

# Chalk Talk # 6

## Series of Three-Tip Talks

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<http://watsongallery.ca/bridge/bridge-index.htm> has more.

## Bidding Tip

### Stayman

Partner opens 1NT, 15 to 17, Partner has 5-4 in the majors.

A.

With a weak hand 0-7 HCP's, transfer to the five-card major and pass.

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With a game-going hand, 10+ HCP's bid 2♣, Stayman and rebid the five-card major at the three-level.

B.

Some, with a weak hand, 0 to 7 HCP's, will bid 2♣, Stayman and rebid the five-card major at the two-level if partner bids 2♦ to be passed.

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## Declaring Tip

Leave side suits with guesses to the end. Perhaps the opponents will lead it.

♣AJ98

♣K1076

## Defensive Tip

### Opening Leads Don'ts:

- Do not lead from an ace at a trump contract.
- Do not lead a singleton trump.
- Do not lead from Qxx or Kx in trump. Lead small from Axx in trump.
- Never lead a doubleton in a suit bid by either opponent and only lead a singleton in opponent's suit when you have trump control and a way to get into partner's hand.
  
- Leading from tenaces is risky.
  
- Just because you bid the suit, you do not have to lead it.
- Just because partner supported you (with 6-9 points) you need not lead your suit.
  
- With Axx in partner's suit and a natural lead (AK not in trump, or a three-card honour sequence also not in trump), make the natural lead.