

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0481:
"As Declarer You Are Advised to Follow Larry
Cohen's Wise Advice, 'You Should Never
Underestimate the Value of a Long 'Side' Suit'"

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Knoxville 499er 7/29/26 Board #1

Dealer: **NORTH**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (11)

S: K 9 4 2

H: 8 7

D: A 6

C: K J 5 4 2

WEST (7)

S: T 5

H: K T 9 4 3 2

D: 2

C: A T 8 5

EAST (15)

S: A Q J 6 3

H: A Q 5

D: Q T 7 4

C: 7

SOUTH (7)

S: 8 7

H: J 6

D: K J 9 8 5 3

C: Q 9 3

Bidding

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

WEST

1**C**

1**S**

2**D**

2**H**

3**C**

4**H**

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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.

On Trick **#1** NORTH led the Diamond Ace and the other players all "followed". On Trick **#2** NORTH led his Diamond 6 and Declarer WEST ruffed. On Tricks **#3** and **#4** WEST "drew" **2** Rounds of Trump Hearts by playing the Dummy's Heart A,Q and "dropped" all **4** of the N/S Trump Hearts ending in his own Hand.

1. Once the EAST Dummy was exposed what "losers" should Declarer WEST see?
2. What "Line of Play" should Declarer WEST then "follow"?
What is WEST's **primary, quintessential** duty as the bridge Declarer?

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