

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0341:
"Another Tough Day at the Office:
Can You Correctly Bid These 'Real Deal' Hands?"**

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Esther: Today we will discuss Hand Evaluation and bidding bridge Hands with very *unusual* card distributions. All these **4** "Real Deal" Hands were played in the BBO Knoxville **499er** game played on **3/2/26**.

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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.

Board #8 3/2/26

Dealer: **WEST**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (14)

S: A K 9 8 5

H: A

D: K 8 7

C: 9 7 5 4

WEST (10)

S: J 6 3 2

H: T 5

D: A 6 5 4 2

C: K Q

EAST (7)

S: --

H: K Q J 9 8 6 4 3 2

D: J

C: T 6 2

SOUTH (9)

S: Q T 7 4

H: 7

D: Q T 9 3

C: A J 8 3

Bidding

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

PASS

1S

???

1. What should EAST bid at his 1st turn to bid within the auction?
2. If SOUTH bids 4S at his 1st turn to bid within the auction what should WEST then bid?
3. If WEST DOUBLES at his 2nd turn to bid within the auction what should EAST then do?

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