

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0216:  
"As Bridge Declarer Invoking the  
'Principle of Restricted Choice'"**

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Esther on her "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" website has previously recommended the "**BBO Bridge Master**" website:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/anon/bridgemaster>

The "**BBO Bridge Master**" website allows you to declare your skill level, then shows a series of Hands and announces the final contract, each of which you then play as Declarer. At the end of play you can then request a solution in which the optimal "Line of Play" is discussed step by step. The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" question is drawn from "**BBO Bridge Master**" Level-3 **Lesson B-05**. Note that across repeated play "**BBO Bridge Master**" may change some Hands in given lessons. Esther may have altered some cards in some Hands.

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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.

**BBO Bridge Master Level 3 Lesson B-05**

Dealer: **NORTH**

**NORTH (16)**

**S:** Q 4 3

**H:** A K T

**D:** A Q 3

**C:** J T 9 8

**WEST (6)**

**S:** J T 9 8

**H:** J 9 8

**D:** J T 9 7

**C:** K 7

**EAST (9)**

**S:** K 7 6 5

**H:** Q

**D:** 8 6 5

**C:** A 6 5 4 2

**SOUTH (9)**

**S:** A 2

**H:** 7 6 5 4 3 2

**D:** K 4 2

**C:** Q 3

**Bidding**<sup>2</sup>

<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>
<b>1NT</b>	<b>PASS</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>PASS</b>
<b>PASS</b>	<b>PASS</b>		

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Spade Jack thus "promising" EAST that he holds "touching" Honors. Declarer SOUTH plays the Spade Queen from the NORTH Dummy. EAST "covers" with his Spade King. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 by playing the Spade Ace from his "closed" (hidden) Hand.

1. After the NORTH Dummy is exposed what further "losers" after Trick #1 can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What will determine whether or not Declarer SOUTH "makes" his 4H contract?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:  
<https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0216 a1.pdf>

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<sup>2</sup> This was the bidding in the "BBO Bridge Master" lesson. Esther thinks a better bid by SOUTH would have been a "Texas Transfer" 4D bid. See:

[https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/TX\\_trans.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/TX_trans.pdf)