

Lawson Bridge Studio News October 2017

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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

Oct 2	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$13	Nov 1	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$13
Oct 4	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$13	Nov 6	Open Pairs—\$12
Oct 9	Open Pairs (District 13 Regional)—\$12	Nov 8	O/I Pairs—\$12
Oct 11	O/I Pairs (District 13 Regional)—\$12	Nov 13	Open Pairs District 13 STaC —\$14
Oct 16	Open Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs —\$12	Nov 15	O/I Pairs District 13 STaC —\$14
Oct 18	O/I Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs —\$12	Nov 20	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$13
Oct 23	Open Pairs ACBL Membership Game —\$12	Nov 22	O/I Pairs—\$12
Oct 25	O/I Pairs ACBL Membership Game —\$12	Nov 27	Open Pairs—\$12
Oct 30	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation —\$12	Nov 29	O/I Pairs Club Championship —\$12

Cub Games in October

The Cubs are playing in the National League Division finals in Chicago on Monday Oct 9. Game time has not been determined at the time of writing this newsletter, so be advised to check for the game time and what traffic may be.

♠ **Oct 16th Monday Club Appreciation Open Pairs:**

This game has 81.8% sectionally rate black point. As special thanks to you for supporting the club on Monday evenings, we will be serving pizza at 5:45 pm with eating in the playing area and game to start by 6:30 pm with number of boards to be determined. Please inform me of your intention to play that evening by **Friday Oct 13th** so that I know how much food to order. A sign-up sheet is available at the game.

♥ **October 18th Wednesday Club Appreciation O/I Pairs:**

This game has 81.8% sectionally rate black point. As special thanks to you for supporting the club on Wednesday evenings, we will be serving pizza at 5:45 pm with eating in the playing area and game to start by 6:30 pm with number of boards to be determined. Please inform me of your intention to play that evening by **Sunday Oct 15th** so that I know how much food to order. A sign-up sheet is available at the game.

♦ **Oct 23th and 25th ACBL membership games:**

To earn 81.8% sectionally rated black masterpoints in this game **BOTH** players of a pair must be paid members of the ACBL. Non-members and non-paid members are welcome to play but will not be awarded masterpoints, thus if you are interested in earning masterpoints, please join or renew your membership in the ACBL which is easy to do online at <http://www.acbl.org>. The Bridge Bulletin is worth the price of membership alone, if you are interested in developing your game through the many articles for all levels of players.

♣ **Oct 30th Monday Club Appreciation Teams:**

Team game with 5% gold points at a maximum of 0.25 to winner and the other awards as 81.8% sectionally rate black point. As usual, please form your teams, and let me know before 4 pm on October 31st for room set-up and an orderly start of the game. A sign-up sheet will be available at the games as well as registering with me at lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com.

2017 Revision to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge

This revision officially became effective on Sept 25th. I attached to the email sending this newsletter the administrative letter sent to the clubs which gave a synopsis of the various changes to the laws. In addition, there are ACBL exceptions that apply to us. The major ones affecting players are:

1. Law 40B1 and Law 40B2(a): An opening bid of 1NT and an opening bid of one in a suit, which by partnership agreement could show fewer than 8 high-card points, is designated a special partnership agreement. These two special partnership agreements are disallowed in all ACBL sanctioned events.
2. Law 40B2(a): Both members of a partnership must employ the same system that appears on the convention card.
 - a. During a session of play, a system may not be varied, except with permission of the tournament Director. (A Director might allow a pair to change a convention but would not allow a pair to change its basic system.)
 - b. At the outset of a round or session, a pair may review its opponents' convention card and alter its defenses against the opponents' special understandings and preemptive bids. This must be announced to its opponents. The opponents may not vary their system after being informed of these defensive alterations.
3. Law 40B2(c): In addition, a player is permitted to consult an opponent's convention card at his RHO's turn to call.
4. Law 40B3: A partnership, by prior agreement, may not vary its understanding during the auction or play following a question asked, a response to a question or any irregularity.