

# Bob Jones January 20 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz  
GOREN BRIDGE JANUARY 20, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠J♥JT8653♦T93♣A42

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠985♥J9♦AKJ5♣K983

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass  
?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠AJ4♥32♦AK75♣Q876

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
1♦ 1♠ Dbl\* 2♠  
?

\*Negative

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠AQ964♥QJ64♦A3♣86

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♣\* Pass ?

\*Drury- good passed hand with a spade fit

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠AT762♥K5♦A984♣76

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
1♠ P ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J4♥87532♦A63♣Q87

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
1♦ 1♠ ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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### Question 1

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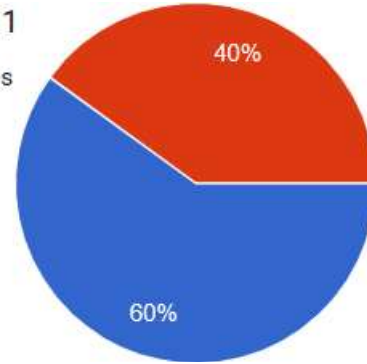
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### Question 1

40 responses

● Pass

● 2H



Bob Jones **2♥** In first chair, not vulnerable, we like opening 2♥.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Some will open this hand with a weak two bid, especially with 6 hearts (as opposed to 6 spades). I prefer my equal vulnerability weak two bids to have a decent suit, which is not the case here.

Joe Muenks **Pass** If this is the first hand of the day I'll pass. Later in the day, might depend on my need to get aggressive. I don't want a heart lead. I want partner to declare if they have a 1NT or 2NT opener. But I kinda want to preempt because most of the field is. Hope I'm right.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Nothing wrong with 2♥, it's simply not my style unless I'm at favorable vulnerability. Make my hand xJT98xx T9x AJx and it's an entirely different story.

Steve Moese **Pass** Even playing Ogust, this suit is too bad for a weak 2.

Mike Ma **2♥** Whether you can open weak 2♥ 1st seat NV with this suit is between you and your partner. If your agreement is that you cannot, don't do it no matter how much you are tempted.

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A Q 9 6 4 ♥Q J 6 4 ♦A 3 ♣8 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

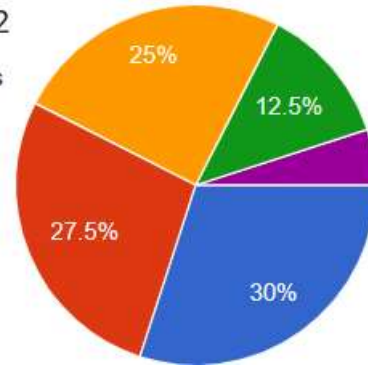
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

### Question 2

40 responses

- 2H
- 2D
- 4S
- 2S
- 3S



Bob Jones 2♥ In the modern game, any bid but 2♠ shows a full opener. Bid 2♥ and see if partner is willing to go past 2♠.

Steve Vogel 2♥ Give partner the ♠K, ♥K and ♦K, we are odds-on to make 4♠ (and there are several others where either 4♥ or 4♠ will make). In short, I am too strong to give up on game. My 2♥ bid promises a full opener and asks partner to evaluate their hand based on my rebid.

Joe Muenks 4♠ I'm going to make the aggressive jump to game denying any further information for the opponents.

Bob Fisk 2♥ Natural. 2♦ would be asking partner to further describe their hand, but that won't help me if partner shows a 3-card limit raise and no shortness. Better to describe and let partner decide (as risky as that sounds, since your partner probably thought 2C was natural....eek).

Steve Moese 2♥ Happy to show partner secondary hearts. If partner stays low, we stay out of game. Help in hearts makes all the difference.

Mike Ma 2♥ With 6 loser hand you bid game opposite a LR. But this hand is an example of 5422 hands need to add one loser (courtesy of Mel Colchamiro). With 7 losers, you should invite. Hopefully you are not playing a system where over 2♣, any bid other than 2♥ is GF. What you bid here depends on your game try scheme. 2♥ either as LSGT or HSGT would work here.

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### Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠9 8 5 ♥J 9 ♦A K J 5 ♣K 9 8 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

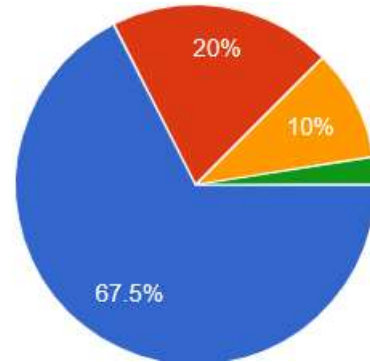
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

?

### Question 3

40 responses

- 1NT
- 2C
- 2S
- 3S



Bob Jones **1NT** We love to raise on three-card support, but not with three small in a balanced hand. Bid 1NT.

Steve Vogel **1NT** I would not strongly consider any other rebid with this hand, especially with an honor in my short suit.

Joe Muenks **2♠** I like my ruffing value and do not like Jx if I bid 1NT (which I would do playing pure Standard American). Partner can ask about my spade length and strength of they wish. If minimum, partner can find 8 tricks usually.

Bob Fisk **1NT** I would have opened 1NT if we were playing a weak 1NT (12-14), so I do the same thing now. If partner has a fifth spade, partner is going to correct 1NT to 2♠ or use XYZ to continue the auction.

Steve Moese **1NT** With Jx in our doubleton there is no rush to raise on three cards. See this post by Steve Weinstein <https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/1m-1m-now-what/>

Mike Ma **1NT** I follow Steve Weinstein who raises with 3 with a doubleton < Tx, but otherwise rebids 1NT

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A T 7 6 2 ♥K 5 ♦A 9 8 4 ♣7 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ P ?

### Question 4

40 responses



Bob Jones **2♦** Bidding 4♠ now shows a different, weaker, hand. You will get there eventually but start with 2♦.

Steve Vogel **3♦** The key question with this hand is whether you view it as invitational or game forcing in spades. I view it as game forcing, given the fifth spade. My partners and I play a modified Bergen and Jacoby 2NT where I would need to bid 3♦ with this hand to make sure we reach game without my showing a stronger hand than I have.

Joe Muenks **2NT** Time to pull out a game forcing spade raise. If partner shows a singleton diamond and has just a little extra, you might find a low HCP slam, if partner bids anything else over 2NT bid 4♠ next.

Bob Fisk **3♦** Bergen, showing a 4+ card constructive raise. If partner attempts to sign off in 3♠, I'll bid game showing either 5+ spades or shortness somewhere and a maximum constructive raise. I play 3♣ over 1M as showing 10-15 HCP and 4+ card support. Partner can ask for more information about my hand with 3♦ (artificial), and I can bid 3M with 4+ card support and no shortness. Problem with that is this hand wants to be in game opposite any opener. I could bid 3NT over 3♦ to show 13-15 HCP, but that's not what I have. Better to go the 3♦ route (so there).

Steve Moese **2NT** This hand is worth a force to game. 2NT helps us learn about possible slam potential. The Italians realized that with a fit, a small slam needs 10 controls (where a ace is 2 and king is 1). We have 5 and a 6 loser hand (Modern Losing Trick Count, please). Partner might have a long red suit or a useful singleton/void. Let's find out. Jumping to 4 or making a Bergen Limit Raise then bidding 4 closes out room for slam exploration. Imagine Kxxxx AQJxx Kx x, or Kxxxx Axxx x KQxx opposite. Both are minimum opening hands and slam is odds on.

Mike Ma **2NT** Jacoby 2NT. 7 loser is good for game. But in fact it is 6 because with 10 card fit, you can deduct one loser from the trumps. Not to mention 2 aces and 1 king (even if not in same suit) and two working doubletons. The aforementioned rule of adding one loser to 5422 hand does not apply when your side has so many trumps.

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### Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A J 4 ♥3 2 ♦A K 7 5 ♣Q 8 7 6

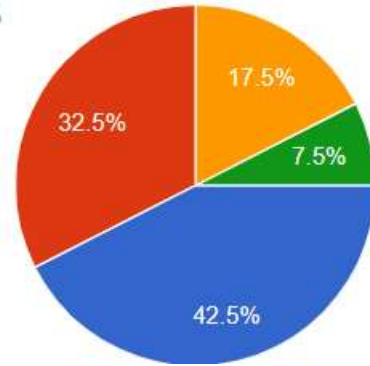
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦      1♠      Dbl      2♠  
?

### Question 5

40 responses

- Pass
- 3C
- 2NT
- Double



Bob Jones      **3♣**      It's a little pushy, but you can't sell out at the two level. Bid 3♣.

Steve Vogel      **Pass**      I have a minimum hand (even though it is a "maximum minimum," if there is such a thing). Given no fit for partner, I believe it is prudent to pass and await partner's action.

Joe Muenks      **Pass**      Sometimes we want to bid soooooooo bad. This is one of those cases, but we have great spade defense and partner can still come in. 2NT should show extras, 3♣ should show at least 9 minor cards, usually 10, just go quietly into the night (unless it's a day game, you'll go quietly into the day).

Bob Fisk      **X**      Good hand without heart support. Partner can bid their longer minor, bid 2NT with equal-length minors to scramble, pass if appropriate, or bid 3♥ with extra length in hearts (picture x KQJxxx Qxx xxx).

Steve Moese      **Pass**      This shows a minimum balanced hand without 4 heart cards. Since partner needs only 6 HCP to double here, we cannot quite guarantee the balance of power - that's what a double here says. Besides, partner has one more call coming. Double is a bit aggressive, and is my second choice.

Mike Ma      **Pass**      What else? If your partner has 10+, she will make another bid.

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### Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J 4 ♥8 7 5 3 2 ♦A 6 3 ♣Q 8 7

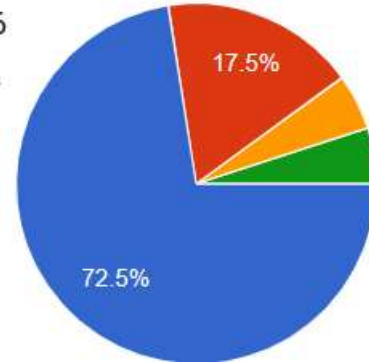
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 1♠ ?

### Question 6

40 responses

- Double
- Pass
- 2D
- 1NT



Bob Jones X This is likely your only chance to compete. Make a negative double.

Steve Vogel X With 5 hearts and 7 points, this hand qualifies for a negative double showing 4+ hearts and 6+ points. A 2♥ response would promise 5 hearts and 10+ points.

Joe Muenks X I'll throw in a negative double here. I'll probably just stay out of the auction from here on out but maybe partner will have 4 hearts with me.

Bob Fisk X What else? 2♥ would show 5+ hearts and 10+ HCP (Five-and-Dime). I suppose you could psych 6C, but that seems self-defeating.

Steve Moese X Showing at least 4 hearts and at least 6 HCP. Done.

Mike Ma X Little can go wrong if you X. If partner bids hearts, great! If she rebids 2♣, you bid 2♦, and if 2♦, pass. . In my system, 1♦ = 4+ unless 4=4=3=2, which is very unlikely with my heart and the spade overcall. If partner rebids 1NT, I will pass, and hope we did not miss a 5-3 heart fit.

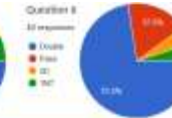
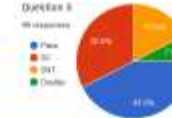
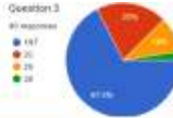
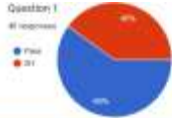
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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	2♥	2♥	1NT	2♦	3♣	X
Steve Vogel	Pass	2♥	1NT	3♦	Pass	X
Joe Muenks	Pass	4♠	2♠	2NT	Pass	X
Bob Fisk	Pass	2♥	1NT	3♦	X	X
Steve Moese	Pass	2♥	1NT	2NT	Pass	X
AnnR	Pass	2♥	1NT	2NT	3♣	X
Carl Willig	Pass	4♠	1NT	4♠	Pass	X
Carol Wilson	Pass	2♦	1NT	2NT	3♣	1NT
Chuck	Pass	4♠	2♣	2♦	2NT	X
Darleen	Pass	4♠	3♠	4♠	3♣	1NT
Dave	Pass	2♥	2♣	2NT	3♣	Pass
Dean Congbalay	2♥	2♠	1NT	1NT	Pass	Pass
Ed	Pass	4♠	2♠	4♠	Pass	Pass
Gary Busch	2♥	3♠	1NT	3♠	Pass	X
Gary Herrington	2♥	2♦	2♣	2NT	3♣	2♦
Greg	Pass	2♦	1NT	2NT	2NT	X
James D	2♥	2♠	1NT	3♣	Pass	X
James Jacobson	Pass	2♠	2♣	3♠	3♣	Pass
Jay Gala	Pass	2♦	2♣	3♣	3♣	X
Jim Barrett	Pass	4♠	1NT	2♦	2NT	X
JohnMcQ	2♥	4♠	1NT	2NT	3♣	X
Jusie Clendeninng	Pass	2♥	1NT	4♠	Pass	Pass
Kevin C.	2♥	2♦	1NT	3♦	Pass	X
Kevin H.	2♥	2♦	1NT	2NT	Pass	X
Lanny	2♥	4♠	1NT	2NT	Pass	X
Linda	2♥	2♥	1NT	2NT	Pass	X
Martha	Pass	2♦	2♣	2♦	2NT	X
Melissa	Pass	4♠	2♣	3♣	2NT	X
Mike Burns	Pass	2♠	1NT	2NT	2NT	X
Mike Ma	2♥	2♥	1NT	2NT	Pass	X
Nell Wickstrom	2♥	2♦	1NT	3♣	3♣	Pass
Pam Campbell	2♥	2♦	1NT	3♣	X	X
Pete Outcalt	Pass	2♦	2♠	3♣	X	X
Rick Read	Pass	3♠	2♠	4♠	2NT	2♦
Robert N.	2♥	2♦	1NT	1NT	Pass	X
Rod	Pass	2♠	1NT	3♣	3♣	Pass
Steve Messinger	Pass	4♠	1NT	2♣	3♣	X
Vijay	Pass	2♥	1NT	2♦	Pass	X
Zigang Pan	2♥	2♥	2♣	2♦	3♣	X
	2♥	2♥	1NT	2♦	Pass	X



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The Field



Question	Answer	Explanation
01/20/24	3	G1 - North vulnerable ♠1 T R 6 5 ♠ T 3 ♠ A 4 2 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 3
Bob Jones	2P	In the main, not vulnerable, we like opening 2P.
Steve Vogel	Pass	Some will open the hand with a weak two bid, especially with 6 hearts (as opposed to 5 spades), unless they equal suitably weak two bids to have a decent suit, which is not the case here.
Joe Marzillo	Pass	If this is the first hand of the day I pass. Later in the day, might depend on my need to get aggressive. I don't want a heart-lead. I want partner to decide if they have a 1NT or 2NT opener. But I think want to preempt, because most of the best is hope I'm right.
Bob Fish	Pass	Nothing wrong with 2P. It's empty but my style leans to at least bid vulnerability. Make my hand a 2NT (the A's and it's an empty defense suit).
Steve Mucci	Pass	Even playing Opent this suit is too bad for a weak 2.
David	Pass	
Carl Wilby	Pass	
Earl Wilson	Pass	OV. Artificial asks for more info.
Chuck	Pass	
Darshan	Pass	
Dave	Pass	
Dean Goldberg	2P	
Ed	Pass	
Gayle Booth	2P	
Gayle Hestigian	2P	OV. Artificial asks for more info.
Greg	Pass	
James D.	2P	
James Lindbeck	Pass	
Jay Gals	Pass	
Jim Barnett	Pass	
John McGee	2P	
Jesse Chenderberg	Pass	
Kevin E.	2P	OV. Artificial asks for more info.
Kevin H.	2P	OV. Artificial asks for more info.
Larry	2P	
Debra	2P	
Marcus	Pass	
McLain	Pass	
Miguel Rivas	Pass	
Mike Ma	2P	
Paul McCarron	2P	
Ravi Goldberg	2P	
Rita Oulali	Pass	
Rob Road	Pass	
Robert M.	2P	
Rud	Pass	
Steve Messenger	Pass	
Vivek	Pass	
Wang Fan	2P	
	2P	