

Bob Jones January 21 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JANUARY 21, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠ A K T ♥ J 8 6 5 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A 7 6

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠ K Q T 7 5 ♥ K J 7 ♦ 3 ♣ A K Q 9

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ 2♥ Pass Pass

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What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠ 7 ♥ T 7 6 ♦ K Q T 5 ♣ A K 6 5 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠ K T 9 4 ♥ A K Q 6 4 ♦ Void ♣ J 7 6 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 2NT* Pass

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*Game-forcing heart raise
at least four trumps

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠ Q J T 9 7 4 ♥ Void ♦ K J 7 6 5 ♣ K 7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ A T 8 5 4 ♥ 8 ♦ A T 6 5 3 ♣ T 8

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

2♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

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Question 1

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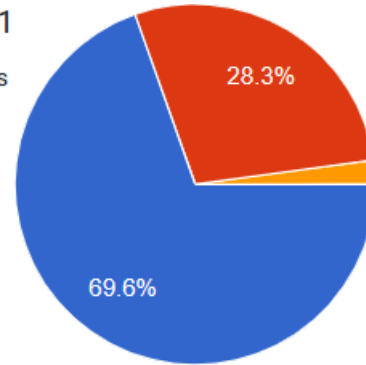
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ ?

Question 1

46 responses

● 1NT
● Double
● 1H



Bob Jones **X** We think this is slightly too strong for 1NT. Double, planning to bid NT next unless partner bids hearts.

Steve Vogel **1NT** A one no-trump overall can go up to 18HCP. This seems the perfect bid for this hand.

Joe Muenks **1NT** With 4-3-3-3 I'll treat this as 15-17 and overcall 1NT. The alternative to double and then bid NT will feel uncomfortable if partner's best suit is clubs since 8 tricks opposite a broke hand might be rough.

Bob Fisk **1NT** 1NT (15 to 18 HCP). 100%?

Steve Moese **1NT** 15-18 HCP and 1.5 stoppers in diamonds, what's not to like?

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠ K T 9 4 ♥ A K Q 6 4 ♦ - ♣ J 7 6 4

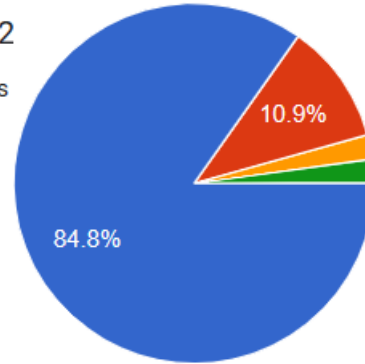
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 2NT Pass
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Question 2

46 responses

- 3D
- 4H
- 3C
- 4C



Bob Jones 3♦ Slam is possible, but partner must have a club control. Bid 3♦. Give partner a chance to make a control bid in clubs.

Steve Vogel 3♦ (showing shortness) The typical responses to a Jacoby 2NT are to show whether you have shortness by bidding the short suit at the 3-level, or to show a second suit by bidding it at the 4-level. Rebidding your major suit at the 3-level shows more than 5 with no shortness, rebidding 3NT shows a balanced hand with at least some slam interest, and rebidding 4 of the major shows a balanced minimum opener.

Joe Muenks 3♦ Since you told me what system I have to use, I'll tell you I know the system by bidding the book response, shortness. In advanced partnerships I bid 3♣ because despite the void I'm not enamored by the black suits and will announce a minimum over the wide-ranging 2NT (I'll raise 3♥ to 4♥ still but not treat this good enough to bid 3♦ over 2NT).

Bob Fisk 3♦ 3♦ shows a singleton or void in Diamonds. I'll cuebid 4♦ with my next bid to show a void. Picture partner with Ax xxxx xxxxx AKQx, making 7♥. Heh.

Steve Moese 3♦ Show my shortness. (Yes, there are other schemes to reply to a Jacoby 2NT GF Major raise. Some can distinguish between a singleton or void. The one I like allows us to find a secondary 4-4 fit in the other Major. Good hunting.)

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠ K Q T 7 5 ♥ K J 7 ♦ 3 ♣ A K Q 9

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

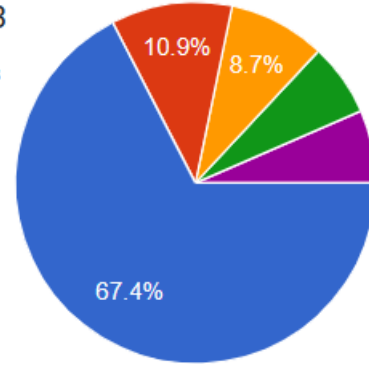
1♠ 2♥ Pass Pass

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Question 3

46 responses

- 3C
- Double
- 2NT
- Pass
- 2S



Bob Jones 3♣ Don't double. Your heart strength means partner is unlikely to have trap passed and you can't stand a diamond bid from him. Bid 3♣.

Steve Vogel 3♣ I have a fine second suit, and in a close call, I prefer bidding that to bidding notrump with an unbalanced hand. Either a 2NT or 3♣ rebid shows extras.

Joe Muenks X I'll double this round since I'm too strong for any other action. When I bid again it will promise 17+ pts as I can reopen double with even 11 pts but I have to pass partner's bid. Note I would bid 3♣ with KQxxx, Kx, x KJxxx, so that doesn't show values, rather distribution.

Bob Fisk 3♣ You were planning on making a game-forcing jump shift to 3♣ anyway, so why not bid it now? Don't answer that—it's rhetorical. Picture partner with Jx Qx xxxxx xxx, making 4♠.

Steve Moese 2NT 2NT - and I don't like it one bit. Double is out - while we have the strength we are poorly placed if partner responds 3♦. Our hearts suggest partner does not have a penalty pass of 2♥. 2♠ misstates strength and suit length (and 3♠ should show 6 cards) and 3♣ should show 5 cards. Give partner something like xx xx KQxxxx xxx and you know why 2NT has some merit. Pass is deep and might miss a better score our way. 2NT > 3♣ with no other making the cut.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠ QJT974 ♥ - ♦ KJ765 ♣ K7

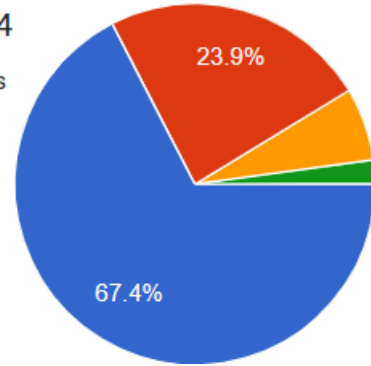
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Question 4

46 responses

- 1S
- 2S
- Pass
- 2H



Bob Jones 1♠ Way too strong for 2♠. Open 1♠.

Steve Vogel 1♠ I am not overly tempted to preempt with this offensively oriented 2-suited hand, and I have the master suit (spades).

Joe Muenks 2♠ This is a hand that CAN preempt and bid again, normally a cardinal sin. We know the left-right folks will be at some number of hearts when we bid next and we'll toss out diamonds at the cheapest level. Partner will know we're 6-5, 6-6 or 7-5 at that point.

Bob Fisk 1♠ You make game opposite as little as Kx xxxx Qxx Qxxx as long as you avoid the impending Diamond ruff. If partner has that hand, the opponents are cold for 4♥.

Steve Moese 1♠ Ever hear "6-5 come alive"? Well now you have Some might consider a 3 or even 4-level preempt here. That shuts out the round suits. Since we own spades and have a second possible strain we can start low.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠ 7 ♥ T 7 6 ♦ K Q T 5 ♣ A K 6 5 4

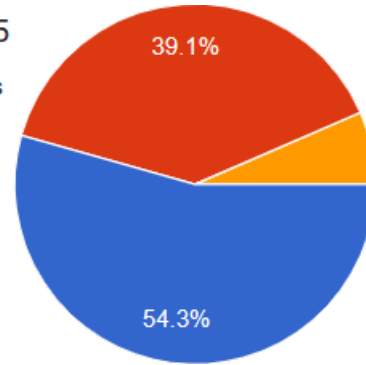
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Question 5

46 responses

● 1D
● 1C
● Pass



Bob Jones 1♦ 1♣ will leave you with an awkward rebid should partner respond 1♠ or 1NT. Open 1♦.

Steve Vogel 1♦ I usually open 1♣ with a 4-5 holding in the minors, but my diamond suit is strong, and in these circumstances, I prefer having 2 chances to find a minor suit fit as opposed to banking only on clubs. This one is another close call.

Joe Muenks 1♦ In most partnerships I'll gladly open 1♦ and rebid 2♥ over 1♥ or 2♣ over 1♠ or 1NT. With some purist partners I'll open 1♣ and rebid 2♣ which shows 6 clubs UNLESS you have a higher ranking 4 card suit and a singleton.

Bob Fisk 1♣ Once again, I'm not the type that will open hands such as this one 1♦ intending to rebid 2♣. Nope. If partner bids 1♦ (unlikely), I'll raise to two. If partner bids 1♥, I'll raise to 2♥. If partner bids 1♠, I'll rebid 2♣. Bridge is easy!

Steve Moese 1♣ If partner responds 1♦ we raise. If they respond 1♥ we raise. If they respond 1♠ we rebid 2♣ (not 1NT with a singleton and no Heart card). If partner responds 2♣ we pass if partner is 6-10 HCH but bid 2♦ if partner is 10+(inverted minor raise). Some will choose to open this 1♦. Since we have no real rebid problem, there's no need to distort our hand.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A T 8 5 4 ♥8 ♦A T 6 5 3 ♣T 8

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

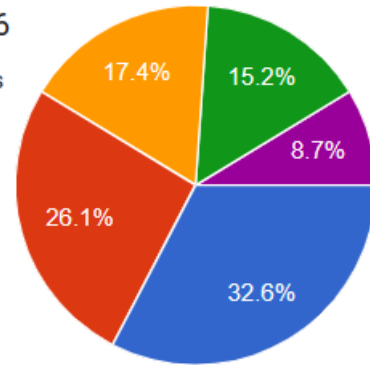
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

Question 6

46 responses

- 2NT
- 4S
- 3D
- 3S
- Pass



Bob Jones **3♦** This decent hand just got better. If you're not willing to bid 4♠, at least make a game try of 3♦. We prefer 3♦, barely.

Steve Vogel **2NT** (Spiral) I can construct many hands for partner where we will have a better than even chance of making game if partner has 4 spades (even with a minimum opener). I will bid 2NT to check on whether partner has 3 or 4 spades. Only if partner has 3 spades and a minimum hand will I settle for 3♠. Otherwise, I plan to bid 4♠.

Joe Muenks **2NT** You had 8 pts for the first 4 bids, but now that you've identified an 8-card major (possibly 9 cards), you (Goren) add 2 for a singleton heart and 1 for a doubleton club and have 11. Offer game by using the well traveled, multi-named 2NT asking bid (or 3♠ in standard). Some bridge book writers are adding just 1 pt for each 5-card suit so they only have 10, still enough to ask, but na na na na naaaa na, I have more pts on the same hand. Woot.

Bob Fisk **4♠** There are too many hands partner can hold where 4♠ is cold. If I go slowly and check to see whether partner is minimum or maximum and whether or not partner holds four Spades, the opponents are going to be emboldened into taking a bid (or doubling partner's artificial 3♥ call), and they'll find their Heart fit. Oops.

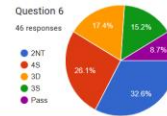
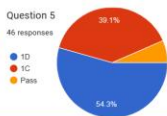
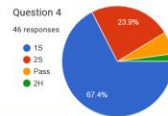
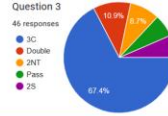
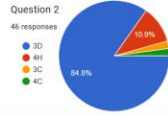
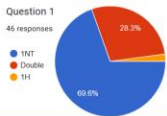
Steve Moese **3♦** With this 7-loser hand, we want to be in game when partner has diamond help and no real wastage in Hearts. If partner makes a counter try in 3♥ we can suspect wasted values and put on the brakes. If partner rebids 3♠ we will respect their decision. However if partner can raise on 3-cards only with an outside singleton (a good agreement) then we bid 4♠, confident our singletons are complementary - our Heart opposite partner's Diamond. Think cross ruff.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	X	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	3♦
Steve Vogel	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	2NT
Joe Muenks	1NT	3♦	X	2♠	1♦	2NT
Bob Fisk	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♣	4♠
Steve Moese	1NT	3♦	2NT	1♠	1♣	3♦
Al Venosa	X	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♣	3♦
AnnR	X	3♦	3♣	2♠	1♦	2NT
Bob K	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♣	3♦
Carl Willig	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	3♠
Carol Wilson	1NT	3♦	3♣	2♠	1♣	2NT
Cecilia	1NT	3♦	X	1♠	1♣	2NT
Chuck	1NT	4♥	2♠	1♠	Pass	Pass
Darleen	X	4♥	2♠	2♠	1♦	Pass
Dave	1NT	3♦	Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Dean Congbalay	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	2NT
Doug Edwards	1NT	4♥	3♣	2♠	1♣	4♠
Ed	X	3♣	X	1♠	1♦	4♠
Gary Busch	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	3♦
Gary Herrington	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	2NT
Greg	X	3♦	3♣	2♠	1♦	3♠
James D	X	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	4♠
James Jacobson	X	4♥	2NT	1♠	1♣	Pass
Jay Gala	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	3♠
Jim Barrett	1NT	3♦	Pass	1♠	1♦	4♠
JohnMcQ	1NT	3♦	3♣	Pass	1♣	3♦
Jon Hoak	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	2NT
Jusie Clendening	X	4♣	3♣	2♠	1♣	4♠
Kevin C.	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	2NT
Kevin H.	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	Pass
Linda	1NT	3♦	3♣	2♠	1♦	2NT
Martha	X	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	3♦
Mike Burns	1NT	3♦	3♣	Pass	1♦	4♠
Mónica	X	3♦	2♠	1♠	1♣	2NT
Nell Wickstrom	1NT	3♦	3♣	2♠	1♣	2NT
Pam Campbell	1NT	3♦	X	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pete Outcalt	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♣	2NT
Phyllis	1NT	3♦	3♣	2♠	1♦	4♠
Rick Read	1H	4♥	X	2♥	1♣	3♠
Robert Olexsey	1NT	3♦	Pass	1♠	1♣	4♠
Rod	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	4♠
Steve Messinger	X	3♦	2NT	1♠	1♦	2NT
Sue	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♣	3♠
Vijay Doshi	1NT	3♦	3♣	1♠	1♦	3♠
Zigang Pan	X	3♦	2NT	Pass	1♣	3♠
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The Field:



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Kevin H.	1NT	3♠	3♠	1♠	1♠	Pass
Linda	1NT	3♠	3♠	2♠	1♠	2NT
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