## Bob Jones April 27 Quiz

Goren on Bridge：Weekly bridge quiz GOREN BRIDGE APRIL 27， 2024
Q 1 －Neither vulnerable

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1NT＊？
＊15－17
What call would you make？
Q 3 －East－West vulnerable
ゆAQ43『874 K 87 \＄975
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { NORTH EAST } & \text { SOUTH WEST } \\ \text { 14 } \mathrm{X} & \text { ？} & \end{array}$
What call would you make？

Q 5 －North－South vulnerable

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
2 3 ）Pass ？
What call would you make？

Q 2 －North－South vulnerable
\＆QTマ9＊AKT75＊AKQ64
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1）Pass 10 Pass
？
What call would you make？

Q 4 －Both vulnerable


| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Pass | $1 \mathbf{~}$ | Pass |
| 24 | Pass | $?$ |  |

What call would you make？
Q 6 －East－West vulnerable
\＆A 7 V K J 764 A 986 6
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1v Pass 2\％Pass
？
What call would you make？
Look for answers on Monday．

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Question 1<br>Q 1 - Neither vulnerable<br>ゅQT84『KJ7 AJ \& AJ 86<br>EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH 1NT



Bob Jones $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \quad$ There are many defenses to a 1NT opening. Most allow a double to show an equivalent hand. If that's your agreement, this is the hand for it. Double.

Steve Vogel Pass Despite the fact that I am behind the notrump bidder, I need my partner to have good spades or more strength than responder to be confident about defeating 1NT. Even if I wanted to make a penalty double, I do not have such a bid in my arsenal because my partners and I play DONT. No other competitive bid is attractive with this hand. Best to pass.

Joe Muenks Pass I'm going to try for a plus, no doubt, but without a 5 or 6 card suit I don't think a double is warranted. True, declarer is in front of you for every other lead, but you have to lead away from your honors the other every other lead.

Bob Fisk Pass If you play that a double of a strong 1NT is for penalty, live it up, although good players, aware that 1NT might not have play, will run to a suit contract. To make it even worse, these same good players, holding the balance of power (i.e., 7 HCP in responder's hand) will choose to play 1 NT redoubled, making two, for a septillion points. Heh.

Steve Moese Pass Today we avoid penalizing strong NT putting the double to better use. Pass and await developments. The auction doesn't end after two bids.

Mike Ma Pass I don't play penalty $X$ over strong NT, but even if I do, this is the wrong hand.

## Question 2

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable
ゅQTマ9*AKT75*AKQ4

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 1 | Pass $1 \boldsymbol{~}$ | Pass |  |
| $?$ |  |  |  |

Question 2
43 responses
-3C
-2C

- 2NT


Bob Jones $\underline{\mathbf{2 g}}$ This hand is not quite strong enough for a game-forcing $3 \boldsymbol{2}$ bid. Bid $2 \boldsymbol{2}$.
Steve Vogel $3 \boldsymbol{3}$ I have two great suits and game-forcing strength. Despite possible issues with a jump shift to 3 (for example, if partner rebids $3 \boldsymbol{4}$ ), I believe it is the best rebid choice.

Joe Muenks 3\% I'm willing to put in a game force with the fitting $Q x$ of spades and two fine 5 card suits even though I'm officially 1 HCP shy.

Bob Fisk 3e My hand is good enough to force to game. The opponent's silence, holding nine hearts between them if partner holds only four spades, makes me think 3NT (or 6 m or $4 \boldsymbol{4}$ ) will all have play. Picture partner with AKxx xxx Qxx Jxx.

Steve Moese 3 Right on strength, shape, and suit quality. The more interesting problem is what we bid next!

Mike Ma 3 Surely 18 hcp including QT in partner's suit and two good suits are enough for a GF JS even if the suits are $m$. Red vs white, your partner is not bidding 1 on garbage.

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Question 3
Q 3 －East－West vulnerable
ゆAQ43『874 K 87 \＄975
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1人 X ？


Bob Jones $2 \underline{\Phi} 3 \boldsymbol{Q}$ over a double is pre－emptive and $2 N T$ shows a limit raise． $2 \boldsymbol{Q}$ is your only bid，but be prepared to compete to the three level．

Steve Vogel $\underline{\mathbf{2 5}}$（BROMAD）If I didn＇t play BROMAD，I would bid 24．Despite my 4－3－3－3 shape，with BROMAD，I would choose to show partner my 4－card constructive support by bidding $2 \downarrow$ because I am at the top of range for strength．

Joe Muenks $2 \boldsymbol{2 4}$ Standard players bid $2 \boldsymbol{A}$ here，not preempt with zero shortness．Playing Bromad，I＇d fess up to 8－9 playing points and 4 trump，though I wouldn＇t blame anyone for bidding 2 to show 8－9 and only 3 trump，again，since you have no shortness，rather the worst possible 4－3－3－3 distribution．

Bob Fisk 2 I play Drury over 1M－（Double）so my 2e bid is artificial and shows a limit raise or better for partner＇s suit．My strong spades and my well－placed $\Downarrow K$ allow me to upgrade my hand，although my shape is awful．If partner bids $2 \vee$ ，asking about my hand，I＇ll bid 2NT to show exactly 4－3－3－3 shape．Bridge is easy！

Steve Moese 25 A good（constructive）spade raise．We use＂one under＂to show a better raise so that the direct raise can be weak．A matter of partnership agreement．With 9 losers，this hand is not worth an invitational raise．

Mike Ma 3 My preferred system is transfer over the $X$ ，allowing me to raise S with＜ constructive hand．The bid to show 4 trumps，constructive raise，and no singleton is $3 \downarrow$ ．This hand is not good enough with 4333 to upgrade to LR，but surely you are good for constructive raise．You know partner has poor trumps，and she will be worrying about $S$ and be conservative， so bidding as if you have 3 trumps is not advisable．

| Question 4 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q 4 - Both vulnerable |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
| 1. | Pass | 14 | Pass |
| 20 | Pass | ? |  |



Bob Jones 3NT Partner might have raised on three-card support. Bid 3NT and give him a choice of games.

Steve Vogel 3NT This bid shows a hand with limited ruffing value and offers partner a choice of games.

Joe Muenks 2NT Standard players bid 4@, confident in 4 card support and with no slam aspirations. Pairs who raise regularly on 3 cards should play that 2NT asks about trump length and hand strength which allows a hand with values in the 2 unbid suits, like here, to play 3NT instead.

Bob Fisk $\underline{\mathbf{2 N T}}$ (Spiral). I'll make sure that partner has a fourth spade before deciding on which game to bid. If partner holds AQxx Kxx QTx QJx, I want to play in 3NT.

Steve Moese 3NT 3NT directly should show 4-3-3-3 with interest only in game opposite partner's minimum rebid. Some will trot out the 2NT ask (aka Wold/Spiral) to ensure partner has a 4 card raise then bid $3 N T$. I prefer the direct $3 N T$ for this shape and honor dispersion.

Mike Ma 2NT You are 4333, but it is the wrong hand to bid 3NT. Your other two suits are not soft values. You have no ruffing value, but that is not true for partner. If she has 4 S , she will have a doubleton. Bid 2NT Spiral. If she has 3 S only, bidding 3NT is probably best.

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## Question 5

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH


Bob Jones 3a The young and the brave will bid 3NT. We would prefer a little help from partner in spades, so we bid $3 \boldsymbol{A}$.

Steve Vogel 3从 Responder did not raise spades which suggests that partner has some length there. If so, there is a reason partner did not bid 2NT- perhaps fewer than 15 HCP or inappropriate distribution. It may be that a pass is best, but game may be possible in notrump or even diamonds. I will take a chance and cuebid 3is, asking for a stopper.

Joe Muenks 39 You are too strong to bid just 4 , bid 3 to show a limit raise or more in diamonds. You're hoping partner bids 3NT which you'll happily pass but if not partner will at least know your values.

Bob Fisk 3@ I can't pass, I can't bid 3®, I can't bid 3NT, and bidding past 3NT when partner might very well hold Kxx Qx AKQxxx xx, is cray-cray (as the kids say).

Steve Moese 34 Our hand is too good to pass, and we don't want to go past 3NT yet. If partner denies a spade stop now, we can pass Partner's 4-red bid or correct 4e to diamonds. Of course if your agreement is that 4 cannot be passed, well...

Mike Ma 3NT This one is tough. You have no space to invite game, and passing is too pessimistic. If partner has $A x(x)$ or $K x x$ in $S$, you want to be the declarer in $3 N T$. But how to achieve that? $3 \downarrow$ should show $5+$. You don't want partner to raise you with 3 and $S$ stopper, but you don't want her to bid 3NT either for reason above. A Western cue 3 does not help either. At the table, I will curse the world. But since this is just a bidding quiz, just bid 3NT and hope.

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Question 6 <br> Q 6 - East-West vulnerable <br>  <br> | SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 \%$ | Pass | 2 | Pass |
| $?$ |  |  |  |

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Bob Jones 2 2 bid shows 6 of your cards, while a 2 bid shows 9 . Which do you think is more descriptive? Bid $2 \star$.

Steve Vogel 2 I like showing a good second suit rather than choosing to show 6 hearts. Doing so usually helps partner better assess his/her distribution/strength relative to my hand. I will usually get another chance to show my sixth heart.

Joe Muenks $\quad \underline{\mathbf{2 V}}$ Whether in a $2 / 1$ auction or $1 / 1$ auction, I like to open 1 of a suit and rebid 2 of that suit whenever I have a minimum opener. If I have more, I bid a 4 -card suit $2^{\text {nd }}$ then repeat my long major. That way partner can discern which hand you hold.

Bob Fisk 2 We're in a game force, so it's a good idea to look at the next card in the bidding box and axe yourself "Self, would that bid say something accurate about my hand?" Bidding 2 lets you show nine of your 13 cards to partner. Bidding $2 \checkmark$ (or an equivalent systemic bid to show extra length in hearts) shows partner only six of your cards. 2 it is! If partner rebids 24 or $2 N T$, l'll bid $3 \boldsymbol{Y}$ to show 6-4 in the red suits. See above comment about the complexity of Bridge.

Steve Moese 2 Let's show partner 9 of our cards instead of 6 (by rebidding 2 ). We are in a GF, so we have time to rebid hearts soon.

Mike Ma 2 There is no urgency in showing your extra in H suit. As long as partner does not make a silly 3NT bid, you can bid H again below game.

| 04/27/24 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bob Jones | X | 2\% | 24 | 3NT | 34 | 2 |
| Steve Vogel | Pass | 3\% | 2 | 3NT | 34 | 2 |
| Joe Muenks | Pass | 3\% | $2 \checkmark$ | 2NT | 34 | 2 |
| Bob Fisk | Pass | 3\% | 29 | 2NT | 34 | 2 |
| Steve Moese | Pass | 3\% | $2 \checkmark$ | 3NT | 34 | 2 |
| Mike Ma | Pass | 3\% | 3 | 2NT | 3NT | 2 |


| Anne Cobb | X | 29 | 24 | 34 | Pass | 27 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bob K | Pass | 39 | 24 | 2NT | 34 | $2 \checkmark$ |
| Carl Willig | Pass | 3\% | 3 | 2NT | 34 | 27 |
| Carol Wilson | Pass | 39 | 24 | 34 | 39 | $3 \square$ |
| Chuck | Pass | 2NT | 34 | Pass | 4 | 2 |
| Dave | Pass | 3\% | 24 | 3NT | 34 | 27 |
| Dave D | Pass | 3\% | 3\% | 2NT | 34 | 2 |
| Dean Congbalay | Pass | 39 | 24 | 49 | 34 | 2 |
| Gary Busch | Pass | 3\% | 34 | 39 | 3NT | 27 |
| Gary Busch | Pass | 3\% | 34 | 2NT | 3NT | $2 \vee$ |
| Gary Herrington | Pass | 3\% | 2 | 2NT | 34 | 2NT |
| Greg | Pass | 20 | 24 | 49 | 34 | $2 \vee$ |
| James D | Pass | 3\% | 2 | 49 | 34 | $2 \vee$ |
| James Jacobson | X | 2\% | 24 | 34 | Pass | $2 \vee$ |
| Jay Gala | X | 3\% | 31 | 49 | 4 | $2 \square$ |
| JohnMcQ | Pass | 20 | 34 | 3\% | 4 | $2 \vee$ |
| Jon Hoak | Pass | 2\% | 24 | 44 | 34 | $2 \checkmark$ |
| Jusie Clendening | Pass | 3\% | 24 | 49 | 4 | $2 \vee$ |
| Kevin C. | Pass | 3\% | 2 | 2NT | 34 | 2 |
| Kevin H. | Pass | 3\% | 2 | 3NT | Pass | 2 |
| Lanny Cai | Pass | 3\% | 24 | 49 | 3NT | 27 |
| Linda | Pass | 3\% | 24 | 3NT | 34 | 27 |
| Melissa | Pass | 39 | 24 | 49 | 4 | 2 |
| Mike Burns | Pass | 3\% | 24 | 4. | Pass | 27 |
| Mónica | Pass | 3\% | 24 | 2NT | 34 | $2 \checkmark$ |
| Nell Wickstrom | Pass | 3\% | 2 | 2NT | 39 | 2NT |
| Pam Campbell | Pass | 3\% | 3\% | 2NT | 34 | 2 V |
| Pete Outcalt | Pass | 39 | $2 \downarrow$ | 3NT | 4 | 2NT |
| Rick Read | X | 2\% | 24 | 49 | 4 | $2 \vee$ |
| Robert N. | Pass | 2\% | $2 \downarrow$ | 49 | Pass | 27 |
| Rod | Pass | 3\% | XX | 49 | 4 | $2 \checkmark$ |
| Sally Raney | Pass | 36 | 34 | 49 | 4 | 2 |
| Steve Messinger | 4NT | 20 | 3 | Pass | Pass | 2NT |
| Sue | Pass | 3\% | 24 | 49 | Pass | $2 \checkmark$ |
| Vijay | X | 3\% | 34 | 3NT | 34 | 27 |
| Zigang Pan | X | 3. | 24 | 3NT | 34 | $2 \vee$ |
|  | X | 3\% | 24 | 49 | 34 | $2 \checkmark$ |

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