

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0329:  
"More Bridge Bidding Conundrums: How Do  
Your Bids Compare to Those of the Experts?"**

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These bridge bidding "conundrums" are based on Hands presented by Aaron Jones and Karen Walker's article, "It's Your Call", published in the February, 2026 issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin (pp. 46-49). These situations were all bid by a distinguished panel of **17** world-class bridge experts including August Boehm, Larry Cohen, and Josh Donn. Esther has altered some of the cards in the Hands.

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1. *Sitting SOUTH N/S Vulnerable you hold:*

♠ K J    ♥ Q 9 7 5    ♦ 6 4    ♣ K J 9 7 3    **(10)**

*The auction proceeds:*

**Bidding**

<i>WEST</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>EAST</i>	<i>SOUTH</i>
<b>1S</b>	<b>DBL</b>	<b>PASS</b>	<b>???</b>

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

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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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