

Lawson Bridge Studio News June 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

Jun 1	Grass Roots FUNd –\$14	Jun 3	No Game Windy City Regional
Jun 8	North American Pairs Qualifying –\$14	Jun 10	North American Pairs Qualifying –\$14
Jun 15	North American Pairs Qualifying –\$14	Jun 17	North American Pairs Qualifying –\$14
Jun 22	2nd Quarter Club Championship 2 –\$13	Jun 24	2nd Quarter Club Championship 2 –\$13
Jun 29	Club Game –\$13		

Continuation of responding to a 1NT opening with 4-card major using the Stayman Convention (adapted from <http://www.bridgehands.com/S/Stayman.htm>)

Case A. After 1N - 2C; 2D responder's rebids are:

Auction	Description
1N - 2C; 2 any - Pass	With a sub-minimum hand and a shortage in Clubs, simply pass . This technique is known as a "Garbage Stayman" (see note below) indicating responder wishes to place the contract in any suit other than Notrump or Clubs.
If opener rebids 2D	
1N - 2C; 2D - P	Pass with a sub-minimum hand and a shortage in Clubs (if Responder's intentions show a "Garbage Stayman")
1N - 2C; 2D - 2H	Bid 2H with an invitational hand, 5 Hearts and 4 Spades (although some play this says nothing about Spades); Note - others play an alternative " Crawling Stayman (see note below)", showing 0-7 points and require opener to either pass or correct to 2S holding 3 Spades.
1N - 2C; 2D - 2S	Bid 2S with an invitational hand, 5 Spades and 4 Hearts (although some play this says nothing about Hearts); Note - others play an alternative " Crawling Stayman ", showing 0-7 points and require opener to pass .
1N - 2C; 2D - 2N	Bid 2N with an invitational hand and less than 5 cards in a major (8-9 points by responder, assuming 15–17-point opener).
1N - 2C; 2D - 3C	Bid 3C/3D to show a slam invitational hand in the respective minor. Note: some players (that do not play Jacoby Transfers to the minors) prefer to play 3C/3D as a weak signoff bid with a long minor suit; further, some players play this as showing game invitational values; Note: an advanced treatment uses this bid to show a 4 card major and 5+ cards in the minor.
1N - 2C; 2D - 3H	Bid 3H/S to show a game forcing hand with 5 in the major; Note: some play this as showing the <i>other</i> major (Smolen Convention).
1N - 2C; 2D - 3N	Bid 3N with a game promising hand, just above the invitational range but less than slam range (10-14 points by responder, assuming 15–17-point opener)
1N - 2C; 2D - 4N	Bid 4N (Quantitative Slam try) with a slam invitational hand (15-16 points by responder, assuming 15–17-point opener).
1N - 2C; 2D - 5N	Bid 5N (Quantitative Grand Slam try) with a grand slam invitational hand (19-20 points by responder, assuming 15–17-point opener).
1N - 2C; 2D - 6N	Bid 6N with a slam promising hand, (17-18 points by responder, assuming 15–17-point opener)

Garbage Stayman - An artificial treatment by responder after opener bids 1 Notrump. The responder bids 2C holding a 4441 distribution with 0-6 points, planning to Pass any bid by opener.

Crawling Stayman - A special treatment of the traditional Stayman, useful when the responder holds 0-7 points with at least 4 cards in the major suits and a short Diamond suit. Responder begins with a traditional 2C Stayman bid and **passes** if opener bids **2H** or **2S**. If opener bids **2D**, responder bids **2H**. Opener is required to either **pass** with 3+ Hearts or correct to **2S** holding 3+ Spades; exceptionally, holding 2=2 in the majors, opener may bid **2N**, asking responder to signoff in **3C**.