

Lawson Bridge Studio News June 2022

Jerome "Jerry" Scholle, editor lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com 773-209-7089

Club Games – Rates are for each player

Games: 6:20 pm at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 909 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

| | | | |
|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Jun 1 | O/I Pairs Club Game—\$12 | Jul 4 | No Game Independence Day |
| Jun 6 | North American Pairs Qualifying—\$13 | Jul 6 | O/I Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$13 |
| Jun 8 | North American Pairs Qualifying—\$13 | Jul 11 | North American Pairs Qualifying—\$13 |
| Jun 13 | Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$13 | Jul 13 | North American Pairs Qualifying—\$13 |
| Jun 15 | O/I Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$13 | Jul 18 | 2022 Upgraded OP Club Championship—\$12 |
| Jun 20 | North American Pairs Qualifying—\$13 | Jul 20 | 2022 Upgraded O/I Club Championship—\$12 |
| Jun 22 | North American Pairs Qualifying—\$13 | Jul 25 | North American Pairs Qualifying—\$13 |
| Jun 27 | QTR Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12 | Jul 27 | North American Pairs Qualifying—\$13 |
| Jun 29 | QTR O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12 | | |

COVID-19 Update

During the month of May we had an uptick in new cases without a major uptick in hospitalizations indicating that vaccinations were preventing serious illness. What hospitalizations that I could determine were like people getting influenza; some requiring and most others not. As we are entering June, Chicago is seeing a decrease in the number of new cases in the zip codes that I track. Masks are optional as to whether to wear or not depending on your comfort level in your activities.

Cub Games in June

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these June 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: **June 13**

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **June 1, June 15, June 29**

Team Game Monday June 27

Because of the low attendance, I am not scheduling team games unless interest is indicated. There was no interest for these games in April, the last month that they were scheduled.

North American Pairs 2022-2023 Club and District 13 Level

♠ Qualifications:

- ♥ Club level is open to both members and non-members and may be earned at any club in any unit in any district. A player may qualify as often as desired and with as many different partners as desired. Players qualify individually.
- ♥ For pairs of mixed Flights qualifying, the higher Flight player determines the qualifying Flight with the lower Flight player being eligible for both Flights at the next level when a choice must be made; e.g. a Flight A and Flight C pair qualify, at the next stage Flight A is limited to Flight A, but a Flight C may play in Flight A, B or C.
- ♥ District level: must have qualified at the club level, be a member of the district (principal residence in District 13 as of June 1, 2022), be eligible for the player's chosen flight, and be a paid member of the ACBL in good standing. A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights. There have been monetary awards for the District's finalist in the past. I could not verify them for this year.

- ♠ Beyond the District final stage, a replacement is permitted only if one member of a pair that qualified to play in the National Final stage is either deceased or medically diagnosed unable to travel or play. **Unable to travel to the National Final due to COVID-19 restrictions. Per ACBL policy, all players at the NABC must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Lack of vaccination does not constitute grounds for replacement under this provision.**

♠ Masterpoints:

- ♥ Club qualifying games Open pairs: 50/50 red and black; Invitational pairs: all black points.
- ♥ District finals award gold for section firsts and overalls. Flight C is 25% gold for overalls. Other masterpoints in all flights are red.

♠ Strata for Our Club Games and District Finals:

- ♥ Flight A is unlimited; Flight B is limited to 0 – 2500 masterpoints; Flight C is limited non-life masters with less than 500 masterpoints.

♠ Games:

- ♥ Each club session may hold two games per month during June, July and August for qualifying players.
- ♥ District 13 final is a two-session event to be determined.