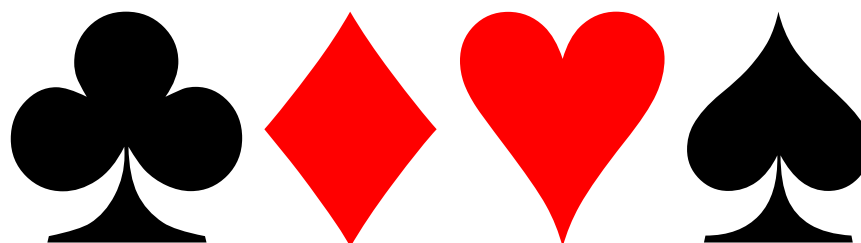




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Week 9 Stayman



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Week 9 Travellers

Travellers

Week 8's were better than week 7's. However almost 50% had issues.

Please, please, PLEASE:

- * fill then in from the point of view of North.
- * fill the information in using the top of each column to guide you.
- * get the player to your left to CHECK it,
(as you check that of the player to your right).
 - ** Is the checked line IDENTICAL to what you wrote?
 - ** Is the checked line in the right place?
Does it overflow the row?
 - ** Has all the required info been included? I ask for
NS pair
EW pair
Contract and result (3NT+1, 5S-2, 4Hx=)
Declarer (N S E W)
Tricks made (0 .. 13)
Score



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Stayman

Stayman is covered in RWPB.

Only use Stayman when you have one or two exactly L4Majors.

Without L4Major and a L5+major use transfers (or whatever system you use). *It is conceivable you may wish to use Stayman with TWO L5 majors, this is rare, refer to RNT#45.*

Plan ahead and determine your reply to Stayman answers of 2S, 2H and 2D.

With a balanced (or near balanced?) hand and 11+ points and a misfit you can revert to 2NT. With 0..10 points you REALLY must have PLANNED.

Announce after 2C on 1NT opener. Alert Stayman after 1NT overcall, 2NT opener, 2C/2D/2NT opener.

This week we watched the second half of the Mr Bridge / Bernard Magee DVD "Responding to 1NT". An excellent explanation of Stayman. *We missed the final 10 minutes as the equipment failed – that wasn't actually Stayman as such, and will be shown at the next session.*



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Week 9 Play

Play

Divide yourselves into pairs and then into tables.

This week I may ask you to move.

NS have the pair number of their table, N has his back to the screen.

EW have the pair number of their table plus 8.

When you have played a hand, pass it to the next numbered table in sequence. The highest numbered table passes to table 1.

And one last thing – **as part of the learning process** – I would like the partner of whoever has just bid to take whatever action is **standardly required** (announcing 1NT to be 12-14 points, ALERTing a conventional bid, ...) – **AND ALSO** to give a brief **description** to the other three players on **what the bid means**.

Any questions?

Tea / coffee & biscuit. (20p)

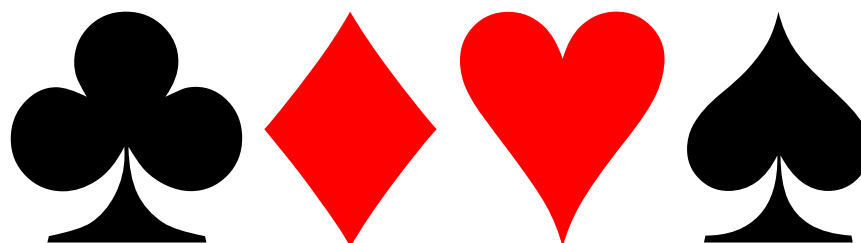
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Week 9 Stayman



The end

Week 9 set hand
references follow.



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Week 9 Set Hands

Set hand sources

RNT = B Magee DVD: Responding to 1NT

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Blue results from travellers

Red results are reference results.

Boards as played are rotated compared to the book / DVD presentation (which mostly make South dealer). Rotation defined by position of A♠.

The hands taken from the "RNT" DVD only provide 2 hands. I had to deal the other two hands. The "reference" results are what I worked out and are not canonical. A review with PAB after the session suggests some changes.

Note that sometimes a sacrificial "going down" is a good result.



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Week 9 Set Hands

Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
1	N	None	RNT#20 + N.E.W. Deal	<i>Deal needs rework</i>	A♠=E	
1	9	4H=	N 10	420	-	
3	11	2H+1	N 9	140	-	<i>Dealt hands</i>
4	12	2H+1	N 9	140	-	N S:Q76 H:AQ642 D:T85 C:AQ
Ref a		1NT+1	N 8	120	-	W S:J54 H:5 D:AQ972 C:J974
Ref b		2D+2	W 10	-	130	E S:AT9 H:J83 D:KJ6 C:K852
Ref c		2H+1	N 9	140	-	

Ref a is the DVD bidding. Strictly W isn't strong enough to overcall 2D, but it is an aggressive/competitive bid.

Sadly the intent of this hand is to show the bad things that can happen if you use Stayman with a plan. Unfortunately N has L5H and you find a fit – and it looks to me as though everyone used Stayman OR responded to a 2D overcall with 2H. *The N deal should have been adjusted to prevent this.*

4H= is poor defence. Some may open 1H not 1NT with L5H.



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
2	E	N/S	<i>RNT#24 + N.S. Deal</i>			A♠=E
1	9	3H=	E 9	-	140	
3	11	3H=	E 9	-	140	
4	12	4H-1	E 9	50	-	
Ref a		3H+1	E 10	-	170	
Ref b		4H=	E 10	-	420	

Ref a was based on "Points". Post-session Ref b used the Losing Trick Count (7LT) to justify a raise to a makeable 4H.

N S:J87 H:93 D:984 C:AKT97
 S S:T92 H:T84 D:AK52 C:Q82



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
3	S	E/W	<i>RNT#28 + E.S.W. Adjusted deal</i>			A♠=E
1	9	2S+1	S 9	140	-	
3	11	2S+1	S 9	140	-	
4	12	3D-1	W 8	100	-	
Ref		2S=	S 8	110		

Deal adjusted to prevent EW overcalls and to permit NS contract to make.

D overcall by West unreasonable but works well as a sacrifice.

E S:A9 H:K62 D:JT94 C:QT87

W S:K6 H:Q843 D:A8753 C:A4

S S:T754 H:A5 D:KQ2 C:KJ92



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
4	W	All	<i>RNT#22 + N.S. Deal</i>			A♠=N
1	9	4H	W 11	-	650	
3	11	4H+1	W 11	-	650	
Ref		4H+1	W 11	-	650	

Ref revised post-session. Had been 4H= W 10 – 620.

N S:AT98 H:T84 D:9 C:A9872

S S:QJ73 H:J2 D:K8542 C:T6



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
5	N	N/S	<i>RNT#29 + E.W. Deal</i>			A♠=W
1	9	2S-1	N 7	-	100	
3	11	2S-1	N 7	-	100	
4	12	2H-1	S 7	-	100	<i>WTO or Transfer but not Stayman?</i>
Ref a		2S=	N 8	110	-	
Ref b		4D=	W 10	-	130	

Ref a is when EW do not compete. If W overcalls 2D, they end up in 4D. NS raising to 4S results in NS -200, worse than EW 130.

Making 2S is obviously tricky.

E S:T8 H:AK4 D:Q982 C:KQ87

W S:A95 H:JT2 D:KJT54 C:JT



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
6	E	E/W	<i>RNT#33 + N.S. Deal</i>			A♠=W
1	9	4S	E 10	-	620	
3	11	4S	E 10	-	620	
4	12	4S	E 10	-	620	
Ref		4S	E 10	-	620	

Completely flat. Excellent.

N S:985 H:JT53 D:532 C:AK5

S S:JT H:642 D:JT84 C:QJ42

♣♦♥♠ U3A Intermediate Bridge 2016-17 ♣♦♥♠

Week 9 Set Hands

Set hands

Dlr Vul Source Dlr = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.

Boards 7 & 8 were not played.



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Set hands

#	Dir	Vul	Source	Dir = Dealer, Vul = Vulnerability.		
9	N	E/W	<i>RNT#32 + E.W. Deal</i>	A♠=S		
1	9	3NT+1	N 10	430	-	
Ref		3NT+1	N 10	430	-	

E S:98 H:J6 D:QT843 C:A952
 W S:JT5 H:T5432 D:J5 C:QJ4