

Bob Jones April 13 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE APRIL 13, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠Q J 10 ♥K 9 3 ♦J 7 ♣A K 7 6 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

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What call would you make?

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♠A 7 6 4 ♥Q ♦A 8 6 ♣A Q J 10 5

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Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

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♠A K 7 6 3 ♥A J 8 6 ♦9 ♣A K J

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Q 4 – Both vulnerable

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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 1NT ?

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Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A 7 ♥10 7 6 ♦J 8 7 5 3 ♣A J 9

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ 1♥ 3♣* ?

*Pre-emptive

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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♠QJT ♥K93 ♦J7 ♣AK763

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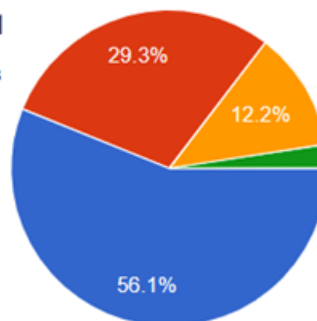
41 responses

● 1NT

● 2S

● 2C

● 3S



Bob Jones **2♠** Strong 3-card support and a weak doubleton. A classic 3-card raise. Bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel **1NT** Actually, I would have opened this hand 1NT: 14HCP plus a good 5-card club suit. Given this auction, my best options are rebidding 1NT or 2♠. My doubleton diamond has an honor, so I believe the best option by a wide margin is 1NT.

Joe Muenks **1NT** With honors in both red suits, I'll bid by the old book, "with a square hand and 12-14 HCP open a suit and rebid 1 NT".

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Mike Ma **1NT** In spite of the lack of texture of the club suit, surely this hand is upgradable and should have been to a 1NT opening. Failing to do that, what can you do but rebid 1NT now? I do not raise with 3 card suit with better than xx in my doubleton.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A K 7 6 3 ♥A J 8 6 ♦9 ♣A K J

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

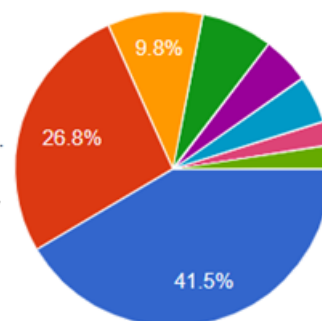
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass

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Question 2

41 responses

4S 4D
3H 4C
3D 4H
3C 2NT



Bob Jones **3♥** Of course you are on your way to 4♠, but what's the rush? Bid 3♥. You might learn something that will help you bid a slam or reach a superior heart game.

Steve Vogel **4♠** The key question on this hand is whether we might have slam. If partner needs a near-perfect hand for slam, I tend to bid game and give up on slam unless I have specific ways to find out all I need to know about partner's hand. In this case, I would need at least the ♠Q, King doubleton of hearts, the ♣Q and I still have to deal with my fourth heart. There are other possible hands, but all of them are near-perfect hands.

Joe Muenks **3♦** Standard players can bid 3♣, which demands partner to bid 3♦ with the ♦A. Playing Kokish we bid 3♦, a self-splinter. Partner will evaluate their hand against my shortness thinking I'm making a game try but next round I'll reveal it's a slam try.

Bob Fisk **3♦** (Kokish Game Try). Playing Kokish Game Tries, my 3♦ bid says "Hey partner, I have diamond shortness. If this makes your hand worse, bid 3♦. If it improves your hand, or you were accepting a game try of any ilk, please make a control bid in case it was a slam try." If partner tries to sign off in 3♠, I'll bid 4♣ trying to get partner to show a heart control. If partner bids 4♠ over 4♣, I'll pass, but I'll still pout about it.

Steve Moese **3♥** A help suit or long suit game try. We intend to bid game opposite responders' potential denial. If responder bids game we will investigate slam.

Mike Ma **3♥** With a 5 loser hand and such a good one, I am not stopping below game. Butt slam is very much in the picture. While the difference between playing in 5-3 fit vs 4-4 fit is not that significant at or below game level, it is very much so for slam As little as ♠Qxx ♥KQxx from partner and 6♥ is basically lay down in 6♥, while you may need a finesse in 6♠. It very much depends on if your system allows for probing for 4-4 heart fit. LSGT and HSGT would both do it easily. You will correct 3♠ to 4 of course. A splinter 4♦ bid is not as useful here.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A 7 6 4 ♥Q ♦A 8 6 ♣A Q J T 5

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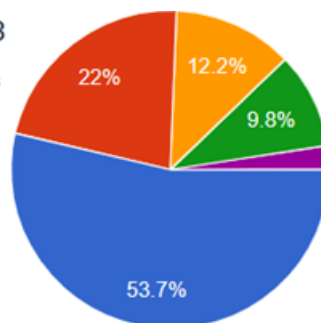
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Question 3

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● Double
● Pass
● 2S
● 3C
● 3NT



Bob Jones X Looks like you're outgunned, but this hand is worth one more competitive effort. Double.

Steve Vogel X Given that partner could not act over the double, he/she has a maximum of 5 points. Still, we are not vulnerable, and I do not want the opponents to buy the contract at the 2-level. My hand is worth a takeout double.

Joe Muenks X This double implies 17+ playing points and is takeout. Their double doesn't mean we're not 4-4 in spades. If partner has 4/5 points, we have half and should compete to 2♠, 3♣ or 3♦.

Bob Fisk Pass $17 + 12 + 9 = 38$. Partner is broke. Hopefully your LHO keeps bidding, and you take four tricks on defense.

Steve Moese X While partner is likely broke, we have great shape and want to land in an 8+ card fit at the 2 or 3-level. 2♠ here would suggest no tolerance for diamonds. A slightly weaker hand would pass and hope responder reopens.

Mike Ma X Your partner won't have much, but still, it can be our hand. And you can't afford to sell out to 2♥.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠T 9 6 ♥K Q J T 7 5 3 ♦8 7 ♣4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 1NT ?

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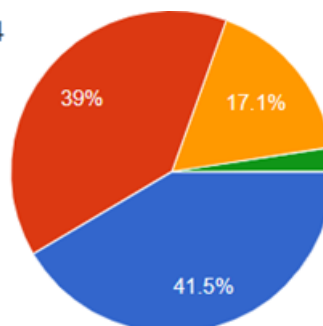
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● 2H

● 3H

● 4H

● 2C



Bob Jones 2♥ Only double shows a good hand after a 1NT overcall. Bid 2♥, showing a long suit with fewer than 9 points.

Steve Vogel 3♥ Any non-double bid by me is to play, as I would double with strength. The question is whether to bid 2♥ (natural) or 3♥. The opponents likely have a fit in diamonds (and perhaps clubs or spades) and I want to keep them from finding it. Given I have 6 tricks in my own hand, I do not think it is too much to expect another three from partner.

Joe Muenks 2♥ This is to play. Recall, with any 10 point hand we start with a double, so this is non-forcing weak. Playing with more advanced players, we bid 2♦ which is a transfer to hearts. We transfer to force the strong hand to make the opening lead from strength.

Bob Fisk 2♥ Please don't pass 1NT thinking "We're going to take the first umpteen tricks if I lead a heart!! Sweet!" 3♥ has some merit, but partner will expect a better hand.

Steve Moese 2♥ While preempting to 3♥ tempts, there's no need here. Advancer (West) has at most 7 HCP (do the math) and 2♥ offers sufficient interference. We will bid to 3♥ if they find a fit in a pointed suit. The singleton club is a negative here.

Mike Ma 2♣ You have 6 tricks playing hearts. You can't X and hope partner has the ♥A. I played Modified Cappelletti over their 1NT overcall. But 2♥ is too much of an underbid. I will begin with 2♣ (diamonds or Mm). Over partner's 2♦ (I pray she won't have a hand that will pass 2♣), I will bid 3♥. She should understand I have a better hand than bidding 2♥ over the 1NT but not suitable for X.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠J4 ♥J87 ♦QT85 ♣AK87

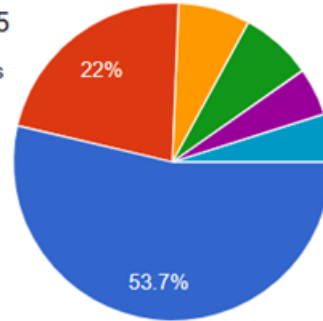
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 1♥ ?

Question 5

41 responses

- 2C
- 2H
- Pass
- 2D
- 1S
- 1NT



Bob Jones 2♥ Don't worry about partner having only 3 clubs, and take responsibility for your values. Bid 2♥, showing a club fit with at least invitational values.

Steve Vogel 2♥ I have a balanced hand with no great bid. I would prefer to have 5 clubs to make a 2♥ response (limit raise in clubs), but I view it as the best of the alternatives.

Joe Muenks 1NT Last week we had Jxx as our "stopper" after an overcaller and 11 HCP. I underbid my points with 1NT then, and I'll underbid here again. I do not frown upon those who bid 2♥ to show a limit plus in clubs, or those who double this round and plan to figure out what to do next round later.

Bob Fisk 2♣ This is a tough one. 2♦ is a clear underbid, but are you really going to cuebid 2♥ and force to the three level with this hand? If you play "cards" doubles, you can double, but if you play negative doubles, you're never going to convince partner you have a doubleton spade if you start with a double.

Steve Moese 2♥ We show the invitational raise of clubs that we have. We deny 4+ spades and a heart stop.

Mike Ma 1♠ Similar hand to one of last weeks. You can cue to show LR+ in clubs, but if you follow my advice from last week and play 1♠ as showing 3- spades with no other better bids, that would be most flexible.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A7 ♥T76 ♦J8753 ♣AJ9

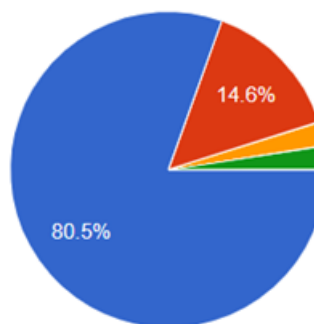
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ 1♥ 3♣ ?

Question 6

41 responses

- 3H
- Pass
- 4H
- Double



Bob Jones 3♥ No room for a cue bid below game. Bid 3♥, which is a wide-ranging bid.

Steve Vogel 3♥ I view my only real alternative is to support partner with 3♥. Partner made a non-vulnerable overcall, and I have only 10 points. I do not have the strength or distribution to force to game in hearts or bid 3NT.

Joe Muenks 3♥ While you are max for this bid, we are too weak for a 4♣ cue. Partner, with extras, can always bid 4♥ herself.

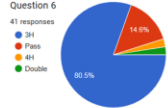
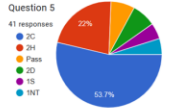
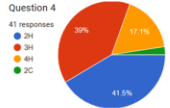
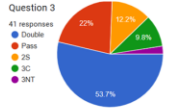
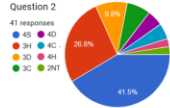
Bob Fisk 3♥ If you had a fourth heart, you'd bid game. Partner is short in clubs, but you have a lot of losers in the red suits.

Steve Moese 3♥ We have a fit. Partner will know this raise is under pressure. If you are tempted to double, recall partners overcall could be quite light at this vulnerability, and that power doubles deny a fit. FIT FIRST.

Mike Ma 3♥ In auctions like this, you give up inviting, which is what you have. Invitational hands are either upgraded to game or downgraded to competitive. And partner knows that. You are at the lower end of inviting, so downgrade and bid 3♥.

04/13/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	2♠	3♥	X	2♥	2♥	3♥
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Joe Muenks	1NT	3♦	X	2♥	1NT	3♥
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