

Lawson Bridge Studio News May 2014

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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

May 5	Open Pairs District 13 STaC—\$12	Jun 2	Open Pairs—\$10
May 7	I/N Pairs District 13 STaC—\$12	Jun 4	I/N Pairs—\$10
May 12	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$11	Jun 9	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$11
May 14	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$11	Jun 11	I/N Pairs Club Championship—\$10
May 19	Open Pairs—\$10	Jun 16	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$11
May 21	I/N Pairs—\$10	Jun 18	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$11
May 26	No Game Memorial Day	Jun 23	North American Pairs Qualifying
May 28	I/N Pairs Unit Game L405123C—\$10	Jun 25	I/N Pairs Unit Game L406123C—\$10
		Jun 30	Swiss Teams Club Championship—\$10

Cub Games in May

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these May 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: **May 21**

Monday 7:05 pm game: **May 5**

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Temperature in Playing Area at Ann Sathers

Since the restaurant closes at 3 pm, we have no control of what the temperature will be when we come in at 5:45 pm. The temperature will then be set to 73 F. This means if the temperature is higher than this, the air conditioning will be on to bring the temperature down; or if less than 73 F, the heat will be on to raise the temperature. Also the temperature control across the room is not adjustable, so you may experience heating and cooling differently in different spots in the room. We cannot accommodate everybody's unique temperature desires nor will we try to do so. It behooves you to dress to accommodate heating or cooling, and have appropriate clothing with you for your comfort during the game.

Slow Play

In the November 2013 Newsletter we wrote about Slow Play. There has some improvement; but it is not consistent on Monday. So we will be shutting off the traveler portion of the Bridgemates for the Monday game. Phil, our Wednesday Director, has shut off the viewing of the traveler section of the Bridgemates resulting in timing of round improvement; however even then there is still room for improvement by players to speed up their ability to bid and play boards within the round timing.

Bridge is a timed event. You are expected to play each board, including satisfying your personal needs, within 7 minutes (26/27 boards) on Monday and 8 minutes (24 boards) on Wednesday to comply with ACBL regulations and to meet our contract with the restaurant.

No new boards are to be played after the two minute alarm on Monday evening. The director will be using his judgment on Wednesday evening. If you are late in getting to a table all players are responsible for speeding up bidding and play to come back into sync with the timing of the rounds.

What are our options?

- ♥ Pull boards giving average + and average – to the players at the table. Awarding "No Play" with its no penalty provision will be at the discretion of the director.
- ♥ If habitual slow play does not improve, we will assess procedural penalties at the end of the game, Law 90B.2.

The following is excerpted from the **ACBL Code of Ethics**

Slow Play

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.

Please help to make the game enjoyable for all.