

Lawson Bridge Studio News November 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

Nov 4	Open Pairs ACBL Membership Game —\$10	Dec 2	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$11
Nov 6	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$11	Dec 4	I/N Pairs ACBL Grass Roots Fund Month —\$11
Nov 11	No Game Veteran's Day Restaurant in use	Dec 9	Open Pairs STaC District 13 —\$12
Nov 13	I/N Pairs STaC District 13 —\$12	Dec 11	I/N Pairs STaC Units123 —\$12
Nov 18	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$11	Dec 16	Open Pairs Unit Game L312123A —\$10
Nov 20	I/N Pairs Club Championship —\$10	Dec 18	I/N Pairs ACBL Grass Roots Fund Month —\$11
Nov 25	Open Pairs ACBL-Wide Charity Game —\$11	Dec 23	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$11
Nov 27	I/N Pairs —\$10	Dec 25	No Game Christmas
		Dec 30	Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund Month —\$11

Monday Nov 11th Veteran's Day

Since Veteran's Day falls on Monday and a Veterans group has a standing contract with Ann Sather Restaurant for the use on the full restaurant on that day, we will not have a game that evening.

Warning Slow Players

We are getting numerous complaints on slow play. The routinely major infractions are:

- ♣ Too slow in making bids and plays of cards.
- ♣ Too much discussion of bidding and playing of deal after it is completed.
- ♣ Too much time looking at the traveler, especially late in the game when most tables have played the deals.

Bridge is a timed event. You are expected to play each board, including satisfying your personal needs, within 7 minutes (26/27 boards) on Monday and 8 minutes (24 boards) on Wednesday to comply with ACBL regulations and to meet our contract with the restaurant. We know who are the habitually slow players whether you are sitting N/S or E/W.

No new boards are to be played after the two minute alarm on Monday evening. The director will be using his judgment on Wednesday evening. If you are late in getting to a table all players are responsible for speeding up bidding and play to come back into sync with the timing of the rounds.

What are our options?

- ♥ Pull boards giving average + and average – to the players at the table. Awarding "No Play" with its no penalty provision will be at the discretion of the director.
- ♥ Shut off the traveler section of the recap, leaving the percentage earned on the board visible after the completion of the deal. If no improvement throughout November, we will start this in December.
- ♥ If habitual slow play does not improve, we will assess procedural penalties at the end of the game, Law 90B.2.

The following is excerpted from the **ACBL Code of Ethics**

Slow Play

Failure to finish on time can do a great deal to chase players away from the game and is extremely distressing to waiting players. Bridge is a timed event. If a pair takes more than their share of the allotted time for each round, they are inconveniencing their fellow competitors as well as gaining an unfair advantage over them. When a pair has fallen behind it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not.

The actively ethical player makes a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness. All players are expected to develop this good habit.

Remember: Slow play is subject to penalty, and the penalties are well earned when slow pairs disrupt the normal progression of the game.

Additionally, players should be available to start each subsequent round promptly, avoiding wherever possible, being late to a table for non-bridge reasons.

Please help to make the game enjoyable for all.