

## Bob Jones April 22 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE APRIL 22, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A Q J T 7 5 ♥7 3 ♦Q 8 6 ♣9 5

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

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WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

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Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

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WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ 1♥ Pass ?

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Q 4 – Both vulnerable

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EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

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Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A K 2 ♥T 9 5 4 ♦7 ♣Q T 9 6 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

3♦ Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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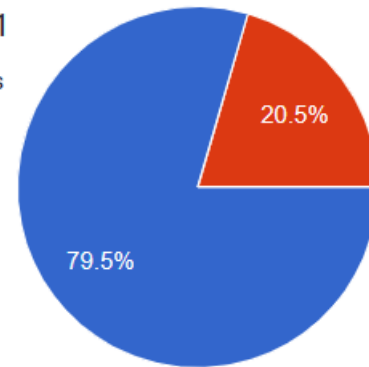
1♦ ?

### Question 1

39 responses

● 2S

● 1S



Bob Jones **2♠** This hand qualifies for a 1♠ overcall, but why not bid 2♠ and put extra pressure on your opponents. Bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel **2♠** Six card suit, less than 10 HCP with the bulk of my highcards in my suit. Sounds perfect for a preempt. With no shortness/side 4-card suit, I would choose 2♠ over a more aggressive 3♠.

Joe Muenks **2♠** I like a style that overcalls a 5 or 6 card suit at the one level with a good suit or an opening hand but a jump overcall on a weak 6 card suit hand. This allows partner to better apply the law of total tricks quicker for maximum disruption to the opponents, knowing my hand resembles our weak 2 bid.

Bob Fisk **2♠** (Preemptive jump overcall). I would have happily opened 2♠, so that's what I bid. If West happens to pass, partner can bid 2NT which I play as a modified Ogust with my partners. I'll respond 3♠ (Good Hand/Good Suit), and we'll be in game if that's where we were meant to be. Overcalling 1♠ allows West to sneak in a cheap Negative Double to show 4+ Hearts.

Steve Moese **2♠** 1.5 defensive tricks with all my strength in spades makes 2♠ preferable to 1♠ here. While the ♦Q is nice, it has no value until we learn partner has a diamond card. Bidding 1♠ then rebidding spades would show more defense than I have.

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠J 8 6 3 ♥4 2 ♦A Q 7 6 2 ♣Q 8

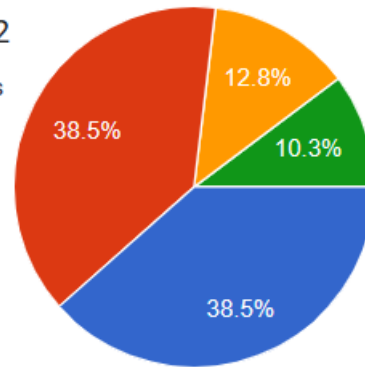
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ 1♥ Pass ?

### Question 2

39 responses

- 1S
- Pass
- 2D
- 1NT



Bob Jones **1♠** You do not need a 5-card suit to respond to partner's overcall. Bid 1♠.

Steve Vogel **1NT** With 9 HCP and a 5-card suit, I am tempted to make a bid (1NT or 2♦). In fact, my gut says 1NT to show some values. It is true that the value of my ♣Q is suspect and I would get another chance if I pass and opener takes a bid, but I think I will go with my gut.

Joe Muenks **Pass** The opponents are unlikely to have game in any suit so I do not need to make a peep yet. We'll see what happens next. (Note had my ♣Q been in any of the other 3 suits, I would upgrade this to a 10 and 5 hand and I'd bid the ratty 2♦, implying 2 hearts and helping partner with the lead if we're on defense [they may need to get me in to lead a heart back through the strong hand].)

Bob Fisk **Pass** I'd love to double to show "cards," but that often results in a director call when the person you double is your partner (although, be honest with me, wouldn't you love to do it once in awhile?).

Steve Moese **1♠** Many will choose 2♦, however I prefer to play 1-level advances as 4-carded and forcing 1 round, as if West never opened. This helps us find 4-4 spade fits when that's our best strain. This way we have no problem with our second bid. (Note: the bias toward majors over minors is caused by the scoring table. I have no problem with anyone who bids 2♦ here).

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### Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

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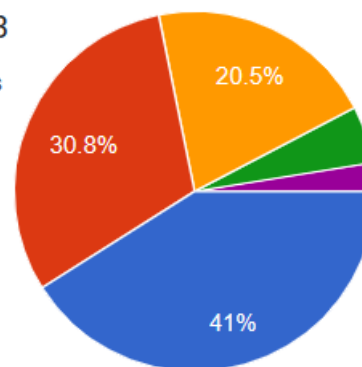
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

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### Question 3

39 responses

- 3S
- 4S
- 2S
- 2C
- 3C



Bob Jones 4♠ Even 3♠ seems a bit timid to us. We like 4♠.

Steve Vogel 4♠ I have a 4-loser hand, and game is likely opposite many 1NT responses by partner. If I were to take the conservative route of rebidding 3♠, partner may pass with many hands where 4♠ is making. Yes, if partner's values are in diamonds, we will likely go down, but I have no way to find that out.

Joe Muenks 2♠ Playing Bergen, if partner next shows a limit raise I have a huge hand and will probably start making slam tries. Similarly, playing 2/1 if partner bids 2NT next I'll be thinking slam. But in most scenarios partner will have 1 or 2 spades and 6-9 points and 4 losers later (♠K, 2 hearts and hopefully just 1 club), game is too high. BTW if anyone just jumps to 4♠, consider opening 4♠ in the first place next time.

Bob Fisk 4♠ I picture partner xx Axxx xxxx Jxx. Yup, that'll work, and if it doesn't, our opponents can certainly make something at the three or four level. Making a jump shift rebid to 3♣ would show a much stronger hand. Partner won't know what to do after that bid when the opponents get to 4♥ (making an overtrick).

Steve Moese 2♣ Patience - If partner passes, opponents are likely to bid. If partner bids a red suit, we can rebid spades (2 over 2♦, 3 over 2♥). I am slightly torn between going slow and blasting 4♠ which might very well be right. However that bid requires specific help from partner, and my partner's rarely hold what I want them to hold. 😊

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠T 8 ♥A 9 8 6 4 ♦A 8 3 ♣A Q J

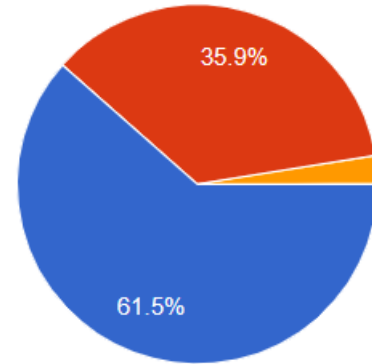
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1♦ ?

### Question 4

39 responses

● 1H  
● 1NT  
● 1S



Bob Jones **1♥** We would open 1NT, but as an overcaller, we prefer to show our 5-card major. Bid 1♥.

Steve Vogel **1NT** I am not strong enough to double then bid hearts, so my choices are to overcall 1♥ or 1NT. If I overcall 1♥, it will be hard to convey my strength later in the auction unless we have a heart fit. Accordingly, I choose to make the limit bid in the hopes that partner can help place the best final contract.

Joe Muenks **1NT** Epls. I have 15-18 and a diamond stopper. Poker is playing statistics but the inferior action wins at times, too. Here 1♥ might pay off, but our bidding responding to 1NT, particularly playing Lebensohl, is the most accurate bidding a pair has, so we'll win most "pots."

Bob Fisk **1♥** 100% on this one? For the 0.01% who overcalled 1NT, simply tell your partner that you had a Heart mixed in with your Diamonds (although don't claim it was the ♥A.....that would look funny).

Steve Moese **1♥** I'll go with showing my anemic 5-card suit at the one level. 1NT is an option here, but I avoid promising Axx as a stopper in a NT overcall - it's often insufficient.

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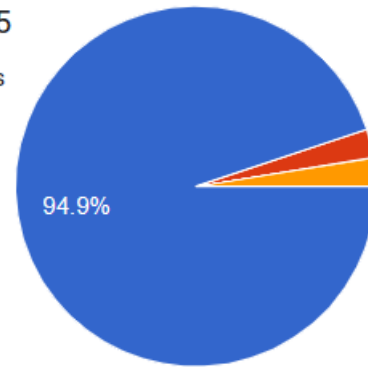
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ Pass 1NT ?

### Question 5

39 responses

● Pass  
● Double  
● 2NT



Bob Jones **Pass** What can you do? As usual, it is best to pass when they bid your best suit. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** The opponents have bid my best suit and a 1NT overcall is no longer possible. I can see no reasonable alternative to passing.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Epls. I've seen people double here and I've seen people bid 2♣ and other egregious actions just because you have points. There's no shame in earning pluses on defense and I'm counting their undertricks already particularly if 1nt was forcing like in the modern style.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Double would be for takeout of Spades, so don't do that. You can try bidding 1NT, and when they tell you to make it sufficient, change it to 1♠. That'll let partner know what you have. Heh.

Steve Moese **Pass** Not all 15 HCP hands have a bid to make. You have no suit and the wrong shape for a takeout double. Pass and hope the opponents don't catch on.

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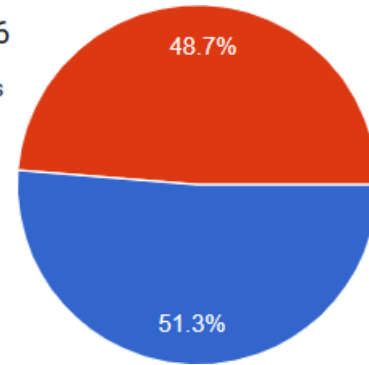
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● Double

● Pass



Bob Jones X The values to bid at the 3-level are not there, but they will steal you blind if you pass. Double, for takeout, of course.

Steve Vogel Pass This is a close one (matchpoints only- I would pass atimps). Partner is marked with some values based on the bidding, and I have decent shape for a takeout double in passout seat. If I were 4-4-1-4, I would choose to double. With only 7 cards in the major suits, my conservative side wins out and I would pass, even though it usually pays to be aggressive with shortness in the opponent's suit.

Joe Muenks X Ignore that you're lacking too many points; remember partner needs a good hand to act in direct seat because she trusts that you'll act aggressively or very aggressively in the passout seat, which requires short diamonds and some values. I bet partner has a penalty double she couldn't make since that'll be takeout by her. If not, they have a lot of diamonds so we'll have a big fit somewhere like partner having a 5 or 6 card suit... I'm hoping it's clubs and can't wait to see... rats, it's just a bidding quiz so we don't get to see the facts.

Bob Fisk X Bridge isn't for the faint of heart (or any suit for that matter).

Steve Moese X Ok, I'd like a Queen more but I have to play the cards I hold. After all, partner might be making a penalty pass. We have good support for the other 3 suits, and if we "borrow" a K from partner, we would open this hand. Double now.

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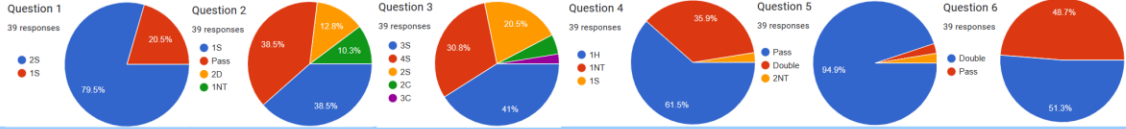
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