

Lawson Bridge Studio News August 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

Aug 2	O/I Pairs Club Championship —\$12	Sep 4	No Game Labor Day
Aug 7	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$13	Sep 6	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month
Aug 9	O/I Pairs NAP Qualifying —\$13	Sep 11	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month
Aug 14	Open Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$14	Sep 13	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month
Aug 16	O/I Pairs Unit 123 STaC —\$14	Sep 18	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month
Aug 21	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$13	Sep 20	O/I Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month
Aug 23	O/I Pairs NAP Qualifying —\$13	Sep 25	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month
Aug 28	Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund —\$13	Sep 27	O/I Pairs Unit Game L709123D
Aug 30	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$13		

Cub Games in August

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these August 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 14, Aug 28** Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **Aug 2, Aug 16, Aug 30**

- ♣ **STaC games Aug 14th and Aug 16th**: This STaC will use the same pre-dealt hands at all participating clubs. The Overall Results will be determined by the percentage game for each pair from their game site.
- ♣ **Team Game Monday Aug 28th**: Please form your teams, and let me know before 4 pm on Aug 28th 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.

More from the ACBL Alert Procedure (AlertProcedure.pdf downloadable from the ACBL website)

- ♣ **Delayed Alerts (or Post-Alerts) Note: at your turn, you may look at the opponent's convention card.**

Once the auction has progressed to the point that the opening bidder has had the opportunity to make a second call, conventional calls at the **four level or higher** are not Alerted until the auction is over.

These delayed Alerts are required to be made by the declaring side before the opening lead. The defenders are required to Alert declarer after the opening lead but before declarer makes a play from dummy (Alerting before the lead is turned face-up and the dummy is spread is best).

The declaring side must make their delayed Alerts before the opening lead. Defenders wait until they have made the opening lead before they explain calls requiring a Delayed Alert. As with normal Alerts, the partner of the person making the Alertable call is the person who makes the delayed Alert and explains the agreement.

Example: 1♥-P-1♠-P-4♦ (splinter)

There is no Alert at the time for the 4♦ bid.

After the auction, the 1♠ bidder must Alert and explain, as required, the meaning of the call.

Example: 1♣-P-1♥-P-2♥-P: 4♣, 4♦ or 4♠

- ♣ **Natural Calls**

Most natural calls do not require Alerts. If the call promises about the expected strength and shape, no Alert is necessary. Treatments that show unusual strength or shape should be Alerted.

♥ **Definition of expected length for natural bids for the Alert Procedure**

♦ **Suit bids:**

- ♣ Three or more in a minor suit: (Also: An opening bid of 1♣ is natural if, by agreement, it may be exactly 4=4=3=2 with two clubs, three diamonds, and four cards in each major.)

Note: If the 1♣, is short, then it must be announced per previous ANNOUNCE instruction.

- ♣ Four or more in a major for opening bids, rebids and responses
- ♣ Four or more for an overcall at the one level, five or more for higher levels
- ♣ Five or more for a weak two-bid
- ♣ Six or more for a weak three-bid

♦ **Notrump openings and overcalls:**

- ♣ A notrump opening or overcall if not unbalanced (generally, no singleton or void and only one or two doubletons) is considered natural. **Note: Recently a singleton A, K, or Q is now permitted.**