

Lawson Bridge Studio News July 2024

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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 1	Club Game—\$13	Aug 5	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14
Jul 3	No game Eve 4 th July Independence Day	Aug 7	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14
Jul 8	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Aug 12	District 13 STaC—\$15
Jul 10	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Aug 14	District 13 STaC—\$15
Jul 15	Grass Roots FUNd—\$14	Aug 19	Grass Roots FUNd—\$14
Jul 17	Grass Roots FUNd—\$14	Aug 21	Grass Roots FUNd—\$14
Jul 22	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Aug 26	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14
Jul 24	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14	Aug 28	North American Pairs Qualifying—\$14
Jul 29	Quarterly Club Championship—\$13		
Jul 31	Quarterly Club Championship—\$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 them:

Monday 1:20 pm game:

Wednesday 1:20 pm game: **Jul 24**

Monday 7:05 pm game: **Jul 22**

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **Jul 3**

The Clarification Period: The period between the end of the auction (face down lead) and the end of the auction period (opening lead faced) is referred to as the clarification period. This and the following are from Duplicate Decisions, revised September 2020 .

41 - Commencement of Play

The facing of the opening lead concludes the auction period. Opening leads must be made face down per ACBL regulations.

[41A (...) The face-down lead may be withdrawn only upon instruction of the Director after an irregularity (see Laws 47E and 54); the withdrawn card must be returned to the defender's hand.]

The opening leader may ask for a review or an explanation of an opponent's call prior to their opening lead. Declarer has the same rights until their first play to trick one. The Laws specify that *[41B declarer's first turn to play is from dummy unless accepting a lead out of turn].*

Leader's partner has the same rights until they play to trick one. They may ask after the opening lead has been made face down and again before they play to trick one. Note that dummy cannot ask for a review.

[41B The defenders (subject to Law 16) and the declarer retain the right to request explanations throughout the play period, each at his own turn to play.]

[41C Following this Clarification Period, the opening lead is faced, the play period begins irrevocably, and dummy's hand is spread (...)]

[41C After it is too late to have previous calls restated, declarer or either defender, at his own turn to play, is entitled to be informed as to what the contract is and whether, but not by whom, it was doubled or redoubled.] This right does not expire (if declarer or a defender forgets the contract at trick 12, they can still ask what the contract is, as long as it is done at their turn to play; for declarer this can be done when they are going to play from their hand or from dummy).

[41D After the opening lead is faced, dummy spreads his hand in front of him on the table, face up, sorted into suits, the cards in order of rank with lowest ranking cards towards declarer, and in separate columns pointing lengthwise towards declarer. Trumps are placed to dummy's right. Declarer plays both his hand and that of dummy.]

Note: When the dummy is not properly arranged, a violation of Law 41D has occurred. It is illegal to spread the cards with the highest cards closest to the declarer, or in such a way that the columns are not separated, or out of order, or widthwise towards declarer, or any other "creative" variations. **This latter is interpreted to include that once dummy is spread no further movement in the tabula of cards when a space occurs between columns.**

[WBF (World Bridge Federation) Laws Commentary: Only the declaring side is responsible for the correctness of the dummy's hand. For instance, the defenders have no obligation to observe that dummy has too few or too many cards, or that the dummy has played a card not designated by declarer.]