

# Lawson Bridge Studio News July 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

Jul 2	I/N Pairs—\$10	Aug 4	<b>Open Pairs Unit 123/222 STaC—\$12</b>
Jul 7	<b>Open Pairs Club Championship—\$10</b>	Aug 6	<b>I/N Pairs Unit 123/222 STaC—\$12</b>
Jul 9	<b>I/N Pairs Club Championship—\$10</b>	Aug 11	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying—\$11</b>
Jul 14	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying—\$11</b>	Aug 13	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying—\$11</b>
Jul 16	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying—\$11</b>	Aug 18	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying—\$11</b>
Jul 21	<b>Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$11</b>	Aug 20	<b>I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$11</b>
Jul 23	<b>I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$11</b>	Aug 25	<b>Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund—\$11</b>
Jul 28	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying—\$11</b>	Aug 27	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying—\$11</b>
Jul 30	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying—\$11</b>		

## Cub Games in July

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these July Cub home dates as per published schedule. If there are reschedules due to weather etc., I will not be aware of these:

Monday 7:05 pm game: **July 28**

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **July 23, July 30**

## Bridgemate Scoring and Corrections

- ♥ North normally is to enter scoring information on the Bridgemate just as when we had travelers.
- ♥ East or West players, please review the board's results screen for accuracy before accepting the result as you are agreeing to the result to be posted. It will not be changed after the game; but will be change during the game because we are able to confirm the error with the opposing players.
- ♥ After verification the next screen will show contracts and the number of times that contract was reached and the results, this screen should be viewed silently. This screen may be disabled to speed up the game.
- ♥ Once verification is accepted, you cannot go back any screens. If there was an error, please notify the director so that the correction may be made.
- ♥ No after game corrections accepted without receiving verification from both pairs of the affected board.

## Announced ACBL Convention Chart and Alert Changes

- ♠ The ACBL General Convention Chart is the Chart for club games and all tournament games. The Mid-Level and Superchart are used in tournaments as defined by tournament management. Use of Mid-Level conventions at the club level must be approved by the club management.
  - ♥ The ACBL General Convention Chart has been amended to allow:
    - ♦ Opening bid of 2♥ or 2♠ showing a weak two bid, with a four-card minor.
      - ♣ Based on this definition if the partnership allows either of these bids to have four cards in the other major, then the weak two bid is to be alerted. My understanding of weak two bids is that they should not be made with a 4-card major nor with a void.
  - ♥ The Mid-Level 2♦, 2♥ and 2♠ have changes. The Superchart has a change in the minimum opening HCP. If you use these in tournament play, please be advised to update your systems.
- ♠ Alert changes:
  - ♥ All 2♦ responses to a strong 2♣ opening are non-alertable.
  - ♥ A weak jump shift by advancer is not alertable. "Advancer" is defined as the partner of an overcaller.
    - ♦ Based on this definition, weak jump shifts by responder are alertable when the partnership agreement uses these **not-in-competition**. "Responder" is defined as the partner of the opener.

## ACBL Regulations on Proper Use of the Bidding Box

- ♠ Players **MUST** (my emphasis) choose a call before touching any card in the box. A call is considered made when a bidding card has been taken out of the bidding box with intent.
- ♠ A call may be changed without penalty under the provisions of [Law 25](#) only if a player has inadvertently taken out the wrong bidding card, and the player corrects, or attempts to correct without pause for thought, **and** the player's partner has not made a call.
- ♠ The skip-bid warning is given using bidding boxes by displaying the **stop card**, making a call and then replacing the stop card in the bidding box. LHO is obligated to wait 10 seconds (while giving the appearance of studying his hand) before making a call.