

Weekly Bridge Quiz #8
February 23, 2019

Question 1: Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – 9 5 H – J 10 4 D – 7 3 2 C – A K J 7 5

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1S | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 2D | Pass | ? | |

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: It's tempting to bid 2 No Trump, but you are not quite good enough. Bid 2 Spades.

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Question 2: North - South vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – A 6 4 H – Q 10 3 D – 10 5 3 C – A Q 9 4

Your right-hand opponent (East) opens 1 Diamond. What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: You do have support for all unbid suits, but 4-3-3-3 hands should almost always be bid conservatively, and it is not mandatory to bid with 12 – 14 points when the opponents open. Pass.

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Question 3: East - West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S – Q 3 2 H – A K Q 7 D – K 8 5 C – 9 8 3

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1C | Pass | 1H | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | ? | |

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Partner has 18 – 19, so you have a combined 32 – 33. Bid 4 No Trump Quantitative, asking him to bid 6 No Trump with a maximum (19) or Pass with a minimum (18).

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Question 4: Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – Q 6 H – A Q 8 D – A 4 3 2 C – 8 6 5 4

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1C | Pass | 1D | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | ? | |

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: It may seem cowardly, but you are not worth a move toward slam. Bid 3 No Trump.

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Question 5: North – South vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – K Q 10 H – 10 8 D – 10 6 5 3 C – K 9 6 5

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 2C | Pass | 2D | Pass |
| 3D | Pass | ? | |

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: The first thing to do is to set the trump suit. 4 Diamonds here is stronger than 5 Diamonds, so bid 4 Diamonds.

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Question 6: East - West vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – K J 10 9 7 5 4 3 H – 8 4 2 D – A C – 10

Your Partner (North) opens 1 Spade and your right-hand opponent (East) passes. What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: It's just a guess as to how many spades to bid with this hand. This is a real hand from a game last month. At the table, 6 Spades was the winner. Seems OK to us. How you get there is another matter.

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