

Lawson Bridge Studio News January 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

Jan 1	No Game New Year's Day	Feb 3	Open Pairs ACBL Junior Fund Month—\$11
Jan 6	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month—\$11	Feb 5	I/N Pairs ACBL Junior Fund Month—\$11
Jan 8	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month—\$11	Feb 10	Open Pairs ACBL Junior Fund Month—\$11
Jan 13	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month—\$11	Feb 12	I/N Pairs ACBL Junior Fund Month—\$11
Jan 15	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month—\$11	Feb 17	Open Pairs ACBL Junior Fund Month—\$11
Jan 20	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month—\$11	Feb 19	I/N Pairs ACBL Junior Fund Month—\$11
Jan 22	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month—\$11	Feb 24	Swiss Teams ACBL Junior Fund Month—\$11
Jan 27	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month—\$11	Feb 26	I/N Pairs ACBL Junior Fund Month—\$11
Jan 29	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month—\$11		

Patt is on Vacation

Patt, our Monday director, will be on vacation the first two weeks of January. Jerry will be running those games, so if you need a partner or other information, please contact him at lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.org or 773-209-7089.

January Pizza Parties

Since we didn't have any holiday parties in December we will be having pizza parties on Monday January 20th and Wednesday January 22nd. Please register on the sheets or with Jerry Scholle at lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com so that I may know how much food to serve. Thanks for your cooperation and club support.

Some ACBL 2014 changes from club manager's newsletter

♠ Grass Roots FUNd Games

- ♥ Money raised by Grass Roots FUNd games is to be returned annually to the individual District in which those funds were raised to support Grass Roots Events. Grass Roots Events are defined primarily as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs.
- ♥ Beginning in 2014, Grass Roots FUNd month will be held in January; this was previously held in December.

♠ Alert Chart

The following changes to the ACBL Alert Chart are effective Jan. 1, 2014.

- ♥ A weak jump shift by advancer is **not Alertable**. Advancer is defined as the partner of an overcaller.
- ♥ All 2♦ responses to a strong 2♣ opening are **non-Alertable**.

♠ Convention Charts

Changes to the ACBL Mid-chart and Super Chart portions of the ACBL Convention Chart (effective Jan. 1, 2014) can be found at the following link: http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/1301-exhibits/2013_1_StLouis_board_minutes.pdf

♠ Membership Requirements

The following changes to ACBL membership requirements and additional tournament fees for non-ACBL members are effective Jan. 1, 2014:

- ♥ All participants of NABC+ and NABC events must be ACBL members whose membership dues or service fees are current.
- ♥ Except for charity events, STACs or events limited to players with no more than 20 masterpoints the sponsoring organization will charge at regional tournaments a mandatory additional fee of at least \$4 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee paying Life Masters, and at sectional tournaments \$3 per person. The additional fee shall be retained by the sponsoring organization.

♠ Senior Age

Effective Jan. 1, 2014, the minimum age for ACBL-sanctioned Senior events shall be 60 years of age. Those eligible under present rules on Dec. 31, 2013, will remain eligible in subsequent years.

♠ Playing Directors in STaCs

- ♥ Playing directors in STaC games and their partners are ineligible to receive overall STaC masterpoint (silver point) awards, but are eligible to receive section awards.
- ♥ Effective immediately, at sponsor option, the above restriction may be waived. Such waiver shall be noted on the sanction application submitted to ACBL Headquarters.