

Bob Jones April 1 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE APRIL 1, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A J 5 ♥A 8 2 ♦A K T 9 5 ♣A J

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♥ Pass 2♠* Dbl

3♣ Pass Pass 3♦

3♥ Pass Pass ?

*Weak

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q 9 8 7 5 4 ♥7 2 ♦8 5 ♣9 7 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ P ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q T 7 ♥Q J 6 5 ♦K T 6 3 ♣7 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ Dbl 1♥ Pass

2♣ 2♠ ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q 8 6 ♥T 9 7 6 3 ♦K T 6 ♣6 5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ P ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A K 6 ♥A 6 5 2 ♦K 8 5 ♣9 7 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ 2♠ 3♣ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 7 ♥A T ♦A 7 5 ♣K Q 9 8 5 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

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WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

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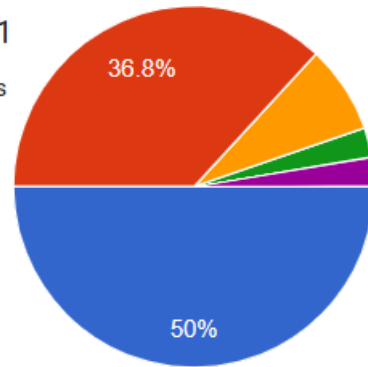
3♣ Pass Pass 3♦

3♥ Pass Pass ?

Question 1

38 responses

- Double
- Pass
- 3NT
- 4D
- 3S



Bob Jones 3NT If we knew that partner would pass, we would double. Partner might bid 3♠ or 4♦, instead, so we would bid 3NT instead of double.

Steve Vogel Pass Ok, so what is going on? West's shape is probably ?-6-?-4/5) with 15 HCP (+/-) That leaves 4-5 HCP for responder and partner, and responder likely has the bulk given the preempt. What is partner's distribution? Probably something like 3-2-4-4 (+/-). Even with a potential 9-card diamond fit, our maximum potential in diamonds or notrump is 8 tricks, and may be less (a lot less in notrump if diamonds do not run). A successful double requires taking 3 tricks in opener's short suits, which may be against the odds. Best to pass and hope to set the opponents.

Joe Muenks X I think they can make it given their 6-5-2-0 shape, but I'm not sitting with 5 defensive tricks and not giving them the pleasure of a huge score. Note that partner should never pull so unless I score the ♦K or partner gets her ♥J or such there will be stories to tell over the dinner break.

Bob Fisk X This can't still be for takeout, since all four suits have been bid. If partner has Diamond length, partner can pull to 4♦, otherwise they should continue to shut the heck up (SFW).

Steve Moese Pass I wouldn't be surprised if west is 1=6=1=5 or worse. They have shown at least 6=4 shape. We don't have more than 4 tricks. Partner has been silent throughout. Not a good sign. Give opponents a minimum of 16 HCP between them. That leaves us a max of 7 for partner. Partner didn't double clubs for penalty. Partner is broke. Doubling to set them one when we have no equity to protect is losing bidding.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q 8 6 ♥T 9 7 6 3 ♦K T 6 ♣6 5

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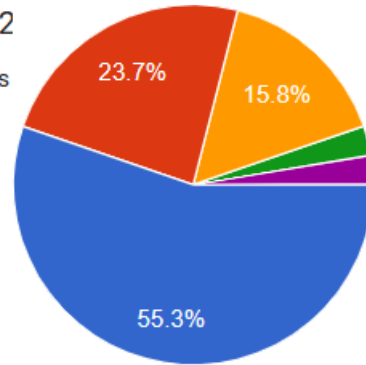
1♥ P* ?

*In fairness to Bob Jones, he had the call for east as a Double in question #2 that I overlooked.

Question 2

38 responses

- 4H
- 2H
- 3H
- Pass
- 1NT



Bob Jones 3♥ We want to make a pre-emptive raise, but 3♥ or 4♥? Vulnerable, we like 3♥. *In fairness to Bob Jones, he had the call for east as a Double in question #2 that I overlooked.

Steve Vogel 3♥ I will not jump to 4♥ even at equal vulnerability without shortness in addition to 5+ card support for partner's major, but still, this hand is worth an unfavorable vulnerability bid of 3♥.

Joe Muenks 3♥ We jump to 4♥ with 5 trump with a singleton or void so maybe we should deny the 5th trump without shortness and just show a weak 4 card preempt. Playing standard bid just 2♥ and await developments.

Bob Fisk 4♥ I can't pick and choose which hand I'll bid 4♥ with 5-card support and which hand I won't. In the long run, it will work out far better if I always do the same thing with a hand similar to this one.

Steve Moese 2♥ At unfavorable vulnerability we need not preempt. We will however bid freely to the 3 level and or accept any reasonable game try by partner. Jumping to 4♥ without useful shortness is suicidal.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q98754 ♥72 ♦85 ♣976

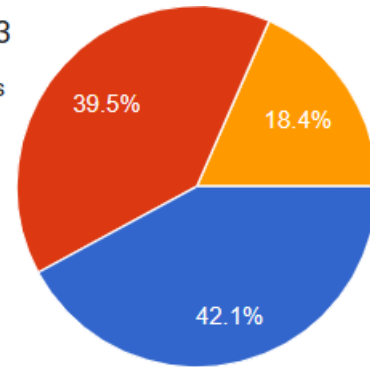
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ P ?

Question 3

38 responses

● Pass
● 2S
● 1S



Bob Jones **Pass** Even if you play weak jump shift responses, don't give yourself an excuse to bid with this miserable hand. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** This is a close call. I WANT to jump to 2♠ given the favorable vulnerability, but my suit is just too anemic for that bid, and I do not have to rush to preempt given partner's opening bid.

Joe Muenks **Pass** This is NOT a weak jump shift hand. That would be a hand that is too weak to respond 1♠ but has 6+ spades with our values in spades, so the 2 pt version must be QT98xx at a minimum. I always deliver at least 3 points: QJTxxx or better myself.

Bob Fisk **2♠** If you have 2♠ available to you to show a pile of goo with long Spades, then go for it. For most of my partners, 2♠ shows a different hand, but I'll pretend I was playing with one who still plays 1m-2♠ as weak. Sue me.

Steve Moese **Pass** Many might choose 2♠ but we prefer a 4-7 HCP hand for a weak jump shift. Given we have spades we can pass and hope to balance if the opponents enter.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A K 6 ♥A 6 5 2 ♦K 8 5 ♣9 7 5

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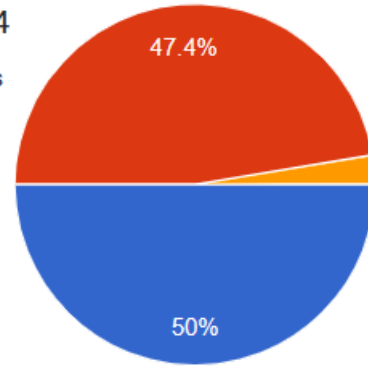
1 ♣ 2 ♠ 3 ♣ Pass

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Question 4

38 responses

● Pass
● 3NT
● 5C



Bob Jones **Pass** Any bid would be an attempt at heroism. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** (matchpoints) 3NT (IMPs) Partner has 5 clubs and may have more. If only 5, then 3NT is unlikely to make without good side suit cards (♥K, ♦Q). At matchpoints, I would take the plus score and pass, but it is a close call at imps given the possibility of a vulnerable game.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Here's another hand where I take the safest road in matchpoints but shoot out 3NT in teams. If partner has AKJxxx in clubs and they split I'll get 9 tricks. But if partner has that in clubs they likely have little or nothing outside so 8 tricks is the max if East has Qxx and you duck 1, if you don't duck partner's hand is worth only 2 tricks since you can't get back. This is when you see stuff like 3NT down 4 or 5 on the recap sheet.

Bob Fisk **3NT** This might go poorly, but if I have nine tricks in Clubs, I'll bet I have nine in notrump as well. How about Jxx xx QJx KQJxx? I might survive 3NT if partner has that hand, and there's definitely not going to be a Spade ruff in 3NT (well, probably not).

Steve Moese **3NT** Partner raised to the 3 level knowing we might have only 3 clubs and 12 HCP. We are a K better and stop their suit. Go for the game.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q T 7 ♥Q J 6 5 ♦K T 6 3 ♣7 4

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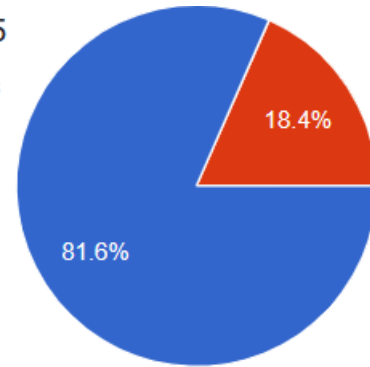
1♦ Dbl 1♥ Pass

2♣ 2♠ ?

Question 5

38 responses

● 3D
● Pass



Bob Jones **3♦** You cannot sell out at the two level with this unknown fit for partner's first-bid suit. Bid 3♦.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Another close call. Partner likely has 5 diamonds, but may only have 4. My 5 points in the majors have limited use for partner. I would have bid 3♦ if not vulnerable, but would choose to pass at this vulnerability.

Joe Muenks **3♦** East is supposed to have a big hand with good, long spades (nowadays the art of the double and bid has been lost on many so always be skeptical at the table what East really has), therefore partner might be highly distributional and needs to hear your support. Further, partner now knows to lead diamonds, not hearts from an ace in each.

Bob Fisk **3♦** This doesn't show extras--I'm simply competing to the level of total trump (partner should have five).

Steve Moese **3♦** With much trepidation. Yes we have a likely 9-card Diamond fit. However the vulnerability warns against rash action. One view is that we have a 9 trump fit and they have an 8 card fit meaning there are 17 tricks in play between the two sides. That suggests if they take 8 tricks in spades we can take 9 in Diamonds. Of course, we cannot be certain of the trump fit lengths either way. We have to decide before we have enough information. East has shown a giant flexible hand generally 17+ HCP. If we have a minimum of 20 HCP our way, we see West can hold at most 3 HCP. The other consideration is that only 3 of our 8 HCP are working in OUR suits. Likewise Partner's honors are on the wrong side (under) the strong hand. Since our values are soft we should prefer to defend. The adage "We cannot get rich letting the opponents play at the 2-level" applies here. Bid 3♦ IN TEMPO and hope the opponents make a bad last guess.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 7 ♥A T ♦A 7 5 ♣K Q 9 8 5 3

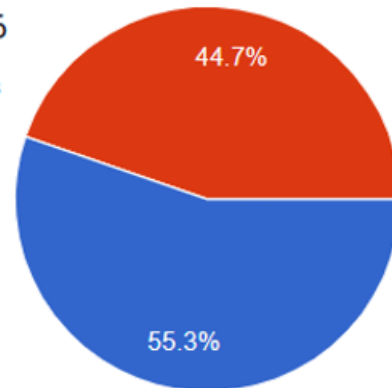
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Question 6

38 responses

● 1C
● 1NT



Bob Jones **1NT** Charles Goren would never have done it, but the modern trend is to treat this distribution as balanced and open 1NT. We like it!

Steve Vogel **1♣** So many of these hands are close calls. Should I open 1NT or 1♣? I strive to open 1NT on balanced hands whenever possible, but this hand with 16HCP and a decent 6-card suit may be too strong. I would choose to open 1♣, but what about my rebid over partner's expected major suit response? Should it be 2NT or 3♣? The 10 of hearts would sway me to 2NT.

Joe Muenks **1NT** Your decisions are to open 1NT, to open 1♣ and jump to 2NT next or open 1♣ and bid 3♣ next. That is my preference order. If my ♣98 were the ♣T9 I'd value up and jump to 2NT after starting 1♣.

Bob Fisk **1NT** (15-17). I want to grab the notrump, and if I open 1♣, I'll need to rebid 3♣, and partner will bid 3NT. That never goes well.

Steve Moese **1♣** Sure, some will open 1NT. However our club suit is good and we can easily rebid 3♣ to show our hand. Right-siding NT is always a consideration, but there's nothing about this hand yet that says we should declare not partner. Besides a club slam is not out of the question. Let's not get ahead of ourselves. Bid the more flexible 1♣. After all, we are in first seat.

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Bob Jones	3NT	3♥	Pass	Pass	3♦	1NT
Steve Vogel	Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣

Joe Muenks	X	3♥	Pass	Pass	3♦	1NT
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Bob Fisk	X	4♥	2♠	3NT	3♦	1NT
Steve Moese	Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT	3♦	1♣

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Al Venosa	X	2♥	1♠	Pass	3♦	1♣
AnnR	X	4♥	2♠	3NT	3♦	1♣
Bob K	Pass	4♥	Pass	3NT	Pass	1NT
Carl Willig	Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass	3♦	1♣
Carol Wilson	Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT	3♦	1NT
Cathy W	X	4♥	2♠	3NT	3♦	1♣
Cecilia	Pass	3♥	2♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
Chuck	X	Pass	1♠	3NT	3♦	1♣
Dave	Pass	4♥	2♠	Pass	3♦	1♣
Dean Congbalay	Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass	3♦	1NT
Doug Edwards	3♠	4♥	Pass	3NT	Pass	1♣
Ed	3NT	4♥	Pass	3NT	3♦	1♣
Gary Busch	4♦	2♥	2♠	Pass	3♦	1♣
Gary Herrington	X	3♥	2♠	Pass	3♦	1♣
James D	Pass	4♥	2♠	3NT	3♦	1NT
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JohnMcQ	X	2♥	1♠	Pass	3♦	1♣
Jon Hoak	X	4♥	2♠	3NT	3♦	1NT
Kevin C.	X	4♥	2♠	Pass	3♦	1♣
Kevin H.	X	4♥	1♠	Pass	3♦	1NT
Martha	X	4♥	Pass	3NT	3♦	1NT
Mike Burns	X	2♥	Pass	3NT	3♦	1♣
Mónica	X	1NT	1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
Nell Wickstrom	X	3♥	Pass	3NT	3♦	1NT
Pam Campbell	X	4♥	Pass	Pass	3♦	1♣
Pete Outcalt	Pass	4♥	Pass	3NT	Pass	1♣
Rick Read	X	2♥	Pass	5♣	3♦	1♣
Rod	Pass	4♥	1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
Steve Messinger	X	4♥	Pass	3NT	3♦	1♣
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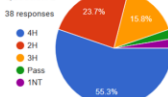
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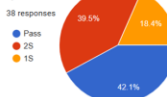
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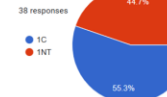
Question 4



Question 5



Question 6



Player	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
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Steve Vogel	Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Joe Muenks	X	3♥	Pass	Pass	3♦	1NT
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Rod	Pass	4♥	1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
Steve Messenger	X	4♥	Pass	3NT	3♦	1♣
Sue	3NT	4♥	2♣	3NT	3♦	1NT
Vijay Doshi	Pass	4♥	Pass	3NT	3♦	1♣
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