

Lawson Bridge Studio News July 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

Jul 2	Grass Roots FUNd —\$14	Aug 4	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$14
Jul 7	Grass Roots FUNd —\$14	Aug 6	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$14
Jul 9	No Game Windy City Regional	Aug 11	Grass Roots FUNd —\$14
Jul 14	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$14	Aug 13	Grass Roots FUNd —\$14
Jul 16	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$14	Aug 18	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$14
Jul 21	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$14	Aug 20	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$14
Jul 23	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$14	Aug 25	3rd Quarter Club Championship 2 —\$13
Jul 28	3rd Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13	Aug 27	3rd Quarter Club Championship 2 —\$13
Jul 30	3rd Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13		

Cub Games in July:

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these July 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: **July 2, July 23**

Monday 7:05 pm game: **July 21** Wednesday 7:05 pm game:

LAW 75 - MISTAKEN BID or MISTAKEN EXPLANATION edited from 2020 Duplicate Decisions for Directors

MISTAKEN BID: It is NOT illegal to make the wrong bid because you have forgotten your partnership agreement.

Usually, in such cases, you will reach a bad contract and get a terrible score. In other words, justice will be served. Sometimes, however, you will stumble into a lucky spot, or the opponents will err because they have been given the wrong idea about your hand. Regardless, the opponents are unlikely to be due redress for any apparent damage. Such situations are simply viewed as the "rub of the green." While East may be correct in saying he would have done better had he known what North actually had, we must remember that North's bid fooled South as well. South did all that is required by law: he told East-West what North's bid promised by agreement. Therefore, there is NO ADJUSTMENT. Of course, it is understood that North is not allowed to take advantage of his partner's proper explanation.

MISTAKEN EXPLANATION: In the above example, if North had bid correctly according to their agreements and it was South who was in error with his explanation, then East-West would be entitled to protection. While South can never be positive about what North actually holds, he can, and should, know what North is supposed to have. When the opponents ask you about a call for which you have a partnership understanding, you are required by law to describe your agreement accurately. When South fails to live up to this responsibility, the Director should give redress for any apparent or probable damage.

If South correctly informs East-West of his partnership agreement, it doesn't matter (legally) whether or not North's hand matches the description. Since there is no "penalty" for a mistaken bid, other than what the game itself will often extract, a pair may be tempted to always claim that the explanation was correct. For this reason, the Laws instruct the Director to assume that the explanation was wrong until the offending pair can produce credible evidence to the contrary.

The most common source of such evidence will be the convention card -- if what South claims to be the agreement isn't on the card, his side will probably lose the case. If South has given a mistaken explanation, then North must inform the opponents at the proper time: After the auction is over if he is the declarer or the dummy; after the play is complete if he is a defender. If South wakes up later on in the auction and realizes that he has misinformed the opponents, he must summon the director before the opening lead is faced, or he may without obligation choose to call the director before the auction ends.]

After a misleading explanation has been given to opponents the responsibilities of the players (and the Director) are as follows:

A. Mistake Causing Unauthorized Information: Irrespective of whether or not an explanation is a correct statement of partnership agreement, a player, having heard his partner's explanation, knows that his own call has been misinterpreted. This knowledge is unauthorized information (see Law 16A), and the player must carefully avoid taking any advantage from it (see Law 73C); otherwise, the Director shall award an adjusted score.

(To be continued next month)