

Lawson Bridge Studio News June 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

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

Cub Games in June:

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these May 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: June 19
Monday 7:05 pm game:	Wednesday 7:05 pm game: June 18

Announcements from the 2022 ACBL Alert Procedure

An Announcement is a word or a short phrase that describes the meaning of partner's call. Announcements are a form of Alerting, and you must still visually Alert the call. Calls that require Announcements must be immediately announced, even if the call would otherwise not be Alerted or if the Alert would be delayed. Announce the following Agreements:

1. The minimum length of any Non-Forcing minor suit Opening that could be fewer than 3 cards. Use the form, "Could be X" where X is the minimum length of the suit as the announcement.
2. The HCP Range of any Natural 1NT Opening.
3. Any Artificial bid that primarily shows Length in one specific suit and any double or redouble that shows Length in one specific suit. Use the name of the suit being shown as the announcement. This does not apply to suits in which you or your Partner have already shown Length.
4. After a 1-level major suit Opening in first or second seat, a 1NT response that is Forcing or Semi-Forcing. Also announce "could have 4 spades" in the unopposed auction 1H - 1NT if you routinely bypass a 4-card spade suit.

LAW 7 CONTROL OF BOARD AND CARDS from 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge

C. Returning Cards to Board: After play has finished, each player should shuffle his original thirteen cards, after which he restores them to the pocket corresponding to his compass position. Thereafter no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present. **This is particularly important if the hand is passed out so as to not give unauthorized information to the next table that the board goes to.**

LAW 45 CARD PLAYED from 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge

A. Play of Card from a Hand: Each player except dummy plays a card by detaching it from his hand and facing it on the table immediately before him. **It is being observed that some defending players are holding the played card in their hand so it is not clearly visible to all players. This is the importance of the card being faced on the table.**

C. Card Deemed to be Played

1. A defender's card held so that it is possible for his partner to see its face is deemed played to the current trick (if the defender has already made a legal play to the current trick, see Law 45E).
2. Declarer is deemed to have played a card from his hand if it is: (a) held face up, touching or nearly touching the table; or (b) maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played.
3. A card in the dummy is played if it has been deliberately touched by declarer except for the purpose either of arranging dummy's cards, or of reaching a card above or below the card or cards touched.
- 4.(a) A card is played if a player names or otherwise designates it as the card he proposes to play (but see Law 47).
(b) Declarer may correct an unintended designation of a card from dummy until he next plays a card from either his own hand or from dummy. A change of designation may be allowed after a slip of the tongue, but not after a loss of concentration or a reconsideration of action. If an opponent has, in turn, played a card that was legal before the change in designation, that opponent may withdraw the card so played, return it to his hand, and substitute another (see Laws 47D and 16C1).
5. A penalty card, major or minor, may have to be played (see Law 50).