

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0380:  
"As a Declarer Executing a 'Discovery Play':  
You Can Practice It Using 'BBO Bridge Master' "**

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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-16** 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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<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.

**BBO Bridge Master Level 3 Lesson C-16**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (15)

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

WEST (3)

**S:** J T 9  
**H:** Q T 9 8  
**D:** 8 7 6  
**C:** 8 6 4

EAST (5)

**S:** 8 7 6 5  
**H:** 7  
**D:** K J T 9  
**C:** J T 9 7

SOUTH (17)

**S:** 4 3 2  
**H:** A K 5 3 2  
**D:** A Q  
**C:** A 5 2

**Bidding\***

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 <b>H</b>	PASS	2 <b>C**</b>	PASS
2 <b>NT</b>	PASS	3 <b>H</b>	PASS
4 <b>NT</b>	PASS	5 <b>C***</b>	PASS
6 <b>H</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS

\*This bidding is by Esther.

\*\*N/S are playing the "2 Over 1" convention and NORTH's 2C bid "shows" (1) 13+ HCPs and (2) 3+ Clubs and (3) does not "deny" Hearts.

\*\*\*N/S are playing the "Roman Key Card (RKC) 1430" convention and NORTH's 5C response to SOUTH's 4NT query says, "Partner, from among the 5 'key' cards (the 4 Aces and the Trump Heart King) I hold either 1 or 4 'key' cards."

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Spade Jack at the "top" of a "touching" card sequence. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with the NORTH Dummy Spade Queen.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see? How can SOUTH "discard" his "losers"?
2. What card should Declarer SOUTH lead from the NORTH Dummy on Trick #2?

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