

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0401:
"As Declarer Executing a 'Discovery Play' and
The Importance of 'Playing the Room'!"**

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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-2 **Lesson A-26** 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 2 Lesson A-26

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (18)

S: A Q J

H: A Q J

D: J T 9

C: K T 7 6

WEST (0)

S: 8 7

H: 9 7 6 5 4

D: 8 7 6 5 4

C: 3

EAST (2)

S: T 9 6 5 4

H: T 8

D: 3 2

C: Q 5 4 2

SOUTH (20)

S: K 3 2

H: K 3 2

D: A K Q

C: A J 9 8

Bidding

SOUTH

2**NT**

PASS

WEST

PASS

PASS

NORTH

7**NT**

PASS

EAST

PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Diamond 8, EAST "follows", and Declarer SOUTH "wins" with his own Diamond Queen.

1. Should bridge players ever bid 7**NT** or a 7-level contract?
2. What pedagogical benefit is there for having a bridge lesson about playing a 7**NT** contract?
3. What E/W card's location must Declarer SOUTH "discover" in order to make his 7**NT** contract?

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