

Lawson Bridge Studio News October 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

Oct 5	Open Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs —\$10	Nov 2	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$11
Oct 7	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$11	Nov 4	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$11
Oct 12	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$11	Nov 9	Open Pairs ACBL Membership Game —\$10
Oct 14	I/N Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs —\$10	Nov 11	I/N Pairs Unit Game L511123B —\$10
Oct 19	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation —\$10	Nov 16	Open Pairs District 13 STaC —\$12
Oct 21	I/N Pairs ACBL Membership Game —\$10	Nov 18	I/N Pairs District 13 STaC —\$12
Oct 26	Open Pairs—\$10	Nov 23	Open Pairs Club Championship —\$10
Oct 28	I/N Pairs—\$10	Nov 25	I/N Pairs—\$10
		Nov 30	ACBL-Wide Charity Game —\$11

♠ **October 5th Monday Club Appreciation Open Pairs:** this game has 100% sectionally rate black point. As special thanks to you for supporting the club on Monday evenings, we will be serving pizza. Please let me know via email, telephone or signing up at the game by pairs, no later than Wednesday Sept 30th if you will be attending so that I know how much food to order. I am out of town from Oct 1 through Oct 4. A sign-up sheet is available at the game Monday Sept 29th. Probable event timing is serving by 5:45 pm with eating in the main dining area so that the playing area may set-up, and game to start by 6:30 pm with number of boards to be determined.

♥ **October 14th Wednesday Club Appreciation I/N Pairs:** this game has 80% sectionally rate black point because of it being a restricted game. As special thanks to you for supporting the club on Wednesday evenings we will be serving pizza at 6:00 pm with eating in the playing area and game to start by 6:30 pm with number of boards to be determined. Please inform me of your intention to play that evening by Sunday Oct 11th so that I know how much food to order. A sign-up sheet is available at the game Wednesday Oct 1st.

♦ **October 19th Monday Club Appreciation Teams:** Team game with 5% gold points at a maximum of 0.25 to winner and the other awards as 100% sectionally rate black point. This is a week earlier than normal due to the District 13 Regional in Lake Geneva starting October 26th. Again please form you teams, and let me know before 4 pm on October 19th 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.

Making Claims:

Claims and concessions are part of the game of bridge. You are encourage to make a claim when reasonable to do so as this helps to keep the timing allotted per round of the game, especially, when you have had some slow-played boards and are behind in the round timing.

♠ **Procedure:**

- ♥ When a declarer or either defender makes a claim play ceases. Law 68D
- ♥ When a player claims a number of tricks, he usually concedes the remainder. Therefore:
Tricks Claimed + Tricks Conceded = Tricks still to be played. Law 68A and 68B
- ♥ **When a player claims one or more tricks he should make a statement explaining how he expects to win those tricks, mentioning which cards are to be played and in what order.** Law 68C
 - ♦ Showing one card or two to "claim" the ownership of the trick in progress is not a claim. Such card(s) do not become penalty cards, but could become unauthorized information. Law 68
- ♥ A player claims (and concedes) when he makes a statement concerning the ownership of a number of tricks, or when he makes a gesture indicating he will take the rest of the tricks as by showing his cards. Law 68A and 68B
 - ♦ For example, a remark like: "I don't think that you will win more than your ♣." Should be considered to be a claim for all tricks but one and thus a concession of one trick).
- ♥ Obviously, if the opponents agree with the claim the score is entered and play continues. If they do not agree, the Director must be called Law 69

♠ **Player Rights in Claiming**

- ♥ **The Director should ask the claimer to repeat his statement, with the instruction to distinguish between previous statement and additions he wants to make. Then he asks the other side to explain their objections. Then he instructs the players to face their cards on the table, and make his ruling.** Law 70B