

## TIP OF THE WEEK: NAVIGATING BIDDING DECISIONS

### Beginners

Which of the following bids are incorrect?

Hands and bids by **Larry Cohen**

Commentary by **Barbara Seagrams**

West	East	Which bid is incorrect?	
1) KQ82 A2 QJ762 65	A764 K43 82 J842		
1D 3S P	1S 4S	a) 1D b) 1S c) 3S	d) 4S e) More than one
2) KQ76 A2 AK865 K5	AJ932 K43 J2 A82		
1D 4S	1S P	a) 1D b) 1S c) 4S	d) Pass e) None f) More than one

3) "A Puzzlement," by Barbara Seagrams

(1D ) X by your partner ( P ) You

752 632 KT743 87

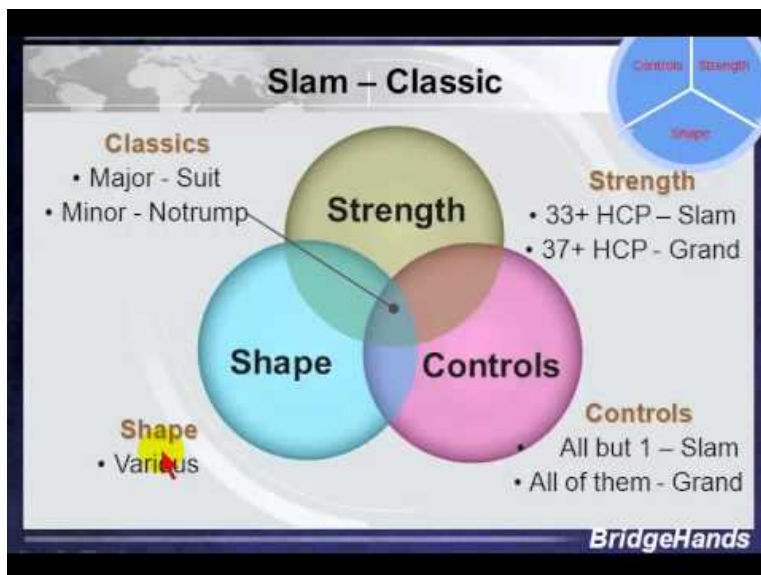
Your bid \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Answers to the above questions can be found at the end of this Blast.**



<https://youtu.be/e-DuRQguwKE>

## Review Slam Bidding with Michael from Bridgehands.com



[https://youtu.be/Y3hmK2ICN\\_U](https://youtu.be/Y3hmK2ICN_U)

### Intermediate/Advanced Learners

#### “Raise on 3 or rebid 1NT” by Steve Weinstein

**Key Point:** According to Mr. Weinstein, these are guidelines.  
It all comes down to **Judgement!**

My partner and I try **not** rebid 1NT when he holds a side suit with less than 10x.

<b>Kxx KQx Tx Axxxx</b>	<b>Partner</b>
<b>Open: 1C</b>	<b>- 1H/S</b>
<b>Rebid: 1NT</b>	

Change the hand to **Kxx KQx xx Axxxx**, and he suggests raising to 2M.”

<b>Kxx KQxx xx KJxx</b>	<b>Partner</b>
<b>Open: 1C</b>	<b>- 1S</b>
<b>Rebid: 2S</b>	

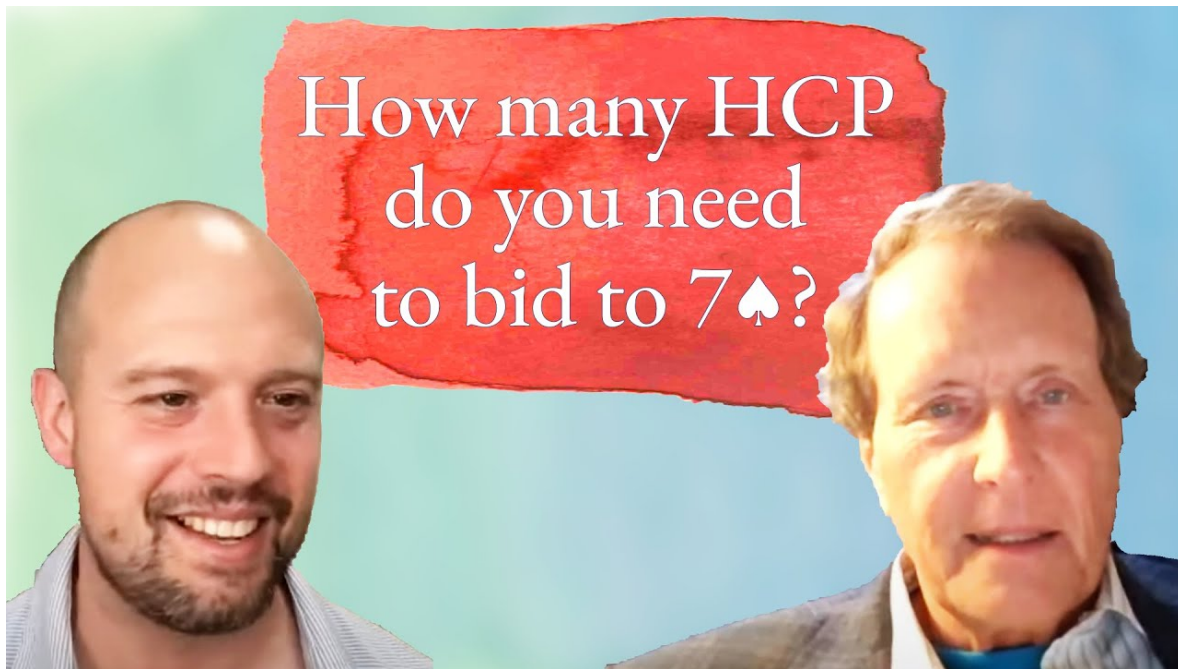
We would rebid 2S even holding the more balanced 4432 shape. Change the xx to the 10x and he would rebid 1NT.

**xx AJx Kx Axxxxx**      **Partner**  
**Open: 1C**                      **-**                      **1H**  
**Rebid: 2H**

He would raise Hearts because clubs wouldn't be a good source of tricks.

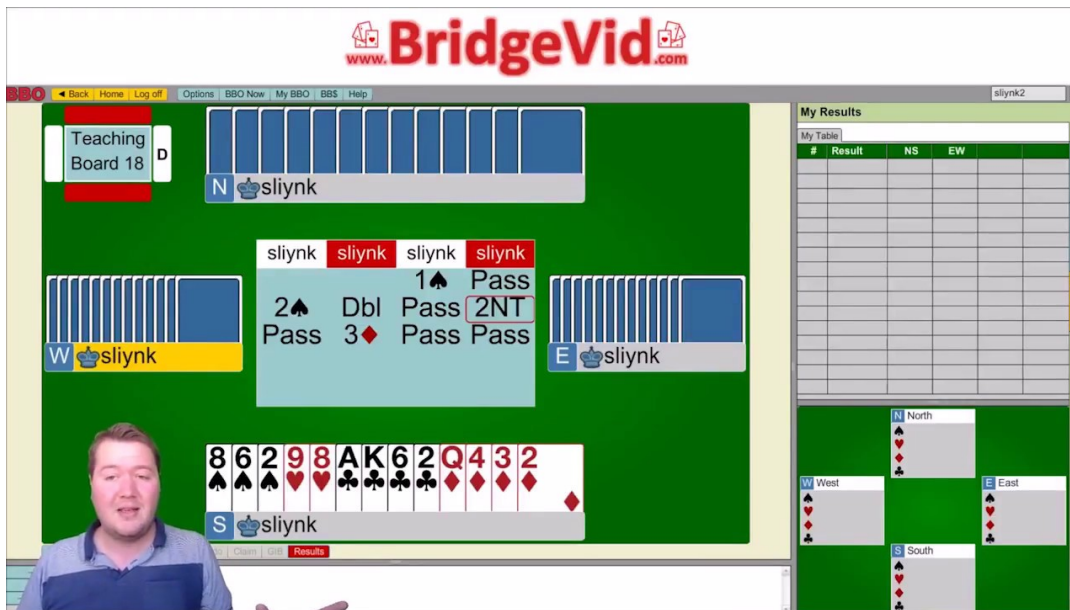
Holding **xx Axxx Qx KQJxxx**, he would rebid the minor looking for 3NT.

In the next video, Jeff Hand demonstrates how to steal the bid from his Opponents with only Six High Card Points



<https://youtu.be/JjolPpj2zIY>

The final video, is on "Making More Flexible Bids" with Peter Hollands



<https://youtu.be/u4xrK55B4ng>

### Answers to the Bidding Questions

West		East			
1)	KQ82 A2 QJ762 65	A764 K43 82 J842			
	1D 3S P	1S 4S	a) 1D b) 1S c) 3S	d) 4S e) More than one	
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- 1) C) is wrong. West promised 16 - 18 points (including distribution) for his bid. He has only 14 including 2 dummy points. As a result, East (correctly) accepted West's invitation to game. West should raise to 2S only, showing 3 or 4 card support and a minimum hand.
- 2) D) is wrong. West bid 4S in spite of the fact that East may have only 6 points. Thus, his bid is promising 19 or 20 points. This is **NOT** a shut out bid. East should now explore slam, preferably using control bidding (because of her two small Diamonds), or if you haven't learned that, then at least by bidding Blackwood.

**3) "A Puzzlement," by Barbara Seagrams**

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**Your bid \_\_\_\_\_?**

If you pass, you will now be converting partner's Takeout Double to a penalty double.

If you pass, opponents will make 1D doubled. He will score lots of points for doubled overtricks and the insult of being doubled.

**When your only long suit is the opponent's suit and you are the responder to the Takeout Double, you must respond. Make your cheapest bid in a 3 card suit. Bid 1H.**