

## QUARANTINE QUIZ # 8

### Question # 1

Partner has opened the bidding with 2S. What will you bid (if anything) with the following hand?

- S Qxx
- H xx
- D Axxxx
- C xxx

- a) Pass
- b) 3S
- c) 3D

You have 6 HCP. Partner has 6-10 HCP. Give her an average of 8 HCP. Your side has approximately 14 HCP between you. Opponents therefore have 26 HCP. They should be making game.

**Choose b) Bid 3S.** Partner must NOT bid again. This just says: "Partner, you've got trash, I've got more trash."

i.e. It compounds the pre-empt and makes it tougher for your opponents to get into the act.

There is a principle in bridge called: "The Law of Total Tricks." In a nutshell, it tells us that when we are competing (both sides are bidding), AND we do not have 26 points between us, we should compete to the level of the number of trumps that our side is known to hold. We do this a) when both sides are in the bidding or b) when we are pre-empting...because in the latter case, while opponents may not be bidding, they likely would have if you had not pre-empted. In this case, your side has 9 trumps so compete to the 3 level.

### Question # 2

Partner has opened the bidding with 2H. What will you bid (if anything) with the following hand?

- S x
- H xxxx
- D Jxxxx
- C Qxx

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

Read Question # 1 re the Law of Total Tricks. Choose c) **Bid 4H.** Your side is known to have 10 tricks. Bid 4H. You see, even if your side cannot make 4H, then most likely the opponents can make 4S so going down one or two will be better than opponents making game.

### Question # 3

Partner has opened with 2C. You and the partner you are with today do not play that 2H shows a bust hand.

What is your response to the 2C opening bid?

- S xxx
- H xx
- D AK10xx
- C Qxx

- a) 3C
- b) 3NT
- c) 2NT
- d) 2D
- e) 3D

*Let's say you had (this was NOT the question, so don't get muddled):*

- S AKxxx
- H Jx
- D xxx
- C xxx

*In response to partner's 2C opener, you should bid 2S. This shows 8 or more HCP and a good quality 5 card or longer suit headed by 2 of the top 3 honours.*

So when you have

- S xxx
- H xx
- D AK10xx
- C Qxx

Choose e) **Bid 3D** in response to 2C. This shows 8+ HCP and two of the top 3 honours in a 5 card or longer Diamond suit.

### Question # 4

You open with 2C with the following hand. Partner responds 2D.

What is your next bid?

- S AKxxx
- H Kxx
- D AQ
- C AKx

- a) 3S
- b) 2S
- c) 2NT
- d) 3NT

Choose c) **Bid 2NT**. This will show 22-23 HCP and a balanced hand (no singletons or voids and no 6 card suit). Some may say 22-24 HCP> Just agree with partner.

If you are worried about missing the 5-3 Spade fit, learn Puppet Stayman.

A great convention.