

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0206:**  
**"Can You as Responder 'Correctly' Bid Your Hand  
Once Partner Opened and Then Bid a Second Time?"**

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The ideas presented here are drawn from Marty Bergen's excellent article, "Better Bridge with Bergen", in the August, 2025 issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin (p. 59). Esther may have altered some of the cards in the examples.

#### **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 in the first few pages of Points Schmoints! the "**Rule of 20**".

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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.

Your Opponents remained silent throughout the auction. The auction proceeds:

Partner	YOU
1D	1H
1S	???

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

♠ A Q    ♥ Q T 9 4    ♦ 5 2    ♣ K T 9 6 3    (11)

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