

“People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events. People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands!”



Jay Shah