

Lawson Bridge Studio News December 2021

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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

Dec 1	O/I Pairs Club Championship —\$12	Jan 3	Junior Fund —\$13
Dec 6	Open Pairs—\$12	Jan 5	Junior Fund —\$13
Dec 8	O/I Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$13	Jan 10	Junior Fund —\$13
Dec 13	STaC —\$14	Jan 12	Junior Fund —\$13
Dec 15	STaC —\$14	Jan 17	Junior Fund —\$13
Dec 20	Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund —\$13	Jan 19	Junior Fund —\$13
Dec 22	O/I Pairs—\$12	Jan 24	Junior Fund —\$13
Dec 27	Open Pairs—\$12	Jan 26	Junior Fund —\$13
Dec 29	O/I Pairs—\$12		

District 13 STaC in-person games are returning the week of December 13-19. A minimum of 3 full tables is required for participation. I have registered our club. The ACBL Open Convention Chart is to be used. If you need a review of the Open Chart, please read the Newsletters starting in April 2020 on our website.

Because of the STaC games and late notification of them, the team game is moved to December 20th. Also, the O/I pairs' Grass Roots Fund game is moved to December 8th.

Alert Procedure Changes in detail (continued from last month):

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 1♣ (1♦), a double that shows length in both majors, possibly with more than 4 cards in one or both majors is a Negative Double. After 1major (1♥), 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 1♥ or 1♠ 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.
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 1♥ - 1NT if you routinely bypass a 4-card spade suit.