

# Lawson Bridge Studio News February 2022

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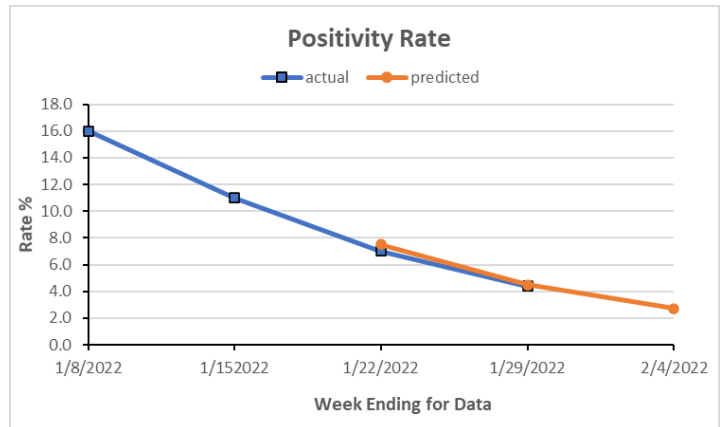
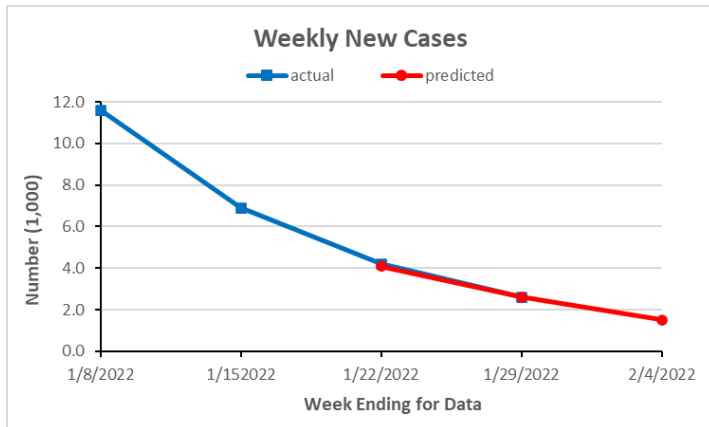
## Club Games – Rates are for each player

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

Feb 2	No Game	Mar 2	O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Feb 7	Upgraded OP Club Championship—\$12	Mar 7	Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Feb 9	Upgraded O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Mar 9	O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Feb 14	Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Mar 14	Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Feb 16	O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Mar 16	O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Feb 21	Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Mar 21	Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Feb 23	O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Mar 23	O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12
Feb 28	Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12	Mar 28	Open Pairs Club Championship—\$12
		Mar 30	O/I Pairs Club Championship—\$12

## Reopening Bridge

To determine whether it is feasible to reopen bridge on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, the ratio of the current week reported data was divided by the previous week's reported data. Then this week's reported data was multiplied by this ratio giving a predicted value for next week. This was followed for the successive weeks. These graphs show the results. The curvature is expected, and the predictive premise was surprisingly accurate giving the decision to reopen a sound footing. The predicted value for next week is where we were when the omicron spike started.



Europe is starting to remove most restrictions as virus has peaked there a few weeks before us. The B.2 variant hasn't gained a foothold in anywhere in the world. Even though it has been detected around world including the U. S., there has been no spike in new cases because of it. The virologists have done more sequencing of the genome of this virus than any of the previous viruses, even in this family. What we are having to do is figure how we will live with the new variants as the virus constantly mutates. Most of the mutations will not affect us humans. Currently 13 mutations of the thousands of mutations having occurred are identified as affecting humans and of these 4 majorly. We need to keep in mind; it only takes one to create havoc on human life.

## Special Games

Besides our regularly quarterly club championship games, the league granted in 2021 the in-person games:

Two upgraded club championships (awarded when a club registers 10 new players with the league) awarding masterpoints:

81.8% sectional-rated black.

Eight regular club championships awarding masterpoints:

63.6% sectional rated black. This is the same as all other fund-raising games.

We are allowed to complete these this year. These must be for a week; they cannot be split. Then we have the same number of these for 2022 to be scattered over the remaining of this year.

Because the fees for these games are our base fee. You the players are being given a thank you for supporting the club by the reduced cost of a \$1 that you would have had to pay for the same masterpoint value as for a fund-raising game.