

Bob Jones February 3 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠K♥KQ65♦AQJ3♣KT86

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K4♥AQ4♦K764♣AQJ7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K43♥K72♦J64♣A976

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ P ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠J5♥A93♦AKQT6♣KQ4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠8♥AK42♦AKQ65♣963

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠KQT7♥J64♦T953♣86

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ Pass 1♠ 2♣

Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠K ♥K Q 6 5 ♦A Q J 3 ♣K T 8 6

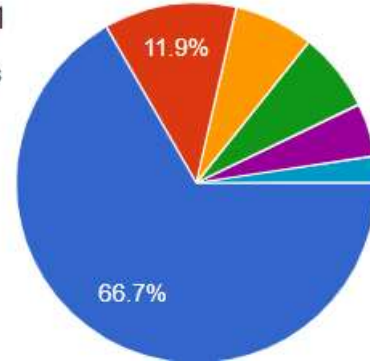
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Pass Pass ?

Question 1

42 responses

- Double
- 1NT
- 2NT
- 1D
- 1H
- Pass



Bob Jones **X** 1NT, in the pass-out seat, shows 11-14. Start with double, planning to bid NT over partner's expected spade response.

Steve Vogel **1NT** Overcalling 1NT (15-18) with a singleton king in a side suit is not optimal, but it is the best alternative with this hand. A takeout double is not acceptable with short spades and no 5-card suit, and passing with this strength is equally unacceptable. I would also not consider 2NT (unusual showing the red suits) with this strength and only 4-card suits.

Joe Muenks **1NT** It's a little chunky and a little off-shape but feels right. When partner transfers to spades I'll feign 2 and bid normally. The singleton king will play as well as 2 small, I'm sure.

Bob Fisk **2NT** (18-19 HCP). In balancing position, 1NT shows 11-14 HCP. If you hold 15-17, and your LHO has opened a minor, you can double and then bid 1NT over partner's expected major-suit response. With 18-19, you can bid 2NT immediately. Don't let your singleton spade affect your decision—is your hand really that much different than K2 KQ65 AJQ3 KT8? Don't answer that—it isn't.

Steve Moese **X** 1NT balancing in fourth seat is 11-14. Double then bid NT if partner bids spades. Otherwise we have a raise of their suit bid.

Mike Ma **X** If partner bids 1♠ to my X, I will bid 1NT. In direct seat, I don't have a problem with overcalling 1NT with the singleton spade, but this hand is too strong for a balancing 1NT of 1♣.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠J5 ♥A93 ♦AKQT6 ♣KQ4

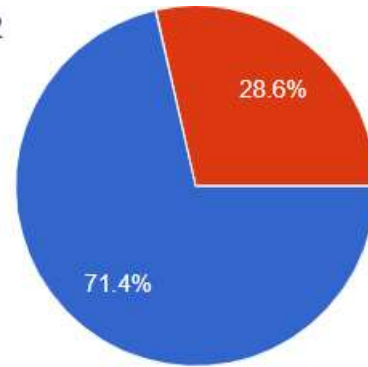
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Question 2

42 responses

● 1D
● 2NT



Bob Jones **2NT** The 5-card suit makes this hand worth a promotion. Open 2NT.

Steve Vogel **2NT** 19 HCP and a good 5-card suit translates to 20 points and a 2NT opener.

Joe Muenks **2NT** I do get a point from problem 1, right? Anyway, there are so many upgrades that this will play as 20. Also after partner's transfer, I want to keep this hand hidden.

Bob Fisk **2NT** Compare this hand with J52 A93 AKQJ KQ4. The second one has 20 HCP, but the first hand is better, since you have a fifth diamond. Go ahead and upgrade this one and open 2NT.

Steve Moese **1♦** Intending to rebid 2NT. Yes, 2NT is a possible upgrade here, and I would do it except that bid will stop us finding a possible diamond slam.

Mike Ma **2NT** This hand cries for an upgrade to 2NT. Not enough for upgrading to 2♣ for me.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 4 ♥A Q 4 ♦K 7 6 4 ♣A Q J 7

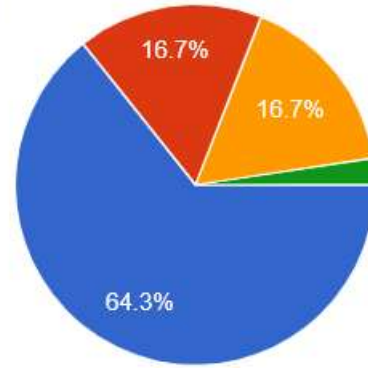
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Question 3

42 responses

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



Bob Jones 1♦ No 5-card suit and no reason to promote. Open 1♦, planning to rebid 2NT.

Steve Vogel 1♦ I plan to rebid 2NT over partner's expected one a major response.

Joe Muenks 1♦ EPLS. Not so many upgrades this time, so let's open 1♦ and plan to jump to 2NT or raise 1NT to 2NT on this one.

Bob Fisk 1♦ I was thinking that 2NT was going to be the answer to every question, but I was mistaken. You'll rebid 2NT over any 1-level response from partner. If your LHO (or RHO) bids a suit at the one level and your partner doesn't bid, you'll rebid 1NT showing 18-19 HCP. Bridge is easy!

Steve Moese 1♦ Standard. Some open 1♣ with 4=4 minors.

Mike Ma 1♦ This hand unlike the one above, is not worth upgrading. At our club, people open 1♦ with 4-4m, so I do that planning on rebidding 2NT over 1M response. Hopefully, partner won't bid 1NT and wrong siding the hand with ♠xx(x).

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠8 ♥AK42 ♦AKQ65 ♣963

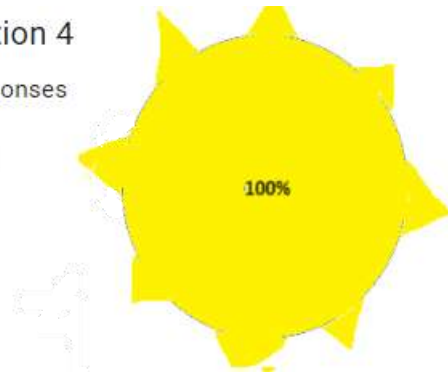
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Question 4

42 responses

1D



Bob Jones **1♦** Reverse auctions are awkward and should be avoided when possible. Can't avoid it here. Open 1♦, planning to reverse into 2♥.

Steve Vogel **1♦** With only 16HCP but top honors in my two suits, I view this hand as barely meeting the requirements for a reverse, and I plan to rebid 2♥ over partner's expected 1♠ response. If instead, partner bids 1♥, I would make a splinter rebid of 3♠. If my distribution were instead 2-4-5-2, I would choose to open 1NT.

Joe Muenks **1♦** While an HCP short I like all my top honors in my suits so I'll plan my 2nd bid as a reverse over the expected 1♠ response.

Bob Fisk **1♦** Not sure why this one is in here, since everyone (outside of the Precision players) will open 1♦. If partner bids 1♥ (ooo-la-la), bid 4♣ (splinter). If partner bids 1S or 1NT, you'll rebid 2♥ (reverse). Your hand is good enough to introduce your heart suit even if partner passes the first time. In actuality, I'd bid my hearts even if the auction goes 1♦-(Pass)-Pass-(Pass), although my opponents might call the director on that one.

Steve Moese **1♦** The interesting question is whether we rebid a 2♥ reverse next or not.

Mike Ma **1♦** Opening 1NT with small singleton is not legal in less than 6 board round. And even if it is, this hand is suit oriented. Reverse into 2♥ over 1♠. 1NT is the one bid you do not want to hear from partner.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K 4 3 ♥K 7 2 ♦J 6 4 ♣A 9 7 6

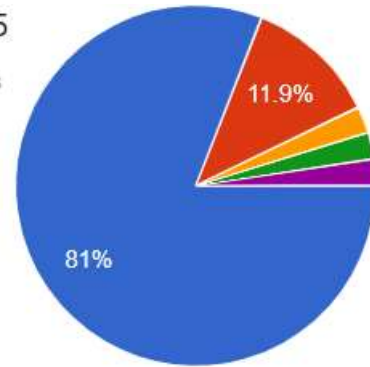
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ P ?

Question 5

42 responses

- 1NT
- 2H
- 2C
- 3H
- 3C



Bob Jones **1NT** Modern tournament players would bid 1NT, forcing, planning to bid 3♥ next to show an invitation with precisely 3-card support. Charles Goren would have bid 2♣. Neither is wrong.

Steve Vogel **1NT** (forcing) Having 11HCP and 3-card heart support, my plan is to show a 3-card limit raise by starting with a forcing 1NT response, then jumping in hearts following partner's expected 2-level response (2♣, 2♦ or 2♥). I am not overly troubled by my 3-3-3-4 shape.

Joe Muenks **1NT** EPLS. How about a 1NT forcing followed by a jump in hearts for a 3-card limit raise in 2/1. In standard, bid 2♣, then jump in hearts. We hate 4-3-3-3, true, but this is still 11 HCP so we must give a limit raise.

Bob Fisk **2♥** Although it's probably anti-field, I can't bring myself to treat this as a 3-card limit raise. Picture partner with Axx Axxxx Qxx KJ. That's a 14 count, and I have 11, so there's game, right? Um, nope. With these hands, we're losing one spade, one heart, and two diamonds. For you losing-trick counters, this one has nine. That's a lot. For the rest of you, your 4-3-3-3 shape with no Tens should get your attention.

Steve Moese **2♥** Yes we have 11 HCP. But we also have 9 losers. The 3=3=3=4 shape is discouraging. We can always accept a game try by partner.

Mike Ma **1NT** Forcing 1NT. Surely a limit raise in spite of 3334. I don't have special method for bidding 3-card limit raise, so I begin with 1NT and bid 3♥ next.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠KQT7 ♥J64 ♦T953 ♣86

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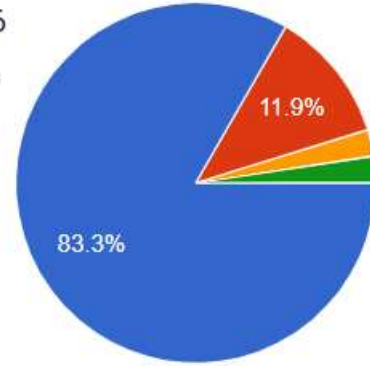
1♦ Pass 1♠ 2♣

Pass Pass ?

Question 6

42 responses

- 2D
- Pass
- Double
- 3D



Bob Jones 2♦ This hand is a dead minimum, but you can't pass with 4-card diamond support. Bid 2♦.

Steve Vogel 2♦ With a definitive diamond fit, I believe it is a must to compete further despite my minimum holding, and knowing that partner has at most 2 spades. The greatest risk is that I may push the opponents into a makeable game or a better heart contract, but I view either of those as unlikely.

Joe Muenks 2♦ EPLS. Partner promises 4 diamonds now, so bid as low as possible in our known fit. (We only open with 3 diamonds when 4-4 in the majors, so when partner did not bid 2♠, she must have 4+ diamonds then.)

Bob Fisk 2♦ You know you have at least an 8-card diamond fit, so go ahead and bid again. You aren't showing extras—you'd double with a better hand.

Steve Moese 2♦ We have an 8-card fit. Let partner know. (Partner didn't bid 2♠ so they don't have only 3 diamonds. They can't be 4=4=3=2).

Mike Ma 2♦ I know partner has 4+ diamonds (we open 1♦ with 3 only if 4432), and opps have 7+ club fit. In the worst scenario, we have 8 and they have 7, where LoTT would still say not to defend (one side makes 2 and the other down 1, and we are NV). I have rock minimum, and partner does not even have 3 spades, but the ♦T9 is worth something. 2♦ is pretty wide ranging, so hopefully partner is not the type that would suddenly bid game just because I show a diamond fit (don't laugh).

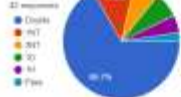
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Steve Vogel	1NT	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Joe Muenks	1NT	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Bob Fisk	2NT	2NT	1♦	1♦	2♥	2♦
Steve Moese	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	2♥	2♦
Al Venosa	1NT	1♦	1♣	1♦	1NT	2♦
AnnR	X	2NT	2NT	1♦	1NT	2♦
Bob K	X	1♦	2NT	1♦	1NT	Pass
Carl Willig	1♦	1♦	2NT	1♦	1NT	2♦
Carol Wilson	1NT	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	Pass
Chuck	1♦	1♦	1♣	1♦	2♥	2♦
Dave	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Dean Congbalay	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Doug Edwards	X	1♦	2NT	1♦	1NT	Pass
Ed	X	1♦	2NT	1♦	2♣	2♦
Gary Herrington	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
James D	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
James Jacobson	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	Pass
Jay Gala	X	1♦	2NT	1♦	3♣	2♦
Jim Barrett	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
JohnMcQ	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Jusie Clendening	1♦	1♦	1♣	1♦	2♥	2♦
Kevin C.	2NT	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Kevin H.	2NT	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Lanny	1♥	2NT	2NT	1♦	1NT	X
Linda	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Martha	X	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Melissa	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Mike Burns	X	1♦	1♣	1♦	1NT	2♦
Mike Ma	X	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Mónica	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	3♦
Nell Wickstrom	1NT	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Pam Campbell	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Pete Outcalt	X	2NT	1NT	1♦	1NT	2♦
Phyllis	Pass	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Rick Read	1♥	1♦	1♣	1♦	3♥	Pass
Robert N.	X	1♦	1♣	1♦	1NT	2♦
Rod	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Steve Messinger	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Sue	X	1♦	1♦	1♦	2♥	2♦
Zigang Pan	X	1♦	1♣	1♦	1NT	2♦
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The Field

Question 1



Question 2



Question 3



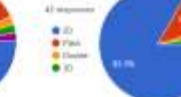
Question 4



Question 5



Question 6



Player	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
02/03/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	X	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Steve Vogel	1NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Jon Munk	1NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Bob Fish	2NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	2NT	2NT
Steve Mason	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT	2NT
Al Verone	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Arvid	X	2NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Bob F.	X	1NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	Pass
Carl Wolff	1NT	1NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Carol Wilson	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	Pass
Chick	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT	2NT
Dave	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Dean Campbell	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Doug Edwards	X	1NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	Pass
Ed	X	1NT	2NT	1NT	2NT	2NT
Gary Westington	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	Folding
James H.	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
James Jacobson	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	Pass
Jay Gale	X	1NT	2NT	1NT	2NT	2NT
Jim Barnett	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
John McCoy	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Joan Christman	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT	2NT
Kevin C.	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	Folding
Kevin H.	2NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Larry	1NT	2NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	Folding
Leslie	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	Folding
Marka	X	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	Folding
Malissa	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Mike Barber	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Mike Ma	X	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Monica	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Nail Wickman	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Pete Campbell	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Pete Gutzak	X	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Phyllis	Pass	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Rob Paul	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT	Pass
Robert N.	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Rod	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Steve Messenger	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Sue	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT
Zhong-Dan	X	1NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	Folding
	X	2NT	1NT	1NT	1NT	2NT