

Lawson Bridge Studio News November 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

Nov 5	Open Pairs—\$12	Dec 3	Open Pairs Unit 123 STaC—\$14
Nov 7	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$13	Dec 5	O/I Pairs Unit 123 STaC—\$14
Nov 12	Open Pairs District 13 STaC—\$14	Dec 10	Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Nov 14	O/I Pairs Unit 222 STaC—\$14	Dec 12	O/I Pairs Unit Game W812123A—\$12
Nov 19	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund—\$13	Dec 17	Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund—\$13
Nov 21	O/I Pairs—\$12	Dec 19	O/I Pairs Grassroots Fund Game—\$13
Nov 26	Open Pairs—\$12	Dec 24	No Game Christmas Eve
Nov 28	O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Dec 26	O/I Pairs—\$12
		Dec 31	No Game New Year's Eve

STaC games November 12th and 14th

Since there are no pre-dealt hands, allowing smaller clubs with playing directors to participate. The percentages earned by the players in each club are polled and ranked to determine the winners' silverpoint awards.

LAW 41 - COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY

A. Face-down Opening Lead

After a bid, double or redouble has been followed by three passes in rotation, the defender on presumed declarer's left makes the opening lead face down. The face-down lead may be withdrawn only upon instruction of the Director after an irregularity (see Laws 47E and 54); the withdrawn card must be returned to the defender's hand.

B. Review of Auction and Questions

Before the opening lead is faced, the leader's partner and the presumed declarer (but not the presumed dummy) each may require a review of the auction, or request explanation of an opponent's call (see Law 20F2 and 20F3). Declarer¹ or either defender may, at his first turn to play a card, require a review of the auction; this right expires when he plays a card. The defenders (subject to Law 16) and the declarer retain the right to request explanations throughout the play period, each at his own² turn to play.

C. Opening Lead Faced

Following this Clarification Period, the opening lead is faced, the play period begins irrevocably, and dummy's hand is spread (but see Law 54A for a faced opening lead out of turn). After it is too late to have previous calls restated (see B), declarer or either defender, at his own² turn to play, is entitled to be informed as to what the contract is and whether, but not by whom, it was doubled or redoubled.

D. Dummy's Hand

After the opening lead is faced, dummy spreads his hand in front of him on the table, face up, sorted into suits, the cards in order of rank with lowest ranking cards towards declarer, and in separate columns pointing lengthwise towards declarer. Trumps are placed to dummy's right. Declarer plays both his hand and that of dummy.

¹Declarer's first turn to play is from dummy unless accepting an opening lead out of turn.

²Declarer may enquire at his turn to play from dummy or from his own hand.

LAW 42 - DUMMY'S RIGHTS

A. Absolute Rights

1. Dummy is entitled to give information, in the Director's presence, as to fact or law.
2. He may keep count of tricks won and lost.
3. He plays the cards of the dummy as declarer's agent as directed and ensures that dummy follows suit (see Law 45F if dummy suggests a play).

B. Qualified Rights

Dummy may exercise other rights subject to the limitations stated in Law 43.

1. Dummy may ask declarer (but not a defender) when he has failed to follow suit to a trick whether he has a card of the suit led.
2. He may try to prevent any irregularity.
3. He may draw attention to any irregularity, but only after play of the hand is concluded.

LAW 49 - EXPOSURE OF A DEFENDER'S CARDS

Except in the normal course of play or application of law (see for example Law 47E), when a defender's card is in a position in which his partner could possibly see its face, or when a defender names a card as being in his hand, each such card becomes a penalty card (Law 50); but see Law 68 when a defender has made a statement concerning an uncompleted trick currently in progress, and see Law 68B2 when partner objects to a defender's concession.