

## Answers to Quiz 3

A. What is your rebid on each of the following hands after the bidding goes 1♥ from you and partner responds 2♥. Your opponent's pass throughout.

<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ A J 9 8 ♦ A Q 5 ♣ A J 4</p>	<p>Pass with this hand. Whilst it has 16 points and partner may have 9 the odds-on making 4♥ are not good. It is also 3-1 against that partner holds a maximum. The hand is very balanced with many gaps and would need most finesses to work.</p>	<p>♠ A J 9 ♥ K J 10 6 ♦ A Q ♣ Q 10 9 8</p>	<p>17 points balanced bid 2NT here. This is a game try showing 17 -18 points and just a 4-card heart suit. Remember that sometimes partner may raise your suit to the 2 level with just a 3-card suit. Partner may pass with 3 hearts or bid 3♥ or 4♥ dependent on the strength of their hand.</p>
<p>♠ A K J 4 ♥ A 7 6 4 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A 6 4</p>	<p>Bid 4♥ No need for a splinter in diamonds here a slam is well against the odds. You only have 16 points, but the singleton diamond is a powerful feature and worth an extra 3 points to your hand once you have an 8 card suit fit.</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ K J 9 8 5 ♦ A 10 9 5 ♣ K 9 4</p>	<p>What's going on? Partner has a weak hand and so do you. You want to pass 2♥ but what might happen. Your Left-Hand Opponent may now protect with a bid or a double. Don't let them in and bid 3♥. This is not a game try it is barrage designed to keep your opponents out.</p>
<p>♠ 9 6 2 ♥ K Q J 7 6 ♦ A K ♣ K Q 10</p>	<p>You are so close to game here yet look at your spade suit. If partner has a minimum hand with only one Ace you could easily have 3 spade losers. Let's give partner 2 hands with an 8 count.</p> <p>Hand 1 = ♠ J 5 2 ♥ 10 5 6 2 ♦ Q J 10 4 ♣ A 5 Hand 2 = ♠ K J 10 ♥ 10 5 6 2 ♦ 10 8 4 3 ♣ A 5</p> <p>Hand 1 will go 1 down losing 3 spades and the A♥ the diamond points are useless. Hand 2 has better chances and you may only lose 2 spades. Bid 2♠ on this hand which is a trial bid asking for help in spades. It is a game try – if partner can help you in the suit, they will bid 4♥ but if they have 3 losers they will sign off in 3♥</p>		

B. What do you bid with these hands after partner opens the bidding as stated below?

<p>♠ A 10 5 ♥ K 7 5 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ 10 9 6 2 Opens 1♣</p>	<p>Bid 1NT and not 2♣ Playing ACOL 1♣ - 1NT will show 8-10 points (not 6-9) if the bidding goes 1♣ - 2♣ this should be 6-7 points – very weak.</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ K 6 5 2 Opens 1♥</p>	<p>Sometimes you have to support partner with a 3-card suit. Whilst you could bid 1NT (6-9) this is not a suitable shape therefore bid 2♥</p>
<p>♠ 8 ♥ 8 ♦ Q 10 9 7 3 ♣ A 10 9 7 3 2  Opens 1♥</p>	<p>Bid 1NT. Under no circumstances should you bid 2 of a minor. If you do you may find partner leaping into orbit with their next bid. 1NT here never promises a balanced hand. It is a dustbin bid to state you hold 6+ points and that is it.</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ K 7 3 2 ♣ 9 8 7 4 3  Opens 1♠</p>	<p>There are some hands that you should bid on with 5 points but this is not one of them. You should pass – why? You have a singleton in your partner's suit. Imagine bidding 1NT and partner leaps to 3NT or 3♠ - probably a nightmare. Even 2♠ is probably very bad.</p>

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<p>♠ Q J 10 7 5 ♥ Q 10 5 ♦ 3 ♣ 8 7 5 2 <b>Opens 1♥</b></p>	<p><b>1♠ is reasonable here because you can stand a rebid of partner's heart suit or you can put them back to hearts if they bid another suit.</b></p>
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C. Left Hand Opponent opens 1♦ and Partner makes a takeout double. RHO passes. What is your bid on these hands?

<p>♠ A 10 9 5 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ K 4 2 ♣ 7 4</p>	<p><b>1♠ - Bidding at the lowest level shows 0 – 8 points. Partner now determines their next course of action.</b></p>	<p>♠ K 8 6 ♥ K 10 7 3 2 ♦ 6 2 ♣ A 5 2</p>	<p><b>2♥ - Bidding 1♥ is a mistake here. You must give partner an idea of your point range. Making a jump bid shows 9 – 11 points.</b></p>
<p>♠ Q 10 7 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ A J 10 ♣ J 10 9 5</p>	<p><b>1NT – You have no 4-card major yet you appear to have a double stop in diamonds. 1NT here shows 6-9 points with stoppers in the opening suit.</b></p>	<p>♠ Q 10 5 ♥ Q 5 ♦ K Q 8 6 ♣ Q 8 6 5</p>	<p><b>2NT – You have no 4-card major yet you appear to have a double stop in diamonds. 2NT here shows 10-12 points with stoppers in the opening suit.</b></p>
<p>♠ A Q 7 2 ♥ K J 5 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ 10 5 2</p>	<p><b>Here you are thinking game somewhere but where. You don't have to make that decision better to let partner decide. Here you make a cue bid (bidding the openers suit) of 2♦. This asks partner to bid their better major (they should have at least 1 four card major as they did make a takeout double). Once stated then bid game.</b></p>		

D. On each of the following 10 hands you are **West**, and it's your turn to bid. What is your bid?

<p>♠ A 8 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ 10 9 8 4 ♣ A Q 10</p>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
	1♣	???		
<p>1NT – This shows 16 – 18 points (or 15-17) and stoppers in the opening bid. Double is not appropriate here as your partner will read you for having spades and a leap by partner to 4♠ would be embarrassing.</p>				
<p>♠ A 7 ♥ A J 10 4 ♦ A 10 9 3 ♣ 4 3 2</p>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
	1♥	???		
<p>Pass – You have opening hand values but you hold the openers suit and not enough points for bidding 1NT. You must pass and be prepared to defend this hand. If you double what happens when partner bids spades?</p>				
<p>♠ K Q 5 ♥ Q J 6 ♦ A K Q 4 3 ♣ 5 4</p>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
	1NT	???		
<p>Dbl – With 15+ points you should generally double a weak NT hoping to penalise them. On lead you can get off to a good start with your diamond suit.</p>				

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<p>♠ A Q 9 ♥ 6 3 ♦ Q 8 5 2 ♣ A J 9 8</p>	<p><b>North</b> 1 ♠</p>	<p><b>East</b> Pass</p>	<p><b>South</b> Pass</p>	<p><b>West</b> ???</p>
<p>1NT – You only have 13 points but here you sit in the protective seat. If you pass the auction is over therefore you have the latitude to bid with weaker points. (11 – 14) like a weak No Trump hand but with stoppers in the opening suit.</p>				
<p>♠ A 6 5 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ J 10 3 2</p>	<p><b>North</b> 1 ♥</p>	<p><b>East</b> Pass</p>	<p><b>South</b> Pass</p>	<p><b>West</b> ???</p>
<p>Dbl – Competitive bidding is important in in this game. Here you are in the protective seat and if you pass the auction is over. You only have 10 points but here you must compete even it it just means you push your opponents up 1 more level. Making a takeout double is the bid and you will pass whatever your partner bids.</p>				
<p>♠ K 7 8 6 ♥ 3 ♦ A J 6 4 ♣ K 10 9 8</p>	<p><b>West</b> Pass ???</p>	<p><b>North</b> 1 ♥</p>	<p><b>East</b> Pass</p>	<p><b>South</b> 2 ♥</p>
<p>Dbl – I know you are a passed hand but the bidding suggests the points are evenly distributed. You are in the protective seat where if you pass the Auction is over. Make a take out double with this hand as it can tolerate any suit your partner bid. Pass any other bid your partner or your opponents make. It may result in them playing at the 3 level.</p>				
<p>♠ A K 10 ♥ K Q J 10 ♦ K J 5 4 ♣ K 2</p>	<p><b>West</b> 2NT ???</p>	<p><b>North</b> Pass</p>	<p><b>East</b> 4NT</p>	<p><b>South</b> Pass</p>
<p>Pass – This bid is not Blackwood asking for Aces. It is a called a quantitative bid asking partner to pass if not maximum (20-21) and bid 6NT if maximum (22 point). Partner will have 11 points and you need 33 points for a small slam in No Trumps.</p>				
<p>♠ 10 9 8 7 6 ♥ 6 ♦ K J 4 ♣ Q 9 7 6</p>	<p><b>East</b> 3 ♣</p>	<p><b>South</b> X</p>	<p><b>West</b> ???</p>	<p><b>North</b></p>
<p>(N/S are vulnerable above)</p>				
<p>5 ♣ - You may find this bid hard to make but you need to consider the situation. N/S are vulnerable and you are not. 4 ♥ are an odds on favourite to make by N/S as you know partner is weak with 7 clubs and you are also weak, 5 ♣ will probably not make but it is unlikely not to go down by more than 2 tricks. 4 ♥ scores 620 5 ♣ X = 300 or 500 It is probably N/S have a slam in hearts and even if they find 5 ♥ you have disrupted them enough to not bid it.</p>				
<p>♠ A Q 6 5 2 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 8 7 6</p>	<p><b>North</b> 1 ♣</p>	<p><b>East</b> X</p>	<p><b>South</b> 3 ♣</p>	<p><b>West</b> ???</p>
<p>3 ♠ - The 3 ♣ in ACOL is weak and trying to keep the opponents out of the bidding. You have a good spade suit so don't be frightened of bidding it with your 8 points.</p>				

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♠ A Q 9 8 5	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>
♥ K 6	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
♦ 9 8 5	2 ♣	Pass	???	
♣ A 9 8				

2 ♦ - You have no idea what the final contract will be. Does your partner have anything in diamonds for a No Trump contract. Do they have 6 hearts (not 5) to play in 4 ♥ or perhaps they have a 3 card spade suit (5 hearts, 4 clubs and 3 spades) to play in 4 ♠. You don't know so you need to ask partner the question. 2 ♦ here is what is known as a 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing bid. It does not mean diamonds it means tell me more about the shape of your hand.