

Bob Jones January 6 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE JANUARY 6, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠6 ♥A Q 7 4 ♦A 10 8 7 5 3 ♣K J

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠6 5 ♥A K Q 10 9 8 6 4 ♦Void ♣A K 3

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

3♦ ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠7 6 ♥A 10 5 ♦A K 6 3 ♣Q J 8 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K Q 7 6 3 ♥Void ♦K Q 8 7 ♣9 8 6 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♥ ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠Q 6 5 ♥A Q J 9 5 ♦A K 2 ♣7 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 2♣ Pass
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass
?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Void ♥A J 9 7 5 ♦10 8 4 ♣A Q 8 5 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ 1♠ 3NT Pass
?

What call would you make?

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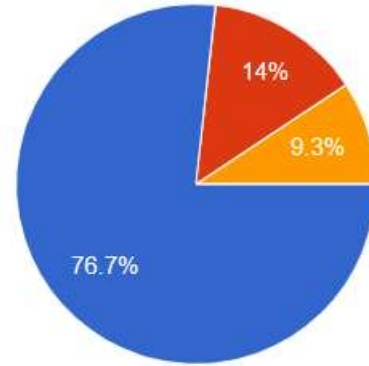
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
?

Question 1

43 responses

● 2D
● 1NT
● 2H



Bob Jones 2♦ 2♥ would be a reverse, promising 16 or more points. Shortness in partner's suit does not improve this hand. Bid 2♦.

Steve Vogel 2♦ I have a nice hand, but given partner's 1♠ response, I believe it is best to proceed cautiously.

Joe Muenks 2♦ You are a max for your bid, which is acceptable from time to time, but the diamond suit quality and potential mismatch with partner makes 3♦ too rich. A 2♥ reverse is a gross overbid.

Bob Fisk 2♦ Your hand isn't quite good enough for a 2♥ rebid, since you have no safety opposite partner holding something akin to KQxxx xxx x Qxxxx. Ouch. If you move your club honors into your red suits, you can probably muster up a minimum reverse (x AQJx AKTxxx xx). Did you know you were allowed to move cards around like that to make your hand better? Well, now you know!

Steve Moese 2♦ What we rebid with a 6-card suit and an unbalanced hand. 1NT suggests 2 or 3 cards in spades. We don't have that.

Mike Ma 2♦ What else?

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K Q 7 6 3 ♥– ♦K Q 8 7 ♣9 8 6 4

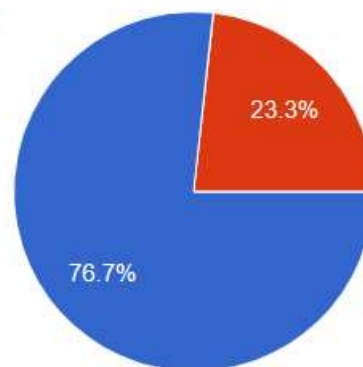
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♥ ?

Question 2

43 responses

● 1S
● Double



Bob Jones **1♠** Bid 1♠, showing your 5-card major. Should they try to stop in 2♥, you can double for takeout later.

Steve Vogel **1♠** The two top choices are to overcall one spade or make a takeout double. When I have a 5-card major, I usually prefer to overcall in the major unless I am strong enough to double first then bid my suit.

Joe Muenks **1♠** You need to overcall your 5-card major so partner can participate in the auction intelligently. You might get to double 2♥ later if that comes back around to you.

Bob Fisk **1♠** It's not great bridge to ignore a 5-card major with a hand similar to this one. You'd love for the auction to continue (1♥)-1♠-(2♥)-Double with partner's responsive double showing both minors and values to force to the three level. Sweet! Picture partner with Jx xxx Jxxx AKxx (3♣ making four on a good day). If the opponents compete to 4♥, it's likely that they'll go down a couple.

Steve Moese **1♠** While some will consider a takeout double, two factors argue against that choice:

- 1 - we have a 5-card Major and would be happy to find 3-card support.
 - 2 - we have a void in their suit. Hard to lead trumps when we hold a void.
- Partner will want to defend with heart length and we will want to declare.

Mike Ma **1♠** Get in cheap while you can. If spades and clubs reversed, it will be tough deciding between X and Pass. But here it is easy.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠6 5 ♥A K Q 10 9 8 6 4 ♦– ♣A K 3

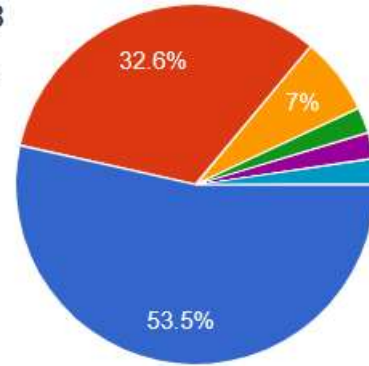
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

3♦ ?

Question 3

43 responses

- 4H
- Double
- 6H
- 4D
- 5H
- 3H



Bob Jones X Jumping to 4♥ over a pre-empt would show a strong hand, but this hand is too good for even that. Start with double, and cross East's name off your Christmas card list for giving you this problem.

Steve Vogel X I have a really strong hand and I do not need much from partner to produce slam. The ♠A or ♠K and the ♣Q will work. The 3♦ preempt is going to make it difficult to discover the best contract with certainty. There is a lot to be said for jumping to 6♥ and hoping for the best, especially at matchpoints. Today, I am a little timid, so I will start off with a double, although there is some risk that partner might pass (and they might even make it-ugh!). I hope to hear 4♠ from partner, over which I would bid 4NT asking for key cards in spades before placing the contract in hearts.

Joe Muenks X I'm going to double and bid, even 5♥ if that's what it takes next round. Many will bid 4♥ here showing a solid suit and about 18 playing points but I think this is too strong for that action.

Bob Fisk 6♥ There's no science to bidding a hand such as this one, so I simply bid what I think I can make opposite a random hand. If I give east a nine count (preemptive at unfavorable vulnerability) with seven diamonds, there are 15 HCP remaining. Give eight to west and seven to your partner, and hope partner holds something similar to KJxxx xx Jxx Qxx. Sweet! NOTE: 5♥ would be safer, but that's asking partner to raise based on their diamond holding which you don't care about.

Steve Moese 4♥ A jump overcall of a preempt shows a very good hand. We need 2 cards from partner for small slam, and can play a slam in hearts opposite a void with reasonable safety. Double would show a more flexible hand and might get us into spades where we do not belong. 6♥ might work on occasion but risks too much.

Mike Ma 4♥ 10 tricks in hand! 4♥ only promises 9. Damn east for his 3♦. I don't play NON-Leaping Michaels, so I need to use 4NT to show Major + club hand, otherwise I may risk Blackwood, and assume it is ♠A if partner shows 1 key-card. When my system does not allow for exploring slam, I just bid game and not make rosy guesses.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠Q 6 5 ♥A Q J 9 5 ♦A K 2 ♣7 6

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
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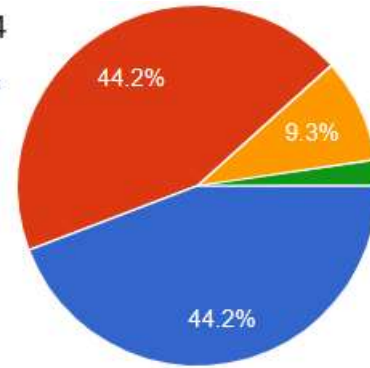
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
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Question 4

43 responses

- 3H
- 3NT
- Pass
- 3D



Bob Jones 3♥ Holding 16 points, you want to accept the invitation. Bid 3♥ on your way to 3NT to show the fifth heart.

Steve Vogel 3♥ A 3♥ bid by me in this auction accepts the invitation to game and shows 5 hearts. Partner should next bid game in either hearts or notrump.

Joe Muenks 3♥ With 16 and a 5 card suit I'll accept the game invite. Along the way I'll show the 5th heart. This doesn't influence the lead by helping the opponents any more than the auction has so far, but it might lead to a better contract in our 8-card major.

Bob Fisk 3♥ You're accepting game in notrump, but you might as well show your fifth heart on the way. Partner could certainly have three hearts--KJxx Kxx Qxx xxx perhaps.

Steve Moese 3NT The 5-card heart suit makes this hand worth accepting game. Note since we have a tool for partner to find out if we hold a 5-card Major, we do not need to emphasize hearts as we go to game.

Mike Ma 3♥ I have max (upgrading with my heart suit, ♠Q depends on whether 2NT promises or denies 4 spades), so I will accept. I don't play 2♣ Puppet, so partner can have 3 hearts still. The club suit is a concern even though east did not double 2♣. At the risk of telling opps what to lead, I am bidding 3♥, forcing and showing 5.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

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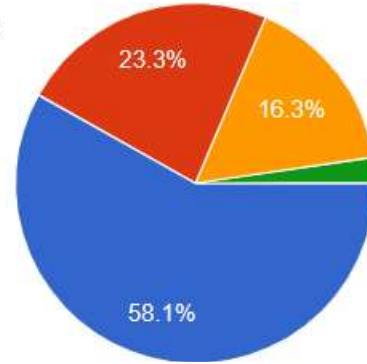
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

?

Question 5

43 responses

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



Bob Jones 2♥ 2♣ would show 9 or more cards in the minors. Raising is much better than 1NT with two little spades. Bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel 2♥ With a low spade doubleton (10x or worse), I prefer to support partner's hearts than rebidding 1NT.

Joe Muenks 1NT Particularly at matchpoints my 3-card raises almost always contain a singleton, though many will raise to 2♥ here. After 1NT or 2♥ the responder arsenal is filled with gadgets to define opener's hand so I'm not concerned about that.

Bob Fisk 1NT I would have opened a weak NT if that's what I was playing. If partner has 5+ hearts, we're going to be in hearts. If partner has an invitational hand, we'll be in game.

Steve Moese 1NT I would not mind a raise to 2♥ instead. However we have a balanced hand and 1NT says that.

Mike Ma 2♥ I use the Steve Weinstein rule. If my doubleton is less than Tx, I raise with 3 rather than rebid NT.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ – ♥ A J 9 7 5 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ A Q 8 5 2

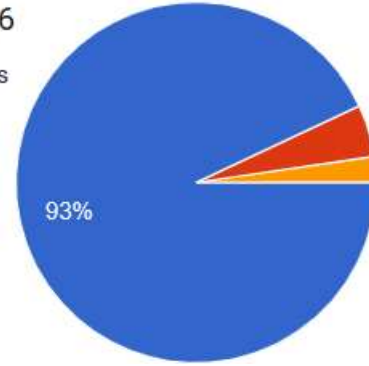
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ 1♠ 3NT Pass
?

Question 6

43 responses

● Pass
● 4C
● 4H



Bob Jones **Pass** No need for you to do anything heroic. Stand your ground. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Partner should have a double stopper in this auction (or 1 stopper and a long running diamond suit). I see no reason to believe that the hand will play better elsewhere.

Joe Muenks **Pass** This is one of those cases where partner has skipped any descriptive auction to just place the contract. She must feel that even with really good spades our game will score better than trying to lure them into a trap. I doubt we'll make 6♣ with my useless spade void so this is an easy pass.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Partner didn't ask you your opinion.

Steve Moese **Pass** While tempting to look for slam in clubs, partner cannot have that hand. They start with 1.5 stoppers in spades, say AQx. That leaves 7-9 HCP with a doubleton (or singleton) heart. Maybe AQx xx KQxx Kxxx. Two losers appear inevitable. Choose the higher-scoring contract NT.

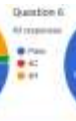
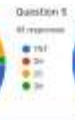
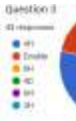
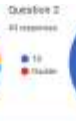
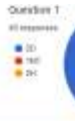
Mike Ma **Pass** Jumping to 3NT ends the auction.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	2♦	1♠	X	3♥	2♥	Pass
Steve Vogel	2♦	1♠	X	3♥	2♥	Pass
Joe Muenks	2♦	1♠	X	3♥	1NT	Pass
Bob Fisk	2♦	1♠	6♥	3♥	1NT	Pass
Steve Moese	2♦	1♠	4♥	3NT	1NT	Pass
SV: Mike, you need to strive for a higher level with your puns. 😊						
SM: Mike wanted carpentry puns: Partner took so long to bid, that the table saw dust fly from the bidding box. S/he couldn't decide whether their hand was a splinter. When dummy came down, s/he knew they nailed the board.						
Al Venosa	2♥	1♠	4♦	3♥	2♥	Pass
AnnR	1NT	1♠	4♥	3♦	2♥	Pass
Bob K	2♦	1♠	3♥	3NT	1NT	Pass
Carl Willig	2♦	1♠	6♥	3♥	2♥	Pass
Carol Wilson	2♦	1♠	4♥	3♥	2♣	Pass
Chuck	2♥	X	4♥	3NT	2♣	Pass
Dave	2♥	1♠	4♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
Dean Congbalay	2♦	1♠	X	3NT	1NT	Pass
Doug Edwards	2♦	1♠	4♥	3NT	2♣	Pass
Ed	2♦	X	4♥	3NT	2♥	Pass
Gary Herrington	1NT	1♠	4♥	3♥	2♣	Pass
Greg	2♦	X	4♥	3NT	1NT	Pass
James D	2♦	1♠	4♥	3♥	1NT	Pass
James Jacobson	2♦	1♠	4♥	3NT	1NT	Pass
Jay Gala	2♦	X	X	Pass	2♣	Pass
JohnMcQ	2♦	1♠	4♥	3♥	1NT	Pass
Jon Hoak	1NT	1♠	6♥	3NT	2♥	Pass
Jusie Clendening	2♦	1♠	X	3NT	2♥	Pass
Kevin C.	2♦	1♠	4♥	3♥	1NT	Pass
Kevin H.	2♦	1♠	4♥	3♥	1NT	4♣
Lanny	2♦	X	4♥	3NT	1NT	4♥
Linda	2♦	1♠	4♥	3NT	1NT	Pass
Lyn	2♦	X	4♥	3NT	1NT	Pass
Mike Burns	2♦	1♠	X	Pass	1NT	Pass
Mike Ma	2♦	1♠	4♥	3♥	2♥	Pass
Mónica	2♦	1♠	X	3NT	1NT	Pass
Pam Campbell	2♦	1♠	4♥	3♥	1NT	Pass
Peg	2♥	X	4♥	3♥	1NT	4♣
Pete Outcalt	2♦	1♠	X	3♥	1NT	Pass
Rick Read	2♦	X	4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Robert N.	2♦	1♠	4♥	3♥	1NT	Pass
Rod	1NT	1♠	5♥	3NT	1NT	Pass
Steve Messinger	1NT	1♠	X	3NT	1NT	Pass
Sue	1NT	X	4♥	3♥	1NT	Pass
Terri Mackey	2♦	X	X	3NT	1NT	Pass
Vijay	2♦	1♠	X	3NT	2♥	Pass
Zigang Pan	2♦	1♠	X	3♥	2♣	Pass
	2♦	1♠	X	3NT	1NT	Pass

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The Field:



Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6
<p>01/06/24</p> <p>1. Q1 - North vulnerable ♠4 ♠QJ74 ♥A108753 ♣K1 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass</p>	<p>2. Q2 - North South vulnerable ♠KQ753 ♥KQJ2740864 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH 1♥ ?</p>	<p>3. Q3 - East West vulnerable ♠53 ♥AKQ1098543 ♣AK2 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH 2♣ ?</p>	<p>4. Q4 - Both vulnerable ♠Q65 ♥AQ105 ♥AK2 ♠75 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 2NT Pass 2♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT Pass</p>	<p>5. Q5 - North South vulnerable ♠73 ♥AK105 ♥AK63 ♠Q108 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass</p>	<p>6. Q6 - East West vulnerable ♠-♥A1575 ♥1082 ♣AKQ852 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1♥ 1♣ 2NT Pass</p>
<p>Bob Jones 2♣</p> <p>I have a nice hand, but given partner's 1♣ response, I believe it is best to proceed cautiously.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The two top choices are to either one spade or make a takeout double. When I have a 5-card major, I usually prefer to overcall in the major unless I am strong enough to double first than bid my suit.</p>	<p>X</p> <p>I have a really strong hand and I do not need much from partner to produce slam. The ♠K or ♠Q and the ♠Q will work. The 2♣ pre-empt is going to make it difficult to discover the best contract with certainty. There is a lot to be said for jumping to 4♥ and hoping for the best, especially at matchpoints. Today, I am a little tense, so I will start off with a double, although there is some risk that partner might pass and they might even view it as a 1♥ hope to hear 4♥ from partner, over which I would bid 4NT asking for key cards in spades before placing the contract in hearts.</p>	<p>2♥</p> <p>A 2♥ bid by me in this auction accepts the invitation to game and shows 5 hearts. Partner should then bid game in either hearts or return.</p>	<p>2♥</p> <p>With a fair spade contract (11♠ or so), I prefer to support partner's hearts than rebidding 1NT.</p>	<p>Pass</p> <p>Partner should have a double stopper in this auction (or 1 stopper and a long running diamond suit). I am not ready to believe that the hand will play better elsewhere.</p>
<p>Joe Alameda 2♣</p> <p>You are a man for your bid, which is acceptable from time to time, but the diamond suit quality and potential mismatch with partner makes 2♣ not too. A 2♥ reverse is a good overbid.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>You need to overcall your 5-card major so partner can participate in the auction intelligently. You might get to double 2♥ later if that comes back around to you.</p>	<p>X</p> <p>I'm going to double and bid, even if it's what I think is the best bid. I'm not sure what I think is the best bid, but I'm going to bid 2♥ and about 10 playing points. I think this is too strong for me alone.</p>	<p>2♥</p> <p>With 10 and a 6-card suit, I'll accept the game invite. Along the way, I'll show the 8th heart. This doesn't influence the lead by helping the opponents any more than the auction has so far, but it might lead to a better contract in our 6-card major.</p>	<p>1NT</p> <p>Perhaps at matchpoints my 2♥ bid makes almost always a viable singleton, though they will raise to 2♥ here. After 1NT or 2♥ the responder's hand is filled with garbage to define opener's hand so I'm not concerned about that.</p>	<p>Pass</p> <p>This is one of those cases where partner has stopped any reasonable auction to bid pass the contract. The real test that even with really good spades our game will score better than trying to lure them into a trap. I would still make 11♠ with my useless spade void so this is an easy pass.</p>
<p>Bob Hill 2♣</p> <p>You have just quite good enough for a 2♥ bid, since you have no likely opposite partner holding something akin to KQxx or x Qxx. Duh. If you miss your life partner in this year red suit, you can probably make up a minimum reverse (x AQJx AKxx x). Did you know you were allowed to move cards around the table to make your hand better? Well, now you know!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>It's not great bridge to ignore a 5-card major with a hand similar to this one. You'd love for the auction to continue (1♥) 1♣ (2♥) Double with partner's responsive double showing both minor and values to raise to the three level. Double! Pick up partner with J xxx Jxx Ace (2♣) making four on a good day. If the opponents compete to bid, it's likely that they'll go down a couple.</p>	<p>2♥</p> <p>There's no sense in bidding a hand suit like this one. It's simply not what I can make opposite a random hand. It's give and a nine count (presumably at anteauction vulnerability) with seven diamonds, there are 15 HCP remaining. Give eight to me and seven to your partner, and hope partner holds something similar to Kxxx or Jxx Qx. Sweet! HOT! 2♥ would be safer, but that's asking partner to make based on their diamond holding which you don't see about.</p>	<p>2♥</p> <p>You're accepting game in notrump, but you might as well show your 8th heart on the way. Partner could certainly have three hearts - ♠xx ♠xx ♠xx perhaps.</p>	<p>1NT</p> <p>I would have opened a weak 1♥ if that's what I was playing. If partner has 3+ hearts, we're going to be in hearts. If partner has an invitational hand, we'll be in game.</p>	<p>Pass</p> <p>Partner didn't see your opinion.</p>
<p>Steve Munk 2♣</p> <p>What we need with a 5-card suit and an unbalanced hand, 1NT suggests 2 or 3 cards in spades. We don't have that.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>While some will consider a takeout double, two factors argue against that choice: 1 - we have a 5-card major and would be happy to find 3-card support. 2 - we have a suit in that suit, hard to lead trump when we hold a void. Partner will want to defend with heart length and we will want to declare.</p>	<p>2♥</p> <p>A jump overcall of a preempt shows a very good hand. We need 2 clubs from partner for small slam, and can play a slam in hearts opposite a void with reasonable safety. Double would show a more flexible hand and might get us into the spades where we do not belong. 2♥ might work or auction bid make too much.</p>	<p>2NT</p> <p>The 3-card heart suit makes this hand worth accepting game. Note that we have a bid for partner to find out if we hold a 5-card major. We do not need to emphasize hearts as we go to game.</p>	<p>1NT</p> <p>I would not mind a raise to 2♥ instead. However we have a balanced hand over 1NT says that.</p>	<p>Pass</p> <p>While tempting to look for slam in clubs, partner cannot have that hand. They start with 1.5 stoppers in spades, say AQx. That leaves 7-8 HCP with a singleton (or singleton) heart. Maybe AQx or KQx ♠xx. Two queens appear inevitable. Choose the higher-scoring contract 1NT.</p>
<p>2♣: What you need to show for a higher level with one point. 2</p>					
<p>10: What you need to show in a partner bid, so long as bid, that the below suit is by far the better one. 3: The number of clubs whether the hand was in a partner. When during some ones, who know how many the mean.</p>					
Al Barona	2♥	10	2♣	2♥	2♥
Arvid	1NT	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Bob B	2♣	10	2♥	2NT	Pass
Carl Billing	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Carol Wilson	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Chick	2♥	X	2♥	2NT	Pass
Dave	2♥	10	Pass	2♥	Pass
Dean Conkley	2♣	10	X	2NT	Pass
Doug Edwards	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Ed	2♣	X	2♥	2♥	Pass
Guy Herington	1NT	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Greg	2♣	10	2♥	2NT	Pass
James D	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
James Davidson	2♣	10	Pass	2♥	Pass
Joe Galt	2♣	X	2♥	2♥	Pass
Johnny G	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Tom Hook	1NT	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
John O'Connell	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Kevin C.	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Kevin H.	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	2♣
Larry	2♣	X	2♥	2NT	2♥
Orin	2♣	10	2♥	2NT	Pass
Jan	2♣	X	2♥	2NT	Pass
Mike Davis	2♣	10	X	Pass	Pass
Mike Ma	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Monica	2♣	10	X	2NT	Pass
Paul Campbell	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Pat	2♥	X	2♥	2♥	2♣
Paul Durrant	2♣	10	X	2♥	Pass
Bob Reed	2♣	10	X	Pass	2♥
Robert N.	2♣	10	2♥	2♥	Pass
Rod	1NT	10	2♥	2NT	Pass
Steve Bloodgood	1NT	2♣ up XYZ auction	10	2NT	1NT
Tom	1NT	X	2♥	2♥	Pass
Terril Mackey	2♣	X	X	2NT	Pass
Wes	2♣	10	X	2NT	Pass
Zhang Fan	2♣	10	X	2♥	Pass
	2♣	10	X	2NT	Pass