

Bob Jones February 25 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE FEBRUARY 25, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠K T 9 8 ♥A 6 ♦K J 8 7 ♣9 7 5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass ?

Would you open in third seat?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠8 ♥A T 7 3 ♦K Q 6 4 ♣Q T 7 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♣ ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – Both vulnerable

♠Q J T 8 6 5 4 2 ♥Q ♦K 6 3 ♣6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

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What call would you make?

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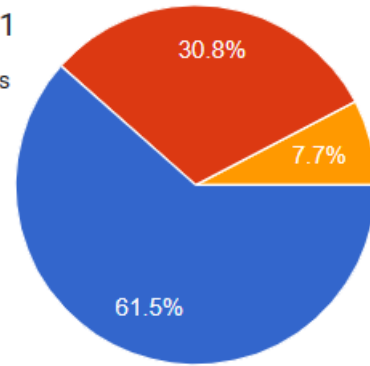
Pass Pass ?

Would you open in third seat?

Question 1

39 responses

● 1D
● Pass
● 1S



Bob Jones **1♦** A balanced 11 is OK to open in third seat, especially if you hold the spade suit. Bid 1♦.

Steve Vogel **1♦** I would not open this hand in 1st or 2nd seat (although I know that others would), but in 3rd seat, I would open 1♦. I see no need to distort the shape of my hand by opening 1♠, and I have relatively easy rebids over partner's possible responses to my 1♦ opening.

Joe Muenks **Pass** I coach to never let anything other than your cards dictate your bidding, but my actions might well depend on my opponents and the field. If everyone else is applying the rule of 15 (HCP+spades in 3rd seat), I may stretch to open 1♦ to try to keep pace. I prefer to apply the rule of 20/22 and here you're 1 short with 11 HCP and 8 cards in your longest 2 suits. IMPs I always open 1♦ to help partner with the lead.

Bob Fisk **1♦** I like my spot cards. I can pass if partner bids 1♠ or 1NT and bid 1♠ over partner's 1♥ bid. I'm hoping that West overcalls 1♥ and partner bids 1♠ showing five. Heh.

Steve Moese **1♦** We might pass this hand in 1st or 2nd seat, but never in third seat. 1♦ is fine. No need to distort the auction by opening 1♠.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

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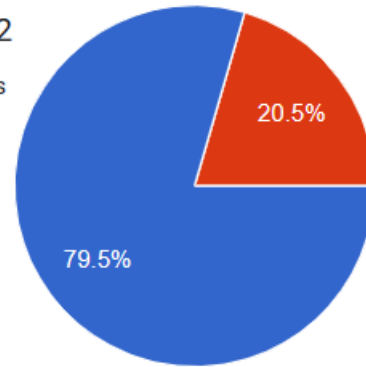
1♦ 1♠ ?

Question 2

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● Double

● Pass



Bob Jones X Make a negative double. Should partner rebid diamonds, this dummy won't disappoint.

Steve Vogel X Yes, we are vulnerable and I have only 6 HCP, but my shape, secondary support for partner's suit and shortness in the opponent's suit all point to making a sound as opposed to passing.

Joe Muenks Pass* We had similar last week. I'll either have a few more HCP (say 8), or long weak hearts (6 or 5 good ones), or 3+ diamonds so I can make a simple preference next time (partner promises 4+ diamonds if YOU negative double).

Bob Fisk X Negative. While I have a minimum in HCP for a negative double that forces to the two level, I have two five-card suits, I'm short in the opponent's suit, and I have Qx in partner's suit. Please, please, please don't bid 2♥ on this hand. If you do, I hope you enjoy going down two doubled in 3NT when partner has 14 HCP and no fit for you. Oops.

Steve Moese X A negative double at the 1 level says I would have bid 1M. Since we would have bid 1♥ had East not intervened, we double now. 2H needs 10+ HCP – we don't have that.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠8 ♥AT73 ♦KQ64 ♣QT74

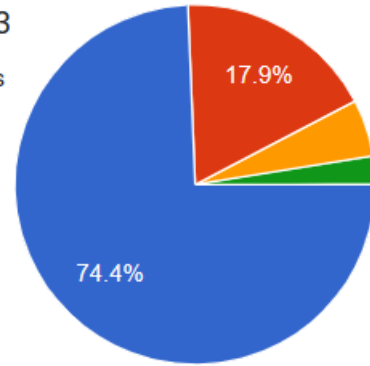
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1♣ ?

Question 3

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● Pass
● 1D
● 1H
● Double



Bob Jones **Pass** The hearts are not strong enough to overcall on a 4-card suit and a diamond overcall would be pointless. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Double is out of the question with a singleton spade and my shape does not support an overcall at this time. I may have an opportunity to enter the bidding later in the auction if the opponents find a spade fit.

Joe Muenks **1♦** Pass is often best, but I'm feeling a little frisky expecting the opponents to play spades with West declaring and I'd like a diamond lead. Also if partner has just like 8 points, 2+ diamonds and 5+ hearts they can bid that suit and the law of total tricks will allow you to compete to 3♥'s for a fine score on a cross ruff.

Bob Fisk **Pass** This one isn't even close. 100%?

Steve Moese **Pass** While we have a nice 11 HCP, our shape augurs for pass. We cannot make a takeout double, and we aren't strong enough for a 4-card suit overcall. Patience. Partner has a bid.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠6 ♥A J 7 5 4 ♦A Q 8 7 2 ♣K 8

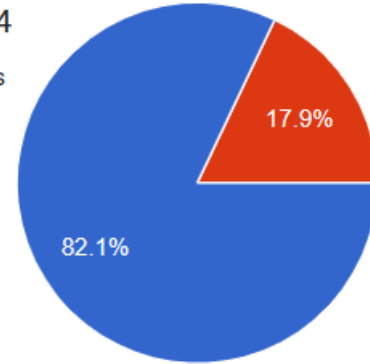
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1♣ ?

Question 4

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● 1H
● 2NT



Bob Jones **1♥** 2NT would show the 2 lowest unbid suits, but that bid should be used with either weak hands or very strong ones. Intermediate hands should bid naturally. Bid **1♥**.

Steve Vogel **1♥** My partners and I play that a 2NT overcall shows either a weak hand or a strong hand with diamonds and hearts. With this intermediate hand (11-5 HCP), we first overcall **1♥**, with the possibility of rebidding diamonds later in the auction, if appropriate. If I had strong spot cards in the red suits, I would upgrade this hand to strong and overcall 2NT, but that is not the case here, even with this 5-loser hand.

Joe Muenks **1♥** No 2NT for me, as I like my 2 suited bids to contain total junk in which case I'll pass hereafter, or 17+ playing points in which case I'll bid again. So with an opener, I bid the hearts now and diamonds later if possible and needed.

Bob Fisk **1♥** I don't want to make a 2NT bid with a middle-of-the-road hand (i.e., two-suited preempts should be strong or preemptive, not minimum openers). This one is close to a strong hand, but not quite. Change it to x AQT9x AQT98 Kx, and you've got my attention.

Steve Moese **2NT** We have a very nice 14 HCP hand with a potential 5 losers (pending a fit with partner). Let's show both suits by bidding 2NT (2 lowest). Partner will know what to do. BTW, avoid bidding 2NT unless you expect to win the auction. 2NT gives declarer a roadmap for the contract. I have found split range to be less effective than overcalling within our agreed range. Weak 55 hands often give them the clues they need to make their contract. If I don't bid 2N, partner will not play me for this shape.

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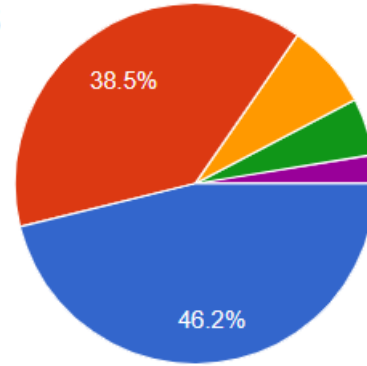
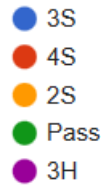
♠QJT86542 ♥Q ♦K63 ♣6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Bob Jones 4♠ Don't even think about opening with less than 4♠.

Steve Vogel 4♠ In 3rd seat, I would open this hand 4♠ at equal vulnerability (or better), but what about 1st seat? This is a close call, and I tend to be somewhat conservative, but I would still open this 8-card suit with 4♠.

Joe Muenks 4♠ At IMPs you might bid 3♠ and let partner decide that they're making 4♥ and you'll go only -2 before bidding so high, but I usually bid 4 with 8 and an outside control then let everyone guess whether to double, pass or introduce a suit at the 5 level.

Bob Fisk 4♠ I need partner to hold Kx xxxx QJx Axxx. If partner doesn't hold that, the opponents are making something. If partner holds 9xx xxx xx xxxxx, I'm on a Diamond finesse for down one, and the opponents make 7♥ if that finesse is off.

Steve Moese 3♠ We have a good spade suit for a preempt, but 6 losers. That means we could go for -800 at these colors. 3 is enough. Besides, 4♠ will elicit a penalty double more often than 4 of a lower strain because opponents are forced to the 5 level.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J 5 ♥6 4 ♦7 3 2 ♣A K J 8 7 6

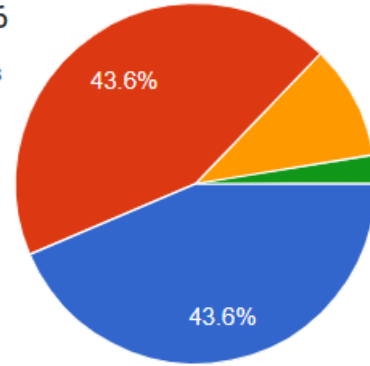
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1♠ ?

Question 6

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- 2C
- 3C
- Pass
- 1NT



Bob Jones **3♣** This is a recurring theme in this space. Put pressure on the opponents. Bid 3♣, not 2♣.

Steve Vogel **3♣** This hand is very close to last week's #6, and I would still overcall 3♣ at favorable vulnerability despite the poor 6-3-2-2 shape.

Joe Muenks **2♣**** Maybe we're doing last week's hands again, but same thing I said last week when everyone else bids 3♣: I wish I had more by way of HCP but I feel too strong to preempt with this good suit.

Bob Fisk **3♣** Weak jump overcall at favorable vulnerability. Bidding 2♣ should show a slightly better hand.

Steve Moese **3♣** Take the air out of their auction. While the rule of 2-3-4-5 allows a 4♣ bid, our 2=2=3=6 shape is less desirable for that extreme action. 3 is enough (again).

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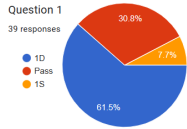
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Bob K	1♦	Pass	1♦	2NT	3♠	2♣
Carl Willig	1♦	X	1♦	1♥	3♠	3♣
Carol Wilson	Pass	X	Pass	1♥	Pass	3♣
Cathy W	1♦	X	Pass	1♥	4♠	2♣
Cecilia	Pass	X	Pass	1♥	4♠	3♣
Chuck	Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥	3♠	3♣
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Mike Burns	1♦	X	Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Mónica	1♦	X	Pass	1♥	3♠	Pass
Nell Wickstrom	Pass	X	Pass	1♥	3♠	2♣
Pam Campbell	Pass	X	Pass	1♥	4♠	Pass
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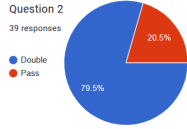
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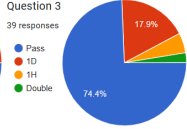
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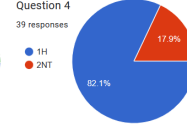
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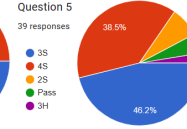
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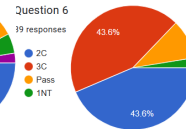
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