

# Lawson Bridge Studio News August 2025

Jerome "Jerry" Scholle, editor [lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com](mailto:lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com) 773-209-7089

## Club Games – Rates are for each player

*Games: 6:20 pm at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 909 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL*

Aug 4	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Sep 1	No Game Labor Day Sectional
Aug 6	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Sep 2	Club International Fund—\$14
Aug 11	Grass Roots FUND—\$14	Sep 8	Club International Fund—\$14
Aug 13	Grass Roots FUND—\$14	Sep 10	Club International Fund—\$14
Aug 18	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Sep 15	Club International Fund—\$14
Aug 20	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Sep 17	Club International Fund—\$14
Aug 25	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Club Championship 2—\$13	Sep 22	Club International Fund—\$14
Aug 27	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Club Championship 2—\$13	Sep 24	Club International Fund—\$14
		Sep 29	Club International Fund—\$14

## Cub Games in August:

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these August Cub home dates as per the published Cub's schedule. If there are changes due to weather etc., I will not be aware of these:

Monday 1:20 pm game: Wednesday 1:20 pm game: **Aug 6**  
Monday 7:05 pm game: **Aug 4, Aug 18** Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **Aug 20**

## LAW 75 - MISTAKEN BID or MISTAKEN EXPLANATION edited from 2020 Duplicate Decisions for Directors (continued from last month)

### Players' Responsibilities:

1. Players are expected to disclose their partnership agreements accurately (see Law 20F1); failure to do so constitutes Misinformation.
2. It is a condition of any partnership agreement that both players possess the same mutual understanding, and it is an infraction to describe an agreement where the same mutual understanding does not exist.
3. They must have two identical convention cards made out for the use of the opponents. Players must not refer to their own convention cards or use any other aids to their memory, calculations, or technique. (Law 40)

**After a misleading explanation has been given to opponents the responsibilities of the players (and the Director) are as follows:** Topic A was mentioned in last month's newsletter.

### B. Mistaken Explanation:

1. When the partnership agreement is different from the explanation given, the explanation is an infraction of Law. When this infraction results in damage to the non-offending side, the Director shall award an adjusted score.
2. If a player becomes aware of his own mistake, he must summon the Director before the opening lead is faced (or during the play, if discovered later), and then provide a correction. The player is also permitted to call the Director before the auction ends, but he is under no obligation to do so (see Law 20F4).
3. The player's partner must do nothing to correct the mistaken explanation while the auction continues, and if he subsequently becomes a defender, he must call the Director and correct the explanation only after play ends. If the player's partner is to be declarer or dummy, he must, after the final pass, call the Director and then provide a correction.

### C. Mistaken Call:

When the partnership agreement has been explained correctly, the mistake being the call made and not the explanation, there is no infraction. The explanation must not be corrected (nor must the Director be notified) immediately, and there is no obligation to do so subsequently. Regardless of damage, the result stands (but see Law 21B1b).

### D. Director's Determination:

1. Before a ruling can be made, the Director must first determine whether North made a bid that was not in accordance with his partnership agreement (a mistaken bid), or whether South told the opponents of an agreement which did not exist (a mistaken explanation). The legalities of the two are totally different.
2. If the Director determines that the misleading explanation was not based upon a partnership agreement, he applies Law 21B.
3. When there is an infraction (as per B1 or D2), and sufficient evidence exists as to the agreed meaning of the call, the Director awards an adjusted score based upon the likely outcome had the opponents received the correct explanation in a timely manner. If the Director determines that the call has no agreed meaning, he awards an adjusted score based upon the likely outcome had the opponents been so informed.