

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0277:
"As Declarer, 'Listening' to the Auction,
Delaying 'Winners',
and Discarding 'Blocking' 'Winners' "**

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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. Here we use the *free* "**BBO Bridge Master**" Level-4 **Lesson C-07** which gives you the opportunity to see and *repeatedly practice* playing a given bridge Board.

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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, 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 4 Lesson C-07

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (10)

S: A 3
H: K 3 2
D: Q J T 9 8 7
C: 3 2

WEST (12)

S: K Q 5 4
H: 8 7
D: 6 5 4 3
C: A Q J

EAST (2)

S: J T 9 8 7 6
H: J T 9
D: 2
C: T 9 8

SOUTH (16)

S: 2
H: A Q 6 5 4
D: A K
C: K 7 6 5 4

Bidding

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1 H | DBL | RDBL | 4 S |
| 5 C | PASS | 5 H | PASS |
| PASS | PASS | | |

WEST leads the Spade King as the "top" of "touching" Honors.

1. What does WEST's **DOUBLE** of SOUTH's 1**H** bid "show"?
2. What does NORTH's **REDOUBLE** mean?
3. Why did EAST holding only 2 HCPs bid 4**S**?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
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