

Lawson Bridge Studio News August 2020

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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

Aug 3	To Be Announced (TBA)	Sep 2	To Be Announced (TBA)
Aug 5	TBA	Sep 7	No Game Labor Day
Aug 10	TBA	Sep 9	TBA
Aug 12	TBA	Sep 14	TBA
Aug 17	TBA	Sep 16	TBA
Aug 19	TBA	Sep 21	TBA
Aug 24	TBA	Sep 23	TBA
Aug 26	TBA	Sep 28	TBA
Aug 31	TBA	Sep 30	TBA

In light of the Shelter-in-Place order and the reopening stages, there will be no games until it is safe to hold them, thus the To Be Announced. Also see the www.bridgeinchicago.com for the latest for virtual games and instructions for playing online.

The results of last month's survey on reopening games was: No interest in playing bridge at the club in person at this time.

Sandy Massel passed July 21, 2020 and the funeral was on July 22, 2020. This is the only information that I have.

Thanks to those who are enjoying playing bridge online and designating Lawson Bridge Studio as their club to support.

ACBL Convention Charts: Before presenting the Open Chart, the following are the Definitions continuing from May 2020 issue:

9. **"Bid"**: A call that names a level and a denomination (suit or notrump).
10. **"Call"**: Any bid, pass, double, or redouble.
11. **"Control Bid"**: A bid showing first or second round control of a suit.
12. **"Control Points"**: An alternate evaluation method where an Ace=2 and a King=1
13. **"Cuebid"**: A bid of a suit that an opponent has bid Naturally or Quasi-Naturally or a suit in which an opponent has shown 4 or more cards.
14. **"Direct Overcall"**: An immediate overcall by the lefthand opponent of Opener.
15. *** **"Encrypted Signal"**: An encrypted signal is one where the ordering of the cards for the signal is dependent on information known only to the defenders. It is not an encrypted signal to have the type of signal (attitude, count, suit preference) dependent on information known only to the defenders.
16. **"Forcing"**: A call that, by partnership Agreement, may not be passed if the intervening opponent passes.
17. **"High Card Points (HCP)"**: The total number of points in a hand based on honors, counting 4 for an Ace, 3 for a King, 2 for a Queen, and 1 for a Jack.
18. **"Invitational"**: A hand sufficiently strong to indicate that partner should bid game unless partner has a minimum.
19. **"Length"**: Unless otherwise specified, "showing Length in a suit" or "showing a suit" means at least four cards in the suit.
20. **"Opener"**: The first player to make a bid in the auction.
21. **"Overcall"**: The first bid made by the pair that does not consist of Opener and Responder.
22. **"Preempt"**: A jump bid (by either pair) that does not promise at least Average strength.
23. *** **"Psych"**: A call that intentionally and grossly misstates the strength and/or suit length of one's hand.
24. **"Psychic Control"**: Any Bid that conveys that a prior Bid was a Psych.
25. *** **"Range"**: One more than the difference between the highest number of HCP a bid can be and the lowest.
26. **"Responder"**: Opener's partner.
27. *** **"Rule of N"**: A method of determining hand strength computed by adding the High Card Points of the hand to the number of cards in the two longest suits. To meet the "Rule of N", this total must be at least N. *