

Lawson Bridge Studio News April 2018

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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

Apr 2	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$13	May 2	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Month —\$13
Apr 4	O/I Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$13	May 7	Open Pairs District 13 STaC —\$14
Apr 9	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$13	May 9	O/I Pairs District 13 STaC —\$14
Apr 11	O/I Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$13	May 14	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$13
Apr 16	Swiss Teams ACBL Charity Month —\$13	May 16	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Month —\$13
Apr 18	O/I Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$13	May 21	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund Month —\$13
Apr 23	Open Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$14	May 23	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Month —\$13
Apr 25	O/I Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$14	May 28 No Game Memorial Day	
Apr 30	Open Pairs ACBL Charity Month —\$13	May 30	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Month —\$13

♠ **Team Game Monday April 16th:** Due Jerry's changing residences on April 30th and not having internet for communications to help players register or form teams, the team game is moved to the 16th. There is uncertainty in my being available for the 30th pair game, so the plan is for Phil to direct the 30th pair game. Please form your teams; and let me know before 4 pm on April 16th for room set-up and an orderly start of the game. A sign-up sheet will be available at the games as well as registering with me at lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com.

♠ **STaC games April 23rd and 25th** Since these STaC games are sanctioned by our Unit 123, there will be pre-dealt hands. The STaC awards are based on the percentages earned by the players in each club and then those are polled and ranked to determine the awards and winners.

LAW 70 - CONTESTED CLAIM OR CONCESSION

A. General Objective

In ruling on a contested claim or concession, the Director adjudicates the result of the board as equitably as possible to both sides, but any doubtful point as to a claim shall be resolved against the claimer. The Director proceeds as follows.

B. Clarification Statement Repeated

1. The Director requires claimer to repeat the clarification statement he made at the time of his claim.
2. Next, the Director hears the opponents' objections to the claim (but the Director's considerations are not limited only to the opponents' objections).
3. The Director may require players to put their remaining cards face up on the table.

C. There Is an Outstanding Trump

When a trump remains in one of the opponents' hands, the Director shall award a trick or tricks to the opponents if:

1. Claimer made no statement about that trump, and
2. It is at all likely that claimer at the time of his claim was unaware that a trump remained in an opponent's hand, and
3. A trick could be lost to that trump by any normal* play.

D. Director's Considerations

1. The Director shall not accept from claimer any successful line of play not embraced in the original clarification statement if there is an alternative normal* line of play that would be less successful.
2. The Director does not accept any part of a defender's claim that depends on his partner selecting a particular play from among alternative normal* plays.

E. Unstated Line of Play

1. The Director shall not accept from claimer any unstated line of play the success of which depends upon finding one opponent rather than the other with a particular card, unless an opponent failed to follow to the suit of that card before the claim was made or would subsequently fail to follow to that suit on any normal* line of play.
2. The Regulating Authority may specify an order (e.g. "from the top down") in which the Director shall deem a suit played if this was not clarified in the statement of claim (but always subject to any other requirement of this Law).

*For the purposes of Laws 70 and 71, "normal" includes play that would be careless or inferior for the class of player involved.