

## Bob Jones April 15 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE APRIL 15, 2023

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EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 2♦\* ?

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Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠3 ♥Q J T 6 ♦A T 7 5 4 ♣K 7 2

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

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WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

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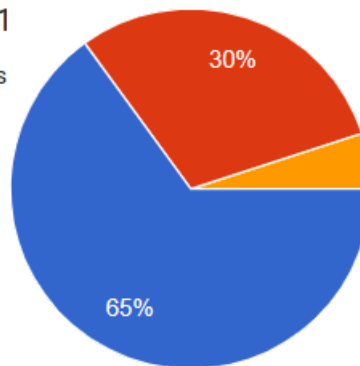
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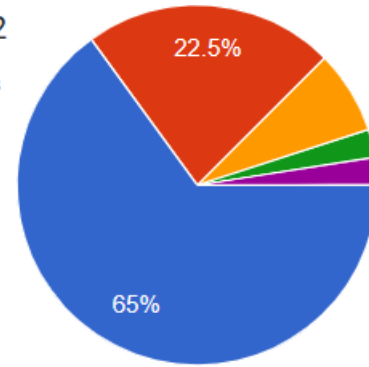
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1♦ 2♦ ?

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- 3D
- Pass
- Double
- 2H
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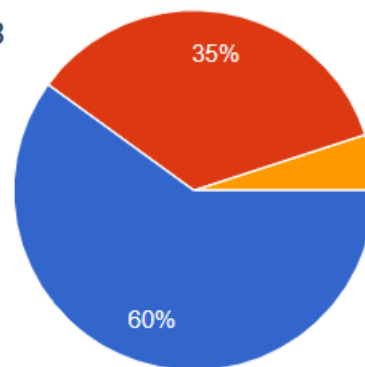
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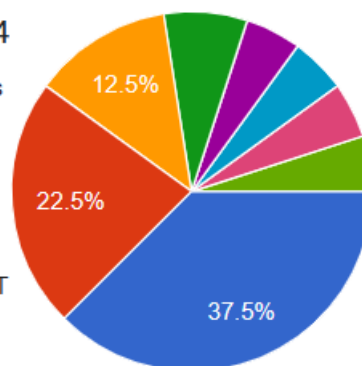
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3♣ Pass ?

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40 responses

4S 3D  
4D 4C  
5C 3H  
Pass 4NT



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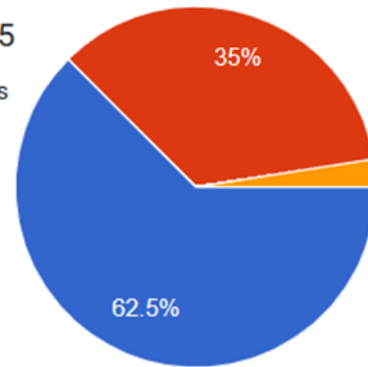
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2♥ P ?

### Question 5

40 responses

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● 2NT  
● 6H



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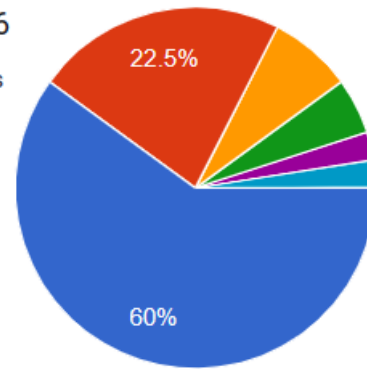
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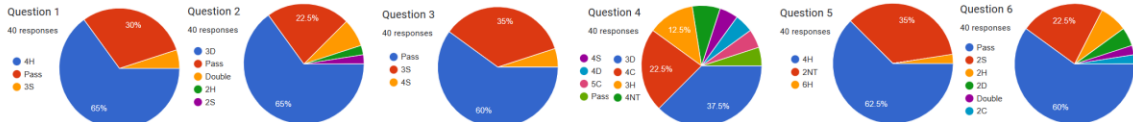
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