

# Lawson Bridge Studio News September 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

Sep 2	No Game Labor Day Skokie Sectional	Oct 2	I/N ACBL Instant Match Point Game—\$11
Sep 4	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 7	Open Pairs Inter-Club Championship—\$11
Sep 9	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 9	I/N Pairs Split Site Open Pairs—\$10
Sep 11	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 14	Open Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs—\$10
Sep 16	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 16	I/N Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs—\$10
Sep 18	I/N Pairs Inter-Club Championship—\$11	Oct 21	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$11
Sep 23	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 23	I/N Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$11
Sep 26	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 28	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation—\$10
Sep 30	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$11	Oct 30	I/N Pairs Club ACBL Membership Game—\$10

## Cub Games in September

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these September Cub home dates:

Monday 1:20 pm game:

Wednesday 1:20 pm game: Sep 4, Sep 25

Monday 7:05 pm game: Sep 23

Wednesday 7:05 pm game:

## September 2 Labor Day No Game

Have fun at the Skokie Sectional.

## Announcements and Alerts

These are an integral part of the game as part of the laws and regulations of the game and are just as important as bidding and play of the hands. The convention card has uses three colors: black for common (standard) understandings, **blue** for **announcements** and **red** for **alerts**; thus, we need to know when to make announcements and when to alerts.

### Announcements:

These are indicated by **blue** on the convention card and are limited to:

- ♠ Opening 1N range.
  - ♥ The range is **not** announced for an overcall of 1N.
- ♠ Jacoby transfers: 2♦ transfer to 2♥ or 2♥ transfer to 2♠ after 1N opening; or 3♦ transfer to 3♥ or 3♥ transfer to 3♠ after 2N opening.
- ♠ Texas transfers: 4♦ transfer to 4♥, 4♥ transfer to 4♠ after 1N opening; or 4♦ transfer to 4♥ or 4♥ transfer to 4♠ after 2N opening;.
- ♠ Non-forcing 1♣ or 1♦ showing 0-2 cards in suit; forcing 1♣ or 1♦ showing 0-2 or more cards in suit is to be alerted.
- ♠ 1N forcing or semi-forcing after a major opening.

### Alerts

Each partnership has a duty to make available to opponents its partnership understandings whether reached explicitly through discussion or implicitly through experience; thus any call that conveys a meaning or asks a question that is different from what one normally expect is to be alerted. These are designated in **red** on the convention card. There are three types of alerts.

- ♥ **Pre-Alerts:** These are made before the hands are removed from the first board of a round or match segment such as calls requiring special defenses or specific unusual carding agreements.
- ♥ **Auction Alerts:** These alerts are made for calls below 3N during the auction period, the partner of the one making the call is to tap the alert card or to show the alert card as well as to say **ALERT**. Unless an opponent asks as his/her turn to call no explanation is given. If an explanation is given, it must include strength and shape; the name of a convention is insufficient unless the opponent asks, "Is it such and such a convention? Then it is presumed the opponent knows the full meaning of the call."
- ♥ **Delayed Alerts or Post-Alerts:** All alertable calls above 3N beginning with opener's second turn to call are **NOT** alerted until the auction is over. The partner of the one having made the alertable call is to make the explanation just as during the auction period. The following governs when declaring side and defending side must make such alerts.
  - ♦ Declaring side makes explanations of alertable calls **BEFORE** the opening lead is made face down.
  - ♦ Defending side makes explanations of alertable calls **AFTER** the opening lead is made face down.