

Lawson Bridge Studio News July 2015

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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

Jul 1	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11	Aug 3	North American Pairs Qualifying
Jul 6	Open Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$12	Aug 5	North American Pairs Qualifying
Jul 8	I/N Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$12	Aug 10	No game Chicago NABC
Jul 13	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11	Aug 12	No game Chicago NABC
Jul 15	ACBL-Wide International Fund Game —\$12	Aug 17	North American Pairs Qualifying
Jul 20	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11	Aug 19	North American Pairs Qualifying
Jul 22	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11	Aug 24	Open Pairs Club Championship
Jul 27	Open Pairs Unit Game L507123A —\$10	Aug 26	I/N Pairs Club Championship
Jul 29	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$11	Aug 31	Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund

Cub Games in July

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these July Cub home dates as per published schedule. If there are changes due to weather etc., I will not be aware of these:

Monday 1:20 pm game:

Wednesday 1:20 pm game: **July 29**

Monday 7:05 pm game: **July 6, 27**

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **July 8**

Volunteers Needed for the Summer NABC

Patt Quinn is chairing the committee for Volunteers to assist the NABC and District 13 staff in the operations of the Summer NABC games here in Chicago. Our district, the host district, needs many volunteers for helping the participants to enjoy the games as well as our great city. If you would enjoy participating in these efforts please, contact Patt for more information. We will have sign-up sheets at the games.

STaCs (Silver Points)

This is a the Unit 123 STaC so all participating clubs will use the same set of deals from the ACBL, including hand records being available, for each of the weekly game times. The person, typically the director, making up the deals is not permitted to play. The club results are reported to the tournament director who scores the individual results across the field. The field thus becomes the total number of tables from all the participating clubs for each weekly game session, such as our Monday evening game is one of the weekly game sessions separate from our Wednesday evening game which is a different weekly game session. Club game sessions are defined by the day of the week and depending on the starting time as to whether they are morning, afternoon or evening sessions. They are also defined by whether open such as our Monday or invitational such as our Wednesday.

ACBL-Wide International Fund Game

These games raise funds to defray the expense of North American participation in international competition. This year there are 51 participating clubs from Bermuda, Canada and the United States. This is an open game for all who want to participate with special hand records analysis. This Wednesday and this Wednesday only the game will not be an invitational game. The awards are half red and black at 81.8% of sectional rating. Overall and district winners will be announced on the ACBL website and in the Bridge Bulletin. This game carries a special ACBL fee thus the adjusted fee charge.

Game fees

Our game fees vary each week from \$10-\$12/player depending on whether the game is regular, charity, or STaC. To avoid making change errors please check the calendar in the newsletter or the website and have the appropriate fee each week. Also late comers please take time to place your fee in the envelope before start of your play.

Slow Play from the ACBL Code of Ethics

Failure to finish on time can do a great deal to chase players away from the game and is extremely distressing to waiting players. Bridge is a timed event. If a pair takes more than their share of the allotted time for each round, they are inconveniencing their fellow competitors as well as gaining an unfair advantage over them. When a pair has fallen behind it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not.

The **actively ethical player** (the editor's emphasis) makes a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness. All players are expected to develop this good habit.

Remember: Slow play is subject to penalty, and the penalties are well earned when slow pairs disrupt the normal progression of the game.

Additionally, players should be available to start each subsequent round promptly, avoiding wherever possible, being late to a table for non-bridge reasons.