

# Lawson Bridge Studio News February 2015

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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 773-348-2378

Feb 2	Open Pairs—\$10	Mar 2	Open Pairs—\$10
Feb 4	I/N Pairs—\$10	Mar 4	I/N Pairs—\$10
Feb 9	<b>Open Pairs Club Championship—\$10</b>	Mar 9	<b>Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$11</b>
Feb 11	<b>I/N Pairs Club Championship—\$10</b>	Mar 11	<b>I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$11</b>
Feb 16	Open Pairs—\$10	Mar 16	<b>Open Pairs Inter-Club Championship—\$11</b>
Feb 18	I/N Pairs—\$10	Mar 18	I/N Pairs—\$10
Feb 23	<b>Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund—\$11</b>	Mar 23	Open Pairs—\$10
Feb 25	<b>I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$11</b>	Mar 25	I/N Pairs—\$10
		Mar 30	<b>Open Pairs Unit Game L503123B—\$10</b>

### ♣ **District 13 Special Valentine Regional this year Saturday Feb 14 through Friday Feb 20**

- ♥ This is a special regional this year due to the Summer Nationals being in Chicago in August. This Regional is being held at the Wyndham Suites, 1400 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview.
- ♥ Flyers will be available at the games.

### ♣ **District 13 Grand National Teams Feb 21 and 22**

- ♥ These games will be held at the Hilton Northbrook, 2855 North Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook, IL.
  - ♦ **Saturday and Sunday (4 sessions)**  
Championship (no MP restriction), Flight A (fewer than 6000 MP) and Flight B (fewer than 2500 MP)
  - ♦ **Sunday (2 session Swiss)**  
Flight C (NLM and fewer than 500 MP)
- ♥ **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.** All teams wishing to enter must provide notification by noon on February 17, 2015 by contacting: Suzi Subeck, District 13 Director, (847)-509-0311 Home, (708) 927-6819 Cell, [stansubeck@prodigy.net](mailto:stansubeck@prodigy.net), or by registering on line at <http://bridgeinchicago.com>.
- ♥ Flyers will be available at the games.

### ♣ **Club Team Game Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

I will be registering your team as well as having the registration sheet at the games. You may contact Jerry at [lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com](mailto:lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com) or 773-209-7089 for registration as well as assistance in completing a team if you cannot form a team. We look to you to form your teams, and let me know of your teammates so that we may do the check-in efficiently as in the past and start the game on time.

## **Synopsis of some Rules**

These synopses are offered to wet your appetite for further study and application. Space does not permit me to write more extensively as well as there are many resources available both in book form and on the internet.

### **Rule of 20 or some play Rule of 19**

This rule states that you add the length of your two longest suits to your high card points (HCP) and if 20 (19) or more you may open the bidding, thus with a 5-4 distribution and 11 (10) HCP. For longer distributions such as 5-5 and 6-5, you will need to have 10 HCP to conform to the ACBL regulation on ALERTS that an opening bid at the 1 level promises 10 – 21+ HCP. If you have a partnership agreement for these latter distributions, then you must alert that opening bids may be distributional and less than HCP. In using this rule, especially in first or second seat, you need to consider what your rebid will be after a response from partner.

### **Rule of 15**

This rule states that you add the length of the spade suit to your HCP and if 15 or more then you may open the bidding in fourth seat after 3 passes to you. The concept is that spades is the controlling suit, the HCP are almost evenly distributed among the four hands, and it may hinder the opponents from entering the auction. If the total is less than 15, fourth seat passes out the deal. There may be hands where you have a choice of this rule or the rule of 20 above, in which case it makes more sense to apply the rule of 15; for example you have the HCP and distribution for Rule of 20, but not the spade suit or a good biddable suit which has defensive values because the HCP are concentrated in the minor shorter suits.