

Lawson Bridge Studio News September 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

Sep 1	No Game Labor Day Skokie Sectional	Oct 1	I/N Pairs
Sep 3	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 6	Open Pairs Inter-Club Championship
Sep 8	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 8	I/N Pairs
Sep 10	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 13	Open Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs
Sep 15	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 15	I/N Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs
Sep 17	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 20	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund
Sep 22	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 22	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game
Sep 24	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 27	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation
Sep 29	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 29	I/N Pairs

Cub Games in September

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

Monday 7:05 pm game: **Sept 15, Sept 22**

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **Sept 17, Sept 24**

NAP District Finals Saturday September 13

This two sessions event (11:00 AM and TBA) will be held at Wisconsin State Fair Park, Tommy Thompson Youth Center, 640 South 84th Street, West Allis, WI. There is a parking fee of \$5.

To play in this event you and your partner must have each qualified individually at any NAP qualifying club level game in the past three months. You are required to have a paid up ACBL membership. The top four pairs in each flight (A open, B <2500, and C NLM <500 masterpoints) earn the right to play in the NAP finals at the Spring NABC in New Orleans Mar 12-22, 2015. There is a stipend for the top two pairs in each flight qualifying for the finals, and they must play in the finals to receive it.

Club Appreciation Month October

Next month is club appreciation month, and we will be having a pizza party for each club night Monday October 13 and Wednesday the 15th. We will announce when sign-up sheets will be available later in September.

Move from Ann Sathers to the Orleans Site Survey Results

- Lawson email and game returned surveys was 60% of players attending 1 or more games per month for the past year.
- Bridge Center email (excluding those not on the Lawson email file) returned surveys was 10%.
- Those expressing location preference was 65% for staying at our current place of Ann Sathers, 909 W. Belmont.
- There was a 20% reduction in core players (most games during the month on each night) reducing the viability of the club to function.
- Bridge center responses indicated minimal interest in attending evening games, and not sufficient to offset the core reduction.
- The northern Chicago neighborhood and northern suburban players were not willing to add travel time to the Orleans site, thus the reduction in core players as 60% of the players are from these areas.
- Most players are traveling by car to either site
- Those traveling by public transportation were not willing to travel at night to the Orleans area for safety reasons.
- The \$5 parking fee was a hindrance considering free parking at Ann Sathers.

Based on these results the decision was made not to move the games from Ann Sathers.

Passed out deals must be shuffled before returning to board

Law 7.C states after play each player is to shuffle their cards before returning to the corresponding pocket of his compass position. This means if you pass out a deal, each player must shuffle his/her cards. Failure to do so alerts the next table that the board has been passed out; thus you have given that table unauthorized information.

Count cards before viewing them

Law 7.B.2 requires each player to count his/her cards face down upon removal from the pocket ascertaining that each player has 13 cards. If not, summon the director for assistance in finding the missing card(s). Failure to do so may result in the missing card being found, and a revoke may have occurred resulting in the appropriate penalty.