

## Esther "Pop" Quiz #0065: "Some *Quick Bidding* Quandaries"

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**499er 3/15/24 Brd #4**

Dealer: **WEST**

Vul: **BOTH**

	NORTH (8)	
	<b>S:</b> Q T 9 6 4 2	
	<b>H:</b> Q J 3 2	
	<b>D:</b> K	
	<b>C:</b> 9 2	
WEST (3)		EAST (17)
<b>S:</b> 7 5		<b>S:</b> K 3
<b>H:</b> 8 6		<b>H:</b> A 9 4
<b>D:</b> 9 8 5 4 2		<b>D:</b> Q J 7 6 3
<b>C:</b> Q J 7 6		<b>C:</b> A K T
	SOUTH (12)	
	<b>S:</b> A J 8	
	<b>H:</b> K T 7 5	
	<b>D:</b> A T	
	<b>C:</b> 9 5 4 3	

**Bidding**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	PASS	1D <sup>2</sup>	<b>DBL</b>
PASS	???		

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<sup>1</sup> As noted in an article in the Winter/Spring, 2024 article in The American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Journal, [https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA\\_1\\_24.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf), Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

<sup>2</sup> The "correct" bid by EAST should clearly have been 1NT to show Partner a somewhat "flat" Hand with 15-18 HCPs.

## Question #1

1. SOUTH's DOUBLE shows (1) roughly opening HCP count, (2) "shortness" in Diamonds, (3) no 5-card Suit, and (4) at least 3 but probably 4 cards in both Majors. This is a "**Demand Double**" requiring you as NORTH to bid, unless (1) WEST bids, or (2) you hold a massive Diamond Trump "stack" and are certain you can set a lowly 1D contract. What would you sitting NORTH bid?

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