

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0404:
"As a Bridge Player How Does Your Bidding
'Stack Up' Against the Bidding of
World Bridge Experts?"**

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The present "**Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz**" is based on bidding challenge examples in Aaron Jones and Karen Walker's excellent article, "It's Your Call", published in the May, 2026 issue of the **ACBL Bridge Bulletin**. In each example in the article **18** world-class bridge experts vote what each would bid, and then the votes are tallied, and 0-100 "points" are awarded for the various bids. Each bridge expert on every example presents a brief comment about his or her suggested bid. These examples have been slightly modified by Esther. In each challenge you are sitting SOUTH. If you are an ACBL member you can access copies of ACBL Bridge Bulletin articles online for *free*.

Challenge #1

Dealer: EAST. N/S Vulnerable. You hold:

♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ 8 5 4 3 2 ♦ -- ♣ K J 6 3 (5)

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2D	PASS	PASS	2NT
PASS	???		

1. *Sitting SOUTH, what would you bid at your 2nd turn to bid within the auction?*

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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.

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