

Lawson Bridge Studio News October 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

Oct 2	Royal StaC —\$15	Nov 1	Phil Lapalio Memorial —\$14
Oct 4	Grass Roots FUNd —\$14	Nov 6	Unit 123 STaC —\$15
Oct 9	Club Appreciation Pairs —\$13	Nov 8	Unit 123 STaC —\$15
Oct 11	Club Appreciation Pairs —\$13	Nov 13	2023 Club Championship #4 —\$13
Oct 16	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation —\$13	Nov 15	2023 Club Championship #4 —\$13
Oct 18	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation —\$13	Nov 20	Club Game—\$13
Oct 23	No Game FallFest Sectional	Nov 22	No Game Restaurant Unavailable
Oct 25	No Game FallFest Sectional	Nov 27	ACBL Membership Game —\$13
Oct 30	Gerry Landy Memorial —\$14	Nov 29	ACBL Membership Game —\$13

Phil Lapalio Passed:

Phil passed on September 12, 2023. Thanks to players helping and fulfilling some of the duties Phil did for the Club.

October is Club Appreciation Month.

- ♣ Club Appreciation Pair games, special treats planning needs your prior registration.
- ♣ The Club Appreciation Team game offers 5% gold up to 0.25 gold masterpoints, everybody gets a bit (0.01+) of gold if you win or tie in a match. If there is enough interest expressed to me for this event, I will keep the scheduled dates. We haven't held team games on Wednesday previously. We could do this year as the players are nearly equal in skill. The minimum tables are 3, just as we regularly require for a game.
- ♣ All special Club Appreciation games offer the maximum masterpoints for any games during the year at 81.8% of sectionally rated games.

Memorial Charity Games

- ♥ On Monday October 30th, we will hold a memorial game for Gerry Landy who passed in January 10, 2021, during the pandemic. It is fitting to do this as part of Club Appreciation Month as he started the club sometime in the late 1990s or early 2000s after the passing of the director Lawson Bridge Club when playing at the Lawson YMCA. The recent NABC games in Chicago honored Gerry for his contributions to bridge.
- ♥ On Wednesday November 2nd, we will hold a memorial game for Phil Lapalio who passed on September 12, 2023. Phil was a bridge teacher and co-director having mutual support with Jerry Scholle in starting the Wednesday games in 2010. Jerry assisted Phil when he started the Admiral on the Lake Tuesday afternoon games in 2016.
- ♥ Contributions from each of these memorial games will be given the ACBL Education Foundation. The purpose of the foundation is getting more people of all ages and walks of life to play and enjoy bridge. This purpose describes a key bridge aspect of both of these men.
- ♥ It has been Jerry Scholle's pleasure to work with both of these men in achieving the purpose of the foundation and for you the players to have enjoyable evenings of competitive bridge games.

COVID Resurging:

According to CDC and newscasts, the new COVID variants are causing a surge in hospitalizations in the United States as well as worldwide. As we enter the fall season, we expect to see a surge in respiratory infections, not just Covid but also influenza and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). Please stay 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.

New Convention Card Instruction booklets:

Phil had put together the instructions of the new cards in a booklet for \$6.00. The club will have these available at the games. The money collected from these booklets will be given to the charity mentioned above.

Shuffle cards before returning to board

Law 7.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. **Note this shuffle is particularly critical if the hand is passed out so not to convey unauthorized information to the next table.**