

Lawson Bridge Studio News March 2013

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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

Mar 4	Open Pairs—\$10	Apr 1	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month—\$11
Mar 6	I/N Pairs—\$10	Apr 3	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month—\$11
Mar 11	Open Pairs ACBL Grass Roots Fund—\$11	Apr 8	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month—\$11
Mar 13	I/N Pairs ACBL Grass Roots Fund Game—\$11	Apr 10	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month—\$11
Mar 18	Open Pairs—\$10	Apr 15	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month—\$11
Mar 20	I/N Pairs Club Championship—\$10	Apr 17	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month—\$11
Mar 25	Open Pairs Inter-Club Championship—\$11	Apr 22	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month—\$11
Mar 27	I/N Pairs—\$10	Apr 24	I/N Pairs ACBL Charity Month—\$11
		Apr 29	Swiss Teams ACBL Charity Month—\$11

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.
 - ♦ This means for Monday games, an average of 7 minutes per board, typically 26 or 27 boards. Thus the round time is either 14 minutes for 2 boards/round, or 21 minutes for 3 boards/round.
 - ♦ This means for Wednesday games, an average of 8 minutes per board, typically 24 or 25 boards. Thus the round time is 21 minutes for 3 boards/round, or 32 minutes for 4 board/round, or 40 minutes for 5 boards/round. The additional time and fewer boards are for the developing players to develop their timing skills.
- ♠ What etiquette is expected of the players?
 - ♥ You are expected to bid and play the boards in the round time.
 - ♦ This timing also includes your discussion and review of the result, getting refreshments, and bathroom breaks.
 - ♣ If it takes longer to play one board for whatever reason within a round; then you need to play the others more quickly to stay within the round time.
 - ♥ 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.
 - ♦ The players having to wait are not entitled to the full round minutes for that would put the game in disarray.
 - ♦ Many of you help get the round in sync and that is greatly appreciated by all players.
 - ♦ Slow playing players need to work on speeding up their play, cutting discussion time and lengthy review of results.
 - ♣ 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.
 - ♥ Habitual slow play is discourteous to all players at the game.
 - ♦ For some with handicaps this may be an issue; however, I haven't observed any such situations at this time. Even these need to see how they can play within the time limits.
 - ♦ Pairs following slow players are very frustrated and sometimes very infuriated having to follow you.
 - ♥ PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALTHOUGH YOU MAY HAVE MORE TIME IN OTHER CLUBS THAT IS NOT AN OPTION FOR US.
- ♠ Director's options:
 - ♥ Penalize the slow players at the end of the game, deducting matchpoints.
 - ♥ To pull a board, delaying play until the end of the game.
 - ♦ This board may be played at that time providing there is still time within our allotted time.
 - ♦ If not played, it goes as a NO PLAY which does not penalize either pair.
- ♠ Let's all have fun and enjoyment by being courteous in all aspects of our relationships with our fellow players.

Lawson Bridge Studio Website

Hopefully you have checked out our website, www.lawsonbridgestudio.org. If you didn't yet, you may find the pair game results of each board informative for developing your bridge skills.