

Lawson Bridge Studio News May 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

May 4 **Grass Roots FUNd**–\$14
 May 6 **Grass Roots FUNd**–\$14
 May 11 **Grass Roots FUNd**–\$14
 May 13 **Grass Roots FUNd**–\$14
 May 18 **District 13 STaC**–\$15
 May 20 **District 13 STaC**–\$15
 May 25 **No Game Memorial Day**
 May 27 **Grass Roots FUNd**–\$14

Jun 1 **North American Pairs Qualifying** –\$14
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 Jun 8 **Grass Roots FUNd** –\$14
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 Jun 1 **North American Pairs Qualifying** –\$14
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 Jun 22 **2nd Quarter Club Championship 2** –\$13
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 Jun 29 **Club Game** –\$13

Responding to a 1NT opening with 4-card major use Stayman and with 5+card major use Jacoby Transfer

♠ Stayman Convention (adapted from <http://www.bridgehands.com/S/Stayman.htm>)

- ♥ If responder has 4 cards in one or both majors, he bids 2♣ after a 1NT opening asking if partner has a 4-card major.
- ♦ Stayman is **not** recommended with a 4-3-3-3 distribution since the dummy then has no ruffing power. With a completely balanced hand, consider using Stayman only when the super-balanced hand containing a 4-card major is headed by Ace, King, and Queen.

1 Notrump Opener	Game Points Needed	Responder's Minimum Invitational Points to use Stayman
10-12 (weak)	25	13-14 points
12-14 (weak)	25	11-12 points
15-17 (strong)	25	8-9 points
16-18 (strong)	25	7-8 points
2 Notrump Opener		
20-21	25	3-4 points

In response to the 1N - 2C Stayman bid, opener must make one of 3 rebids:

Case	Example	Description
A.	2D	No 4-card major
B.	2H	Promising a 4-card Heart fit; with both 4-card majors, first bid 2H "up the line"; Note - alternative methods are to play "down the line" or to simply first bid the stronger 4-card suit
C.	2S	Promising a 4-card Spade fit, denying 4 Hearts

♠ Jacoby Transfers (adapted from http://www.bridgehands.com/J/Jacoby_Transfer.htm)

- ♥ If responder has 5+ cards in either major, he bids 2 of the suit below the major suit. The 1NT bidder responds in the major so that the strong hand is unexposed. There is bid may be made with 0 HCP as there is no minimum HCP.

Response	Jacoby Transfer Meaning
Diamonds	Responder has 5+ hearts thus, he bids 2D asking the 1 NT opener to bid 2H . Opener announces Hearts , then bids 2H . The bid sequence is 1N - 2D - 2H .
Hearts	Responder has 5+ spades thus, he bids 2H asking the 1 NT opener to bid 2S . The opener announces Spades , then bids 2S . The bid sequence is 1N - 2D - 2S .

- ♠ If responder doesn't meet any of these minimum requirements, he passes. With these and greater values, subsequent responses will be explained in future newsletters.