

**Pros' Answers: Weekly Bridge Quiz #22**  
**June 1**

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

S – void    H – A J 5 4    D – J 8 6 2    C – A 10 5 4 3

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1S	Pass	1NT	Pass
4S	Pass	?	

As South, what call would you make?

**Pros' Answer:** You're playing in spades, so don't even think about changing suits. The only question is whether a slam move is warranted. We don't think so. Pass.

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

S – K J 10 5 3    H – K Q J 10 7 3    D – void    C – Q J

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

**Pros' Answer:** Opening 1 Heart and rebidding 2 Spades is a Reverse, showing extras. 6 – 5 hands become good in a hurry, but we don't think this hand quite makes it. Open 1 Spade, planning to rebid 2 Hearts.

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

S – 10 7    H – A K Q 6 4 3    D – K J 9 5    C – 8

With the opponents passing throughout, as South you open 1 Heart, and partner responds 1 Spade. What is your rebid?

**Pros' Answer:** We like 2 Hearts because it simplifies the auction. 2 Diamonds would not be an error.

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

S – K J      H – K Q 7      D – Q 9 6 2      C – 10 5 3 2

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1C	1S	Pass	?

What call would you make, as South?

**Pros' Answer:** We like bidding 1 No Trump. It's okay to be a little "heavy" when responding to an overcall. The club stopper is adequate.

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

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

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2NT *	Pass	3D **	Pass
3H	Pass	?	

\* 20 – 21 HCP, balanced hand

\*\* Transfer to hearts

As South, what call would you make?

**Pros' Answer:** You must move toward slam, but which slam? We like bidding 4 Clubs, keeping all strains in play.

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

S – 10 7      H – 10      D – A J 6 5 3      C – A 10 9 7 4

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1H	1S	2H	?

What call would you make, as South?

**Pros' Answer:** A Responsive Double is the same as a Negative Double but used by the side that does not open the bidding when the opponents bid and raise the same suit. Double.

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