

Lawson Bridge Studio News October 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

Oct 1	Club Game—\$13	Nov 3	District 13 STaC—\$15
Oct 6	Grass Roots FUND—\$14	Nov 5	District 13 STaC—\$15
Oct 8	Grass Roots FUND—\$14	Nov 10	ACBL Membership Game—\$13
Oct 13	Club Appreciation Pairs—\$13	Nov 12	ACBL Membership Game—\$13
Oct 15	Club Appreciation Pairs—\$13	Nov 17	Grass Roots FUND—\$14
Oct 20	4 th Quarter Club Championship 1—\$13	Nov 19	Grass Roots FUND—\$14
Oct 22	4 th Quarter Club Championship 1—\$13	Nov 24	ACBL CLUBHOUSE Stardust—\$13
Oct 27	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation—\$13	Nov 26	No Game Thanksgiving Eve
Oct 29	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation—\$13		

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. 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.

Management Change

Ryan Daniels is Club Manager with Jerome Scholle retaining club ownership which goes to Ryan when Jerry is no longer able to function in any capacity. Because of commitments, Ryan will be directing the Monday games with Jerry playing. Jerry will be handling the Wednesday games and bringing the snacks and equipment that he normally brings for both games.

Help Suit Game Try When to Alert

The guidance for when to alert when using help suit game try is per ACBL Alert Procedure dated April 4, 2022:

- ♠ After a 1S Opening and a 2S Response, a 3H game try showing at least a three-card heart suit: **Do not alert or announce.**
- ♥ After a 1H Opening and a 2H Response, a 3C game try asking for help in the club suit that might be bid on a small doubleton or singleton: **"Alert."**

Changes in Alert Procedure

In 2022 the Alert Procedure was changed. There have been updates in April 2024 and June 2025. The following are most of the updates:

- ♠ Added to Natural Bids-Direct Overcalls an **Alert**: 5. After a Natural Opening Bid at the 2-level or higher, a Natural Direct Overcall in the same suit.
- ♥ Added to Artificial Bids-Direct Overcalls **Don't Alert**: 7. After a Natural Opening Bid at the 2-level or higher, any bid in the same suit or in a suit shown by the Opening Bid.
- ♦ Added to Artificial Bids-Other Artificial Bids **Don't Alert**: 9. After a 1-level Opening Bid and a Response, a 2NT Overcall that shows two suits (known or unknown).
- ♣ Added to Examples-Announcements-1. Minimum Length: b. A Quasi-Natural 1C Opening Bid that includes hands with singleton A, K, or Q: Announce "Could be one."
- ♠ Added to Examples-Announcements-3. Artificial Bids: d. After a 1D opening and a Takeout Double, a redouble showing spades: Announce "Spades." This is a change from announcing **Alert**.
- ♥ Added to Examples-Natural Bids-Direct Overcalls an **Alert**: 5. No examples.
- ♦ Added to Examples-Artificial Bids-Direct Overcalls **Don't Alert**: 7.
 - After a 2H Preempt, a 3H bid showing spades and a minor: Do not Alert or Announce.
 - After a 2H Preempt, a 3H bid asking for a stopper for NT: Do not Alert or Announce.
- ♣ Under Examples-Artificial Bids-Other Artificial Bids: 5. Was changed to No Response with comments move to Were moved to 6.
- ♠ Added to Examples-Artificial Bids-Other Artificial Bids: 8.
 - After a 2NT Opening, and a 3C Response asking about majors, a 3D rebid showing no 4 card major: Do not alert or announce.
 - After a 2NT Opening and a 3C Response asking about majors, a 3D rebid that shows no 5-card major, but shows a 4-card major: "Alert."