

Lawson Bridge Studio News March 2025

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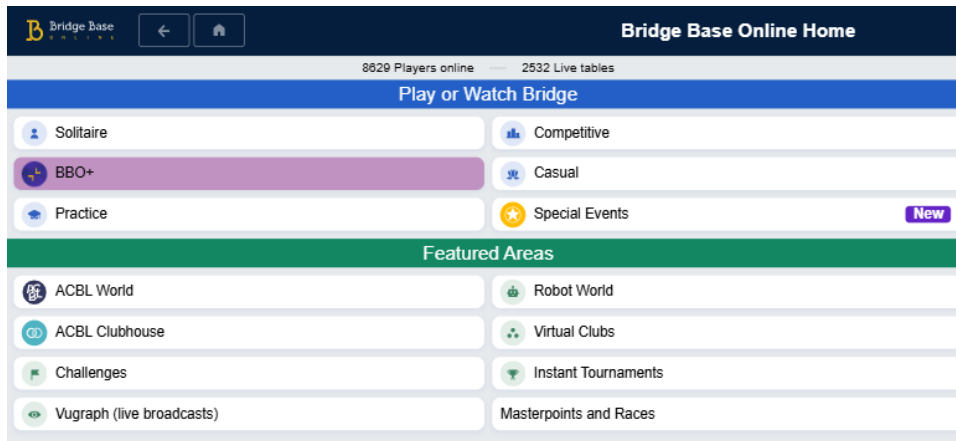
Club Games – Rates are for each player

Games: 6:20 pm at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 909 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

Mar 3	1st Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13	Apr 2	Charity Club Championship
Mar 5	1st Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13	Apr 7	Unit 123 STaC
Mar 10	Club Game—\$13	Apr 9	Unit 123 STaC
Mar 12	Club Game—\$13	Apr 14	Charity Club Championship
Mar 17	Grass Roots FUND —\$14	Apr 16	Charity Club Championship
Mar 19	Grass Roots FUND —\$14	Apr 21	Charity Club Championship
Mar 24	1st Quarter Club Championship 2 —\$13	Apr 23	Charity Club Championship
Mar 26	1st Quarter Club Championship 2 —\$13	Apr 28	2nd Quarter Club Championship 1
Mar 31	Club Game—\$13	Apr 30	2nd Quarter Club Championship 1

ACBL has launched a new feature called ACBL Community Club which is linking Bridge Online (ACBL Clubhouse) with Face-to-Face clubs (Go Local Arm). The features of the Community Club per the ACBL website are:

1. Games are played by registering in Bridge Base Online (BBO) with fees in BBO\$.



2. To be linked to player's local club, the player needs to select ACBL Clubhouse, not ACBL World
 - a. The "ACBL Clubhouse" lists the game owner as "acbl club". This one is run by the ACBL and distributes funds to the clubs and awards pigmented masterpoints.
 - b. The "ACBL World", lists the game owner as "ACBL". This is deliberately confusing and misleading. It is a game run by the for-profit BBO conglomerate that awards unpigmented ACBL points, and returns nothing to the clubs.
3. The games are available by the strata of the player's masterpoint holding.
4. The games in each strata are 5 times a day 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:30 pm. All times are Eastern Time Zone.
5. All sessions play 18 boards.
6. ACBL Clubhouse open games award up to 4 Masterpoints.
7. Special events when noted offer the glitter points: gold, red, silver, and black. This a way to offer local players gold. Other local games that may offer a fraction of gold points are Royal STaCs (all colors), Stardust weeks (gold and black), and Club Appreciation Team games in October (gold and black). The player checks his/her masterpoint game awards by checking the ACBL Live club posting for the game after the club has posted the game results as ACBL does the awarding of the color masterpoints, except for the team games.
8. Weekly leaders are shown in pools: Spades=open, Heart=limited to 750 masterpoints and under, Diamonds=limited to 500 masterpoints and under, and Clubs=limited to 200 masterpoints and under.
9. Reimbursements to the local clubs are determined by the ACBL based on player's attendance fraction of the clubs that they play in during the week.
10. Whether you prefer a relaxed match with peers or want to test your skills against tougher competition, the Clubhouse has the perfect game waiting for you.
11. Thanks to Matthew Dyer for his clarifications concerning BBO since I don't play online.