

Lawson Bridge Studio News September 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

Sep 5	No Game Labor Day Skokie Sectional	Oct 3	2022 Upgraded OP Club Championship—\$12
Sep 7	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$13	Oct 5	2022 Upgraded O/I P Club Championship—\$12
Sep 12	2022 Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Oct 10	2022 Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Sep 14	2022 O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Oct 12	2022 O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Sep 19	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$13	Oct 17	Open Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs—\$12
Sep 21	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month—\$13	Oct 19	O/I Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs—\$12
Sep 26	2022 Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Oct 24	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation—\$12
Sep 28	2022 O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Oct 26	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation—\$12
		Oct 31	2022 Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12

COVID-19 Update

For the zip codes that I track the end of August data shows an expected oscillation within the zipcodes as the pandemic moves into the endemic like influenza. We may see an uptake again as we move into the winter months just with colds and influenza. Masks are optional as to whether to wear or not wear depends on your comfort level in your activities.

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 6:40 pm game: **Sept 7, Sept 28**

11/8/2020 ACBL Alert Procedure Definitions (continued):

All definitions from the ACBL Convention Charts also apply.

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.
3. Any Artificial bid that primarily shows Length in one specific suit and any double or redouble that shows Length in the next higher suit. Use the name of the suit being shown as the announcement. This does not apply to suits in which you or your Partner have already shown Length.
4. After a 1-level major suit Opening in first or second seat, a 1NT response that is Forcing or Semi-Forcing. Also announce "could have 4 spades" in the unopposed auction 1H - 1NT if you routinely bypass a 4-card spade suit.

Natural Bids

Alert the Natural bids listed below.

Opening Bids

1. A Natural 2C Opening. (This is the strong 2C when playing strong opening 2-bids, not the 2C describing any strong hand used with weak 2-bids in the other suits.)
2. A Natural Opening suit bid at the 2 or 3 level that may contain 12 or more HCP. This does not apply to an Opening in fourth seat.
3. A Natural Preemptive bid if there is a second way to Preempt in the same suit at the same level.
4. A Natural Opening suit bid where a second suit bid later in the auction would routinely be longer than the opened suit. (e.g. having 4-5 in the majors and routinely opening the shorter spades before the longer hearts. The key word here is routinely, not an infrequent case because of the hand structure one would open the shorter spade suit. The Idea is that partner does not this situation in the opener's hand.)
5. An Opening No Trump bid that is Natural but always based on a long suit.