

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0098:
"Some Illustrative Decisions When
You Play as Declarer"**

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DLR: NORTH

Vul: N/S

NORTH (17)

S: A K 7

H: K Q J 2

D: J T 9 8 6

C: K 5

SOUTH (9)

S: Q 5

H: 9 8 4

D: 7 4 3 2

C: A Q J 4

Bidding

<i>NORTH</i>	<i>EAST</i>	<i>SOUTH</i>	<i>WEST</i>
<i>1NT</i>	<i>PASS</i>	<i>2NT</i>	<i>PASS</i>
<i>3NT</i>	<i>PASS</i>	<i>PASS</i>	<i>PASS</i>

EAST leads a small Club. Declarer NORTH sees that N/S together hold $4 + 2 = 6$ Clubs. The "Rule of 7" suggests that Declarer NORTH should "duck" or "hold up" for $7 - 6 = 1$ Round. However, N/S on these cards cannot help but win 4 Club Tricks.

- 1. Sitting NORTH, what is your **first** task as Declarer once Dummy SOUTH comes down?*
- 2. Sitting NORTH as Declarer, what is you **second** task?*

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¹ 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, Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

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