Lawson Bridge Studio News December 2025

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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 1	**4th Quarter Club Championship 2**—$13	Jan 5	**Junior Fund**—$14
Dec 3	**4th Quarter Club Championship 2**—$13	Jan 7	**Junior Fund**—$14
Dec 8	**District 13 STaC**—$15	Jan 12	**Junior Fund**—$14
Dec 10	**District 13 STaC**—$15	Jan 14	**Junior Fund**—$14
Dec 15	**Centennial Stardust**—$14	Jan 19	**Junior Fund**—$14
Dec 17	**Centennial Stardust**—$14	Jan 21	**Junior Fund**—$14
Dec 22	Club Game—$13	Jan 26	**Junior Fund**—$14
Dec 24	**No Game Christmas Eve**	Jan 28	**Junior Fund**—$14
Dec 22	Club Game—$13		
Dec 25	**No Game New Years Eve**		

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

December 8-14 District 13 Winter 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—1001-3500, and C—0-1000.

December 15-21 Centennial Stardust for F2F clubs

These games offer 25% gold as a club game.

Are newsletters meaningful?

I have failed to issue a couple of newsletters this year without anyone saying we missed it. Should the monthly schedule be given in a different format? Also if continuance, how are topics to be selected?

Some Bridge Statistics (from Wikipedia)

♠ Number of possible different bridge hands considering each card in the deck—53.644×10^{27} (octillion)
♠ Number of deals if not considering the pip values of each card—37.478×10^{6} (million)
♠ The 39 hand patterns and their probabilities ranked by highest to lowest occurrence which form the basis for conventions along with the high-card count and the distribution counts for voids, singletons, and doubles.

Pattern	Probability	#	Pattern	Probability	#	Pattern	Probability	#
4-4-3-2	0.21551	12	5-5-3-0	0.00895	12	9-2-1-1	0.00018	12
5-3-3-2	0.15517	12	6-5-1-1	0.00705	12	9-3-1-0	0.00010	24
5-4-3-1	0.12931	24	6-5-2-0	0.00651	24	9-2-2-0	0.000082	12
5-4-2-2	0.10580	12	7-2-2-2	0.00513	4	7-6-0-0	0.000056	12
4-3-3-3	0.10536	4	7-4-1-1	0.00392	12	8-5-0-0	0.000031	12
6-3-2-2	0.05642	12	7-4-2-0	0.00362	24	10-2-1-0	0.000011	24
6-4-2-1	0.04702	24	7-3-3-0	0.00265	12	9-4-0-0	0.0000097	12
6-3-3-1	0.03448	12	8-2-2-1	0.00192	12	10-1-1-1	0.0000040	4
5-5-2-1	0.03174	12	8-3-1-1	0.00118	12	10-3-0-0	0.0000015	12
4-4-4-1	0.02993	4	7-5-1-0	0.00109	24	11-1-1-0	0.00000025	12
7-3-2-1	0.01881	24	8-3-2-0	0.00109	24	11-2-0-0	0.00000011	12
6-4-3-0	0.01326	24	6-6-1-0	0.00072	12	12-1-0-0	0.0000000032	12
5-4-4-0	0.01243	12	8-4-1-0	0.00045	24	13-0-0-0	0.0000000000063	4

♠ The number column shows the number of hands with that pattern when suits are considered.
♠ Highlights in the probability column show the percentage of hand patterns expected in hands.
- ♥ Yellow = 50.0%
- ♥ Green + the above = 76.8%
- ♥ Blue + the above = 99.0%
- ♥ Purple + the above = 99.9%

♠ Cell fill colors in the pattern column show the hand types:
- ♥ Balanced (light yellow fill) = 47.6%
- ♥ 3-suited (light green fill) = 4.2%
- ♥ 2-suited (light blue fill) = 29.0%
- ♥ 1-suited (all not having a color fill) = 19.2%