

Lawson Bridge Studio News April 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

Apr 2	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 5	Open Pairs District 13 STaC —\$12
Apr 7	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 7	I/N Pairs District 13 STaC —\$12
Apr 9	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 12	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$11
Apr 14	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 14	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$11
Apr 16	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 19	Open Pairs—\$10
Apr 21	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 21	I/N Pairs—\$10
Apr 23	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 26	No Game Memorial Day
Apr 28	Swiss Teams ACBL Charity Month —\$11	May 28	I/N Pairs Unit Game L405123C —\$10
Apr 30	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$11		

Cub Games in April

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these April Cub home dates as per the published Cub's 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: **Apr 23**

Monday 7:05 pm game: **Apr 21**

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **Apr 9**

Team Game Monday April 28

Patt and I will be registering your team as well as having the registration sheet at the games. You may contact Jerry at lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com or 773-209-7089 for registration as well as assistance in completing a team if you cannot form a team. We look to you to form your teams, and let us know of your teammates so that we may do the check in efficiently as in the past and start the game on time.

I realize that some of you will be away for the Gatlinburg Regional starting on April 21 and others of you will be in the Lake Geneva Regional starting on April 28; thus I held to our last Monday of even months for our Swiss Team game.

I am moving that weekend, so my computers will be down part of the time. I hope to have the internet up before the move so that it will be active once we are in.

Alerts of the 2♦ response to a 2♣ opening bid.

As of January 1, 2014 all 2♦ responses to a 2♣ opening bid are now not alertable anymore. Because of this you will need to check with the opponents' convention card or inquire at your turn to call as to how they are playing the 2♦ response, i.e. does it mean: waiting, game force, step (0-3 HCP), or controls (0 or 1, a control being one K).

Use of Convention Cards

♠ Law 40 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2008 states in art the following:

A. Players' Systemic Agreements:

1. (a) Partnership understandings as to the methods adopted by a partnership may be reached explicitly in discussion or implicitly through mutual experience or awareness of the players.

(b) Each partnership has a duty to make available its partnership understandings to opponents before commencing play against them. The Regulating Authority specifies the manner in which this shall be done.

♠ The American Contract Bridge League is our Regulating Authority and has stated that each player of a pair shall have identical convention cards for ACBL sanctioned events. Our club games are sanctioned events, so we encourage each of you to have completed convention cards to that you are in compliance with Law 40 above. A procedural penalty may be assessed for non-compliance.

♥ When you do not have identically completed convention cards; upon the occurrence of an irregularity on your part, the ruling may be against you. Also they must be complete with your understandings; again if not consistent on the card as to what you are playing, you may get an unfavorable ruling.

♦ For example, if you play the lead of the J denies a higher card, do all the standard designations on the convention card reflect that understanding. If the J denies, then since the convention card has the J is the preferred lead from K J T x for suit contracts, the convention card needs to be annotated that this is not the lead in this holding. Either the T or x should be circled indicating the lead from this holding.

♠ At the club level, we are more relaxed about this; however in the spirit of the game and a courtesy to your opponents, it is advisable for each player of an established partnership to have a completed convention cards. For last minute partnerships, it is often difficult for them to complete the card, however if you have completed cards from your different partnerships, you may have a card that is similar enough to get you going at the start of the game.