

Bob Jones February 18 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠ J 7 ♥ K T 8 ♦ A Q J 6 ♣ 9 8 6 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠ K 9 5 ♥ K 7 6 3 ♦ A J T 6 5 ♣ 8

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠ A K 4 ♥ K 9 8 6 ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ A T 5

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

4♠ ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠ 5 ♥ 9 7 5 4 3 ♦ Q 7 ♣ A 9 7 6 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 1♠ ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠ 6 5 3 ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ A K J 6 ♣ A K 7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 2♦* Pass

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*Transfer to hearts

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ J 5 ♥ 3 2 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ A K J 9 8 5

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♥ ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

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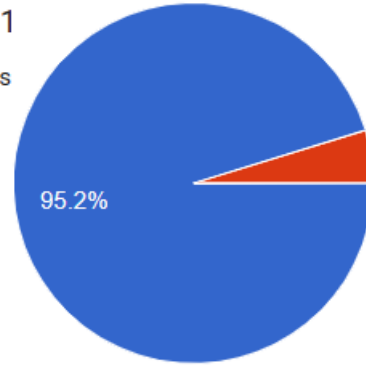
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Question 1

42 responses

● Pass

● 1D



Bob Jones **Pass** Some balanced 11-point hands are worth an opening bid, but they should include, at a minimum, a 5-card suit. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** There are varying opinions as to whether to open 11 HCP hands in first or second position. I tend to pass such hands with 4-4-3-2 or 5-3-3-2 shape, but will open many unbalanced hands or ones with 5-4-2-2 shape. It depends on the quality of the high card points (Aces/Kings versus Queens/Jacks) and whether those points are in my long suits. I would pass with this particular hand (imps or matchpoints).

Joe Muenks **Pass** Epls, using the rule of 20/22, you do not have the strength to open. You have 2 defensive tricks but only have $11+8 = 19$ in HCP plus your 2 longest suit lengths.

Bob Fisk **Pass** You've got to be kidding me! Don't open hands this light in first seat--preserve your dignity.

Steve Moese **Pass** Playing 2/1, this is a clear pass. Playing Precision we open all 11 counts - but that's because the system is designed to handle that. Here we have a soft 11 with 8 losers. Pass.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠5 ♥9 7 5 4 3 ♦Q 7 ♣A 9 7 6 3

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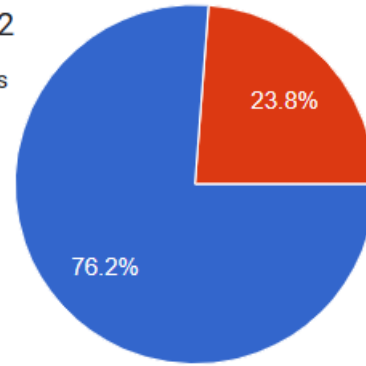
1♦ 1♠ ?

Question 2

42 responses

● Double

● Pass



Bob Jones **X** The only possible call is a negative double. Is that hand good enough for that? We think it is. Double.

Steve Vogel **X** Yes, the hearts are weak, but I have 5 of them as well as a side 5-card suit and tolerance for partner's suit. Given my shortness in the opponent's suit, this hand clearly exceeds my bar for taking some action.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Easy for me, anyway. I'll pass now and likely bid next time around. If I double and bid hearts next, the weak negative double routine, I'll have a 6 card suit or something like AJT9x if only 5.

Bob Fisk **X** You would have happily bid 1♥ if East hadn't rudely gotten in the way. Your negative double here is essentially the same bid. If you bid 2♥ instead, you probably weren't all that happy going down two in 3NT when partner got to excited with your supposed 10+ HCP.

Steve Moese **X** The Negative double over 1-level interference shows no more than what you would have had you been able to respond 1♥. Show your hearts! Besides you are willing to pass any suit rebid by partner that is not forcing.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 9 5 ♥K 7 6 3 ♦A J T 6 5 ♣8

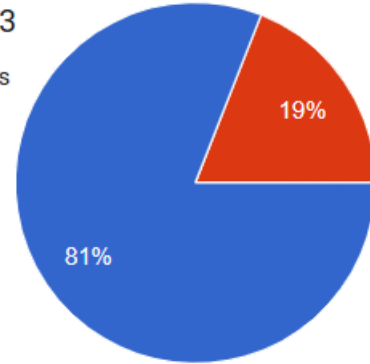
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Question 3

42 responses

● 1D
● Pass



Bob Jones **1♦** This hand can raise either major or pass a 1NT response. Open **1♦**.

Steve Vogel **1♦** This 11-HCP hand easily exceeds my minimum for opening (as opposed to #1). My points are all in my longer suits, they are mostly Aces/Kings, I have nice distribution and can support both majors. As a bonus, I also have good intermediates. By the way, I would raise a **1♠** response to **2♠**.

Joe Muenks **1♦** Epls, meets the rule of 20/22: 11 HCP + 9 cards in red suits, then A, Kx, Kx represents my 2 defensive tricks. I'll raise a major to 2 or rebid **2♦** if partner responds 1NT.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Deja vu all over again, although this hand is of course better than the one in Question #1.

Steve Moese **1♦** This 11 HCP hand is much better than q1. We only have 7 losers and we have 2 quick tricks. We also have support for BOTH majors. That's an asset. If partner responds 1M we raise (we use support doubles if they interfere).

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠6 5 3 ♥Q 7 5 ♦A K J 6 ♣A K 7

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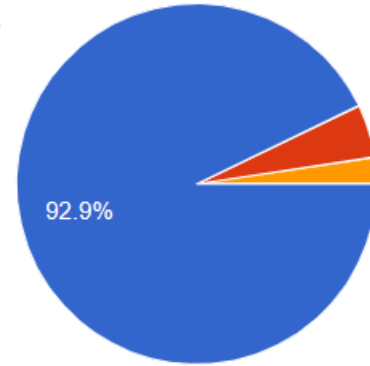
1NT Pass 2♦ Pass

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Question 4

42 responses

● 2H
● 4H
● 3H



Bob Jones 2♥ Just accept the transfer unless you have 4-card support. Bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel 2♥ My partners and I do have a super-accept bid for a maximum NT with 3-card support (2NT), but with 3-3-4-3 shape and only Queen-third support, I would choose to rebid 2♥, despite my maximum with great side-suit controls.

Joe Muenks 2♥ Epls, playing with most partners I'll bid 3♥ (or another conventional bid) only with 4 hearts. Playing expert, we bid 2NT with Axx or Kxx and 16-17 HCP, but not Qxx, so this is the same answer regardless who I'm playing with.

Bob Fisk 2♥ For you to even think about bidding something other than 2♥, you need four Hearts (or better shape). If you held xx KQJ AKTxx Axx, then you might try 2NT if that shows a 3-card "super accept" in your system. Remember--partner might hold xxx xxxxx xx xxx. Oops.

Steve Moese 2♥ Save the super accepts for hands that can possibly ruff a side suit. Here the 3=3=4=3 shape is not an asset even though we are a max. Partner has another call.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A K 4 ♥K 9 8 6 ♦9 4 2 ♣A T 5

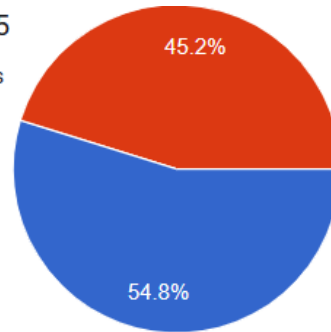
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

4♠ ?

Question 5

42 responses

● Double
● Pass



Bob Jones **Pass** Double here is not penalty. It is card showing and partner can take it out with a decent hand and a long suit. This hand isn't good enough to start that ball rolling. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** My partners and I play that a double of a 4♠ preempt is primarily for penalties, but partner will sometimes bid a 6-card suit with decent shape and some values. That would certainly create trouble in this situation where half of my points are in the opponent's suit. I will take my hoped-for plus and pass in this situation. By the way, defeating 4♠ is not a given.

Joe Muenks **X** Most people play 4♠-X is penalty oriented. I feel I have 3 tricks and partner can hopefully deliver 1 for me. I've been -790 a lot through the years, so there is risk, but going +200 or +300 if East is being cute is worse.

Bob Fisk **X** Doubles of a 4♠ opener used to be purely penalty, but it's become more common to play them as "cooperative." What does that mean? No, I'm serious--I have no idea. Here, you hope partner passes, but partner, holding something similar to x AQTxx xx KQxxx is free to take a bid.

Steve Moese **Pass** In the old days people played a double of 4♠ as penalty. Even with that agreement we do not have 4♠ set in our hand alone. We are a trick short of a double. Today most experts play the double as takeout and 4NT as two places to play (real 2-suited hands). Double also includes 17+ balanced hands. Your mileage might vary.

Mike Ma **Pass** - I play X as TO, not penalty. At 4 level that means strong NT or true TO. I use 4NT for two suiters. If I am playing penalty, I would X. 3 tricks on my hand. If I am playing TO, I would be quite unhappy if partner pulls. If I give opener 8 points, and I 14, the other 2 would each have 9 on the average, 23 combined is certainly not enough to play in 5 level unless partner has a very offensive oriented hand. My S won't be that useful for playing 5x. We need to know if they are playing Namyats also. If not, the 4S opening may not be a preempt in a normal sense. Playing imps, partner will be more likely to pass your X (OK if they make unless they get overtricks and/or XX). Playing matchpoints, partner may pull thinking that 4S X making is a 0 anyway. Bottom line, when they open 4<M, and you have a strong NT hand, it is no fun. Here you don't even have a strong NT although you have 3 1/2 tricks on defense. I would pass.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ J 5 ♥ 3 2 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ A K J 9 8 5

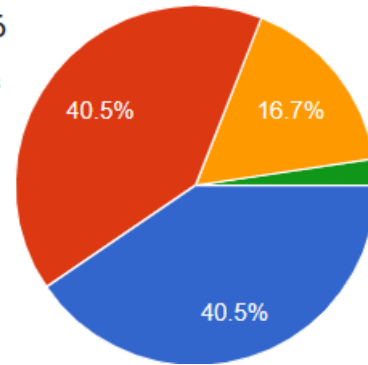
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1♥ ?

Question 6

42 responses

● 3C
● 2C
● Pass
● 4C



Bob Jones 3♣ 2♣ is for wimps. The suit is great and the vulnerability is favorable. Bid 3♣.

Steve Vogel 3♣ Not an ideal preempt despite the decent 6-card suit. 6-3-2-2 preempts are ripe for a big number if the opponents happen to have a misfit, but at favorable vulnerability, I view it as worth the risk.

Joe Muenks 2♣ You should have a better hand to overcall at the 2 level but partner hasn't shown their strength and rarely can the opponents double you non-vul at the 2 level profitably and know it (if West has clubs +600 for NT might seem easier than holding you to just 4 tricks to score a magical -800).

Bob Fisk 3♣ Weak jump overcall. Nailed it!

Steve Moese 3♣ They are vulnerable and we are not - take the air and space out of their auction. Make them guess. Put pressure on their competitive bidding. Pressure bridge is a topic well reported in the landmark book by Robson and Segal "Partnership Bidding at Bridge - The Contested Auction" (1993). This is perhaps 1 of the 2 best books ever written on competitive bidding. Get your free .pdf copy here:
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Steve Vogel	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	Pass	3♣

Joe Muenks	Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥	X	2♣
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Bob Fisk	Pass	X	Pass	2♥	X	3♣
Steve Moese	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	Pass	3♣

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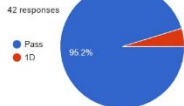
BF: Did you know that if you stacked up all of the giraffes on the planet, they would stretch all the way to Jupiter? That was news to me, but I'm going to try it.

Al Venosa	1♦	X	1♦	2♥	Pass	3♣
AnnR	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	Pass	3♣
Bob K	Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥	X	2♣
Carl Willig	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	X	2♣
Carol Wilson	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	X	3♣
Cathy W	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	Pass	2♣
Cecilia	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	X	3♣
Chuck	Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥	X	Pass
Dave	Pass	X	Pass	2♥	X	Pass
Dave D	1♦	X	1♦	2♥	X	4♣
Dean Congbalay	Pass	X	Pass	2♥	X	3♣
Doug Edwards	Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥	Pass	3♣
Ed	Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥	X	2♣
Gary Busch	Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥	X	2♣
Greg	Pass	X	1♦	4♥	X	Pass
James D	Pass	X	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣
James Jacobson	Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥	Pass	3♣
Jay Gala	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	X	2♣
JohnMcQ	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	X	3♣
Jon Hoak	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	X	3♣
Jusie Clendenimg	Pass	Pass	Pass	2♥	X	2♣
Kevin C.	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	Pass	2♣
Kevin H	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	X	3♣
Linda	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	Pass	Pass
Liz	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	X	2♣
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Nell Wickstrom	Pass	X	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pam Campbell	Pass	X	Pass	2♥	X	3♣
Phyllis	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	Pass	3♣
Rick Read	Pass	X	1♦	4♥	X	2♣
Rod	Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥	Pass	2♣
Steve Messinger	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	X	2♣
Sue	Pass	X	1♦	2♥	Pass	2♣
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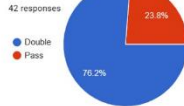
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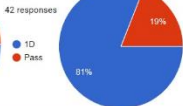
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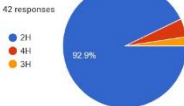
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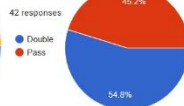
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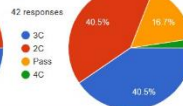
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Question 5
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Question 6
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