

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0409:
**"As a Declarer Playing a 6H Suit Contract and
Confronting an Opponent's 4-0 'Trump Stack',
Maybe It's Better to
Draw Only a Single Round of Trump"**

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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-4 **Lesson D-10** 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 4 Lesson D-10

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (13)

S: 7 5 4 3
H: A Q 7 6
D: 5
C: A K 5 3

WEST (12)

S: K Q J T 8
H: --
D: Q J T 9
C: Q J T 8

EAST (1)

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

SOUTH (14)

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

Bidding

| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1C | PASS | 1H | 1S |
| 3H | PASS | 4NT | PASS |
| 5H* | PASS | 6H | PASS |
| PASS | PASS | | |

*"I hold **2** Aces."

On Trick **#1** WEST leads his Spade King thus "promising" "touching" Honors and "long" Spades. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick **#1** with his own Spade Ace.

1. What pedagogical benefit is there for having a bridge lesson about playing a **6H** contract?
2. On Trick **#2** Declarer SOUTH leads toward the NORTH Dummy Trump Heart Queen and WEST discards his Spade 9. Should Declarer SOUTH continue "drawing" Trump Hearts?

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