



Weekly Bridge Quiz #28

July 11, 2025



Q1: Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- Q H- 9 7 D- J 7 C- A K Q J 9 8 7 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1C Pass 1S Pass

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What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Great suit, but partner still needs a reasonable hand to make a game. Don't push him to be too aggressive. Just bid 2C.

Question 1

Bid	Totals	1NT	2C	3C	3NT	4C
#	48	1	15	29	1	2
%	100%	2%	31%	60%	2%	4%

Al S:	2C	Betty G:	3C	Betty W:	2C
Betty/Kim K:	2C	Bill B:	3C	Bill S:	3C
Bob P:	3C	Candace:	4C	Cheryl S:	3C
Chris V:	3C	Darrell W: We would open this hand with a GAMBLING 3NT. It is textbook for this bid.	3NT	Dave: .	3C
Denny: . No need to squeeze bidding space and distort values.	2C	Diane M:	3C	Dolly/John:	2C
Donald R:	3C	Doris M:	3C	Dwayne/Marcia: or maybe 3C	2C
Elaine S:	3C	Fran B:	3C	Francine: Not many are playing Gambling 3NT these days, but that bid would be a great opening bid instead of 1C.	3C
George R:	3C	Greg F:	2C	Jackie R:	4C

Jane E: You have to wonder why the opponents are silent here. Potentially, partner has a monster. And with our 8 playing tricks in clubs, there is a likely small slam and a possible grand slam in clubs. Hopefully, he will next bid Blackwood.	2C	Jeannine:	3C	Jim P:	2C
Joseph H:	2C	Lowell L:	2C	Marge G:	3C
Marilyn H:	3C	Mark:	2C	Maureen M: (hard to know whether to slow play this, maybe 3C will encourage P to take the leap to 3NT)	3C
Nancy H:	2C	Nancy S:	3C	Nelson F: In the Aug. 2024 Bulletin, page 39, "Bidding Box", everyone bid 3C with 8-J82-KT-AKQ8752. If pard in the Quiz had bid 1H, I might just bid 2C, but the S:Q is more valuable after pard bid 1S.	3C
Pat S:	3C	Phil M: , I would have opened this a "Gambling 3NT".	3C	Rick W:	2C
Robert T:	1NT	Rod G:	3C	Roland:	3C
Sharon B:	2C	Steve C:	3C	Susan D:	3C
Todd N:	3C	Warren T:	3C	Wes L:	3C

Q2: North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- A 6 5 3 H- A K Q 9 8 6 5 D- Void C- A 7

Partner opens 2D, weak, and right-hand opponent bids 2S. What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: You must bid game and you should not look for more. Opposite a diamond pre-empt, you might not find a tenth trick, but you must try. Bid **4H**.

Question 2

Bid	Totals	2NT	3H	3NT	4H	4S
#	48	1	19	6	21	1
%	100%	2%	40%	13%	44%	2%

Al S:	3NT	Betty G:	3H	Betty W:	4H
Betty/Kim K:	4H	Bill B:	3NT	Bill S:	3H
Bob P:	3H	Candace:	3H	Cheryl S:	3H
Chris V:	4H	Darrell W: Lou would bid 3NT. I opt for 4Hearts, admitting it may fall short 1 trick. But I don't want to sell out to 3S by the opponents and am afraid of the club suit for 3NT.	4H	Dave: .	3H
Denny:	4H	Diane M:	4H	Dolly/John:	2NT
Donald R:	4S	Doris M:	3H	Dwayne/Marcia:	3NT
Elaine S:	3H	Fran B:	3H	Francine:	3H
George R:	3NT	Greg F:	4H	Jackie R:	4H
Jane E: We have the potential for a grand in diamonds, but that is not a given, and finding it risks losing the ability to play 3NT, which is odds on to make because we have a potential 9 tricks in our hand.	3NT	Jeannine:	3H	Jim P:	3H
Joseph H:	4H	Lowell L:	4H	Marge G:	3H
Marilyn H:	4H	Mark:	4H	Maureen M: (should I X? should I pass? I'm doing what I'm betting I'd do in real life)	4H

Nancy H:	3H	Nancy S:	3H	Nelson F: In 3NT, you likely can take 9 tricks off the top. In 4H, you have to rely on partner's having a black king or an ace outside of diamonds, violating the law of not counting on pard for a (near) perfecto.	3NT
Pat S:	4H	Phil M:	4H	Rick W:	4H
Robert T:	4H	Rod G:	4H	Roland:	3H
Sharon B:	4H	Steve C:	3H	Susan D:	4H
Todd N:	3H	Warren T:	4H	Wes L:	3H

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Q3: East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- A 10 7 6 4 2 H- J 7 D- K 4 C- J 4 3

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17. What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This is worth a game force. If you play both Jacoby and Texas transfers, bid **4H**. If not, bid **2H** and raise partner's 2S response to game.

Question 3

Bid	Totals	2H	2S	4H	4S
#	48	24	1	22	1
%	100%	50%	2%	46%	2%

Al S: Texas	4H	Betty G:	2S	Betty W:	2H
Betty/Kim K: (s)	4H	Bill B:	4H	Bill S:	2H
Bob P: trf S	2H	Candace:	4H	Cheryl S: (Transfer to Spades)	2H
Chris V:	2H	Darrell W: transfer to S. then a follow-on bid of 4S. The hand is too good for a Texas transfer in our system.	2H	Dave:	2H
Denny: . Texas transfer.	4H	Diane M:	2H	Dolly/John:	4H
Donald R:	2H	Doris M:	2H	Dwayne/Marcia: transfer	4H
Elaine S:	2H	Fran B: Spades	4H	Francine: TX transfer to Spades	4H
George R:	4H	Greg F: (Texas xfr)	4H	Jackie R:	2H
Jane E: This bid is a transfer to 4S. Bidding 2H, transfer, followed by game in spades is a slam try among expert player, though, these pros have not played that way in past examples.	4H	Jeannine:	4H	Jim P:	4H
Joseph H:	2H	Lowell L: (TX transfer)	4H	Marge G: (Texas transfer)	4H
Marilyn H: (transfer)	2H	Mark: (Texas xfer)	4H	Maureen M: (tsfr, for now)	2H

Nancy H: , spades	4H	Nancy S: transfer to spades	2H	Nelson F: For a Texas Transfer; otherwise, 2H.	4H
Pat S:	2H	Phil M: , transfer to 4S without interest of slam.	4H	Rick W:	2H
Robert T:	2H	Rod G:	4H	Roland:	4H
Sharon B:	2H	Steve C:	4S	Susan D:	2H
Todd N: transfer to 2S	2H	Warren T:	2H	Wes L:	2H

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Q4: Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- A Q 10 8 6 5 H- A 3 D- A 9 7 C- J 8

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1S X 2S 3H

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What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: 3S or 4S? We like 4S, but it is a close decision. Some experts play a double (X) in this position as a game try. Good bid, but we don't play it.

Question 4

Bid	Totals	Pass	X	3S	4S
#	48	3	2	34	9
%	100%	6%	4%	71%	19%

Al S:	3S	Betty G:	3S	Betty W:	3S
Betty/Kim K:	3S	Bill B:	3S	Bill S:	3S
Bob P:	3S	Candace:	3S	Cheryl S:	3S
Chris V:	3S	Darrell W: 3S, in- vitational and for- ward going if partner has the right hand.	3S	Dave: .	3S
Denny:	4S	Diane M:	4S	Dolly/John:	3S
Donald R:	3S	Doris M:	3S	Dwayne/Marcia:	4S
Elaine S:	4S	Fran B:	3S	Francine:	4S
George R:	3S	Greg F: (maxi- mal)	X	Jackie R:	4S
Jane E: This is a game-try X(Maxi- mal X) with spades as trumps. (Maximal Xs are played at the 3-level, over touch- ing suits.) Our heart holding pretty much insures that partner will not pass for penalty. Instead, he will bid 3S or 4S, depending on the playing strength of his hand. Playing Spiral, there is an	X	Jeannine:	3S	Jim P:	4S

alternate choice of 2NT, asking for partner's shape and range.					
Joseph H:	3S	Lowell L:	3S	Marge G:	3S
Marilyn H:	3S	Mark:	3S	Maureen M: (the old punt to P)	Pass
Nancy H:	3S	Nancy S:	3S	Nelson F:	3S
Pat S:	3S	Phil M:	3S	Rick W:	3S
Robert T:	4S	Rod G:	Pass	Roland:	4S
Sharon B:	3S	Steve C:	3S	Susan D:	3S
Todd N:	3S	Warren T:	3S	Wes L:	Pass

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Q5: North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- A Q 10 4 H- K 10 5 3 D- A J 6 3 C- A

Right-hand opponent opens 1H. What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Double (X), 1S, and 1NT are all flawed, but any of them could be the winner on a given day. We have a slight preference for **1S**.

Question 5

Bid	Totals	X	1S	1NT	2D	2H	2S	2NT	4C
#	48	30	2	10	2	1	1	1	1
%	100%	63%	4%	21%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%

Al S:	X	Betty G:	1NT	Betty W:	X
Betty/Kim K:	X	Bill B:	1NT	Bill S:	X
Bob P:	X	Candace:	X	Cheryl S:	X
Chris V:	1NT	Darrell W: X Takeout, planning to bid 2NT over partner's expected club bid. this should show 18-19 HCP	X	Dave: .	1NT
Denny:	1NT	Diane M:	2D	Dolly/John:	X
Donald R:	4C	Doris M:	X	Dwayne/Marcia:	X
Elaine S:	1NT	Fran B:	1NT	Francine: TOX - If partner bids clubs, I'll support his diamonds.	X
George R:	X	Greg F:	1NT	Jackie R:	2D
Jane E: X here would leave us with an awkward choice.	1NT	Jeannine:	2NT	Jim P:	X
Joseph H:	X	Lowell L:	X	Marge G:	X
Marilyn H:	X	Mark:	X	Maureen M: (do we worry about off-shape Xs anymore, all you convention card experts?)	X
Nancy H:	X	Nancy S:	X	Nelson F: Per Wolff's Aces column with KQT4-AK96-Q987-A	X

Pat S:	X	Phil M: , my suit is not strong enough to X and then bid.	1S	Rick W: Takeout X	X
Robert T:	X	Rod G:	1S	Roland:	X
Sharon B:	2S	Steve C:	X	Susan D:	2H
Todd N:	X	Warren T:	1NT	Wes L:	X

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Q6: East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- 10 7 3 H- A 10 9 6 2 D- Q 8 7 4 C- 8

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent overcalls 1S. What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Make a Negative Double (**X**) to bring hearts into the picture.
Should partner bid clubs you can correct to diamonds and put down a pretty good dummy.

Question 6

Bid	Totals	X	1NT	2D	2H	3D
#	48	20	1	12	12	3
%	100%	42%	2%	25%	25%	6%

Al S:	X	Betty G:	2D	Betty W:	2D
Betty/Kim K:	2H	Bill B: Negative	X	Bill S:	2H
Bob P:	2H	Candace:	X	Cheryl S:	2D
Chris V:	3D	Darrell W: X Negative, planning to bid 2d if partner bids clubs.	X	Dave: .	2H
Denny:	2D	Diane M:	2H	Dolly/John:	X
Donald R:	X	Doris M:	2D	Dwayne/Marcia:	X
Elaine S:	2H	Fran B: --	X	Francine: I don't have the points to bid 2H, so doing a Negative X to get them in even though a 5-card suit. If pard bids clubs, I'll support his diamond bid.	X
George R:	2D	Greg F:	X	Jackie R:	2H
Jane E:	X	Jeannine:	X	Jim P:	3D
Joseph H:	X	Lowell L:	X	Marge G:	X
Marilyn H: (negative)	X	Mark: Negative	X	Maureen M: (should be interpreted as preemptive even over interference?)	3D
Nancy H:	2D	Nancy S:	2D	Nelson F: X would only show four hearts. If pard bids 3C, I'll sign off in 3D.	2H
Pat S:	X	Phil M:	X	Rick W: Negative X	X
Robert T:	2H	Rod G:	2H	Roland:	2H
Sharon B:	2D	Steve C:	1NT	Susan D:	2H
Todd N:	2D	Warren T:	2D	Wes L:	2D

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Recap of Weekly Bridge Quiz #28 Bids - 2025								
#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Matches
	Expert:	2C	4H	4H	4S	1S	X	
	Expert2:			2H	X			
1	Al S:	2C	3NT	4H	3S	X	X	3
2	Betty G:	3C	3H	2S	3S	1NT	2D	0
3	Betty W:	2C	4H	2H	3S	X	2D	3
4	Betty/Kim K:	2C	4H	4H	3S	X	2H	3
5	Bill B:	3C	3NT	4H	3S	1NT	X	2
6	Bill S:	3C	3H	2H	3S	X	2H	1
7	Bob P:	3C	3H	2H	3S	X	2H	1
8	Candace:	4C	3H	4H	3S	X	X	2
9	Cheryl S:	3C	3H	2H	3S	X	2D	1
10	Chris V:	3C	4H	2H	3S	1NT	3D	2
11	Darrell W:	3NT	4H	2H	3S	X	X	3
12	Dave:	3C	3H	2H	3S	1NT	2H	1
13	Denny:	2C	4H	4H	4S	1NT	2D	4
14	Diane M:	3C	4H	2H	4S	2D	2H	3
15	Dolly/John:	2C	2NT	4H	3S	X	X	3
16	Donald R:	3C	4S	2H	3S	4C	X	2
17	Doris M:	3C	3H	2H	3S	X	2D	1
18	Dwayne/Marcia:	2C	3NT	4H	4S	X	X	4
19	Elaine S:	3C	3H	2H	4S	1NT	2H	2
20	Fran B:	3C	3H	4H	3S	1NT	X	2
21	Francine:	3C	3H	4H	4S	X	X	3
22	George R:	3C	3NT	4H	3S	X	2D	1
23	Greg F:	2C	4H	4H	X	1NT	X	5
24	Jackie R:	4C	4H	2H	4S	2D	2H	3
25	Jane E:	2C	3NT	4H	X	1NT	X	4
26	Jeannine:	3C	3H	4H	3S	2NT	X	2
27	Jim P:	2C	3H	4H	4S	X	3D	3
28	Joseph H:	2C	4H	2H	3S	X	X	4
29	Lowell L:	2C	4H	4H	3S	X	X	4
30	Marge G:	3C	3H	4H	3S	X	X	2
31	Marilyn H:	3C	4H	2H	3S	X	X	3
32	Mark:	2C	4H	4H	3S	X	X	4
33	Maureen M:	3C	4H	2H	Pass	X	3D	2
34	Nancy H:	2C	3H	4H	3S	X	2D	2
35	Nancy S:	3C	3H	2H	3S	X	2D	1
36	Nelson F:	3C	3NT	4H	3S	X	2H	1
37	Pat S:	3C	4H	2H	3S	X	X	3
38	Phil M:	3C	4H	4H	3S	1S	X	4

39	Rick W:	2C	4H	2H	3S	X	X	4
40	Robert T:	1NT	4H	2H	4S	X	2H	3
41	Rod G:	3C	4H	4H	Pass	1S	2H	3
42	Roland:	3C	3H	4H	4S	X	2H	2
43	Sharon B:	2C	4H	2H	3S	2S	2D	3
44	Steve C:	3C	3H	4S	3S	X	1NT	0
45	Susan D:	3C	4H	2H	3S	2H	2H	2
46	Todd N:	3C	3H	2H	3S	X	2D	1
47	Warren T:	3C	4H	2H	3S	1NT	2D	2
48	Wes L:	3C	3H	2H	Pass	X	2D	1