

Lawson Bridge Studio News April 2016

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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 4	Open Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$13	May 2	Open Pairs District 13 STaC —\$13
Apr 6	I/N Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$13	May 4	I/N Pairs District 13 STaC —\$13
Apr 11	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$12	May 9	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$12
Apr 13	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$12	May 11	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$12
Apr 18	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$12	May 16	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$12
Apr 20	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$12	May 18	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$12
Apr 25	Swiss Teams ACBL Charity Month —\$12	May 23	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$12
Apr 27	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$12	May 25	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$12
		May 30	No Game Memorial Day

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:

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

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

Team Game Monday April 25

Please form you teams, and let me know before 4 pm on April 25th 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.

Enjoying the Bridge Game

As a sanctioned ACBL club we are to operate under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge as well as all the other club level regulations. We take these very seriously in how they are to be applied for their purpose is the enjoyment of the game. The Laws contain much on what is required for proper etiquette, which has been a topic in previous newsletters. Another is the ACBL Active Ethics policy, which states:

An actively ethical player contributes to the enjoyment of all players by continuously striving to maintain a courteous attitude toward both the opponents and partner, and by avoiding any behavior that would make any player uncomfortable. These social attributes are vital to the healthy growth of the game of bridge.

Actions from the Zero-Tolerance Policy under Active Ethics	
Beneficial Behaviors	Not to Be Tolerated Behaviors
Being a good “host” or “guest” at the table.	Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats or violence.
Greeting others in a friendly manner.	Negative comments concerning opponents’ or partner’s play or bidding.
Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents.	Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents. (This is a regulation, not just a nicety.)	Loud and disruptive arguing with a director’s ruling.
Playing the boards within the round specified time. Monday 7 minutes a board; Wednesday 8 minutes a board.	Continual slow play into the next round resulting in players leaving the table late and next players having to wait to play the round, thus playing catch up to get the round in timing sync.

These listed actions are examples: there will be others that may fit into either category. We ask newer players to respect polite requests from experienced players to take their suggestions as they want you to develop to be a better bridge player especially in the area of bridge etiquette as this is the least talked about part of the game, but is crucial so that bad behaviors don’t get ingrained as one develops, most importantly if it is in the direction of correction to meet the requirements of the Laws. Also as club management we do a disservice to our players, if we don’t encourage proper etiquette and correct application of the Laws; under a blanket statement of we want players to have fun without consideration of multiple temperaments and what is fun for each of these temperaments within the size of the club. Thanks to all viewing the club as an enjoyable place as evident by continual size, and helping us to maintain it.