

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0381:  
"As a Declarer Executing a 'Discovery Play' and  
Using the 'Desperation Method'  
to 'Place' Missing Honors"**

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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-21** 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-21**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (13)

**S:** 6 3 2  
**H:** K Q J  
**D:** Q J 9 5  
**C:** A 3 2

WEST (0)

**S:** T 9 8 7 4  
**H:** 6 3  
**D:** T 8 7 6  
**C:** 6 4

EAST (7)

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

SOUTH (20)

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

**Bidding**

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

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Spade Ten at the "top" of a "touching" card sequence. EAST "wins" Trick #1 with his Spade Ace. On Trick #2 EAST returns Partner's led Suit as a "safe" lead and Declarer SOUTH "wins" with his Spade Jack.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. Where must Declarer SOUTH "place" the "missing" E/W Diamond King?
3. What card should Declarer SOUTH lead from his own "closed" (hidden) Hand on Trick #3?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:  
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