

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0330:
"Practice Bidding the '2 Over 1' Convention as
Both Opener and Responder"**

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Esther in her "Esther Bridge Convention Lesson #1: '2 Over 1' Bidding Convention" explains this very important bridge convention:

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Esther regards the "'2 Over 1' Bidding Convention" as being the *most important* convention in duplicate bridge and believes that even newer bridge players should learn this bridge convention as soon as possible. All these Hands presume that Vulnerability does not matter and that the N/S Opponents are silent throughout the auction.

Here these bridge bidding "2 Over 1" convention "conundrums" are based on Hands presented in Marty Bergen's article, "Improve Your Bidding Judgment—Part 57", published in the February, 2026 issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin (p. 63). Esther has altered some of the cards in the Hands.

About Marty Bergen

Marty Bergen (1948 -) is a 10-time National Bridge Champion. Bergen has written a column in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin since 1976. Two of his **69+** bridge books/booklets have won "Best Bridge Book of the Year Awards" from the American

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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.

Bridge Teachers' Association. His 1996 book, Points Schmoints!, one of his best bridge book award winners, has been especially influential. One of Esther's *most treasured* bridge books is Bergen's 2011 little "pocket book", Pocket Posh: Tips for Bridge Players. Bergen has invented quite a few bridge conventions/systems including DON'T, Bergen Limit Raises, and in the first few pages of Points Schmoints!, the "**Rule of 20**".

Problem #1

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>WEST (12)</i></p> <p>S: K 6</p> <p>H: K Q J 8 5 3</p> <p>D: 5 2</p> <p>C: K 8 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>EAST (12)</i></p> <p>S: A 7</p> <p>H: 6</p> <p>D: K Q 6 4 3</p> <p>C: A 7 6 3 2</p>
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Bidding

<i>WEST</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>EAST</i>	<i>SOUTH</i>
1H	PASS	???	

1. What should EAST as Responder bid at his **1st** turn to bid within the auction?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
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