

## Esther "Pop" Quiz #0181: "Improving Your 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge Bid as Responder"

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The example bidding situations presented here were drawn from Marty Bergen's excellent article, "Better Bidding with Bergen", published in the July, 2025 issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. Esther may have altered some of the cards in some of the Hands.

### About Bergen

**Marty Bergen** is a 10-time National Bridge Champion. Bergen has written a column in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin since 1976. Two of his 69+ bridge books/booklets have won Best Bridge Book of the Year Awards from the American Bridge Teachers' Association. His 1996 book, Points Schmoints!, one of the best book award winners, has been especially influential. One of Esther's most treasured bridge books is Bergen's 2011 little "pocket book", Pocket Posh: Tips for Bridge Players. Bergen has invented quite a few bridge conventions/systems including DON'T, Bergen Limit Raises, and the "**Rule of 20**".

All the situations involve an auction in which Partner is Dealer and the Opponents remain silent throughout the auction.

Partner	YOU
1♦	1♥
1♠	???

1. *What would you bid as Responder at your 2<sup>nd</sup> turn within the auction if you held?*

♠ 8 5    ♥ K Q J T 9 5    ♦ A T 5 4    ♣ 3    (10)

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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, the purported ACBL Double Triple Emerald Gold Platinum LifeMaster with 20+ million ACBL MasterPoints, in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So, this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

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