

# Lawson Bridge Studio News July 2019

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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*

Jul 1	<b>Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund</b> —\$13	Aug 5	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying</b> —\$13
Jul 3	O/I Pairs—\$12	Aug 7	<b>O/I Pairs Club Championship</b> —\$12
Jul 8	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying</b> —\$13	Aug 12	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying</b> —\$13
Jul 10	<b>O/I Pairs NAP Qualifying</b> —\$13	Aug 14	<b>O/I Pairs NAP Qualifying</b> —\$13
Jul 15	<b>Open Pairs Club Championship</b> —\$12	Aug 19	Special Game at Chicago Duplicate Bridge
Jul 17	<b>O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Game</b> —\$13	Aug 21	<b>O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Game</b> —\$13
Jul 22	<b>North American Pairs Qualifying</b> —\$13	Aug 26	<b>Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund</b> —\$13
Jul 24	<b>O/I Pairs NAP Qualifying</b> —\$13	Aug 28	<b>O/I Pairs NAP Qualifying</b> —\$13
Jul 29	<b>Open Pairs Unit 123 STaC</b> ST1908060—\$14		
Jul 31	<b>O/I Pairs Unit 123 STaC</b> ST1908060—\$14		

## Cub Games in July

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these July 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: **July 17**

Monday 7:05 pm game: **July 15**

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**Fay Stopeck** passed on April 9th. Gene said he will be back after a period of mourning. I am waiting to hear from Gene when he would like a memorial game.

## Dinner and Bridge Monday August 19, 2019

Hosts: Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club & Lawson Bridge Studio

Guests: Finesse West Tours Group: Traveling bridge players combing sightseeing and bridge at Midwest locations

Where: Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club, 820 N. Orleans, Suite 402, Chicago, IL 60610

Game Setup for Non-Touring Members of Both Clubs:

Dinner and Bridge \$12:00

Parking: Free

Dinner: 5:30 pm

Game: 6:30 pm

**Signing-up by pairs preferred; if you will need a partner contact Matthew Dyer before the game as there is no forming partnerships at the game.**

**Reservations by August 12<sup>th</sup>**; since many of you are members of both clubs, please sign-up at only one.

Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club Members

Posted signup sheets

Lawson Bridge Studio Members

At games: – Signup sheets

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**This means that there is no game at Ann Sather Restaurant on Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## Bridge: A Timed Game

As with most competitive sports there is a timing element to play, competitive bridge from the club level through various tournament levels is a timed game. The Director's Manual specifies 3.0 hours and at most 3.5 hours. Because of our contract we have 3.2 hours of playing time. We are usually playing 24 boards with sometimes being 25 or 26. So this means 7-8 minutes a board, typically we use 8 minutes and setting the bridge clock according to the number of boards in play at a table.

If you have to wait for a pair to come into the next round it behooves all players to play more quickly to bring all players into sync at the end of that round. Many of you help get the round in sync, and that is greatly appreciated by all players, however slow playing players need to work on speeding up their play and cutting discussion time. As I have watched some of the slower players, you select the card; then you hold it for seconds before playing it, why? You don't change your mind, so why not just play it when you have selected it. Also, with habitual slow play, you are being discourteous to all players at the game.