

Lawson Bridge Studio News July 2022

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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

Aug 1	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$13	Sep 5	No Game Labor Day Skokie Sectional
Aug 3	No Game Chicago Regional	Sep 7	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month
Aug 8	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$13	Sep 12	2022 Open Pairs Club Championship
Aug 10	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$13	Sep 14	2022 O/I Pairs Club Championship
Aug 15	2022 Open Pairs Club Championship —\$12	Sep 19	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month
Aug 17	2022 O/I Pairs Club Championship —\$12	Sep 21	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month
Aug 22	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$13	Sep 26	2022 Open Pairs Club Championship
Aug 24	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$13	Sep 28	2022 O/I Pairs Club Championship
Aug 29	QTR Open Pairs Club Championship —\$12		
Aug 31	QTR O/I Pairs Club Championship —\$12		

COVID-19 Update

Jerry has recovered from his mild case of COVID-19. For the zip codes that I track we had an uptick in cases in mid-July; however, the end of July data shows the biggest decrease in new cases since mid-June. There is an oscillation each week in the individual zip codes in shifting from upticks to decreases. Masks are optional as to whether to wear or not depending on your comfort level in your activities.

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 7:05 pm game: **Aug 8, Aug 22** Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **Aug 10, Aug 24**

We were notified of the death of our Monday player Dan Kuhn on Wednesday July 27, 2022.

Definitions:

All definitions from the ACBL Convention Charts also apply.

1. Takeout Double - A double that generally contains length in the unbid suits and for which the expectation is that partner will bid without an independent desire to defend if the next hand passes. A Takeout Double may also contain strong options without support for all unbid suits.
2. Negative Double - A kind of Takeout Double made by the partner of the Opening Bidder after a Direct Overcall. A Negative Double shows 4 cards in any major that could be bid at the one level, and may have more than 4 cards in a major that could only be bid at a higher level.

A double that by agreement occasionally has only 3 cards in a major is a Negative Double. After 1C (1D), a double that shows length in both majors, possibly with more than 4 cards in one or both majors is a Negative Double. After 1m (1H), a double that shows fewer than 4 spades or a double that is frequently made with 5 or more spades is NOT a Negative Double.

A double that could be a strong hand without length in the unbid major(s) or a strong hand with 5 or more cards in the unbid major(s) (as frequently played in combination with negative free bids) is NOT a Negative Double.
3. Semi-Forcing - A response of 1NT to a Natural Opening Bid of 1H or 1S that can contain Invitational values but may be passed.
4. Opening No Trump Sequence - A Natural Opening Bid of 1NT or 2NT or a sequence of Artificial bids that does not show length in any suit ending with a Natural 1NT or 2NT.

Announcements

An Announcement is a word or a short phrase that describes the meaning of partner's call. Announcements are a form of Alerting, and you must still visually Alert the call. Calls that require Announcements must be immediately announced, even if the call would otherwise not be Alerted or if the Alert would be delayed. Announce the following Agreements:

1. The minimum length of any Non-Forcing minor suit Opening that could be fewer than 3 cards. Use the form, "Could be X" where X is the minimum length of the suit as the announcement.
2. The HCP Range of any Natural 1NT Opening. (Continuing in the coming months)