

NOTE: I am a very positive person, I hope you were not upset by my cartoon of the little guy in jail. I just thought he was so cute; it was not because I feel trapped in my home. I view it as a fine opportunity to have some quiet time and get some things done.

QUIZ # 2

1.

You are North.

E S W N
1D ?

You, as North hold

S AKJ76
H A6
D 964
C AQ7

What will you bid?

2.

You are North.

E S W N
1D Dbl P ?

You, as North hold

S 65
H 654
D AQ76
C K1085

What will you bid?

3.

You are North.

E S W N
3H Dbl P ?

AQ764
43
A62
732

Answers to Quarantine Quiz # 2 : Quiz on first page

**THRILLED TO REPORT that MANY PEOPLE GOT ALL OF THESE CORRECT.
On Quiz # 1, only 11 out of 900 got it all correct!!!**

1. An overcall promises at least a 5 card suit and 8-17 points including distribution. If you have only 8-12 points, your suit should be headed by 2 of the top 3 honours (Canadian spelling!!) or 3 of the top 5 honours. If you have 13 or more points, the quality of your suit is less important because you are more likely to become the declarer. With the lesser hand (8-12), you are more likely to become the defender and it is important to tell partner what suit you wish led. Hence the quality ingredient that is necessary.

1 hand in the quiz has 19 HCP plus a length point. = 20 points. If you overcall 1S, you will be promising a maximum of 17 points. So, you must **DOUBLE** first. If partner bids 1H as responder to the takeout double, then your next bid is 1S. Partner will wonder why you didn't just overcall Spades in the first place since you obviously have at least five Spades. Then she will know that you have the big overcall: 18 or more points, including distribution ...call these TOTAL points) and at least five Spades.

Some people call this the big overcall or the big double. NOTE: You do not need to jump to show these extra points as you have already shown too many points for an overcall.

Some of you chose to bid 2S. This would show 6-10 HCP and a 6 card Spade suit. A weak hand.

Some of you chose to bid 2NT. This would be called the Unusual 2NT bid and would show the two lowest unbid suits: Hearts and Clubs.

So this is why the only bid is Double and then you show your Spade suit.

2. When you find yourself about to respond to a takeout double in a minor suit, always stop to see if you can bid NT instead. And sure enough, you can. **Bid 1NT**. As responder to the takeout double, you promise 8-10 HCP and NO 4 card major or you would have named it.

If you chose to bid 2C instead, then that showed 0-8 points and also told partner that you did NOT have 8-10 HCP and a Diamond stopper.

If instead you chose to bid 3C, then partner will know that you have 9-11 points and at least four Clubs but why would you want to be in a minor suit which scores poorly compared to being in NT.

Don't worry about the majors; you are not promising stoppers in the majors. Anyway, your partner's double means she has some stuff in the majors.

3. **Bid 4S**. If you bid 3S, you would have made a bid of 3S with

- S 5432
- H 543
- D 543
- C 543

Your bid of 3S shows 0-8 points. Show your partner that you have more than that and bid **4S**

Remember that responder to a takeout double bids their best suit at the cheapest level with 0-8 points. This rule still applies here. Just grit your teeth and do it.