

Bob Jones December 2 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE DECEMBER 2, 2023

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠Void ♥K Q J 8 7 5 4 ♦Q 5 3 ♣K J 7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass

3♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T 7 6 4 3 2 ♥5 3 ♦A 7 6 ♣J 6

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1NT Pass Pass Dbl

Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A J 9 8 ♥A Q 7 ♦K T 9 5 ♣K 9

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A J ♥A Q T 6 ♦Q 7 ♣K Q T 7 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠7 ♥A 9 ♦K Q 6 4 3 2 ♣A J 6 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J T 4 ♥K Q 6 ♦Q J 8 7 ♣8 6 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ P ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

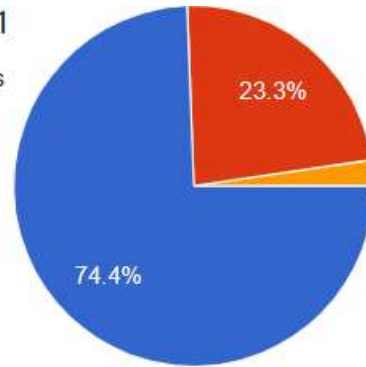
♠ – ♥K Q J 8 7 5 4 ♦ Q 5 3 ♣ K J 7

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	?	

Question 1

43 responses

● 4H
● Pass
● 4C



Bob Jones **4♥** Partner is a passed hand, but your distribution is too exciting not to bid game. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel **4♥** My partners and I play that this sequence shows a 2-card limit raise in hearts. Give partner only the ♦K, ♦J and the ♣Q (6 points) and we will make game. There are many other holdings that will work, so I would bid game (despite only 12 HCP). Yes, there is even some possibility of slam, but I would not pursue that given the first response of 1♠.

Joe Muenks **Pass** When faced with a mismatch, slow the auction down. Pass will really slow this auction down, eh? With likely wasted spade values, good luck making even 3♥.

Bob Fisk **4♥** Picture partner with xxxxx xx JTx Qxx. That's good enough to make 3♥. Switch it to Axxxx xx Kxx Txx, and we're on a club hook for four.

Steve Moese **4♥** Even if partner is aceless we have good chances. Yes, there is the possibility of fast diamond losers. Let the defense find them.

Mike Ma **Pass** There is no right or wrong on this. You have 7 hearts and 5 losers, but your 0 spade loser negated partner's spade suit. Partner can be inviting on many different hands. Give her AQxx, Ax, Jxx, xxx, a totally legitimate 3♥ bidding hand, and you need a lot of luck to make 4. There is no space to investigate, so just go with how lucky you feel. If this was IMPs I would bid 4♥.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A J ♥A Q T 6 ♦Q 7 ♣K Q T 7 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

?

Question 2

43 responses

4H

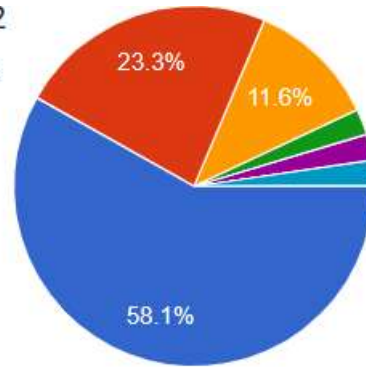
3H

2NT

4NT

2H

4C



Bob Jones 4♥ This hand is too good for an invitation. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel 4♣ My partners and I play that a 4♣ rebid bid specifically shows 2-4-2-5 with a strong club suit and enough strength to force to game: perfect. If we did not play that convention, I would instead bid 4♥ showing 4-card support with no shortness.

Joe Muenks 4♥ When intending to jump to 2NT (18-19 HCP) and a square (ish) hand but partner bids your 4-card major, then raise to game. Remember that 3♥ asks whether partner has 8+ pts, but when you jump to 2NT you're just looking for a good 6 or any 7+, so bidding 3♥ will miss the makeable game frequently, oops.

Bob Fisk 4♥ What else? 3♥ seems a bit timid with 18 HCP, a good 5-card club suit, three trump honors, two Tens, and ruffing value in two suits. Yes, yes, I know I double counted a couple of times there, but you probably didn't even notice.

Steve Moese 4♥ This balanced hand is worth more than 18 HCP. Time for the Cincinnati game try - raise partner to game and let them try to make it!

Mike Ma 4♥ Surely you will force to game. With only 5 clubs and the values you have in the other two suits, 4♣ (4+ hearts and with really good club suit) is misleading and not useful for partner. If partner has extra, maybe she can make a bid over 4♥.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T 7 6 4 3 2 ♥5 3 ♦A 7 6 ♣J 6

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

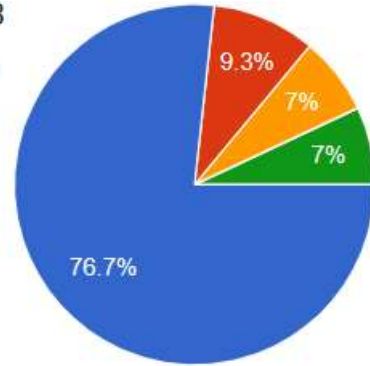
1NT Pass Pass Dbl

Pass ?

Question 3

43 responses

- 2S
- 2C
- Pass
- 2H



Bob Jones **2♠** This hand might be good enough to pass and try for plus 200, but it is safer to bid the long suit. Bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel **2♥** (Spades) Assuming partner's double is penalty oriented, the important decision is whether to stand for the double or to make a bid to take out to spades (2♠ if natural or 2♥ if transfers are on). It's close, but given the weakness of my spades and holding only 5 HCP, I would choose to take out to spades even though it is possible that partner has doubled based on a running suit.

Joe Muenks **2♠** This has so many answers since it is not recommended to double 1NT for penalty sitting in front of the NT bidder. If that's your agreement, bid 2♠ to play (or 2♥ to transfer). If that's another convention, make your normal followup, do not overrule partner to show those sad spades.

Bob Fisk **2♥** (Spades). I like to play "systems on" in this auction after partner makes a penalty double of 1NT (i.e., bid as if partner opened 1NT). The advantage in playing that is to have the strong 1NT bidder on lead. I also like to play that partner's balancing double of a strong 1NT shows 11-13ish HCPs. You don't want to be stronger than that for your balancing double, since that takes cards out of partner's hand that could help with the defense.

Steve Moese **Pass** Right Hand Opponent has 3 or fewer HCP (do the math) so 1NT will be difficult even with partner's strength under declarer. I'm leading the spade 4 since I have an entry and might get to run my length tricks. 2♠ here takes them off the hook. We are playing for the prized +200 or better.

Mike Ma **2♠** No idea what X is in balancing seat, but we know partner has a strong NT herself on the average. But so what? 3♠ is way over optimistic. Partner may even have singleton spade. I just bid 2♠ and thank partner for not passing 1NT.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠7 ♥A 9 ♦K Q 6 4 3 2 ♣A J 6 3

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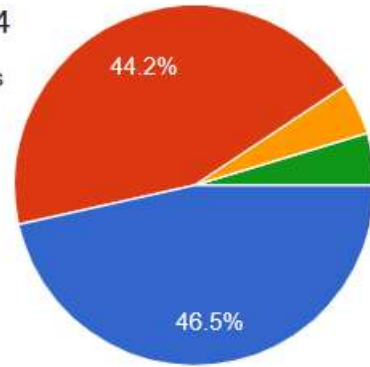
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

?

Question 4

43 responses

- 2C
- 2D
- 3D
- 1NT



Bob Jones 2♣ A 2♦ rebid would show 6 of your cards, while a 2♣ rebid shows 9 of your cards. Bid 2♣.

Steve Vogel 2♣ When holding a reasonable second suit, I prefer to make that my rebid versus rebidding a 6-card suit. That gives us an additional chance of finding a fit.

Joe Muenks 2♦ Did we mention earlier that when partner bids your singleton or void, slow the auction down? Here we're maximum for just 2♦ but it's ok to be maximum for your bids sometimes.

Bob Fisk 2♣ When you have 6-4 shape, you can bid as if you have an extra King in your hand. That said, partner's 1♠ response took some air out of your sails (as they say in the Navy when they aren't saying ahoy). You'll bid 3♦ with your next bid (the opponents silence suggests that partner is about to rebid 2♥ to force to game or 2NT inviting game).

Steve Moese 2♣ Yes we have 6 diamonds. But why not tell partner about 9 of our cards instead of just 6?

Mike Ma 2♣ My diamond suit is not good enough for 3♦ if we allow jump raise on this strength (and the singleton spade is grounds for being conservative). Jump-shift to 3♣? Surely you are kidding. Partner will strain to keep the auction alive knowing I can have up to just below jump-shift. If partner bids 2♦, I will raise to 3♦. If partner passes 2♣, that should be OK.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A J 9 8 ♥A Q 7 ♦K T 9 5 ♣K 9

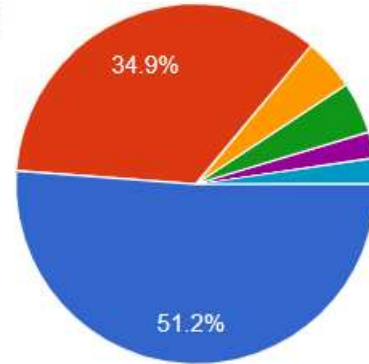
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ Pass ?

Question 5

43 responses

- 1S
- 2D
- 2NT
- 2S
- 1NT
- 2C



Bob Jones **1♠** You have much to do. Start with 1♠, for many reasons. You can support hearts later.

Steve Vogel **2♦** Given the known heart fit, I would choose to make a game-forcing 2♦ bid. If I were instead to bid 1♠, it would become more difficult to describe my strength and heart fit in later rounds.

Joe Muenks **1♠** With today's conventions this hand will be pretty easy to sort out in subsequent rounds. We are excited to hear partner's next bid to see if slam is in the works.

Bob Fisk **1♠** There's no rush, so make a forcing bid and see where the auction takes you. Playing XYZ (which I'm sure you all do, since it's the bee's knees), you're going to rebid 3♥ as a slam try over partner's expected 1NT rebid (5332 is the most common hand shape when holding a 5-card suit). You'll then ask for keycards. It's nice to have a plan. Picture partner with Kx KJxxx QJx Axx, and you're cold for 6NT. Heh.

Steve Moese **2♦** In 2/1 GF we set the game force first then agree a major (who knows, partner might rebid 2♠. Any other bid and we raise hearts next). We might have slam if partner has useful values and or shape.

Mike Ma **2♦** After 1♥ - 1♠ - 2m, bidding will be awkward. That is why the modern style is over a 1♥ opening to make a 2/1 bid first. You can still find your 4-4 spade fit without problem. After 2♦, you can bid hearts easily.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ J T 4 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ Q J 8 7 ♣ 8 6 4

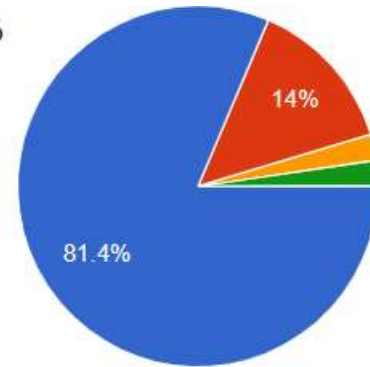
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ P ?

Question 6

43 responses

- 1NT
- 2D
- 3D
- Pass



Bob Jones **1NT** This is a routine 2♦ raise, but if you play Inverted Minors, as many do today, you must bid 1NT.

Steve Vogel **1NT** Playing Inverted Minors, 1NT is the only possible response for me. Even if playing standard raises, I would choose to bid 1NT given my 3-3-4-3 shape.

Joe Muenks **1NT** This set is pretty easy, so I'll just say epls^6 since I forgot to mention it the other 5. I assume we'll have 85%+ agreement here since with so many playing Inverted Minors any diamond raise violates system.

Bob Fisk **1NT** If you don't play Inverted Minors, then you have the world's easiest 2♦ bid ("Hey, I have some of these here diamonds!"). If you do play Inverted Minors, then you have the world's easiest 1NT bid ("Hey, I wish I wasn't playing Inverted Minors so I could show some of these here diamonds!").

Steve Moese **1NT** Everything about this 3343 hand says NT. Who are we to argue?

Mike Ma **1NT** In these days of inverted Minors (whatever kind), you can't raise diamond even if it is right (it isn't). Really no idea why this question is here.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Steve Vogel	4♥	4♣	2♥	2♣	2♦	1NT
Joe Muenks	Pass	4♥	2♠	2♦	1♠	1NT
Bob Fisk	4♥	4♥	2♥	2♣	1♠	1NT
Steve Moese	4♥	4♥	Pass	2♣	2♦	1NT

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AnnR	Pass	4♥	2♠	2♣	2♠	1NT
Bob K	4♥	3♥	2♠	2♦	2♦	2♦
Carl Willig	4♥	4♥	2♠	3♦	2♦	1NT
Carol Wilson	4♥	4♥	2♠	2♦	2♦	1NT
Chuck	Pass	4♥	Pass	2♦	1♠	2♦
Dave	Pass	4♥	Pass	2♦	1♠	1NT
Dean Congbalay	4♥	4♥	2♠	2♣	1♠	1NT
Doug Edwards	Pass	4♥	2♣	2♣	1♠	1NT
Ed	4♥	2♥	2♠	2♣	1♠	3♦
Gary Herrington	4♥	4♥	2♠	2♦	1♠	1NT
Greg	4♥	3♥	2♠	2♣	2♠	1NT
James D	4♥	4♥	2♠	2♣	1♠	1NT
James Jacobson	4♥	4♥	2♠	2♦	2♦	2♦
Jan	4♥	2NT	2♠	2♣	1♠	1NT
Jay Gala	4♥	4♥	2♠	2♣	2♦	1NT
Jim Barrett	4♥	4♥	2♠	1NT	2♦	1NT
JohnMcQ	4♥	4♥	2♠	2♦	2♣	1NT
Jusie Clendening	Pass	4♥	2♠	2♦	2NT	1NT
Kevin C.	4♥	4♥	2♥	2♣	1♠	1NT
Kevin H.	4♥	3♥	2♠	2♦	1♠	1NT
Lanny	4♥	2NT	2♠	2♣	1NT	1NT
Linda	4♥	3♥	2♠	2♦	2♦	1NT
Lyn	4♥	2NT	2♠	2♦	1♠	2♦
Martha	4♥	4♥	2♠	3♦	1♠	2♦
Mike Burns	Pass	3♥	2♣	2♣	2♦	1NT
Mike Ma	Pass	4♥	2♠	2♣	2♦	1NT
Mónica	4♥	3♥	2♠	2♦	1♠	1NT
Nell Wickstrom	4♥	2NT	2♠	2♣	2♦	1NT
Pete Outcalt	4♥	3♥	2♠	2♦	1♠	1NT
Phyllis	4♣	2NT	2♣	2♣	1♠	1NT
Rick Read	4♥	3♥	2♠	2♦	2NT	2♦
Robert	4♥	4♥	2♠	2♦	1♠	1NT
Rod	4♥	4♥	2♣	2♣	1♠	1NT
Sue	4♥	3♥	2♠	1NT	2♦	1NT
Vijay	Pass	3♥	2♠	2♦	2♦	1NT
Zigang Pan	Pass	4♥	2♠	2♦	1♠	Pass
	4♥	4♥	2♠	2♦	2♦	1NT

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The Field:

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Question 2

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Question 3

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Question 4

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Question 6

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JohnMcQ	4♥	4♥	2♣	1NT	2♦	1NT
JohnMcQ	4♥	4♥	2♣	2♣	2♦	GF
Jusie Clendening	Pass	4♥	2♣	2♦	2♦	1NT
Kevin C.	4♥	4♥	2♥	2♣	2NT	1NT
Kevin H.	4♥	3♥	2♣	2♣	1♠	1NT
Lanny	4♥	2NT	2♣	2♣	1NT	Forcing
Linda	4♥	3♥	2♣	2♣	2♦	1NT
Lyn	4♥	2NT	2♣	2♣	1♠	2♦
Martha	4♥	4♥	2♣	3♦	2♦	2♦
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