

Lawson Bridge Studio News August 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

Aug 1	Open Pairs Inter-Club Championship —\$12	Sep 5	No Game Labor Day Skokie Sectional
Aug 3	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$12	Sep 7	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$12
Aug 8	Open Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$13	Sep 12	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$12
Aug 10	I/N Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$13	Sep 14	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$12
Aug 15	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$12	Sep 19	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$12
Aug 17	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$12	Sep 21	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$12
Aug 22	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$12	Sep 26	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$12
Aug 24	I/N Pairs Unit Game L608123A —\$11	Sep 28	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$12
Aug 29	Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund —\$12		
Aug 31	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$12		

Cub Games in August

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these August 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: **August 3**

Monday 7:05 pm game: **August 1 August 29**

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **August 10, August 17, August 31**

Team Game Monday August 29

Please form your teams, and let me know before 4 pm on August 29th 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.

Stop Cards and Alert Cards

Some players have expressed confusion about the use of these cards and what they mean.

♠ The **STOP Card**

♥ Law 73, Communications states in part:

- ♦ Communications between partners during the auction and play shall be effected only by means of calls and plays.
- ♦ Calls and plays should be made without undue emphasis, mannerisms or inflection, and without undue hesitation or haste.

♥ The **STOP Card** per ACBL Codification Chapter 12 Section A is used in place of the **skip bid warning**, when bids jump one or more levels, i.e. opening at the 2+ level or jumping 2+ levels after an opening bid, e.g. 1NT-P-3♠, 1♥-P-3♥, 1♣-2♠, etc.

- ♦ When using the **STOP Card**, place it on the table first before placing your bid cards on the table, then pick up the **STOP Card** and place back in the bidding box.
- ♦ The bidder making a **skip bid** is to make sure that the left-hand-opponent (LHO) is aware of the skip bid.
- ♦ This asks the LHO player to be pausing and thinking about the hand for about 10 seconds before making their bid, even if the player knows what his/her call/bid will be. This is often violated and could lead to unauthorized information penalties.
 - ♣ The LHO may ask questions, and then pause for about 10 seconds. The time of questioning is not part of the pause.
- ♦ The use of the **STOP Card** is optional (see April 2015 Newsletter on our website for more information)

♠ The **ALERT Card**

♥ Law 40, Partnership Understandings states in part:

- ♦ The Regulating Authority may prescribe alerting procedures and/or other methods of disclosure of a partnership's methods.

♥ The Approved ACBL Convention Cards are the designated system for partnerships to document their system. This card has bids and carding designated in black—no alert, **blue—announcements**, and **red—alert required**.

♥ The **ALERT Card** is not used when making **announcements** (blue items on the Convention Card).

♥ In addition to partner of the bidder saying “**ALERT**,” the **ALERT Card** is to be waved so that the opponents know that the bid has special meaning. The next bidder may ask what is the meaning and his partner at his next opportunity or it may be deferred until the end of the auction. The bidding pair is to say nothing, except “**ALERT**” and use the **ALERT Card**, until asked.