

Lawson Bridge Studio News February 2016

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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 1	Open Pairs—\$11	Mar 2	I/N Pairs—\$11
Feb 3	I/N Pairs—\$11	Mar 7	Open Pairs—\$11
Feb 8	Open Pairs Inter-Club Championship—\$12	Mar 9	I/N Pairs—\$11
Feb 10	I/N Pairs Club Championship—\$11	Mar 14	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$12
Feb 15	Open Pairs—\$11	Mar 16	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$12
Feb 17	I/N Pairs—\$11	Mar 21	Open Pairs—\$11
Feb 22	Open Pairs—\$11	Mar 23	I/N Pairs—\$11
Feb 24	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$12	Mar 28	Open Pairs Unit Game L603123B—\$11
Feb 29	Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund—\$12	Mar 30	I/N Pairs—\$11

Grand National Teams District 13 Qualifying

- ♠ When: Saturday February 20 and Sunday 21, 2015 watch the CCBA website for more details.

Team Game Monday February 29

Please form your teams, and let me know before 4 pm on February 29th 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.

The Convention Card

- ♠ Our sponsoring organization the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) has prescribed two convention cards that we make available to players to record their partnership conventions and agreements as well as to record the results of each board played. The simplest is the Yellow Card; the other is our familiar standard card.
 - ♥ At Sectional and higher rated tournaments: Each player is required to have a Convention Card legibly filled out and on the table throughout the session.
 - ♥ Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member.
 - ♥ Computerized generated cards may be used provided that they are nearly the same size and follow all markings of standard ACBL printed cards available at games, such as we provide.
 - ♥ If cards are not identical, the partnership may be limited to playing the Yellow Card System.
- ♠ **The purpose of the convention card:**
 - ♥ The convention card exists for the convenience of your opponents. The opponents may wish to look at your card at the beginning of a round to get a general idea of what your methods are, they might want to see what your opening lead agreements are when they declare or they may wish to look at your card during the auction to see what your agreements are without asking you to explain them verbally.
 - ♦ Just as you may only ask questions during the auction or play only when it is your turn, you may only look at an opponent's card only when it is your turn to bid or play.
 - ♦ It should be placed on the table for easy access to the opponents, even if the table gets cluttered with other important playing requirements.
 - ♥ The convention card is a great way for you and your partner to discuss your methods and refresh your memories as to what your agreements are if you haven't played together in a while.
- ♠ **Color coding on the card:**
 - ♥ Black: Considered standard and understood by the majority of players.
 - ♥ Blue: Announcements are to be made as to the meaning:
 - ♦ 1NT opening bid point range
 - ♦ NT transfer bids to hearts and spades either Jacoby or Texas
 - ♦ Major Opening response of 1NT forcing or semi-forcing
 - ♦ Minor openings, non-forcing of 0-2 cards in the suit
 - ♥ Red: Alert, both to be announced and tapping of the alert card.
- ♠ **Club Game Use**
 - ♥ At least one member of a pair should have a completed convention card of which both players have agreed to what is being played. For those coming without a partner, it is helpful for one to have a completed card with what you like to play. Then it is easier to come to agreements on the short notice before the game.