

Bob Jones February 11 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠T 8 3 ♥5 4 2 ♦A J ♣A 8 7 6 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT* P ?

*15-17

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q J 3 ♥8 6 ♦6 ♣A Q T 9 7 6 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♥ ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Void ♥Q 7 6 4 ♦A J T 8 7 5 3 ♣5 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ 2♣ ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A T 8 6 5 ♥9 7 ♦K Q 6 ♣8 7 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ X* ?

*takeout

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A Q T 7 6 ♥K J 8 7 5 ♦8 ♣9 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J T 4 ♥K Q 9 8 6 5 ♦K ♣T 7 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

2♥ Pass 2NT Pass

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What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

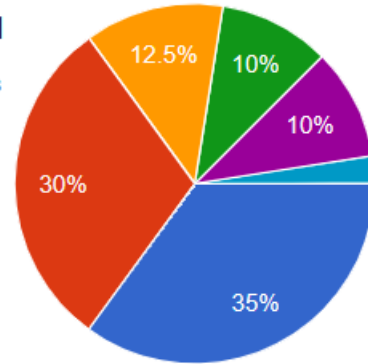
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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1NT P ?

Question 1

40 responses

- 2C
- 2NT
- 3NT
- 3C
- Pass
- 2S



Bob Jones **3NT** Nine high-card points and a five-card suit are worth forcing to game. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **2♣** Some may view this hand, with 9 HCP and a 5-card club suit, as worth a direct raise to 3NT. It's a close call, but given the lack of intermediates, I would choose to go low at matchpoints, starting with 2♣ (Stayman) and following up with 2NT as invitational to 3NT. At IMPS, I would bid 3NT.

Joe Muenks **2♣** Standard players bid 2NT, which is what I'll bid next playing 4 suit transfers. Though I have a 5-card suit and the J is with the A, I won't upgrade to 10 for a direct raise to 3NT since the J is in a doubleton and setting up the clubs might require losing the lead twice.

Bob Fisk **2♣** I play 4-suit transfers, so the only way that I can invite to 3NT is by going through Stayman. This hand is close to a game force, but not quite. T9x xx AJT ATxxx? Yup.

Steve Moese **3♣** 3♣ - or 2NT, whatever my Puppet/5-card Major Stayman convention is. Not have one? then 3NT. We might be missing out on a 5-3 M fit that plays better.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

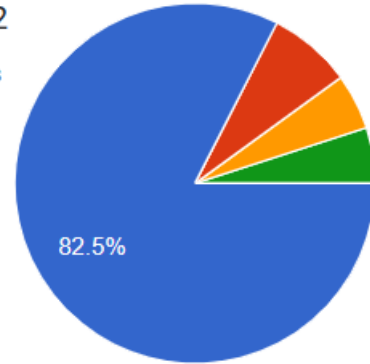
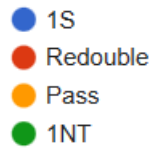
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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ X ?

Question 2

40 responses



Bob Jones 1♠ When you can make your normal response at the one level, ignore the take out double. Bid 1♠

Steve Vogel 1♠ I would not let an opponent's takeout double distract from the normal response of 1♠.

Joe Muenks 1♠ Epls, I can ignore that double like it never happened. Also, partner can get a support double in (3 card support) should West bid a minor and now we've found our 8 card major.

Bob Fisk 1♠ Not quite a redouble, since (1) we're vulnerable and they aren't and (2) I have a biddable Spade suit and tolerance for partner's Hearts. Picture partner with xx KQJTxx Jxx Ax, making three while the opponents are likely cold for 3♣ (no Spade ruff, since West has a doubleton Spade).

Steve Moese 1♠ Forcing one round. This hand is not quite worth a penalty redouble. A Pass is either too timid or blind.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠QJ3 ♥86 ♦6 ♣AQ T9764

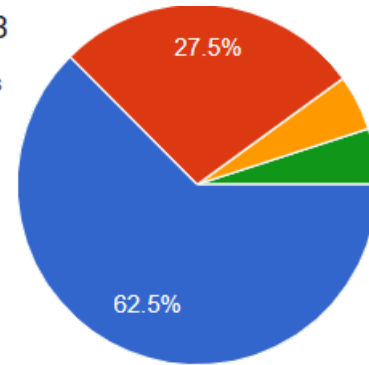
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♥ ?

Question 3

40 responses

- 3C
- 2C
- 4C
- Pass



Bob Jones **3♣** Some would bid 2♣, but why give your opponents the 2-level when you can take it away? Bid 3♣.

Steve Vogel **Pass** I view my hand as too strong (and too supportive of spades) for a 2nd seat club preempt, but what about an immediate overcall of 2♣? It's close, and while the modern approach may be to make that bid, if I did so, partner would surely count on me for a stronger hand. I may come to regret it, but I would pass

Joe Muenks **2♣** We'd much prefer to have 2 defensive tricks for our overcall, rather than 1.5, but we have too much to preempt and passing is not a reasonable option.

Bob Fisk **2♣** I'd bid 3♣ if it weren't for my QJx in Spades (i.e., I want to leave room for partner to show their Spade suit). Partner will think I have more in HCP, but my extra Club more than makes up for that. Picture partner with KTxxx xx Axx xxx, making 4♠ if the opponents forget to get their Club ruff.

Steve Moese **4♣** Exert pressure. Perhaps you've heard of the rule of 2-3-4-5. Subtract the number of losers (6) from 13 (7) then add 2 if vul and they are not, 3 if both vul, 4 if both not vul, and 5 if they are vul and we are not (This modification of the rule of 2-3-4 was proposed for Weak Jump Overcalls by Alan Truscott -who am I to argue). Some say the rule is too conservative. Our total is 12, but we stop at the 4-level(10). Maximum pressure at favorable vulnerability needn't be too reckless.

2♣, 3♣, 4♣, and 5♣ are all possible here. In Matchpoints I lean toward 4/5♣, in teams 2♣ is enough to start, intending to bid as high as 5♣ if necessary. We might have a spade game. Note that the first two hands have at least half of the HCP (12+9). That leaves 10 each on average for seats 3 and 4. Game either way is NOT certain. With a weaker hand we would bid more. We succeed in three ways: 4♣ makes, 4♣ goes down less than their partial or game, or we push them into an unmakeable game at the 4-level. 5♣ wins only when they have game or slam and fail to bid on.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠AQT76 ♥KJ875 ♦8 ♣95

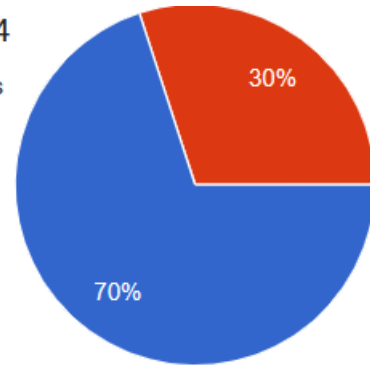
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Question 4

40 responses

● 1S
● Pass



Bob Jones **1♠** 5-5 come alive! This hand is well worth an opening bid. Bid 1♠.

Steve Vogel **1♠** A good 10 HCP, 5-5 in the majors and decent intermediates. I would open this hand at any vulnerability.

Joe Muenks **Pass** This fails the rule of 20/22 (my guide) or the rule of 20 for those who play that even more aggressive form. With both majors locked up there's a very high chance you'll be into the bidding next time around.

Bob Fisk **Pass** I don't open this hand.

Steve Moese **1♠** Rule of 22 says Cards in 2 longest suits plus HCP plus QTs ≥ 22 , open the bidding. We have 21.5 here and all HCP working. We love the Major suits!

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠-♥Q 7 6 4 ♦A J T 8 7 5 3 ♣5 3

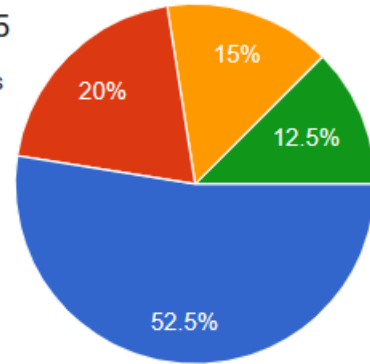
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ 2♣ ?

Question 5

40 responses

● Double
● 2D
● Pass
● 3D



Bob Jones **X** Start with a negative double. You might find a heart fit, plus your subsequent diamond bid will be non-forcing.

Steve Vogel **X** We are vulnerable, and I have a void in partner's suit. To me, this calls for caution, but with a good diamond suit and 4 hearts, I feel there is more risk in passing. If partner rebids spades, I would then bid 3♦ which should describe my hand (and hopefully will not be too high).

Joe Muenks **Pass** Your bid is probably influenced by your style and system. If I negative double and bid diamonds next I'll deliver a game forcing hand. If I bid 2♦ now I'll deliver 10 HCP or almost that and spade tolerance. If I pass now and pull partner's reopening double to 3♦, I can be weak with long diamonds -- bingo. If I pass now and bid 3♦ over partner's 2♠, I'm weak without spades and with at least 7 diamonds -- bingo. If I pass now and bid 3♦ if west competes to 3♣ or bids 2♠ with 10+ support points, I'm weak with at least 7 diamonds -- bingo.

Bob Fisk **X** I'm a bit light on HCP for a 2-level Negative double, but I don't mind playing in 4D if the auction gets away from me. 1♠-(2♣)-Double-(3♣); 3♠-(Pass)-4♦.

Steve Moese **X** Majors first. If we bid diamonds later, partner will expect a longer suit. A 3♦ preempt in competition will lose a possible Heart fit. Some play fit jumps in competition so a preempt is unavailable.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠JT 4 ♥K Q 9 8 6 5 ♦K ♣T 7 5

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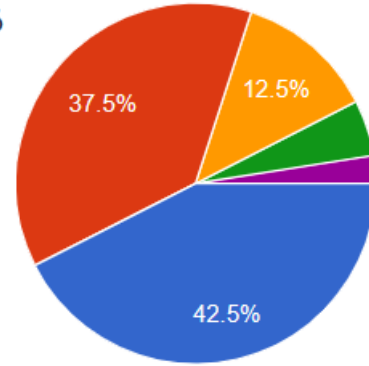
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass

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Question 6

40 responses

- 3D
- 3H
- 3S
- Pass
- 3NT



Bob Jones **3♦** Partner is asking if you are minimum or maximum. You have a maximum, albeit flawed. Show the max by bidding 3♦.

Steve Vogel **3♠** My partners and I play Ogust in this auction, and I view my hand as a maximum with a good heart suit (2 out of the top 3 honors, or perhaps 3 out of the top 5).

Joe Muenks **3♠** Playing OGUST, I'll call this a good hand with a good suit, though perhaps the suit isn't great but "good" normally is 2 of the top 3 or 3 of the top 5, so I do have that. If you're playing feature, I'd bid 4♥ indicating a game hand with no feature, almost always with a singleton K or doubleton QJ. Note 2NT with my partners always shows a heart fit and is never a probing bid that can be short in hearts.

Bob Fisk **3♠** I play Modified Ogust with my regular partners at this vulnerability, so my 3♠ bid says that I have a good hand and a good suit (actually, that one is the same as regular Ogust).

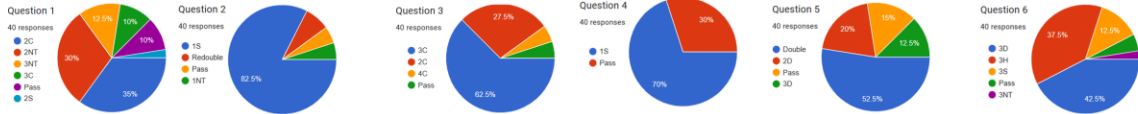
Steve Moese **3♠** Ogust (Good hand, good suit). 3♦ - Feature, 3♦ - Singleton. Depends on our agreements.

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Bob Jones	3NT	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	3♦
Steve Vogel	2♣	1♠	Pass	1♠	X	3♠
Joe Muenks	2♣	1♠	2♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Bob Fisk	2♣	1♠	2♣	Pass	X	3♠
Steve Moese	3♣	1♠	4♣	1♠	X	3♠
Ann R	Pass	1♠	3♣	1♠	2♦	3♥
Bob K	2♣	1♠	2♣	1♠	3♦	3♥
Carl Willig	Pass	1♠	2♣	1♠	2♦	3♦
Carol Wilson	2♣	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	3♦
Cathy W	3NT	1♠	2♣	1♠	X	3♥
Chuck	2♠	1♠	3♣	1♠	3♦	Pass
Dave	2NT	XX	3♣	1♠	X	3♦
Dean Congbalay	3♣	1♠	3♣	Pass	X	3♦
Doug Edwards	2NT	1♠	2♣	1♠	2♦	3♥
Ed	2NT	Pass	3♣	1♠	Pass	3♥
Gary Herrington	2♣	1NT	3♣	1♠	2♦	3♦
Greg	2NT	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	3♥
James D	2♣	1♠	2♣	1♠	X	3♦
James Jacobson	2NT	1♠	3♣	Pass	2♦	3♥
Jay Gala	2♣	XX	3♣	1♠	X	3♦
JohnMcQ	2NT	1♠	3♣	Pass	X	3♥
Kevin C.	2♣	1♠	3♣	Pass	X	3♦
Kevin H.	2♣	1♠	4♣	1♠	Pass	3♥
Linda	3NT	1♠	2♣	1♠	X	3♦
Liz	2NT	1♠	3♣	1♠	3♦	3♥
Martha	3NT	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	3♦
Mike Burns	3NT	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦	3♠
Mónica	3♣	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	3♦
Nell Wickstrom	Pass	1♠	3♣	Pass	X	3♦
Pam Campbell	2♣	XX	3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pete Outcalt	2♣	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	3♦
Phyllis	2NT	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	3♥
Rick Read	2NT	1♠	2♣	Pass	2♦	3NT
Rod	3♣	1NT	Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Steve Messinger	Pass	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	Pass
Sue	2NT	1♠	2♣	Pass	2♦	3♥
Vijay Doshi	2♣	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	3♦
Zigang Pan	2NT	1♠	3♣	1♠	X	3♦
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The Field:



02/11/23	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Steve Vogel	2♣	1♠	Pass	1♠	X	3♠
Joe Muenks	2♣	1♠	2♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Bob Fisk	2♣	1♠	2♣	Pass	X	3♠
Steve Moose	3♣	1♠	4♣	1♠	X	3♠
Ann R	Pass	1♠	3♠	1♠	2♠	3♥
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Cathy W	3NT	1♠	2♣	1♠	X	3♥
Chuck	2♣	1♠	3♠	1♠	3♠	Pass
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Kevin H.	2♣	1♠	4♣	1♠	Pass	3♥
Linda	3NT	1♠	2♣	1♠	Pass	3♥
Liz	2NT	1♠	3♠	1♠	3♠	3♥
Martha	3NT	1♠	3♠	1♠	X	3♥
Mike Burns	3NT	Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠	3♠
Mónica	3♣	1♠	3♠	1♠	X	3♥
Neil Wickstrom	Pass	1♠	3♠	Pass	X	3♥
Pam Campbell	2♣	XX	3♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
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Rod	3♣	Puppet	1NT	Pass	Pass	3♥
Steve Messenger	Pass	1♠	3♠	1♠	X	Pass
Sue	2NT	1♠	2♣	Pass	2♠	3♥
Vijay Doshi	2♣	1♠	3♠	1♠	X	3♥
Zigang Pan	2NT	1♠	3♠	1♠	X	3♥
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