

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0307:  
"Hone Your Bridge Bidding Skills With These  
Assorted Bridge Bidding Conundrums  
for Beginners"**

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The best resource for mastering bridge "Hand Evaluation" skills is the "Hand Evaluation" chapter in Marty Bergen's *wonderful, amazing* 2011 "pocket book", Pish Posh: Tips for Bridge Players. But another bridge resource is Lynne Berg who is well known for teaching bridge to new and intermediate players. Berg, like Bergen, writes a monthly column in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. The first **2** questions and answers are based on Berg's article, "Startup Bridge: No Foolin' About Minors" (p. 49), in the December, 2025 ACBL Bridge Bulletin. Esther has altered some of the cards in the Hands.

The remaining bidding conundrums are modified from Berg's other examples but the commentary on these is by Esther. Your Opponents are *silent* throughout the auctions.

1. *As Dealer you hold:*

♠ T   ♥ K 8 6 2   ♦ A Q J 8 4   ♣ K 9 5   (13)

*What would you bid at your 1<sup>st</sup> turn within the auction?*

2. *If your Partner as Responder bids 1♠ what are your thoughts about making each of the following bids at your 2<sup>nd</sup> turn within the auction: 1NT, 2♥, 2♣, and 2♦?*

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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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