

Bob Jones July 1 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JULY 1, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠2 ♥8 6 4 3 ♦A Q 7 6 ♣A 7 6 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

2♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 3 ♥A Q 6 5 2 ♦T 4 ♣Q 7 5 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K 7 5 ♥K Q 7 5 3 ♦K J 3 ♣J 5

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

3♣ ?

What call would you make?

Bonus – Neither vulnerable

♠void ♥Q65 ♦AKQJ6 ♣AK864

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

3♠ X 4♠ 5♥

Pass ?

You are east this hand.

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K ♥A K Q 8 7 5 4 ♦A 4 ♣J 9 8

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

3♣ ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A 8 ♥A Q 6 ♦A Q J T ♣J 9 8 6

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

2♠ Dbl 3♠ Pass

Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q T 9 7 6 ♥K J T ♦J T 8 ♣5 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT Pass 2♥* Pass

3♠ Pass ?

*Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

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Question 1

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

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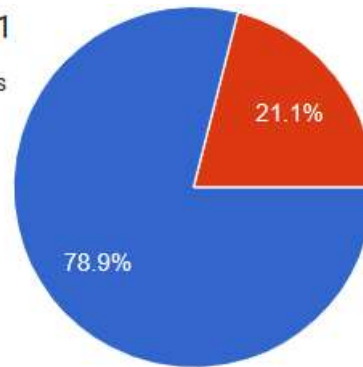
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

2♠ Pass ?

Question 1

38 responses

● Pass
● 2NT



Bob Jones Pass The singleton spade is discouraging, but isn't ace-queen-ace worth an invitation? It is close, but we like pass.

Steve Vogel Pass I have 10 points, a poor fit for partner, and no intermediates in my suits. I believe it is best to stay low and pass.

Joe Muenks Pass There is some outside chance that some game makes, perhaps 3 NT, but we like to get out fast on a mismatch. The bad news is you have just one trump, the good news is you have a little extra strength for partner to try for a plus, also you'll be quite happy to penalty double the opponents if they get frisky and try a 3 level contract.

Bob Fisk Pass What else? You certainly don't have the right hand to bid 2NT (that's inviting 3NT, not running from 2♠). You'll be thrilled out of your mind if you come away from this one with +110.

Steve Moese Pass Partner rebids 3♠ with 15-17, so we aren't going anywhere. We will try to make 8+ tricks in our 7-card fit and not try 2NT.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K ♥AKQ8754 ♦A4 ♣J98

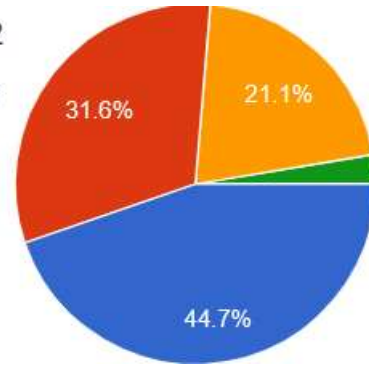
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

3♣ ?

Question 2

38 responses

- 4H
- 3H
- Double
- 3S



Bob Jones 4♥ 3♥ is too timid. Partner will pass with many hands that produce game. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel 4♥ My top choices are bidding 3♥ or 4♥. When deciding on the best choice, I like to visualize potential hands for partner. The key aspects I would be looking for are the ♠A or ♠Q, ♦K and shortness in clubs. With only the ♠Q (or ♦K) and shortness in clubs, partner is unlikely to raise a 3♥ bid to 4. Accordingly, I would choose a 4♥ bid. Sometimes it will be wrong, but that is why the opponents preempt.

Joe Muenks X I have 17+ and a good suit so I'm going to double and bid it. We should normally survive the 5 level if partner has so much they jump to 4♠, but bidding 3♥ now isn't strong enough for partner to carry on to slam with, say, Axxxx, Tx, KQxxx, x.

Bob Fisk 4♥ While you'd like to give 3NT a try (picture partner with Qxx in Spades and Qx in Clubs), you don't really have room to do that. Bid 4♥ and hope for the best.

Steve Moese 4♥ A jump overcall of a preempt shows a very good suit in a good hand, exactly what we have. It is NOT a command to stop in 4♥. Advancer (overcaller's partner) bids with primes, knowing Hearts are trump.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 3 ♥A Q 6 5 2 ♦T 4 ♣Q 7 5 3

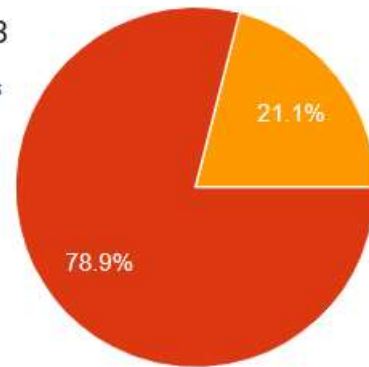
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

Question 3

38 responses

● 1H
● Pass



Bob Jones **Pass** This is close, but we like pass. Many experts would disagree.

Steve Vogel **1♥** This is one of the worst hands that I would choose to open. It barely meets the rule of 20, and I have no intermediates, but I do have a decent 5-card major with an easy rebid. One's chances of winning the partscore battle are better when you open than when you overcall, so I prefer to be bold with reasonable opening bids, even vulnerable.

Joe Muenks **1♥** Rule of 20/22 opener so we'll bid minimally hereafter. 11 HCP + 9 cards in our longest 2 suits; AQx = 1.5 def tricks + Kx = .5 for 2.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Pass wasn't an option in the popup list. I assume that's a mistake.

Steve Moese **1♥** This 11 HCP hand is a marginal opener. I respect those who choose to pass. However, I want to get the Heart suit in play so it doesn't get lost if opponents own the spades.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A 8 ♥A Q 6 ♦A Q J T ♣J 9 8 6

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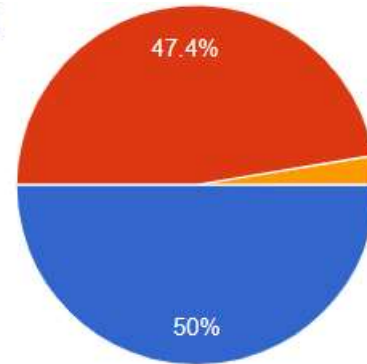
2♠ Dbl 3♠ Pass

Pass ?

Question 4

38 responses

● Double
● Pass
● 3NT



Bob Jones X There is danger in bidding on, but this hand is too good to sell out. Double again.

Steve Vogel X Another hand facing a preempt where there is no perfect answer. The opponents likely have a 9-card fit, therefore, we almost certainly have a good fit too. Even though partner was not strong enough to venture a bid over 3♠, the odds favor that he/she has 7 points +/- . Doubling again lets partner know that I have more than a minimum double, and he/she can choose to bid or pass depending upon their holding.

Joe Muenks X Your second double shows 17+ and support for all suits. Given that you only have 3 hearts, I might consider a direct 2NT call the first time with this modest 18. True W might double me bloody but often the most descriptive bid helps partner judge our best contract on offense or defense.

Bob Fisk X What else? This is still for takeout, and partner should bid 4-card suits up the line (i.e., you don't need to have four Hearts for your double(s)).

Steve Moese X The second double shows a King more than the first double when opponents bid and raise. That's what we have. Time to let partner know.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K 7 5 ♥K Q 7 5 3 ♦K J 3 ♣J 5

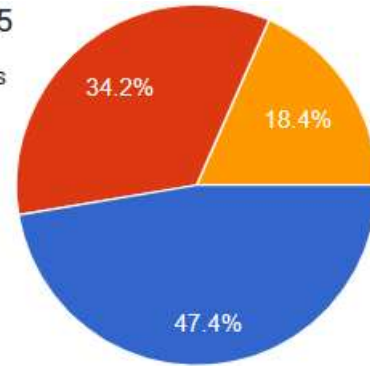
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

3♣ ?

Question 5

38 responses

● 3H
● Pass
● Double



Bob Jones **Pass** Many would bid, but this hand is not worth a 3-level overcall. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** My heart suit is too weak for a direct seat overcall, and my hand is too weak for a direct seat double. My partner will strive to take action in balancing seat with a reasonable holding.

Joe Muenks **3♥** Unlike 2 above, you do have an honest opener and have an absolute minimum to intervene with west still to show her values. A timid pass might save the day, particularly if partner knows to balance with any semblance of strength.

Bob Fisk **Pass** The worst hand shape you can have, when you have a 5-card suit, is 5-3-3-2. You have no safety at all on this hand at unfavorable vulnerability, so pass and see what partner has to say. For all you know, your LHO is about to bid 3NT (probably making with an overtrick).

Steve Moese **3♥** Pass is a viable option, but will miss many plus scores when partner has at least his fair share of the remaining HCP. Double is more flexible, but partner might not believe we have 5 Hearts and we are not near strong enough to double then bid Hearts.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q T 9 7 6 ♥K J T ♦J T 8 ♣5 4

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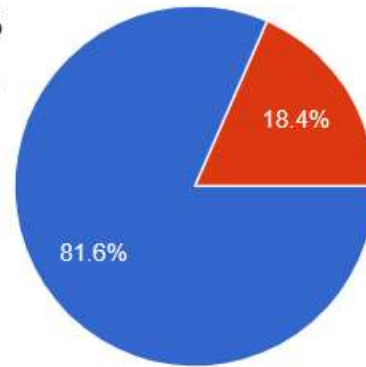
1NT Pass 2♥ Pass

3♠ Pass ?

Question 6

38 responses

● 4S
● Pass



Bob Jones **4♠** Those great intermediate cards make passing out of the question. Bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel **4♠** Partner is conveying a maximum NT opening with 4-card support and I have enough values to accept the invitation to game.

Joe Muenks **4♠** You now have enough for game, but nothing extra to consider doing more.

Bob Fisk **4♠** When we super-accept partner's Jacoby 2NT, this is what we're hoping that responder holds (i.e., just enough to bid game opposite a maximum 1NT opener w/ four trump).

Steve Moese **4♠** We have a 9-card trump fit and 8 support points, plus three 10s, all supported or supporting an honor. I put that at 9 Support Points. Bid the game. That's how we get the game bonus!

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Bonus Question

Bonus – Neither vulnerable

♠void ♥Q65 ♦AKQJ6 ♣AK864

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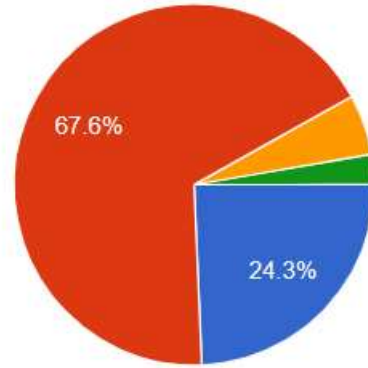
3♠ X 4♠ 5♥

Pass ?

Bonus

37 responses

- 5S
- 6H
- Pass
- 7H



Steve Vogel 5♠ Partner should have a decent heart suit to come in at this level.

Accordingly, I am willing to at least go to small slam in hearts. A 5♠ bid by me invites grand slam (with a spade void), but do I have strong enough hearts to do so? Maybe so, maybe not, but I choose to go for the gold. Partner may still only bid 6♥ with great hearts and losers in the other side suits, but hopefully, he/she will recognize that I would not invite grand without control of the other suits.

Joe Muenks 6♥ I've cheated.

Bob Fisk 5♠ You're way too good to simply bid 6♥, but you don't want to punish partner by jumping to 7♥. This is a nice in-between type of bid. If partner holds xxx AKxxxx xx xxx, partner will know to bid the grand.

Steve Moese 5♠ Whether we make 12 or 13 tricks depends entirely on how good partner's trumps are. 5♠ shows we have a solid chance at 6 and hopes for 7 if partner has ♥AKxxx(+).

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bob Jones	Pass	4♥	Pass	X	Pass	4♠	
Steve Vogel	Pass	4♥	1♥	X	Pass	4♠	5♠
Joe Muenks	Pass	X	1♥	X	3♥	4♠	6♥
Bob Fisk	Pass	4♥	Pass	X	Pass	4♠	5♠
Steve Moese	Pass	4♥	1♥	X	3♥	4♠	5♠
SM: Hello from the Nation's Capital.							
JM: Happy 4th, all.							
Al Venosa	Pass	4♥	1♥	X	3♥	4♠	5♠
Bob K	2NT	X	1♥	X	X	4♠	6♥
Carl Willig	2NT	4♥	1♥	X	3♥	Pass	6♥
Carol Wilson	Pass	3♥	1♥	X	3♥	4♠	6♥
Cathy W	Pass	3♥	1♥	Pass	X	4♠	6♥
Dave	Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass	X	4♠	6♥
Dean Congbalay	Pass	3♥	Pass	X	Pass	4♠	5♠
Doug Edwards	Pass	3♥	1♥	Pass	3♥	4♠	6♥
Ed	Pass	4♥	1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass	6♥
Gary Busch	Pass	4♥	1♥	X	Pass	Pass	6♥
Greg	2NT	X	1♥	Pass	Pass	4♠	6♥
James Jacobson	Pass	3♥	1♥	Pass	3♥	4♠	Pass
Jay Gala	Pass	X	1♥	X	3♥	4♠	6♥
JohnMcQ	Pass	4♥	1♥	Pass	X	4♠	5♠
Jon Hoak	Pass	4♥	1♥	Pass	X	4♠	6♥
Jusie Clendening	Pass	3♥	1♥	X	Pass	4♠	Pass
Kevin C.	Pass	X	Pass	X	3♥	4♠	5♠
Kevin H.	2NT	X	1♥	X	3♥	4♠	5♠
Lanny	Pass	4♥	1♥	X	X	4♠	6♥
Linda	2NT	4♥	1♥	Pass	Pass	4♠	6♥
Marth	Pass	4♥	1♥	Pass	Pass	4♠	6♥
Mike Burns	Pass	4♥	1♥	Pass	3♥	4♠	6♥
Mónica	Pass	X	1♥	X	Pass	4♠	6♥
Pam Campbell	2NT	4♥	1♥	X	3♥	4♠	5♠
Pete Outcalt	Pass	4♥	1♥	Pass	3♥	4♠	6♥
Phyllis	Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	6♥
Reeta B	Pass	3♥	1♥	Pass	3♥	4♠	6♥
Rick Read	Pass	3♥	1♥	Pass	Pass	4♠	7♥
Rod	Pass	3♠	1♥	Pass	X	Pass	6♥
Sue	2NT	3♥	1♥	Pass	3♥	4♠	6♥
Vijay Doshi	Pass	3♥	Pass	X	3♥	Pass	6♥
Zigang Pan	2NT	X	1♥	3NT	Pass	4♠	6♥
	Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	6♥

Bob Jones July 1 Quiz

Come and listen to a story about a man named Joe. (I'm dating myself but I hear he kept his family well fed). Joe picked up this hand from the first board of the second round Monday evening with everyone having something to say in the auction:

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 7
♥ A K 9 8 7 2
♦ 2
♣ J 5 3



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♠	Dbl	3 ♠
4 ♥	4 ♠ ¹	5 ♥ ²	Pass
6 ♥ ³	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Pusher
2. She pushed me
3. Push back harder

The A♠ is led and dummy comes down to lots of oohs and aahs and one oh crap:

♠ —
♥ Q 6 5
♦ A K Q J 6
♣ A K 8 6 4

“Thank you partner” and Joe counts winners and soon runs out of fingers. Easy-peasy, lemon squeeze, he thinks. Draw trump; claim. He counts losers and sees only one problem. He trumps the ace then calls for the Q♥. On this trick west shows out. “That’s interesting” says Joe and thinks for a few seconds. He then calls for another trump lead. I’m not giving up that easily thinks south and splits the jack-ten honors. Joe wins the trick and cashes the K♠ playing a club from dummy. He crosses to dummy with the

diamond from hand. He discards the 7♠ and the 3♣ on high diamonds. He then ruffs the small diamond in hand and crosses back to dummy with a club and leads the J♦. South by this time, is out of diamonds but can’t ruff without being over-ruffed pitches a club. Joe ruffs again and leads a club back to dummy. Another club is lead. By this time south is down to T-4 of hearts and Joe still holding K-9. South tables his cards, conceding the tricks, making 7, 1010 points and a top board. “VERY well played Joe” said south. “Thank you” Joe said softly. It was a shame having to trump those good diamonds.

Question: What does east bid if north passes 4♥?