

Lawson Bridge Studio News April 2026

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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

Apr 1	Charity Club Championship —\$14	May 4	Grass Roots FUND —\$14
Apr 6	Charity Club Championship —\$14	May 6	Grass Roots FUND —\$14
Apr 8	Charity Club Championship —\$14	May 11	Grass Roots FUND —\$14
Apr 13	Charity Club Championship —\$14	May 13	Grass Roots FUND —\$14
Apr 15	Charity Club Championship —\$14	May 18	District 13 STaC —\$15
Apr 20	Charity Club Championship —\$14	May 20	District 13 STaC —\$15
Apr 22	Charity Club Championship —\$14	May 25	No Game Memorial Day
Apr 27	2nd Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13	May 27	Grass Roots FUND —\$14
Apr 29	2nd Quarter Club Championship 1 —\$13		

TAKEOUT DOUBLE is:

- ♥ A hand worth an opening bid plus with at least 3-card support in all the other unbid suits
 1. You have 13+ total points (counting shortness) and the proper shape.
 2. No appropriate overcall in a suit
 3. You are usually short in the opponent's suit. Downgrade quacks in opponent's suit.
 4. You have support for the unbid suits.
 5. Never make a takeout double with shortness in an unbid major. If possible, overcall instead.
 6. Never make a takeout double with a void in an unbid suit. If possible, overcall instead.
 7. May be used with 19+ HCP with these conditions
 - ♦ You have at least 19 HCP and a hand too good to overcall.
 - ♦ "Proper shape" is not required as in the regular takeout double.
 - ♦ You show this type of hand on your next turn by bidding your own suit or NT instead of normally supporting your partner's answering bid.
- ♥ You are doubling a suit bid, doubling NT is penalty
- ♥ When the suit bid is at the 3-level or lower, **AND** your partner has not yet made any bid.
- ♥ Responding to a takeout double:
 1. You must not pass the takeout double, no matter how horrible your hand, except
 - ♦ Very strong trump holding, general values, and no biddable suit converting the takeout double into a penalty double.
 - ♦ Pass should never be made on a weak hand that wants to be excused from bidding. It especially should not be made on a weak hand with a handful of little trumps.
 2. Bid your longest unbid suit, or NT if a good hand. If you have a 4-card unbid major and a 5-card unbid minor, you bid the major suit first.
 3. After interference.
 - ♦ Only bid with a 4 or 5-card suit and at least 4+ total points
 - ♦ If redoubled,
 - a. All bids are natural
 - b. Jump suit bids become preemptive, not strong, showing at least 5 cards and 0-8 points
 4. Showing strength:
 - ♦ 0-8 points, bid your suit as cheap as possible
 - ♦ 9-11 points, jump in your suit to show extra values
 - ♦ 12+ points, double jump or cuebid opponent's suit
 - ♦ Cuebid shows 10+ points and is artificial and forcing; doubler's rebids are natural
 - ♦ No Trump bids show opponent's suit well stopped and some outside strength, and no unbid 4-card major
 - a. 1N shows 8-10 HCP
 - b. 2N shows 11-13 HCP
 - c. 3N shows 14+ HCP and signoff
- ♥ Double of 2- and 3-level preemptive openings are takeout
- ♥ Double of 4-level preemptive openings are optional or penalty