

Lawson Bridge Studio News May 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

May 4	Open Pairs District 13 STaC —\$12	Jun 1	Open Pairs—\$10
May 6	I/N Pairs District 13 STaC —\$12	Jun 3	I/N Pairs Club Championship —\$10
May 11	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$11	Jun 8	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11
May 13	I/N Pairs Unit Game L505123A —\$10	Jun 10	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11
May 18	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$11	Jun 15	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$11
May 20	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Month —\$11	Jun 17	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$11
May 25	No Game Memorial Day	Jun 22	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11
May 27	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Month —\$11	Jun 10	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11
		Jun 29	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:

Monday 7:05 pm game: **May 11**

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **May 13, 27**

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. If you think that you would enjoy seeing some of the inside efforts inputting on the Nationals, contact Patt for more information. We will have signup sheets at the games.

The Convention Card

- ♠ Our sponsoring organization the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) has prescribed two convention cards that we make available to players to record their partnership conventions and agreements as well as to record the results of each board played. The simplest is the Yellow Card; the other is our familiar standard card.
 - ♥ At Sectional and higher rated tournaments: Each player is required to have a Convention Card legibly filled out and on the table throughout the session.
 - ♥ Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member.
 - ♥ Computerized generated cards may be used provided that they are nearly the same size and follow all markings of standard ACBL printed cards available at games, such as we provide.
 - ♥ If cards are not identical, the partnership may be limited to playing the Yellow Card System.
- ♠ **The purpose of the convention card:**
 - ♥ The convention card exists for the convenience of your opponents. The opponents may wish to look at your card at the beginning of a round to get a general idea of what your methods are, they might want to see what your opening lead agreements are when they declare or they may wish to look at your card during the auction to see what your agreements are without asking you to explain them verbally.
 - ♦ Just as you may only ask questions during the auction or play only when it is your turn, you may only look at an opponent's card only when it is your turn to bid or play.
 - ♦ It should be placed on the table for easy access to the opponents, even if the table gets cluttered with other important playing requirements.
 - ♥ The convention card is a great way for you and your partner to discuss your methods and refresh your memories as to what your agreements are if you haven't played together in a while.
- ♠ **Color coding on the card:**
 - ♥ Black: Considered standard and understood by the majority of players.
 - ♥ Blue: Announcements are to be made as to the meaning:
 - ♦ 1NT opening bid point range
 - ♦ NT transfer bids to hearts and spades either Jacoby or Texas
 - ♦ Major Opening response of 1NT forcing or semi-forcing
 - ♦ Minor openings, non-forcing of 0-2 cards in the suit
 - ♥ Red: Alert, both to be announced and tapping of the alert card.