

QUARANTINE QUIZ # 6

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Question # 1

W E
1NT ?

East has this hand:

S AQ65
H KJ864
D 872
C 5

- a) What will East bid?
- b) Describe briefly what you plan to do next (if there is a next)? i.e. what is the follow-up bid, if any?

1. a) East must bid 2C Stayman. When you own a 4 card major, always use Stayman. If you Transfer, you may "lose" the 4-4 Spade fit. The best fit of all, ever. i.e. When you are 5-4 in the majors with 8 or more HCP, use Stayman.

b) If partner bids either Hearts or Spades in response to Stayman, bid game in that major.

If partner bids 2D, you now bid 3H to show 10 or more HCP and FIVE Hearts. If you only had five Hearts, partner would wonder "Why on earth did my partner not make a Transfer if he had five Hearts? Aha!! He must have also had four Spades."

If you had this hand and 8 or 9 HCP and Ffive Herats and four Spades, you would next have bid 2H after her 2 D response. That shows 8-9 HCP and five Hearts and four Spades.

Question # 2

W	E
1NT	?

East has this hand:

S A765
H KJ6
D Q87
C J92

What is East's bid?

3NT is the correct bid. In order to use Stayman, you need 8 or more HCP and one or both 4 card majors BUT YOU ALSO need to own a short suit: A singleton, doubleton or a void.

NO SHORTNESS, NO STAYMAN.

IF you play PUPPET STAYMAN, you could use that convention here, in case you have a 5-3 H fit or a 4-4 S fit.

Question # 3

W	E
1NT	?

East has this hand:

S 54
H 742
D AKQ832
C 52

What is East's bid?

Bid 3NT. Do not bid 2S to relay to 3C and then bid Diamonds. You do not want to play in Diamonds. They score poorly. This hand has enormous "playing strength"...likely 6 tricks in Diamonds.

AND when you are responder to a NT opening bid, if you have a 5 card suit headed by an Ace or a K, add a point. A 6 card suit, add 2 points. You have 11 points now, not 9, so you happily bid 3NT.

Use the 2S relay for weak hands or VERY strong (slammish) hands. NOT for game going hands.

If partner doesn't make it, well...maybe he/she didn't play it very well!!!