

Lawson Bridge Studio News January 2022

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Club Games – Rates are for each player

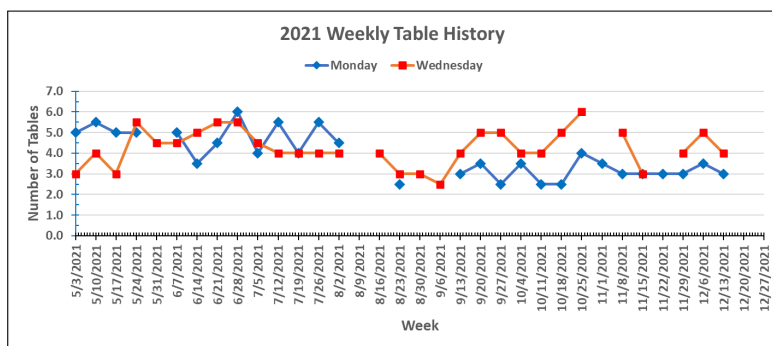
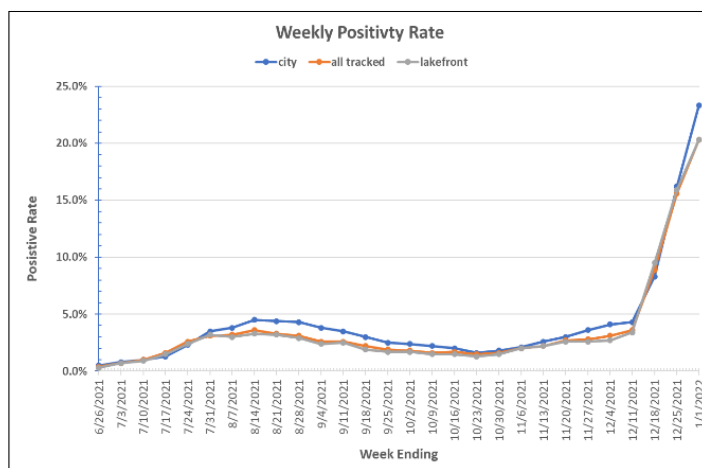
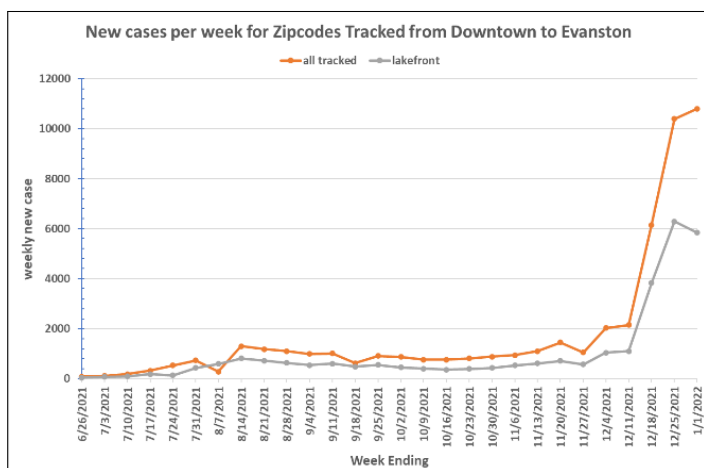
Games: 6:20 pm at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 909 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

Jan 3	No Game	Feb 2	Upgraded O/I Club Championship —\$12
Jan 5	No Game	Feb 7	Open Pairs Club Championship —\$12
Jan 10	No Game	Feb 9	O/I Pairs Club Championship —\$12
Jan 12	No Game	Feb 14	Open Pairs Club Championship —\$12
Jan 17	No Game	Feb 16	O/I Pairs Club Championship —\$12
Jan 19	No Game	Feb 21	Open Pairs Club Championship —\$12
Jan 24	TBD	Feb 23	O/I Pairs Club Championship —\$12
Jan 26	TBD	Feb 28	Education Foundation Month —\$13
Jan 31	Upgraded OP Club Championship —\$12		

Reopening Bridge in Review

We reopened in-person games on May 3, 2021. So, let's look at the year in review. I didn't start tracking cases, positivity rate, and vaccinations until the end of June for a series of zipcodes along the lake from the loop north to Evanston. Estimating the geographical areas from a zip code map I took the zipcodes directly along the lakefront and then the zipcodes bordering on the lakefront zipcodes.

From these graphs we see that the number of new cases and the positivity rate is relatively flat until Holiday break started. We did not have enough tables registered, so the games were canceled during the Holiday Season.



This graph shows the number of tables for Monday and Wednesday of each week since we reopened. The lack of tables in August was due to Jerry falling and breaking his upper left arm and Phil's mother passing. There was a Chicago Regional in November and lack of registrants for a game on Thanksgiving eve.

Breakeven is the basic expenses for a game are rent, beverages, cookies, printing of handrecords, ACBL fees and any non-paying players, such as your directors playing to fill out a movement.

Number of tables in each category for each quarter for both games					
Category		Quarter			Comment
tables	result	May-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	
2.5-3.0	club subsidizes the specific game expenses	4	5	8	More tables each quarter
3.5-4.0	tables breakeven for the specific game	3	10	8	
4.5 +	tables supply funds for other expenses	10	6	4	Fewer tables each quarter

Additional costs were incurred in game setup supplies to prevent virus transmission and improving the website.

Hopefully, we may have a more normal lifestyle in 2022 from what we have had for the past two years.