Esther "Pop" Quiz #0045:
"Hand Evaluation as 'Responder' Is
a *Multi-Stage* Process!"

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*Knoxville **499er***
*Board **#5** 1/3/24*
*Dealer: **WEST***
*Vul: **N/S***

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     WEST (12)                      EAST (9)
 S: 8                          S: K T 9 7 6 5
 H: 9 6 3                      H: T 2
 D: A K Q T 6                  D: --
 C: K 9 5 3                    C: A Q T 7 2
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Bidding

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1**D**	PASS	1**S**	PASS
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*WEST's opening bid under Partnership Agreement shows (1) 4+ Diamonds <u>and</u> (2) a good Ron Klinger "**Suit Quality Test {'SQT'}Score**"[1]. WEST's bid is based on meeting the requirements*

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[1] The Ron Klinger "**SQT Score**" is computed by adding together (1) the number of cards in the Suit <u>plus</u> (2) the number of Honors, including the Ten, held in the Suit. Normally, a Suit bid at a level *no higher* than the "**SQT SCORE**" – 6 is makeable.

*of Marty Bergen's "**Rule of 20**"[2], given that (1) **12** HCPs + (2) **9** cards in WEST's longest 2 Suits = 12 + 9 = **21**. One **Cardinal Principle of Bridge** is "**Never make a bid unless you also see a second bid!**" WEST sees a second bid of either (1) 2**D**, showing an extra 5th card, or (2) 2**C**, showing a 2-Suited Hand.*

*EAST holds 9 HCPs, which means that EAST knows that E/W together hold ~13 + 9 = **22** HCPs, which is sufficient to make a part-score bid in a Suit, assuming the Partnership finds a "fit". Holding 4+ Spades, with the King and the Ten, EAST's 1**S** response shows 4+ Spades.*

1. *What should **WEST's** <u>second</u> bid be?*

2. *What should **EAST's** <u>second</u> bid be?*

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2 Within the "**Esther Bridge Lessons**", see: "Lesson **#25**: **40 or so Bridge Bidding/Play 'Rules'**" [MISCELLANEOUS/ MULTIPLE], and/or "Lesson **#43**: **Are the '**Rule of 20**' and the '**Law of Total Tricks' Both Broken?**".