

Lawson Bridge Studio News April 2013

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Club Games – Rates are for each player

Games: 6:20 pm at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 909 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 773-348-2378

Apr 1	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 1	I/N Pairs—\$10
Apr 3	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 6	Open Pairs STaC District 13 —\$12
Apr 8	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 8	I/N Pairs STaC District 13 —\$12
Apr 10	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 13	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$11
Apr 15	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 15	I/N Pairs—\$10
Apr 17	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 20	Split Site Open Pairs L305123B —\$10
Apr 22	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 22	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$11
Apr 24	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 27 No Game Memorial Day	
Apr 29	Swiss Teams ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 29	I/N Pairs—\$10

Cub Games in April

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these April Cub home dates:

Monday 1:20 pm game: Apr 8

Wednesday 1:20 pm game:

Monday 7:05 pm game: Apr 29

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: Apr 10, Apr 17

Partnership Agreements

Since bridge is a communication game through bids and play of the cards, let's look at what you need to do relative to your system and what is necessary for you opponents to know. Law 40, Partnership Understandings states:

- ♠ Communication of information between partners during the auction and play shall be effected only by means of the calls and plays themselves as per their partnership agreements, Law 40.A.2.
 - ♥ Special partnership agreements, whether explicit or implicit, must be fully and freely available to the opponents, Law 40.A.1.
 - ♥ A player may make any call or play without prior announcement provided such call or play is not based on an undisclosed partnership understanding, Law 40.A.3.
 - ♥ Our Regulating Authority, American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), states that this is to be accomplished via convention cards whose regulations provide for documenting players' systematic agreements including alert procedures and/or by announcing special agreements at the outset of a round or session to the opponents.
 - ♥ During the auction and play, any player at his turn to call or play, except dummy, may refer to his opponents' convention card, at his own risk, but never to his own card during the auction period. The defenders may consult their card during the clarification period, the time after the third pass and before the opening lead is faced.
 - ♥ During the auction, any player at his own turn to call may ask for an explanation of the opponent's call, Law 40.B.2. Replies are to be given by the partner of the player who made the call in question.
 - ♦ Because of the many bidding systems beginning players should not feel intimidated to ask for the meaning of calls. The proper question to ask is "Please, explain?" Players should avoid, "Is this standard or the name of a convention?"
 - ♦ Caution should be used so as not to cause delay of the game through too many questions.
 - ♦ Be careful with questioning the meaning of bids so as not to give unauthorized information to partner.
 - ♥ When explaining the significance of partner's call or play in reply to an opponent's inquiry, a player shall disclose all special agreements or partnership experience, but need not disclose inference drawn from his general knowledge and experience.
 - ♦ If the partnership has not discussed, the proper response is "no agreement" or "not discussed," Players should avoid "I take it to mean" or "standard" or "the name of a convention."
- ♠ Correction of errors in communication
 - ♥ If a player realizes later that his explanation was in error, he should call the director.
 - ♥ The partner of a player may not correct a mistaken explanation before the final pass, nor may he in any manner indicate that a mistake was made. In play a defender may not correct an error until play ceases.
 - ♥ It is improper procedure for players to change calls in failure-to-alert situation without summoning the Director.
- ♠ Calls and plays should be made without special emphasis, mannerism or inflection, and without undue hesitation or haste, Law 73.
 - ♥ It is desirable, though not always required, for players to maintain steady tempo and unvarying manner, Law 73. However, a player should be particularly careful in positions in which variations may work to the benefit of their side as to giving unauthorized information, Law 16.
 - ♥ Undue hesitations, typically outside one's normal tempo, are particularly troublesome, (judgment of players as to what is a long hesitation becomes the issue) as one must be careful not to give unauthorized information to partner as long thinking before making a bid may imply values to partner, especially in after thinking the player passes. Partner is not to act on this information in making his subsequent call.
 - ♥ Players shall not communicate through the manner in which calls or plays are made, through extraneous remarks or gestures, through questions asked or not asked of the opponents or through alerts and explanations given or not given to them.