

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0046:
"Hand Evaluation When Considering a
1NT Opening Bid"¹**

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Hand #1 (14)

S: A T 9 **H:** T 9 **D:** A Q T 9 7 **C:** A T 8

Hand #2 (15)

S: K J 4 **H:** Q J 3 **D:** K J 5 3 **C:** K J 5

All players holding Hand #2, playing 1NT shows (1) 15-17 HCPs, (2) no void, (3) no singleton, and (4) no more than 1 doubleton (but possibly a 5-card Suit, possibly even a Major), would open Hand #2 by bidding 1NT.

1. What would you bid as Dealer holding Hand #1?

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¹ The *ideas* presented herein were **all** articulated in Adam Parrish's "Parrish the Thought" excellent article in the January, 2024 [ACBL Bridge Bulletin](#) (p. 47).