

**Pros' Answers to Weekly Bridge Quiz #21**  
**May 25**

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

S – 7                      H – 9 7 6 5 2                      D – A K Q J 8                      C – Q J

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

**Pros' Answer:** If you knew the opponents would outbid you, you would open 1 Diamond. You can't know that, so you have to start describing this hand to partner. Bid 1 Heart.

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

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

North	East	South	West
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	?	

As South, what call would you make?

**Pros' Answer:** No club raise would be forcing here. Bid 2 Diamonds, fourth-suit forcing, to create a game force. You can show club support later.

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

S – A 5                      H – 3                      D – A 8 6 3                      C – A K J 7 6 5

South	West	North	East
1C	3S*	Pass	Pass
?			

\* Preemptive

As South, what call would you make?

**Pros' Answer:** Pass is much too cowardly, so go low with 4 Clubs or go big with 3 No Trump. Going big comes with no guarantees, but it has a big upside. Bid 3 No Trump.

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

S – 10 9                      H – A K 10 3                      D – K Q 10 9                      C – Q 7 2

South	West	North	East
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
?			

What call would you make, as South?

**Pros' Answer:** Those 10's and 9's would cause us to be aggressive. Bid 3 Hearts.

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

S – 8                      H – K Q 9 8 5 4                      D – K 10 4                      C – K 7 2

South	West	North	East
1H	1S	2H	2S
?			

As South, what call would you make ?

**Pros' Answer:** You must be allowed to compete to the three-level without getting raised to game. Any side suit would be a game invitation. 3 Hearts is just competitive. Bid 3 Hearts.

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

S – K Q 10 6 4                      H – J 2                      D – 9 5 3                      C – K Q 5

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

**What call would you make, as South?**

**Pros' Answer: Partner has nine cards in the red suits, so forget about your spades. Bid 2 No Trump.**

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