

Lawson Bridge Studio News September 2017

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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

Sep 4	No Game Labor Day	Oct 2	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$13
Sep 6	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$13	Oct 4	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$13
Sep 11	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$13	Oct 9	Open Pairs (District 13 Regional)—\$12
Sep 13	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$13	Oct 11	O/I Pairs (District 13 Regional)—\$12
Sep 18	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$13	Oct 16	Open Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs—\$12
Sep 20	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$13	Oct 18	O/I Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs—\$12
Sep 25	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$13	Oct 23	Open Pairs ACBL Membership Game—\$12
Sep 27	O/I Pairs Unit Game L709123D—\$12	Oct 25	O/I Pairs ACBL Membership Game—\$12
		Oct 30	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation—\$12

Cub Games in September

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these September 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 7:05 pm game: Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **Sep 13**

Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 Revision

To give you a history of the revisions to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the preface to the 2017 revision is quoted.

"In contrast to other Mindsports like Chess and Go, Bridge is a comparatively new game and as such is continually evolving. The first Laws of Duplicate Bridge were published in 1928 and there have been successive revisions in 1933, 1935, 1943, 1949, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1997, and 2007. Through the 1930's the Laws were promulgated by the Portland Club of London and the Whist Club of New York. From the 1940's onwards the American Contract Bridge League Laws Commission replaced the Whist Club, while the British Bridge League and the European Bridge League supplemented the Portland Club's work.

Now responsibility for regular revisions has been adopted by the World Bridge Federation whose Laws Committee is charged with the task of reviewing the Laws at least once every decade. It is fair to state that this latest review is the most extensive to date. Many, many submissions were received from individuals, Tournament Directors, NBO's and Zones and all were considered at length by the Committee. After meeting at a number of Championships and after exchanging some thousands of emails consensus was eventually achieved. The thanks of the whole Bridge world are surely owed to the hard-working Committee members whose names appear below. In particular Ton Kooijman called on his vast experience to act as Chairman and guide the task to a successful conclusion. But no praise is too high for the Secretary, Laurie Kelso, who did all the collating and clerical work, most of the drafting, and devoted countless hours of his time. Without him the job would never have been finished.

The trends begun in the 2007 Revision have been continued - the increased discretion given to Tournament Directors, the attempts to rectify a situation rather than to penalise, and maintaining the position of Regulating Authorities. It is not expected that the Code herein will last indefinitely (indeed right up to the time of publication there were still ongoing discussions on certain laws) but the framework is there, tried and tested, for future editions.

The Committee acknowledges with gratitude the substantial help it has received from many individuals. It was all greatly appreciated.

John R. Wignall, MNZM

The members of the WBF Laws Committee were:

Max Bavin	Howard Weinstein
Maurizio Di Sacco	John Wignall
David Harris	Adam Wildavsky
Alvin Levy	Laurie Kelso (Secretary)
Chip Martel	Ton Kooijman (Chairman)"

From my perspective, the club level games are for learning the bidding and play of the game as well as the Laws. Thus, since we don't teach the Laws as part of bridge bidding and play instructions, I have written on the Laws in the newsletter over the years. Also, the Laws are supplemented by regional customs in bidding and play by the regional governing bodies. For example, the skip bid warning is not in the Laws, but is a custom addressed by the ACBL.