

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0118:
"As Declarer, Exercise Thoughtful Care in
Formulating Your 'Line of Play' "**

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The present "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" presents ideas from Michael Berkowitz's excellent December, 2024 article, "Lessons Learned: Scrambled Eggs", in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. Esther has somewhat altered the Board that Berkowitz presents in his article.

NORTH (12)

S: A Q 4

H: 5 4

D: K 9 5 4 2

C: K 7 3

SOUTH (13)

S: K J T 7 6 3

H: A J

D: 6 3

C: A 8 4

Bidding

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| 1 S | PASS | 2 C ² | PASS |
| 2 S | PASS | 4 S | PASS |
| PASS | PASS | | |

²This "2 Over 1" convention 2**C** bid by Responder shows 3+ Clubs and ~13 HCPs and says nothing about whether SOUTH can "support" NORTH's Spades.

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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.

WEST on lead plays his Heart King thus promising also the Heart Queen. EAST plays "low".

- 1. Sitting SOUTH as Declarer what would you play on Trick #1?*
- 2. Sitting SOUTH what would be your initial plan for your "Line of Play"?*

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