

Lawson Bridge Studio News September 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

Sep 1	No Game Labor Day Sectional	Oct 1	Club Game—\$13
Sep 2	Club International Fund —\$14	Oct 6	Grass Roots FUND —\$14
Sep 8	Club International Fund —\$14	Oct 8	Grass Roots FUND —\$14
Sep 10	Club International Fund —\$14	Oct 13	Club Appreciation Pairs —\$13
Sep 15	Club International Fund —\$14	Oct 15	Club Appreciation Pairs —\$13
Sep 17	Club International Fund —\$14	Oct 20	4th Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13
Sep 22	Club International Fund —\$14	Oct 22	4th Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13
Sep 24	Club International Fund —\$14	Oct 27	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation —\$13
Sep 29	Club International Fund —\$14	Oct 29	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation —\$13

Cub Games in September:

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these September 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 6:40 pm game:

Wednesday 6:40 pm game: **Sep 3, Sep 24**

Questions from players:

- ♠ Responses to 2♣ opening:
 1. All 2♦ responses are not alerted regardless of convention. *2025 ACBL Alert Procedure*
 2. 2♥ showing no A, K or 2Qs is **alerted**. *2025 ACBL Alert Procedure*
 3. All other conventional responses, such as controls and steps are to be **alerted**. *2025 ACBL Alert Procedure*
- ♥ Asking a question about a bid for the benefit of partner not knowing the meaning of the bid.
 1. Extraneous Information from Partner: Law 16B1. Any extraneous] (not part of the lawful procedures of the game) [information from partner that might suggest a call or play is unauthorized. This includes remarks, questions, replies to questions, unexpected alerts or failures to alert, unmistakable hesitation, unwonted speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism.] *Laws on Duplicate Bridge 2017 and Duplicate Decisions 2020*
 2. This is also a violation of Law 74 CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE, A. Proper Attitude 3. Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing. *Laws on Duplicate Bridge 2017*
- ♦ Procedure for approving scores on Bridgmate:
 1. Player approving the score is to verify that the following are correct: **the contract, the declarer, and the result of the contract showing tricks won or defeated**, The Bridgmate uses this information for calculating the correct score and entering it in the direction of the declarer side or the opponent side.
- ♣ Bid out of turn by his/her partner who was to have called first:
 1. Law 29 Procedure after a Call out of Rotation:
 - a. **LHO accepts**. If accepted then per part A. Forfeiture of Right to Rectification: Following a call out of rotation offender's elect to call thereby forfeiting the right to any rectification.
 - b. **LHO rejects**. B. Out-of-Rotation Call Canceled:, a call out of rotation is canceled and the auction reverts to the player whose turn it was to call. The offending side is subject to the provisions of Law 31.
 2. Law 31 Bid out of Rotation:
 - a. When the offender has bid at his partner's turn to call and LHO has rejected the bid.
 - b. Offender's partner may make any legal call, but Law 16C2 applies (the call out of rotation is Unauthorized Information for offender's partner). *Duplicate Decisions 2020*
- ♠ Rule of 20:
 1. Refers to a secondary hand evaluation methodology when a hand does not have sufficient strength to open bidding using a traditional point count.
 2. A player may open the bidding when the High Card Point sum added to the number of cards held in the two longest suits totals 20 or more.
 3. The player's honors should be in the long suit/s, not side suits (i.e., no defensive tricks). *From Jerry's file dated 9/1/2008, Now 8/27/2025 from https://www.bridgebum.com/ The Rule of 20 was popularized by American expert Marty Bergen in the 1990s*