

Lawson Bridge Studio News May 2021

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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

May 3	Grass Fund Month —\$13	Jun 1	To Be Announced (TBA)
May 5	Grass Fund Month —\$13	Jun 3	TBA
May 10	Grass Fund Month —\$13	Jun 8	TBA
May 12	Grass Fund Month —\$13	Jun 10	TBA
May 17	Grass Fund Month —\$13	Jun 15	TBA
May 19	Grass Fund Month —\$13	Jun 17	TBA
May 24	Grass Fund Month —\$13	Jun 24	TBA
May 26	Grass Fund Month —\$13	Jun 26	TBA
May 31	No Game Memorial Day	Jun 29	TBA

Reopening our In-Person Bridge Games:

- Based on the reopening of groups with 50 or less where people are eating and talking without masks, I think that we can reopen with **wearing masks at all times**. This means we would have a very low risk for transmission as there is not ever a zero risk in any action that we take in living our lives.
- Based on what I am reading on COVID-19, even though you are vaccinated you still may spread the virus especially if it is a variant, thus, our mask policy. Herd immunity appears to be a long way off until we know more on the efficacy of the vaccines and how they stand up to the various variants that are developing worldwide.
- Don't become overconfident that having received the vaccine that you are safe. Reports are coming in of people being fully vaccinated getting COVID-19. What is not being told is: (1) this infection from a variant and the vaccine is ineffective, or (2) did the person's body did not develop any immunity (This is a very credible condition.). No vaccine is 100% effective against any disease for which they are developed because we don't know how it will behave in each person. You don't know how your own body is processing the effectiveness of the vaccine.
- We ask that you be cognizant of what the COVID-19 symptoms are, and to be aware that if you are feeling something that looks and feels like a COVID-19 symptom or have tested positive for the virus, to stay home as a precaution. It is preferable to stay at home with any type of sickness even colds.
- Reservations will be required by texting/calling 773-209-7089 or emailing to lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com the day before scheduled game so if there is a cancellation, players may be notified. Table set up will be to maximize the distance between players at the table. I would need to know (1) if physically handicapped needing to sit N/S, (2) if preference is N/S; this will be on a first come seating after handicap players, (3) if preference is E/W, and (4) no preference. If the number of players registering is greater than what we can accommodate you will be placed on a waiting list and called in a cancellation. If a single, I may be able to match you with another single registrant.
- Masks covering the nose and mouth must be in place when speaking. This will prevent contaminating the cards as well as protecting your fellow bridge players. The biggest risk comes from speaking, coughing, and sneezing; the next is normal breathing exhalation and the very least touching of surfaces.
- To accommodate those with asthma and other breathing health issue, please try to keep your nose cover during speaking at a table, especially during bidding and play of the cards to minimize card contamination. If you need to uncover your nose, please move away from the table to an area where others are not present.
- If you have your own bidding boxes and card holders, these will reduce the possibility of surface transmission.
- Considering surface contamination of the cards, each hand is handled no more than the number of tables at the game, for example, if three tables then each board is in play only three times, so only three different players will have touched a hand. If four tables then four players. Thus, a very low risk of transmission and the set of board will not be used for another week as the other weekly game will be using a different set of boards. The same is true for the bidding boxes. We should be able to rotate scoring units as well as wiping them down after the game.
- We will be cleaning the rollers on the dealing machine frequently to decontaminate the cards.
- The restaurant will be supplying hand sanitizers and taking care of wiping down the room after the games.
- Best is all to follow CDC guidelines for personal sanitization such as washing hands frequently.
- If you will put your masks back in place after a bite or drink intake, then, dry finger food like the cookies we usually served or hot beverages could be available. Cold beverages with a straw would be available.