

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0323:  
"A Rough Day at the Bridge Table:  
Can You Correctly Bid These 'Real Deal' Hands  
with Very Unusual Card Distributions?"**

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**Esther:** Today we will discuss Hand Evaluation and bidding bridge Hands with *very unusual* card distributions. All these **5** "Real Deal" Hands were played in the BBO Knoxville **499er** game played on **2/2/26**.

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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.

Board #13  
Dealer: NORTH  
Vul: BOTH

NORTH (7)

S: 8 3  
H: 7 6 3  
D: K Q J 9 3  
C: J 9 8

WEST (16)

S: A K Q J 9 4  
H: A Q T 8 2  
D: 7  
C: 3

EAST (16)

S: 7 2  
H: K 9  
D: A 8 6 4  
C: A K Q T 7

SOUTH (1)

S: T 6 5  
H: A K J 5 3 2  
D: T 5 2  
C: 6 5 4 2

**Bidding**

NORTH  
PASS

EAST  
1C

SOUTH  
PASS

WEST  
???

1. What should WEST bid at his 1<sup>st</sup> turn to bid within the auction?

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