

QUARANTINE QUIZ # 11

OPPONENTS ARE NOT BIDDING TODAY!

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Question # 1

South (you)
S AK9865
H A5
D Q76
C AJ

The bidding has gone

S N
1S 3S (10-12 Limit Raise or 3D if you play Bergen Raises)
 The rebid will be the same.

What will you bid next?

a) **4C** b) 4S c) 4NT d) 6S

ANSWER: You have 18 HCP and 2 length points. When partner supports your suit, you now get 1 extra point for the fifth card in the suit which has been supported and 2 extra points for each remaining card. 23 points and partner has 10-12. It's the sound of slam.

BUT you cannot bid Blackwood (Key Card or Regular) because you have small Diamonds.

So now you show your cheapest first round control. Bid 4C. Partner will reciprocate. If partner bids 5D showing the D Ace or a void in D (first round control), now you can use Blackwood. But you do not want to lose two tricks quickly in D suit.

Question # 2

South (you)

S A10
H K9763
D A732
C J7

S N
1H 4NT
?

What will you bid now? You and partner play 1430 Key Card Blackwood.

a) 5C
b) **5D**
c) 5H
d) 6H

ANSWER: You are playing 1430 and Hearts have been agreed upon (when in doubt, it is the last bid suit that is agreed upon as trumps). You want to show 3 key cards: Heart K and two aces. 5D shows 3 or 0 key cards.

Question # 3

Partner has opened with 2C. You bid 2H with this hand below. You are playing that this shows 8+ HCP and a good quality 5 card or longer H suit.

N S
2C 2H

S 6
H KQ8752
D A76
C 984

- a) **4D**
- b) 4H
- c) 4NT
- d) 6H

You have 9 HCP and 2 length points. 11 HCP. Partner supported your suit. You have now got 1 extra point once she raises your suit. One for 5th card in suit that has been supported and 2 for the 6th card in Hearts. This comes to 14 points now. Partner opened 2C so she has a huge hand. Slam is in the air. BUT you do have two quick losers (3 actually) in Clubs. So you cannot use Blackwood.

BUT Hearts have been agreed upon so any new suit you bid now shows first round control in that suit. Bid 4D, your cheapest first round control. Opener may now use Blackwood. Your control bidding indicates an interest in slam.

Question # 4

You are South.

N S
2C 2D
2S 3S
4D ?

S AJ86
H 94
D 9875
C A54

- a) 4S
- b) 4 NT
- c) **5C**
- d) 6S

Partner showed interest in slam and showed first round control of D. You have first round control of C so you now bid 5C and let partner take it from there, headed for slam.