



Weekly Bridge Quiz #30

July 25, 2025



Q1: Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- K Q 5 4 3 H- A 8 D- K 6 C- K 10 8 7

As dealer, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: 1NT would not be a sin, but we prefer to bid our suits when we think it likely that we can. **Open 1S.**

Question 1

Bid	Totals	1H	1S	1NT
#	45	2	35	8
%	100%	4%	78%	18%

Al S:	1NT	Annie D:	1S	Betty W:	1H
Bill B:	1S	Bob P:	1S	Candace:	1S
Cheryl S:	1S	Chris V:	1S	Clark:	1H
Darrell/Lou: - we don't open NT with 5 card majors	1S	Dave: .	1NT	Dean L:	1NT
Denny:	1S	Diane M:	1S	Donald R:	1S
Doris M:	1S	Dwayne/Marcia: or 1S there are reasons for both	1NT	Elaine S:	1S
Fran B:	1S	Francine:	1S	George R:	1NT
Greg F:	1S	Jackie R:	1S	Jane E:	1S
Jeannine:	1S	Joseph H:	1S	Lowell L:	1S
Marge G:	1S	Marilyn H:	1S	Molly:	1S
Nancy H:	1S	Nancy S:	1S	Nelson F: Max Hardy says in his book to open this hand type 1NT but Larry Cohen says to open 5-3-3-2 1NT but 5-2-2-4 1S, so take your pick.	1S
Peter S:	1NT	Phil M:	1NT	Phyllis/Rusty:	1S
Rick W:	1S	Robert T:	1S	Rod G:	1NT
Roland:	1S	Sharon B:	1S	Steve C:	1S
Susan D:	1S	Todd N:	1S	Warren T:	1S

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

S- Q H- K J 6 5 3 2 D- 8 7 5 C- K Q 10

As dealer, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Were the queen of spades a low spade, we would all open 2H. Does the singleton queen make this hand into a 1H bid? We don't think so. Bid **2H**.

Question 2

Bid	Totals	Pass	1H	2H	2S
#	45	4	23	17	1
%	100%	9%	51%	38%	2%

Al S:	2H	Annie D:	1H	Betty W:	1H
Bill B:	1H	Bob P:	2H	Candace:	2H
Cheryl S:	1H	Chris V:	1H	Clark:	1H
Darrell/Lou: . The suit is not good enough to preempt in 1st seat. May come in later.	Pass	Dave: .	2H	Dean L:	2H
Denny:	2S	Diane M:	1H	Donald R:	1H
Doris M:	1H	Dwayne/Marcia:	2H	Elaine S:	1H
Fran B:	1H	Francine:	2H	George R:	1H
Greg F:	2H	Jackie R:	1H	Jane E:	2H
Jeannine:	1H	Joseph H:	1H	Lowell L:	2H
Marge G:	2H	Marilyn H:	1H	Molly:	1H
Nancy H:	2H	Nancy S:	2H	Nelson F: Some people never open 1x with 11-HCP hands, but most (if not all) top experts will, thanks to the Rule of 20.	1H
Peter S: Need better suit for preempt vul.	Pass	Phil M:	1H	Phyllis/Rusty:	1H
Rick W:	1H	Robert T:	2H	Rod G:	1H
Roland:	2H	Sharon B:	Pass	Steve C:	Pass
Susan D:	1H	Todd N:	2H	Warren T:	2H

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

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

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1H Pass 1S ?

What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: 2S would be natural here, not for take-out. Pass is certainly reasonable, but we would bid **2S**.

Question 3

Bid	Totals	Pass	X	2S	4H
#	45	39	3	2	1
%	100%	87%	7%	4%	2%

Al S: 2S is "book", but is risky with unlimited opposition	Pass	Annie D:	Pass	Betty W:	Pass
Bill B:	Pass	Bob P:	Pass	Candace:	Pass
Cheryl S:	Pass	Chris V:	Pass	Clark:	Pass
Darrell/Lou: . They are bidding my suits! Let's see what happens!	Pass	Dave:	Pass	Dean L:	Pass
Denny:	Pass	Diane M:	X	Donald R:	Pass
Doris M:	Pass	Dwayne/Marcia:	Pass	Elaine S:	4H
Fran B:	Pass	Francine:	Pass	George R:	Pass
Greg F:	Pass	Jackie R:	X	Jane E:	Pass
Jeannine:	Pass	Joseph H:	Pass	Lowell L:	Pass
Marge G:	Pass	Marilyn H:	2S	Molly:	Pass
Nancy H:	Pass	Nancy S:	Pass	Nelson F: RHO's 1S bid makes it more likely that the S:K is onside. My 2S also has some preemptive value.	2S
Peter S:	Pass	Phil M:	Pass	Phyllis/Rusty:	Pass
Rick W:	Pass	Robert T:	Pass	Rod G:	X
Roland:	Pass	Sharon B:	Pass	Steve C:	Pass
Susan D:	Pass	Todd N:	Pass	Warren T:	Pass

Q4: Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S- K Q J 7 6 5 H- 7 D- A J 10 6 C- 9 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1H **1S** 1NT Pass

2H ?

What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Both opponents are limited, meaning partner has a little something, and we think this hand is worth one more bid. Bid **2S**.

Question 4

Bid	Totals	Pass	X	2S	3D	4S
#	45	7	1	35	1	1
%	100%	16%	2%	78%	2%	2%

Al S:	Pass	Annie D:	2S	Betty W:	2S
Bill B:	2S	Bob P:	2S	Candace:	2S
Cheryl S:	2S	Chris V:	2S	Clark:	2S
Darrell/Lou: Darrell bids 2S. Lou bids 3D.	2S	Dave: .	3D	Dean L:	2S
Denny:	X	Diane M:	2S	Donald R:	2S
Doris M:	2S	Dwayne/Marcia:	2S	Elaine S:	2S
Fran B:	2S	Francine:	2S	George R:	2S
Greg F:	2S	Jackie R:	4S	Jane E:	2S
Jeannine:	2S	Joseph H:	2S	Lowell L:	2S
Marge G:	2S	Marilyn H:	2S	Molly:	Pass
Nancy H:	2S	Nancy S:	2S	Nelson F: If West has something like AT9x-xx-Kxxx-Qxx for his 1NT bid and East has like x-KQTxxx-xx-AKxx, they can make 4H. If I bid 2S, West is very likely to bid 3H and East can easily bid 4H, but West may not bid over my pass.	Pass
Peter S:	Pass	Phil M:	Pass	Phyllis/Rusty:	2S
Rick W:	2S	Robert T:	2S	Rod G:	2S
Roland:	Pass	Sharon B:	2S	Steve C:	2S
Susan D:	2S	Todd N:	Pass	Warren T:	2S

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

S- A 10 9 H- K 3 2 D- A J 10 7 5 C- 8 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1D	1H	X*	2H
Pass	Pass	X	Pass
?			

* Negative

What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Partner still has the same take-out hand he had for his first double, he just has more values. Bid **3D**.

Question 5

Bid	Totals	Pass	2S	2NT	3C	3D	3H
#	45	6	23	5	1	9	1
%	100%	13%	51%	11%	2%	20%	2%

Al S:	2S	Annie D:	2S	Betty W:	Pass
Bill B:	3C	Bob P:	2NT	Candace:	3D
Cheryl S:	Pass	Chris V:	3D	Clark:	Pass
Darrell/Lou: . We do not pass partner's negative X and the 2H raise. We support spades with a Support X of 2H. This gives partner information for his balancing action. It says everything there is to say about my hand.	2S	Dave: .	2NT	Dean L:	2S
Denny:	2S	Diane M:	Pass	Donald R:	2S
Doris M:	2S	Dwayne/Marcia:	2S	Elaine S:	2S
Fran B:	2NT	Francine:	2S	George R:	2S
Greg F:	3D	Jackie R:	3D	Jane E:	3D
Jeannine:	3D	Joseph H:	2S	Lowell L:	2S
Marge G:	2S	Marilyn H:	2S	Molly:	Pass
Nancy H:	2S	Nancy S:	3D	Nelson F: Based on the bidding, N likely has 4=1=3=A bid of 3D gets a 5-3 fit, but at a higher level than 2S and	2S

				my good spades make up for only having three.	
Peter S:	2S	Phil M:	2S	Phyllis/Rusty:	2S
Rick W:	3D	Robert T:	2NT	Rod G:	2S
Roland:	2S	Sharon B:	2S	Steve C:	3H
Susan D:	3D	Todd N:	Pass	Warren T:	2NT

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

S- K J 5 3 H- K 4 2 D- 6 5 C- K 7 5 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1C X **XX** 1H

Pass 2H ?

What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Partner has no more than 3 spades or 2 hearts. He almost certainly has 5 clubs. Bid 3C.

Al S: dislike initial XX after a 1C opener	Pass	Annie D:	3C	Betty W:	2S
Bill B:	3C	Bob P:	2NT	Candace:	2S
Cheryl S:	3C	Chris V:	2S	Clark:	2S
Darrell/Lou: X for penalty. I hold good defensive cards behind the strong hand. Declarer will struggle having to play out of the strong hand opposite his lack of entries to his weak hand and we are unlikely to make game. The vulnerable penalty could be sweet.	X	Dave: .	3C	Dean L:	3C
Denny:	3C	Diane M:	2S	Donald R:	3C
Doris M:	2S	Dwayne/Marcia:	3C	Elaine S:	2S
Fran B:	3C	Francine:	3C	George R:	Pass
Greg F:	3C	Jackie R:	2S	Jane E: I consider this pass to be forcing and suggest that I have spades.	Pass
Jeannine:	Pass	Joseph H:	3C	Lowell L:	2S
Marge G:	3C	Marilyn H:	Pass	Molly:	Pass
Nancy H: Don't want to let 2H stand when we	X	Nancy S:	Pass	Nelson F: My XX showed 10+ HCP and a willingness to X the opponents,	3C

have over half the points				but pard's pass means he's likely to have 5C.	
Peter S:	3C	Phil M:	3C	Phyllis/Rusty:	3C
Rick W:	2S	Robert T:	2S	Rod G:	3C
Roland:	Pass	Sharon B:	2S	Steve C:	2S
Susan D:	2S	Todd N:	Pass	Warren T:	3C

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

38	Robert T:	1S	2H	Pass	2S	2NT	2S	3
39	Rod G:	1NT	1H	X	2S	2S	3C	2
40	Roland:	1S	2H	Pass	Pass	2S	Pass	2
41	Sharon B:	1S	Pass	Pass	2S	2S	2S	2
42	Steve C:	1S	Pass	Pass	2S	3H	2S	2
43	Susan D:	1S	1H	Pass	2S	3D	2S	3
44	Todd N:	1S	2H	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	2
45	Warren T:	1S	2H	Pass	2S	2NT	3C	4