



Hey Everybody,

Spring is just around the corner. Be sure to take a break from gardening and stop by J's Bridge Pad for some bridge! On to the announcements.....

Spring Break at Trout Lodge



Spring Bridge break 2020 is less than two weeks away! It is from Tuesday, March 17th through Thursday, March 19th. If you have not signed up for this relaxing, fun-filled event, be sure to do so, as you do not want to miss out on the good times. Ask anyone who went last year, and I bet they will tell you how fantastic it was. Sign-up forms are available at J's bridge pad, on our website home page and a link is included in the transmittal email to sign-up online.

Save the Dates

Every year we hold a fundraiser, for the Longest Day, which is a charity event to benefit those with Alzheimers. We will be holding this years Longest Day activities on June 16th & June 19th. The June 16th event is with J's Bridge Pad good friend Phyllis and includes Mah-Jongg. Many more details to come!

Social Groups

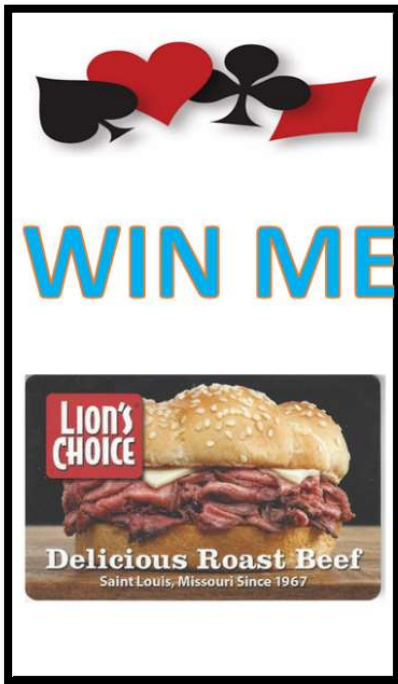
Did you know that J's Bridge Pad hosts all sorts of Social Groups? We continue to get more and more social groups coming to J's Bridge Pad to enjoy all it offers. This is not too surprising because hosting a social activity at J's Bridge Pad is a great way to enjoy bridge, Mah Jong, or any other social activity without the hassle that hosting or entertaining sometimes brings.

There is no major clean up, no set up and no people dragging salty, sloshy snow or dirt into your home. We provide your cards, boards, as well as bidding boxes for bridge, and just like any game at Js Bridge pad, there is free coffee and snacks. Not only that, but there will always be an experienced director/teacher available to answer any questions you may have during play. Additionally, in the event one of your players/participants do not show up or is late, you will always have a stand-by bridge player available. Don't forget, if you have a 70% plus game, your photo, like Chris & Bonnie's, will go on our Wall of Fame!

The fee to play is \$5 per person, and it includes all aforementioned stuff. If you want, we can provide computer scoring for bridge games, as we are doing for a couple of the groups right now, at no extra charge.

Still not sure? Just try it for free! We would be very happy to host a trial event for free for any new group. Just call/text me at 314 495 6093 or email me at Jshahent@gmail.com and we can set up a day and time for you to take J's Bridge Pad for a test drive!

Monthly Attendance Prizes



Our January winner of the Chick-Fill-A \$25 gift card is Nancy Helmer. Congratulations Nancy and get ready for your picture on our wall of fame!

Our March attendance prize is going to be a \$25 gift card from Lion's choice. The only thing better than Lion's Choice is free Lion's Choice.! Be sure to put your name in the JJar.

In addition to our extremely popular Monthly Attendance Prize, we are going to add a second chance draw. What will happen is that we are going to collect all the non-winning entries from 2020 and put them in a bowl, most likely a big one, and then have a second chance drawing at our 2020 Holiday party. The only requirement is that you need to be present at the party to collect your very awesome prize! More details to come!

Remember, there is no cost to enter the Monthly Attendance Prize giveaway, all you have to do to enter is play a game or attend a class at J's Bridge Pad , write your name on the already provided paper, and put it into to the JJar, it's that easy! You can put your name every time you play or attend a class at J's Bridge Pad

70% plus Games

Congratulations are in order to the following pairs for having a 70% game in January & February of 2020:

Chirs Fagen & Bonnie Engler, Becky Litherland & Mitzi Pasch, Meg Griffin & Hedy Glover.

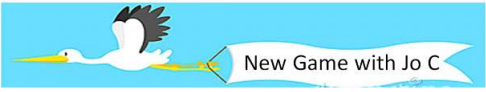
Check out their pictures on the Wall of Fame at J's Bridge Pad and on our website.

JsBridgeTips



Have you checked out the Jbridgetips holder on the wall above the Hands Record Tray at J's Bridge Pad? You may be asking...What are Jsbridgetips and why would I want a JsBridgeTip? Glad you asked! It's series of short articles geared towards beginners that explain various terms and fundamentals of duplicate bridge. The first article in this series was "Game Classifications". Other topics we plan to include in the series are: Scoring of Duplicate Games, Stratification Movements, Boards Not Played, how to earn master points, Bridge Etiquette, and Procedural Penalties. Is there anything else about Duplicate Bridge puzzling you that we might be forgetting? Please let us know and we will add to it to our list. In the meantime, grab a JsBridgeTips for yourself or someone who you think may enjoy it and pick up some pain-free bridge tips to hone your bridge skills!

Intermediate/Newcomer Game on Wednesdays at 10 AM:



Wednesday at 10:00 AM

Weekly Game
 Regular Game Fee \$11, with the card \$9
 Upper master point limit 300 Points
 Earn ACBL points
 Upper points limit 300
 \$2 off coupon for following Friday's game
 Director, Jo Chorpening

We have started a new game on Wednesday mornings, hosted by everyone's favorite director, Me! Just joking. Of course, I am referring to Jo Chorpening. Her new game is already becoming popular, so be sure to start your Wednesdays with Jo. As always, let Jo or I know if you would like to play in our Wednesday's game. By attending this game, you will automatically get a \$2 off coupon for Jo's Friday game of the same week.

Bridge with Training wheels:

If you haven't already heard, J's Bridge Pad has started a game designed for people who are just beginning their bridge journey. Do you know anyone who wants to start playing Bridge but is a little intimidated by all the rules and etiquette of Duplicate Bridge and doesn't know quite where to start? Well this is the perfect game for them!



In this game you can ask questions to your coach during the game, as well as bring brief reference materials. Additionally, you are eligible to get masterpoints. If you are interested in helping get the word out about Bridge with training wheels, flyers and postcards for this game are available at J's bridge pad and on our website home page, www.jbridge.info,

Beginners Bridge Classes

In addition to Bridge with Training Wheels, we are also going to start Beginners Bridge Classes. We have tentatively scheduled the classes to start on April 16th. If you have any friends that would like to learn the ABC's of Duplicate Bridge be sure to let them know. We will have more details about this class as we finalize them.

2020 Game Schedule

1/1/2020						
J's Bridge		2020 SCHEDULE +				
	MON	TUE	WED	THU @	FRI @	SAT
9:30 AM						Newcomer 20
10:00 AM	OPEN		*I/N 300		OPEN * I/N-300	
6:30 PM	*I/N 500			OPEN * I/N-500		
+ Visit www.jbridge.info for the latest schedule						
@ Two games running concurrently						
* I/N-Intermediate-Newcomer, Non-Life Master players, Players can not have more than points shown						
Contact: Jay/Cell: 314 495 6093/E-mail: jshaent@gmail.com						

2020 Special Games Schedule

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 SLBC CM - AM ACBL Sr Pairs - Aft	3 JFCO CC - AM	4 Unit Champ - AM SLBC Ch - Eve	5	6 JFCO CC - AM	7 SLBC Ch - Eve
8 Daylight Saving Begins	9	10 SLBC Ch - AM	11	12	13	14 Unit Champ - Eve
15	16 Unit Champ - Eve	17 JFCO Ch - AM	18 JBP Ch - AM SLBC CC - Eve	19 NATIONALS JBP Ch - Eve	20 NATIONALS JFCO Ch - AM SLBC CC - AM	21 NATIONALS
22 NATIONALS SLBC CC - Aft	23 NATIONALS	24 NATIONALS	25 NATIONALS SLBC Ch - AM SLBC CC - Eve	26 NATIONALS	27 NATIONALS	28 NATIONALS StL I/N Sectional
29 NATIONALS StL I/N Sectional	30	31 ACBL-Wide - Aft				

Intermediate/Newcomer, 299er Tournament, March 28/29:

Your ACBL unit 143 is hosting an Intermediate/Newcomer 299er tournament on March 28th and March 29th. These games are usually very well attended and a lot of fun. The Saturday game (28th) is for pairs and the Sunday game (29th) is for teams. If you need a partner or a pair you can call Phyllis Siegel, 314-810-6487. Enjoy great hospitality and free parking as well. There will be 2 Pair games on Saturday, March 28th. One will be at 10 AM, and the other will be at 3 PM. On Sunday, March 29th, there will be single session Swiss game. In addition, to all this. There will be a separate game for players with less than 50 points on Saturday, March 28th, at 10 AM. Flyers are available at J's Bridge Pad, at other area clubs, and at Unit 143's website - www.unit143.org. A link is also provided in the email transmitting this newsletter.

Wear your name badge and let everybody know your name!

Wearing a name badge is not only a friendly gesture, but a helpful gesture as well, as it helps poor folks like me who cannot remember names! For only \$5 you can get one with Js Bridge Pad on the 3rd line. If you do not want J's Bridge Pad on the third line, than you can get one without a 3rd line for \$7. But consider representing J's Bridge Pad with pride! Whichever option you choose, it is available in different colors. Our good friend Phyllis places the orders for us.

Really good Recipes

As you have probably heard, our director Jo Chorpening's baking has become very popular in the halls of J's Bridge Pad and people are always asking for the recipes for Jo's baked wonders. We are going to make it easy for you all to get her recipes, as we are putting them on our website! All you have to do is go to our home page, click on "About Us" on the menu bar and then click on "Recipe" from the dropdown menu. You should check out our recipe section, its growing fast, we may have to make a book!

Lee's Monday Morning Open Game at 10 AM

Lee's Morning Open game at 10 AM is back in full force as Lee is back from vacation. Welcome back Lee! He is all rested up, relaxed and ready to roll. Come on down and join in the Monday Morning fun.

Housekeeping Reminders

At J's Bridge Pad, we always thriving to make your bridge experience as enjoyable as possible. Have you noticed our new corner caddies at J's Bridge Pad provided by our good friend Jo? Thank you, Jo. The corner caddies are so cool!

Did you notice our decorative, instructional as well, as informative yellow signs on the wall?

We also tidied up the corner.

Last but not least:



J's Bridge Pad good friend and my past/current/future bridge partner, Donna, celebrated her big birthday with family and friends last weekend! Check out Donna and her daughter in the above picture! Happy birthday Donna!

In closing,

We would like to remind you that Js Bridge Pad is for you. If there is anything that we can do to make your Bridge experience better be sure to let me, Jo or Lee know or put your comment in the suggestion box on the windowsill in the front by the windows. Slowly but surely J's Bridge Pad is growing, and we thank you for your support.

See you at the tables!

Jay Shah