

Lawson Bridge Studio News October 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

Oct 4	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$13	Nov 1	Open Pairs ACBL Membership Game —\$12
Oct 6	O/I Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$13	Nov 3	No Game Mid Week Regional Northfield, IL
Oct 11	Open Pairs—\$12	Nov 8	O/I Pairs ACBL Membership Game —\$12
Oct 13	O/I Pairs—\$12	Nov 10	O/I Pairs—\$12
Oct 18	Open Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs —\$12	Nov 15	Open Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$13
Oct 20	O/I Pairs Club Appreciation Pairs —\$12	Nov 17	O/I Pairs Grass Roots Fund —\$13
Oct 25	Swiss Teams Club Appreciation —\$12	Nov 22	Open Pairs—\$12
Oct 27	O/I Pairs—\$12	Nov 24	O/I Pairs—\$12
		Nov 29	Open Pairs Club Championship —\$12

COVID-19 update:

Progress is being made as the metrics are showing decreases over the month of September. Illinois Cook County transmission rate per the CDC is still **high** but the transmission rate, cases/100k COVID-19, ending 9/30/2021 has decreased to 101.67. The counties next to Cook are all have decreased but are still high from Lake with 117.58 to Will with 145.21. The Cook County positivity rate is 2.22%, being half of the positivity rate at the beginning of last month.

Revised LawsonBridgeStudio.org website is up and fully functional:

May you, the players, enjoy the website in its new format and with the game results showing the hand record with players' game bids and results. Because of the steps involved in posting, results will probably be posted on the day after the game. The schedule is presented in calendar format which should help you plan your playing dates. Keep in mind the best tracking of schedule will be the monthly newsletter for schedule changes.

Club Appreciation Month:

ACBL has designated as October is Club Appreciation month with special awards. We have for several years held various ways to honor players. Last year we were unable to hold these games because of the pandemic. So, this year I will do a review of our club operations as additional expenses for re-opening and revising the website are exceeding income. Weekly game income and expenses are all operationally sound. Thus, I am expressing **Thanks** publicly.

Thanks to the players who have support the club in the past and who are no longer associated with the club because of changes in their lives during the pandemic.

In Memoriam			Moved out of area during the pandemic	
Phyllis Camber	Art Khano	Sandi Massel	Jamie Carroll	Linda Sweig
Jane Kennedy	Gerry Landy	Marilyn Parsons	Mike Cochran	Eileen Tardy
We miss the fellowship of those who are incapacitated because of health, those who are enjoying bridge online, those who are unable to play regularly, and those who we do not know who have died or moved away.				

Thanks to Gerry Landy's naming Jerry Scholle as Club Manager in January 2020. We had an easy transition with the ACBL with Gerry's passing in January 2021. Jerry Scholle became owner per agreement sometime prior to Jerry becoming Club Manager.

Thanks to Phil Lapalio for his efforts as Co-Director and operations partner in bringing the games to you, the players, for the past several years before the pandemic and now after the pandemic. He prepares the boards for each week from files that Jerry has prepared, brings the scoring units, cookies, and printed hand record prints. A very special for his handling of games during both of Jerry's broken bone instances.

Thanks to the 82 players who have enabled us to have in-person games again starting May 3rd, holding games both Monday and Wednesday evenings, especially those registering to assure there is a game. Whether you have attended most of the 37 games (17 Monday and 20 Wednesday), we have had since re-opening or attended only once. You are all equally important. Both Monday and Wednesday games have averaged 4.3 tables/game since re-opening.

Thanks to the players who have assisted in the setup of the game as well as restoring equipment to their containers. Especially appreciated are those who have retrieved the bidding box bags from the storage room downstairs and returned them after the game.

Thanks to Kevin Litz, Phil's cohort, for his assisting Phil in bringing the weekly supplies to the game and returning home with the supplies for preparation of the next game.