

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0369:
"Maintaining the *Crucial* Entry to the 'Weak'
Hand That You as Declarer Control"**

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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-3 **Lesson C-06** which gives you the opportunity to see and *repeatedly practice* playing a given bridge Board. Esther may have altered some of the cards in the Hands.

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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 3 Lesson C-06

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (25)

S: A T 3
H: A 4 3
D: A K Q J
C: A K 4

WEST (0)

S: 9 8 7 6
H: T 9 8 6
D: 3 2
C: 9 7 6

EAST (7)

S: J 5
H: Q J 7 5
D: 6 5 4
C: Q J T 8

SOUTH (8)

S: K Q 4 2
H: K 2
D: T 9 8 7
C: 5 3 2

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2C	PASS	2NT²	PASS
6NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Heart Ten thus promising a "touching" card sequence and a "long" Heart Suit.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. On Trick #1 what cards should Declarer SOUTH play from the 2 Hands that SOUTH controls? What is the most precious card in Declarer SOUTH's own "closed" (hidden) Hand?
3. What is the significance of N/S together holding 3 + 4 = 7 Spades? Where can Declarer SOUTH "win" an additional Trick?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
<https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0369 a1.pdf>

² If N/S instead were playing the "2 Diamonds Waiting" convention when Partner opens 2C on this Board N/S might have avoided "wrong-siding" the contract.