

Lawson Bridge Studio News February 2026

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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

Feb 2	Education Foundation —\$14	Mar 2	1st Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13
Feb 4	Education Foundation —\$14	Mar 4	1st Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13
Feb 9	Education Foundation —\$14	Mar 9	Club Game—\$13
Feb 11	Education Foundation —\$14	Mar 11	Club Game—\$13
Feb 16	Education Foundation —\$14	Mar 16	Grass Roots FUND —\$14
Feb 18	Education Foundation —\$14	Mar 18	Grass Roots FUND —\$14
Feb 23	Education Foundation —\$14	Mar 23	1st Quarter Club Championship 2 —\$13
Feb 25	Education Foundation —\$14	Mar 25	1st Quarter Club Championship 2 —\$13
		Mar 30	Club Game—\$13

February is Educational Foundations Month. The extra fee goes to the ACBL Education Foundation which is a nonprofit organization providing grants for programs and projects that recruit new bridge players and build community.

Continuing the discussion on bridge conventions: they are organized for newer players according to opening bids and then responses without interference and with interference.

Openings	Common Convention Responses
One of a Suit	
Minor suits, minimum 3-card holding	No interference: New Minor Forcing
	After Interference:
Major suits, 5-card majors	No interference: Jacoby 2NT; 2 over 1; Splinter
	After Interference: Negative Doubles
Balanced Notrump	
With 4333 or 5332 distributions, common 1 NT opening of 15-18, and 2 NT opening of 21-22	No interference: Stayman; Jacoby Transfer
	After Interference:
Other Opening Bids	
Strong 2♣	No interference: 2♥ <4 HCP, no K;
	After Interference:
Weak Bids, typically 6+card holding, 2 of the top 3 honor cards or 3 of the top 5	No interference:
	After Interference:
Slam Bidding	
Blackwood 4NT asking for Aces	No interference:
	After Interference:
Gerber 4♣ asking for Aces	No interference:
	After Interference:
Defensive Bidding	
After one of a suit	Takeout Double, Micheal's Cuebid
After 1NT opening	Disturb Opponents NoTrump (DON'T)
After Weak-2 Opening	Takeout Double

Some internet resources for learning more about the conventions and when applicable.

1. BridgeBum, https://www.bridgebum.com/bridge_bidding_conventions.php. Some of the common conventions are listed on the internet with links to the extensive list with discussion on each convention being available.
2. BridgeHands, <https://www.bridgehands.com/Indexes/conventions.htm>. The theme is have fun learning bridge with an extensive glossary of bridge terms and their meaning.
3. https://gambiter.com/bridge/Bridge_convention.html. This list the conventions according to purpose and having links to further discussion of a specific convention.