

# Lawson Bridge Studio News December 2023

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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*

Dec 4	District 13 STaC—\$15	Jan 1	No Game New Year’s Day
Dec 6	District 13 STaC—\$15	Jan 3	Junior Fund—\$14
Dec 11	2023 Upgraded Club Championship #2—\$13	Jan 8	Junior Fund—\$14
Dec 13	2023 Upgraded Club Championship #2—\$13	Jan 10	Junior Fund—\$14
Dec 18	Quarterly Club Championship—\$13	Jan 15	Junior Fund—\$14
Dec 20	Quarterly Club Championship—\$13	Jan 17	Junior Fund—\$14
Dec 25	No Game Christmas	Jan 22	Junior Fund—\$14
Dec 27	2023 Club Championship #6—\$13	Jan 24	Junior Fund—\$14
		Jan 29	Junior Fund—\$14
		Jan 31	Junior Fund—\$14

**Happy Holidays to You; however, You  
Celebrate This Season of Festival of Lights**

## December 4-10 District 13 STaC

We are registered for both evenings, so to participate we need 3 full tables each evening. Your assigned Strata will be by the masterpoints of the higher player of the pair. The strata are A—Open, B—751-2500, and C—0-750.

## Special Awarded Club Championships

The extra awarded Club Championships that ACBL has awarded the face-to-face clubs the past three years will not have the unused championships carried over into next year. We will have used all but two weeks of these by year end.

## The Three Respiratory Illnesses Resurging:

According to the CDC all three respiratory illnesses (Covid, Flu, and RSV) are increasing as we enter the winter season. Please take the necessary precautions that you deem appropriate for yourself; staying home if you are having issues or effects from the medications that you are taking to have respect for your fellow bridge players and their enjoyment of the game.

## Hand Strength for New Convention Cards (from last month):

Article and term definitions in italics are from April 4, 2022, ACBL Convention Charts.

1. Hand strength:
  - a. “Weak”: A hand that contains less than Near Average Strength.
  - b. “Near Average Strength”: A hand that has at least 8 HCP or meets the “Rule of 17 (*the hand strength is computed by adding the High Card Points of the hand to the number of cards in the two longest suits so to total 17*)”.
  - c. “Average Strength”: A hand that has at least 10 HCP or meets the “Rule of 19 (*the hand strength is computed by adding the High Card Points of the hand to the number of cards in the two longest suits so to total 19*)”.
  - d. “Strong”: A hand that contains:
    - i. at least 15 HCP; or
    - ii. at least 14 HCP and meets the “Rule of 24 (*the hand strength is computed by adding the High Card Points of the hand to the number of cards in the two longest suits so to total 24*)”.
    - iii. at least 5 Control Points (*the evaluation method where an Ace=2 and a King=1*) and is within one trick of game assuming suits break evenly among the other hands.
  - e. “Very Strong”: A hand that contains:
    - i. at least 20 HCP; or
    - ii. at least 14 HCP and is within one trick of game assuming suits break evenly among the other hands.
    - iii. at least 5 Control Points (*the evaluation method where an Ace=2 and a King=1*) and is within one trick of game assuming suits break evenly among the other hands.