

**Weekly Bridge Quiz #16**  
**April 20, 2019**

**Question 1: Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**

**S – J 10                      H – 8 7                      D – Q J 7 5                      C – A Q J 9 2**

**Your Partner (North) passes as Dealer, and right-hand opponent (East) also passes. What call would you make, as South?**

**Pros' Answer: You could open 1 Club in Third Seat, but there will be rebid problems over a major-suit response. Why look for problems with no major and an 11-point hand? Pass.**

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

**S – J 10 8 6                      H – 10 9 7 6 5                      D – 9                      C – 9 5 4**

**Your Partner (North) opens 1 No Trump (15 – 17 HCP). What call would you make, as South?**

**Pros' Answer: Modern tournament players like “Garbage” Stayman. Bid 2 Clubs and pass a response of two in either major. Bid 2 Hearts, Pass or correct, over a 2 Diamond response.**

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

**S – 8 7 2                      H – 6 4                      D – A Q 10 7 2                      C – J 8 7**

North	East	South	West
1D	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

**As South, what call would you make?**

**Pros' Answer: “Inverted Minors” can cause problems when you have a normal raise to the two-level (2 Diamonds, in this case). It hasn't worked out so badly here --- you've just wrong-sided the contract. Bid 3 No Trump.**

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**Question 4:** Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

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

Your right-hand opponent (East) opens 1 No Trump, 15 – 17 HCP.  
What call would you make, as South?

**Pros' Answer:** Whatever methods you use to show a one-suited overcall, use it to bid 2 Hearts. This is what a typical overcall of a strong 1 No Trump shows --- a good Weak Two-Bid.

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

S – Q J 10 7 6 5                  H – 10 7 3                  D – Q 9                  C – 6 3

North	East	South	West
1C	Pass	1S	Pass
2H	Pass	2S	Pass
3D	Pass	?	

As South, what call would you make?

**Pros' Answer:** Partner (North) has shown a game-forcing hand short in spades. What can you do? Bid 3 No Trump and hope for the best.

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

S – A K Q 9 5 4                  H – A Q 6                  D – A 7                  C – J 6

As Dealer (South), what call would you make?

**Pros' Answer:** Some neo-modern wise guys would open 2 No Trump.  
We like the old-school bid of 1 Spade.

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