

## QUARANTINE QUIZ # 14

Your score is out of 6 this week.

### Question # 1:

S	W	N	E
1D	2C	P	P
?			

You are South with this hand. Your left hand opponent (LHO) bids 2C. Pass-Pass back to you. What will you bid now?

S AQ54  
H K875  
D KQ8  
C 65

- 1) 2S
- 2) 2H
- 3) **Double**
- 4) 2NT
- 5) Pass

I am giving you a lengthy-ish answer so you will fully understand.

You are responder with

xxx  
xxx  
Ax  
AQ1087

2C



1D You open 1D. Your LHO bids 2C (overcall)

North is forced to pass as "Double" would be a Negative Double asking partner to bid again. The Negative Double would also promise one or both of the majors. North desperately wishes the opponents to have to play this contract so North passes. It is called a TRAP PASS.

**NOTE THAT: Playing Negative Doubles, the Opening Bidder MUST (99% of the time) re-open the bidding, if his partner (responder) failed to respond over the opponents overcall.**

(Op bidder)

AQxx

Kxxx

KQ8

xx

The above hand is you the opening bidder after you have opened with 1 D and the person on your left has overcalled 2C. It has now proceeded Pass - Pass back to you. With this hand, you will now make a re-opening takeout double and the responder with

S xxx

H xxx

D Ax

C AQ1087

will now pass, converting the takeout double to a penalty double.

Have a look at this

You see if you had this hand and your **RHO** opened 1C, you would say Double

S AQ54

H K875

D KQ8

C 65

But instead it was **YOU** who opened bidding and you could not open with the word Double. It would be called an inadmissible Double!

But after

S	W	N	E
1D	2C	P	P

?

NOW you can say Double. It is called a Reopening takeout double.

Partner holding

xxx

xxx

Ax

AQ1087

Must make a trap pass. If however, Responder held:

Xxx

Xxx

AJx

xxxx

South would still pass on first round and then after

S	W	N	E
1D	2C	P	P
Dbl	P	2D	

North would meekly bid 2D, showing a weak hand.

But if you, the Opening Bidder (South) had this hand:

S AQ  
H K87  
D KQ8764  
C 65

S	W	N	E
1D	2C	P	P
2D			

You would reopen with 2D. BUT it is very rare that you would pass.

## Question # 2

How many points is opening bidder (South) showing by his second bid in Question 2?

S	W	N	E
1D	P	P	1H

**1NT**

- a) 12-14 HCP
- b) 15-17 HCP
- c) **18-19 HCP**

This is a rebid by opener. If auction goes

S	N
1D	1S

1NT this shows 12-14 HCP

S	N
1D	1S

2NT this shows 18-19 HCP

BUT when Responder PASSED Opener's opening bid, he is now promising 0-5 pts. The brakes go on and we must be very cautious now.

When East overcalls 1H, S with a minimum hand must pass because  $13 + 0-5 =$  NOT enough to make 1NT. Bad guys have more points than your side does.

AND if South had had 15-17 HCP, he would have opened 1NT.

Ergo, in the auction given, for South to rebid 1NT, even though partner showed 0-5 points, this bid now shows 18-19 HCP and at least one stopper in Hearts (opponent's suit)

### Question # 3:

N	S
1D	1H
1NT	?

You are South with this hand. What should your next bid be?

S 76  
H KQJ865  
D 764  
C A5

- a) 2H
- b) **3H**
- c) 4H
- d) 2NT
- e) Pass

3H is correct. If you had

76  
KQJ865  
764  
54

N	S
1D	1H
1NT	?

Bid 2H

But with

S 76  
H KQJ865  
D 764  
C A5

Bid 3H. This is invitational, asking Opener if they have a maximum for their 12-14 HCP to bid 4H. You do know that Opener had to have at least two Hearts as his rebid of 1NT showed a balanced hand: No singletons or voids.

76  
KQJ865  
AK4  
54

1D	1H
1NT	?

Now bid 4H as 3H is not forcing, even though it is a jump.