

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0273:  
"Some Bridge Bidding Conundrums  
Proposed by Barbara Seagram"**

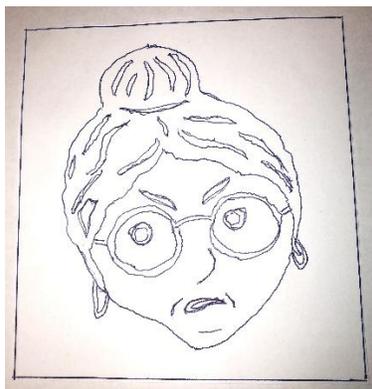
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**Esther says:**

The ideas presented here are drawn from Barbara Seagram's article, "Negative Doubles Quiz", which was published in the Fall, 2025 issue of The American Bridge Teachers' Association Journal (p. 20). Esther in the present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" has altered some of the cards in the Hands.

**About Barabara Seagram**

Barabara Seagram (1949- ) is a Canadian Registered Nurse and bridge teacher and bridge book author. Seagram has published **38** bridge books. Four of her books have won the "American Bridge Teachers' Association Bridge Book of the Year Award":

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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.

1. 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know (with Marc Smith, 1999, revised 2023), translated into French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, and Danish;
2. Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand (with David Bird, 2009);
3. Declarer Play at Bridge: A Quiz Book (2012, with David Bird); and
4. Barbara's Bridge Tips (2020).

In 2012 the American Contract Bridge League named Seagram #40 of its list of the 52 most influential bridge personalities during the ACBL's first 75-year history.

1. You hold:

♠ T 5 3    ♥ K T 7 4    ♦ A Q 8 6    ♣ 4 2    (9)

The auction proceeds:

<i>Partner</i>		<b>YOU</b>	
<i>NORTH</i>	<i>EAST</i>	<i>SOUTH</i>	<i>WEST</i>
1♣	1♠	<b>DBL</b>	PASS
2♥	PASS	<b>???</b>	

What will you bid at your 2<sup>nd</sup> turn within the auction?

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