

Bob Jones January 14 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

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Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A Q T 9 ♥8 2 ♦A K Q 2 ♣T 8 5

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♣ ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠7 5 ♥A Q J 8 7 4 3 ♦A Q ♣A 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A K 8 6 ♥Q 9 3 ♦K T 7 5 ♣5 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ 2♠* Pass ?

*Hearts and a minor, at least 5-5

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠9 8 7 ♥K J 6 4 ♦9 8 6 5 ♣J 9

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ 2♦ 3♦* ?

*Spade raise, at least invitational values

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠6 3 ♥8 6 5 3 ♦A 8 7 ♣J 8 7 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ P ?

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Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A J 9 5 4 ♥7 6 2 ♦Q J 4 ♣Q 7

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

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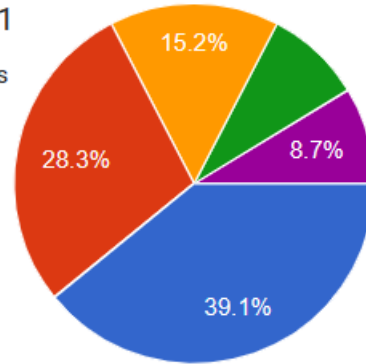
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♣ ?

Question 1

46 responses

- 1D
- 1NT
- Pass
- Double
- 1S



Bob Jones **1♠** You can't double without heart support and the hand is too good to pass. Put a club in with your spades and bid 1♠.

Steve Vogel **1NT** I am not enamored with this bid, but I think it is the best alternative. I would not consider making a 1NT overcall over a major suit with no stopper, and I am not inclined to do so over 1♦ opening bid, but over 1♣, sometimes there is no better bid. I cannot double without heart support, and overcalling 1♠ or 1♦ just doesn't do this hand justice, nor does such a bid describe it well.

Joe Muenks **1♠** You can choose between pass, 1♦, 1♠ or 1NT here. My order is 1♠, 1NT (sans stopper), pass then 1♦. If I'm willing to bid 1♠, I'm willing to bid 2♦ next if that level is available to me.

Bob Fisk **1NT** I'm going to pretend that my RHO's Clubs are the 432. Yup.

Steve Moese **1♠** By process of elimination, the least bad bid. First rule out the takeout double because of heart shortness. Then rule out 1NT because 1) no stopper and 2) 15 HCP in two suits risks problems. Finally, prefer 1♠ to 1♦ because we like majors. A 1-level overcall on 4 cards brings a good hand along, and we certainly have that.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠9 8 7 ♥K J 6 4 ♦9 8 6 5 ♣J 9

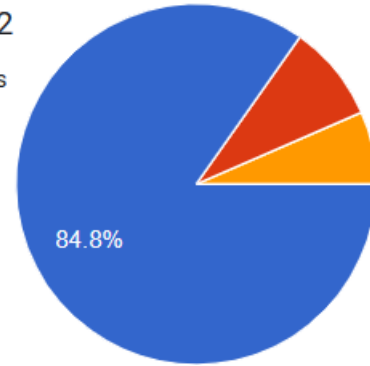
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ 2♦ 3♦ ?

Question 2

46 responses

● Pass
● Double
● 4D



Bob Jones **Pass** The hand is not good enough for a bid and double shows a high diamond honor, not a raise. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** If East had bid 2♠, I would have scratched out a simple raise to 3♦, but this hand is not worth a 4♦ bid, particularly at unfavorable vulnerability. Besides, I may push them into a makable 4♠ bid, which they may not bid on their own.

Joe Muenks **4♦** If I had a good hand I'd bid 3♠ so partner is aware I'm bidding my trump length not my strength. I'm only modestly worried about pushing them into a making 4♠ contract that they otherwise would not bid since partner's vulnerable overcall usually delivers good defensive values.

Bob Fisk **Pass** I'm not bidding 5♦ at this vulnerability (doubled, down two for -500), and doubling to say "Hey, I have some of those there Diamonds!" is going to cause partner to lead away from KJT742 (oopsies). I'm hoping that by hiding my Diamond fit the opponents might stop in 3♠ (unlikely, but possible).

Steve Moese **Pass** Wrong vulnerability to consider a sacrifice. Too weak (and very poor diamonds) to even consider doubling. Double here should show cards- values to compete with no clear direction. Using double to say "I would have bid 3♦ is poor, gives opponents calls they would not have had in a crowded auction.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠7 5 ♥A Q J 8 7 4 3 ♦A Q ♣A 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 1NT Pass

?

Question 3

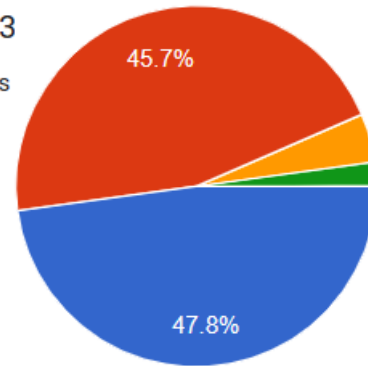
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● 3H

● 4H

● 4C

● 2H



Bob Jones 4♥ This hand is too good for a three-heart rebid. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel 4♥ I have a 5-loser hand, I can think of many holdings by partner given his/her 1NT response that will produce a better than 50% chance of game.

Joe Muenks 4♥ You will make 4♥ opposite most 6 pt hands but if you bid only 3♥ partner will pass with 6 or 7. In 2/1 partner can have 11-12 pts with or without hearts, too, so this helps them judge which slam to play (6 or 7, hearts or no trump).

Bob Fisk 3♥ It's not that I don't think that 4♥ has a chance to make—I'm leaving room for partner to bid 3NT, since we're likely taking the same tricks in either contract. Picture partner with KJ9 x Jxxxx Qxxx. If partner passes 3♥, we weren't making either game.

Steve Moese 3♥ While 4♥ is tempting, the 2=7=2=2 shape is unappealing. Partner doesn't promise much with 1NT Treat like a max jump to 3♥.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

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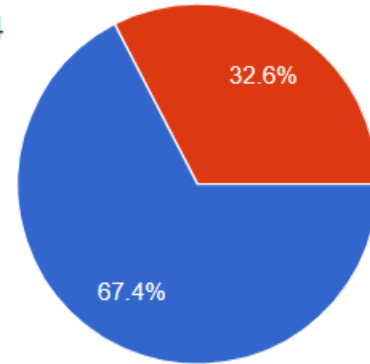
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1♠ P ?

Question 4

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● Pass
● 1NT



Bob Jones 1NT Charles Goren recommended you have 6 points for a response. Most modern players will respond with 5 points, especially if it includes an ace. Bid 1NT.

Steve Vogel Pass Some players will always respond to an opening hand with an Ace, but I am more conservative than that with no good fit for partner. If partner has a strong enough hand, I may get another chance to show a maximum pass.

Joe Muenks Pass Whereas 5 with an ace is plenty when responding to a minor opening with a good major like Axxx or ATxx, I do not bid 1NT with 5 HCP in most cases like here when I have some spade tolerance. (If you bid 1NT, partner WILL bid 3♠ every time, both partials, but 1♠ is way safer.)

Bob Fisk Pass I'm not a "Hey, I have an Ace so I'm never passing!" type of bidder. Here, I'll register that I have a dead minimum hand, and if the auction continues, I'll be able to contribute without hanging partner.

Steve Moese 1NT We have an ace. Michael Rosenberg says "If I have an Ace I must bid". Who am I to argue.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A K 8 6 ♥Q 9 3 ♦K T 7 5 ♣5 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ 2♠ Pass ?

Question 5

46 responses

● 3H

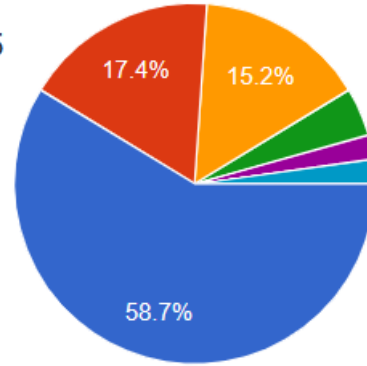
● 4H

● 2NT

● 4S

● 3NT

● 3D



Bob Jones **2NT** Bid 2NT, asking partner for his minor. Should he show a diamond suit, bid 4♥ next.

Steve Vogel **3♥** A cuebid of the opponent's known suit shows a limit+ raise in partner's suit, which is exactly what I have.

Joe Muenks **3♥** I play a big/little Michael's version whereby partner has less than opening count or values to double and bid, so 17+ playing points. With middle hands we overcall the major then bid the minor if the level allows. I suspect partner will raise to 4♥ since we're vulnerable but I do not think we have slam. If partner passes, their vulnerable bid will deliver extra distribution so I'm thinking I'll see x, KJxxxx, x, QJxxx in dummy, which might even make 3♥.

Bob Fisk **2NT** I'll find out what partner's minor is. If it's Clubs, I'll try 3NT. If it's Diamonds (unlikely), I'll bid 4♥. Picture xx AKxxx x KJ9xx. We're at unfavorable vulnerability, so even partner's "minimum" Michaels hand should be decent.

Steve Moese **2NT** Asking partner for their minor. Some play this also asks for range (weak/strong). If we fit diamonds, we'll bid game in hearts. If not we will bid 3♥ showing a three card invitation.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A J 9 5 4 ♥7 6 2 ♦Q J 4 ♣Q 7

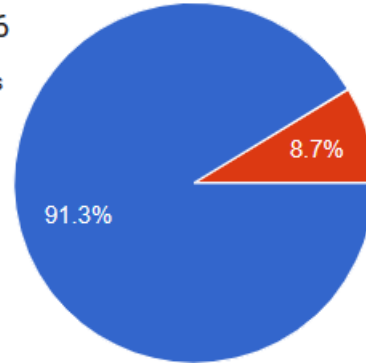
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♣ ?

Question 6

46 responses

● 1S
● Pass



Bob Jones **1♠** We hate to recommend an overcall with this junk, but most modern players will do it. We surrender. Bid **1♠**.

Steve Vogel **1♠** Some players do not like to overcall with minimum values and 5-3-3-2 shape, but at this vulnerability, I like the preemptive value of overcalling **1♠**, and I am not ashamed of my suit quality.

Joe Muenks **1♠** 90% making this simple overcall at favorable vulnerability, or will it be even higher? If partner has 3 spades and a smattering the raise to **2♠** will make it very hard for the opponents to find the right partial their way.

Bob Fisk **1♠** While we hate 5-3-3-2 hands, here you have Spades (yay you) and your hand, albeit disgusting, is worth one bid. If partner were already a passed hand, I'd bid **2♠**.

Steve Moese **1♠** Not enough shape and too much defense for **2♠**.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	1♠	Pass	4♥	1NT	2NT	1♠
Steve Vogel	1NT	Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥	1♠

Joe Muenks	1♠	4♦	4♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
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Al Venosa	X	Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥	1♠
Ann R	Pass	Pass	4♥	1NT	3♥	1♠
Bob K	1♦	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
Carl Willig	1♦	Pass	4♥	1NT	4♥	1♠
Carol Wilson	1♦	X	3♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
Cathy W	Pass	Pass	4♥	1NT	4♥	1♠
Cecilia	1NT	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
Chuck	1♦	Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Dave	1♦	Pass	4♥	1NT	3♥	1♠
Dean Congbalay	1♦	Pass	4♥	1NT	4♥	1♠
Doug Edwards	X	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
Ed	1♦	Pass	4♣	Pass	2NT	1♠
Gary Herrington	1NT	Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠	1♠
Greg	Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
James	X	Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
James Jacobson	X	X	4♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
Jay Gala	1NT	Pass	4♥	1NT	3♥	1♠
Jim Barrett	1♦	Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
JohnMcQ	1♦	Pass	3♥	1NT	3♥	1♠
jon hoak	1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT	1♠
Jusie Clendening	1♦	X	3♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
Kevin C.	1♦	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Kevin H.	1NT	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
Linda	1NT	Pass	3♥	1NT	3♥	1♠
Louise Wolf	Pass	Pass	3♥	1NT	3♥	1♠
Martha	1♦	4♦	4♥	Pass	4♠	1♠
Mike Burns	1♦	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
Mónica	1NT	Pass	4♥	Pass	2NT	1♠
Nell Wickstrom	Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥	1♠
Pam Campbell	1NT	Pass	4♥	Pass	2NT	1♠
Phyllis	Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥	1♠
Reeta B	1NT	Pass	4♥	Pass	4♥	1♠
Rick Read	1♦	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦	1♠
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The Field:

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Question 2



Question 3



Question 4



Question 5



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