



Weekly Bridge Quiz #35

August 29, 2025



Q1: Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

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

As dealer, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This is the kind of hand that caused the ACBL to change the rules and allow an opening 1NT bid with a singleton. We prefer a higher singleton, so we would open **1D**.

Question 1

| Bid | Totals | 1D | 1H | 1NT |
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| # | 43 | 38 | 2 | 3 |
| % | 100% | 88% | 5% | 7% |

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| Al S: | 1D | Annie D: | 1D | Betty G: | 1D |
| Betty W: | 1D | Bill B: | 1D | Bill S: | 1H |
| Bob P: | 1D | Candace: | 1D | Charlene: | 1D |
| Cheryl S: | 1D | Dean L: | 1H | Denny: | 1D |
| Diane M: | 1D | Donald R: | 1D | Doris M: | 1D |
| Doris W: | 1D | Dwayne/Marcia: | 1D | Dwight S: | 1D |
| Elaine S: | 1D | Fran B: | 1D | Francine: | 1D |
| George R: | 1D | Greg F: | 1D | Jackie R: | 1NT |
| Jean C: | 1D | Jeannine: | 1D | Jim P: | 1D |
| Joseph H: | 1NT | Larry M: | 1D | Lowell L: | 1D |
| Marge G: | 1D | Marilyn H: | 1D | Maureen M: | 1D |
| Michael F: | 1D | Nancy S: | 1D | Phil M: | 1D |
| Phyllis/Rusty: | 1NT | Rick W: | 1D | Robert T: | 1D |
| Roland: | 1D | Steve C: | 1D | Susan D: | 1D |
| Warren T: | 1D | | | | |

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

S- K Q J 6 2 H- J 6 3 D- 7 6 C- K 9 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: At any other vulnerability, we would slide a club in with our spades and open 2S. At this vulnerability, **Pass**.

Question 2

| Bid | Totals | Pass | 1S |
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| # | 43 | 36 | 7 |
| % | 100% | 84% | 16% |

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| Al S: | Pass | Annie D: | Pass | Betty G: | Pass |
| Betty W: | 1S | Bill B: | Pass | Bill S: | Pass |
| Bob P: | Pass | Candace: | Pass | Charlene: | 1S |
| Cheryl S: | Pass | Dean L: | Pass | Denny: | Pass |
| Diane M: | Pass | Donald R: | Pass | Doris M: | Pass |
| Doris W: | Pass | Dwayne/Marcia: | Pass | Dwight S: | 1S |
| Elaine S: | 1S | Fran B: | Pass | Francine: | Pass |
| George R: | Pass | Greg F: | Pass | Jackie R: | 1S |
| Jean C: | Pass | Jeannine: | Pass | Jim P: | 1S |
| Joseph H: | Pass | Larry M: | Pass | Lowell L: | Pass |
| Marge G: | Pass | Marilyn H: | 1S | Maureen M: | Pass |
| Michael F: | Pass | Nancy S: | Pass | Phil M: | Pass |
| Phyllis/Rusty: | Pass | Rick W: | Pass | Robert T: | Pass |
| Roland: | Pass | Steve C: | Pass | Susan D: | Pass |
| Warren T: | Pass | | | | |

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

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

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
2H Pass 3C Pass

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What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Partner's bid is forcing and augers a misfit for hearts. Bid your other suit. Bid 3D.

Question 3

| Bid | Totals | Pass | X | 3D | 3H |
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| # | 43 | 17 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| % | 100% | 40% | 2% | 23% | 35% |

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| Al S: | 3H | Annie D: | 3H | Betty G: | 3H |
| Betty W: | 3H | Bill B: | 3H | Bill S: | Pass |
| Bob P: | 3D | Candace: | Pass | Charlene: | 3H |
| Cheryl S: | Pass | Dean L: | 3D | Denny: | 3H |
| Diane M: | Pass | Donald R: | 3H | Doris M: | Pass |
| Doris W: | 3D | Dwayne/Marcia: if 3C is forcing; Pass, as we play non forcing | 3D | Dwight S: | X |
| Elaine S: | Pass | Fran B: | 3H | Francine: Pard's 3C is forcing. With no help in clubs, re-bidding my own suit. | 3H |
| George R: | 3H | Greg F: | 3D | Jackie R: | Pass |
| Jean C: | Pass | Jeannine: | Pass | Jim P: (I wouldn't have opened) | 3D |
| Joseph H: | Pass | Larry M: | Pass | Lowell L: | 3D |
| Marge G: | 3H | Marilyn H: | 3H | Maureen M: (new suit is forcing right?) | 3D |
| Michael F: | 3D | Nancy S: | Pass | Phil M: | 3H |
| Phyllis/Rusty: We play this as non forcing | Pass | Rick W: | 3H | Robert T: | Pass |
| Roland: | Pass | Steve C: | 3D | Susan D: | Pass |
| Warren T: | Pass | | | | |

Q4: Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

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

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1D Pass 1S Pass

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What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This hand is strong enough for a reverse bid of 2H, but that would promise 5 diamonds. Bid **2NT**.

Question 4

| Bid | Totals | 2H | 2NT | 3H | 3S | 3NT | 4S |
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| # | 43 | 8 | 24 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| % | 100% | 19% | 56% | 9% | 7% | 2% | 7% |

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| Al S: | 2NT | Annie D: | 2NT | Betty G: | 3NT |
| Betty W: | 2NT | Bill B: | 2NT | Bill S: | 3H |
| Bob P: | 3S | Candace: | 3H | Charlene: | 2NT |
| Cheryl S: | 2NT | Dean L: | 2NT | Denny: | 2NT |
| Diane M: | 2NT | Donald R: | 2NT | Doris M: | 2NT |
| Doris W: | 2H | Dwayne/Marcia: | 3H | Dwight S: | 2H |
| Elaine S: | 3H | Fran B: | 2NT | Francine: | 2NT |
| George R: | 2H | Greg F: | 2NT | Jackie R: | 4S |
| Jean C: | 2NT | Jeannine: | 2NT | Jim P: | 2NT |
| Joseph H: | 2NT | Larry M: | 2NT | Lowell L: | 2H |
| Marge G: | 2H | Marilyn H: | 2NT | Maureen M: (reverse is better than 3S?? who knows!) | 2H |
| Michael F: | 2NT | Nancy S: | 3S | Phil M: | 2H |
| Phyllis/Rusty: | 2NT | Rick W: | 4S | Robert T: | 2NT |
| Roland: | 4S | Steve C: | 2NT | Susan D: | 3S |
| Warren T: | 2H | | | | |

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

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

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

Pros' Answer: Some would pass, but we bid **1NT**. With any luck, partner will bid a new suit at the 2 level and we will have improved the contract.

Question 5

| Bid | Totals | Pass | 1NT | 2C |
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| # | 43 | 29 | 13 | 1 |
| % | 100% | 67% | 30% | 2% |

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| Al S: | Pass | Annie D: | Pass | Betty G: | 1NT |
| Betty W: | Pass | Bill B: | Pass | Bill S: | 1NT |
| Bob P: | Pass | Candace: | Pass | Charlene: (f) | 1NT |
| Cheryl S: | Pass | Dean L: (F) | 1NT | Denny: -F | 1NT |
| Diane M: | Pass | Donald R: | 1NT | Doris M: | Pass |
| Doris W: | Pass | Dwayne/Marcia: | Pass | Dwight S: | 2C |
| Elaine S: | 1NT | Fran B: | Pass | Francine: Forcing | 1NT |
| George R: | Pass | Greg F: | Pass | Jackie R: | 1NT |
| Jean C: | Pass | Jeannine: | Pass | Jim P: | Pass |
| Joseph H: | 1NT | Larry M: | 1NT | Lowell L: | Pass |
| Marge G: | Pass | Marilyn H: | Pass | Maureen M: (quickly and keep my fingers crossed) | Pass |
| Michael F: | Pass | Nancy S: | 1NT | Phil M: | Pass |
| Phyllis/Rusty: | Pass | Rick W: (forcing) | 1NT | Robert T: | Pass |
| Roland: | Pass | Steve C: | Pass | Susan D: | Pass |
| Warren T: | Pass | | | | |

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

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

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1S Pass 2S ?

What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: If you pass, you may end up defending at the 2 level, and you don't want that. Double (**X**), for takeout.

Question 6

| Bid | Totals | Pass | X | 3D |
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| # | 43 | 20 | 13 | 10 |
| % | 100% | 47% | 30% | 23% |

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| Al S: | Pass | Annie D: | X | Betty G: | Pass |
| Betty W: s | Pass | Bill B: | Pass | Bill S: | Pass |
| Bob P: | Pass | Candace: s | Pass | Charlene: | Pass |
| Cheryl S: | X | Dean L: | X | Denny: | 3D |
| Diane M: | 3D | Donald R: | X | Doris M: | X |
| Doris W: | X | Dwayne/Marcia: | 3D | Dwight S: | 3D |
| Elaine S: | Pass | Fran B: | Pass | Francine: Hard decision. I don't want to pass, but ♦ suit quality says pass & doubling looks wrong. | Pass |
| George R: | Pass | Greg F: (wrong if pard has 8+ HCP and 5-card heart or club suit; right if pard has less and you help declarer by bidding) | Pass | Jackie R: | 3D |
| Jean C: | 3D | Jeannine: | X | Jim P: | Pass |
| Joseph H: | 3D | Larry M: | X | Lowell L: | X |
| Marge G: | 3D | Marilyn H: | Pass | Maureen M: (again, what could go wrong, Mrs Lincoln!) | X |
| Michael F: | Pass | Nancy S: | X | Phil M: | Pass |
| Phyllis/Rusty: | X | Rick W: | 3D | Robert T: | Pass |
| Roland: | Pass | Steve C: | 3D | Susan D: | Pass |
| Warren T: | X | | | | |

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Recap of Weekly Bridge Quiz Bids #35 - 2025

| # | Name | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total Matches |
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| | Expert: | 1D | Pass | 3D | 2NT | 1NT | X | |
| | Expert2: | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Al S: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2NT | Pass | Pass | 3 |
| 2 | Annie D: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2NT | Pass | X | 4 |
| 3 | Betty G: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 3NT | 1NT | Pass | 3 |
| 4 | Betty W: | 1D | 1S | 3H | 2NT | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| 5 | Bill B: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2NT | Pass | Pass | 3 |
| 6 | Bill S: | 1H | Pass | Pass | 3H | 1NT | Pass | 2 |
| 7 | Bob P: | 1D | Pass | 3D | 3S | Pass | Pass | 3 |
| 8 | Candace: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 3H | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| 9 | Charlene: | 1D | 1S | 3H | 2NT | 1NT | Pass | 3 |
| 10 | Cheryl S: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass | X | 4 |
| 11 | Dean L: | 1H | Pass | 3D | 2NT | 1NT | X | 5 |
| 12 | Denny: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2NT | 1NT | 3D | 4 |
| 13 | Diane M: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3D | 3 |
| 14 | Donald R: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2NT | 1NT | X | 5 |
| 15 | Doris M: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass | X | 4 |
| 16 | Doris W: | 1D | Pass | 3D | 2H | Pass | X | 4 |
| 17 | Dwayne/Marcia: | 1D | Pass | 3D | 3H | Pass | 3D | 3 |
| 18 | Dwight S: | 1D | 1S | X | 2H | 2C | 3D | 1 |
| 19 | Elaine S: | 1D | 1S | Pass | 3H | 1NT | Pass | 2 |
| 20 | Fran B: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2NT | Pass | Pass | 3 |
| 21 | Francine: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2NT | 1NT | Pass | 4 |
| 22 | George R: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2H | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| 23 | Greg F: | 1D | Pass | 3D | 2NT | Pass | Pass | 4 |
| 24 | Jackie R: | 1NT | 1S | Pass | 4S | 1NT | 3D | 1 |
| 25 | Jean C: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3D | 3 |
| 26 | Jeannine: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass | X | 4 |
| 27 | Jim P: | 1D | 1S | 3D | 2NT | Pass | Pass | 3 |
| 28 | Joseph H: | 1NT | Pass | Pass | 2NT | 1NT | 3D | 3 |
| 29 | Larry M: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 2NT | 1NT | X | 5 |
| 30 | Lowell L: | 1D | Pass | 3D | 2H | Pass | X | 4 |
| 31 | Marge G: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2H | Pass | 3D | 2 |
| 32 | Marilyn H: | 1D | 1S | 3H | 2NT | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| 33 | Maureen M: | 1D | Pass | 3D | 2H | Pass | X | 4 |
| 34 | Michael F: | 1D | Pass | 3D | 2NT | Pass | Pass | 4 |
| 35 | Nancy S: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 3S | 1NT | X | 4 |
| 36 | Phil M: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 2H | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| 37 | Phyllis/Rusty: | 1NT | Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass | X | 3 |
| 38 | Rick W: | 1D | Pass | 3H | 4S | 1NT | 3D | 3 |

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| 39 | Robert T: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass | Pass | 3 |
| 40 | Roland: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 4S | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| 41 | Steve C: | 1D | Pass | 3D | 2NT | Pass | 3D | 4 |
| 42 | Susan D: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 3S | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| 43 | Warren T: | 1D | Pass | Pass | 2H | Pass | X | 3 |