

### Esther "Pop" Quiz #0087:

"Bidding in Accordance with the 'Law of Total Tricks' and Points Schmoints!: Do You Want to Play Like a 'Bridge Champ' or Like a 'Bridge Chump'?"

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Board #10

Knoxville 499er 8/22/24

DLR: **EAST**

Vul: **BOTH**

NORTH (4)

**S:** --

**H:** 8 7 6 4 2

**D:** 7 6 5 3 2

**C:** K J T

WEST (10)

**S:** A K J T 9 8

**H:** 3

**D:** Q 8 2

**C:** 7 6 5

EAST (14)

**S:** 7 5 4

**H:** T

**D:** A K J 9

**C:** A Q 9 8 2

SOUTH (12)

**S:** Q 6 3 2

**H:** A K Q J 9 5

**D:** T

**C:** 4 3

#### Bidding

EAST

SOUTH

WEST

NORTH

1**C**

2**H**

2**S**

3**H**

3**S**

4**H**

4**S**

PASS

PASS

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.

1. Was SOUTH's Overcall bid of 2**H** a "correct" bid?
2. Was NORTH's 1<sup>st</sup> bid as Responder of 3**H** "correct"?
3. At his **2nd** turn to bid in the auction should NORTH have PASSEd, or bid 5**H**?

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