

Bob Jones July 15 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JULY 15, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A Q 7 5 ♥6 4 2 ♦A K Q 3 ♣K 8

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♠* P ?

*weak

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A T 7 5 ♥J T 8 7 ♦A 7 ♣K J 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass 1♣ Dbl

2NT* Pass ?

*Club raise, at least invitational values

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠J ♥K Q J 7 6 ♦J 5 ♣K Q J 5 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♠* P ?

*weak

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A ♥T 2 ♦A 9 8 5 ♣K T 9 7 6 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

2♠ 3♣ Pass 3♥

Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠8 7 3 ♥K 3 ♦Q J T 9 6 5 ♣8 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass

2NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A K 8 7 ♥A 6 ♦8 ♣A K Q T 7 5

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2♦* ?

*weak

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

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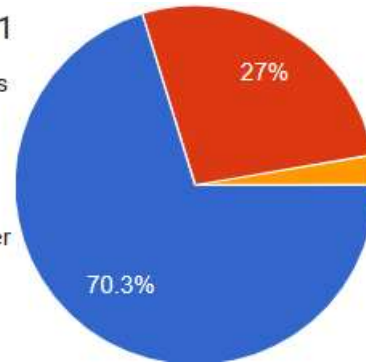
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2♠ P ?

Question 1

37 responses

● 4S
● 2NT
● No Answer



Bob Jones **4♠** There are reasons to dream about slam, but even game will fail on a bad day. Bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel **2NT** If partner has the right hand (for example, a singleton heart, the ♠K and the ♣A), we will make slam in spades. I will start with 2NT (Ogust) and over a positive response (3♥ or 3♠), I will cuebid 4♣ to find out if partner has a heart control. If so, I will follow up with 4NT to ensure we are not off 2 key cards. Otherwise, I plan to settle in 4♠.

Joe Muenks **4♠** Partner will not hold the A♣, K♠ and a stiff heart and open 2♠ very often and that magical hand is not worth bidding such that they know to start hearts, from, say AQxx. Hopefully partner can get in and pitch on the diamonds before the opponents find all their tricks.

Mike Ma **2NT** I don't have sophisticated method after opening weak 2. 3NT may be right, but I have no way of finding out about hearts. So I Ogust and then bid 4♠ to let partner know it is our hand. If partner has a singleton heart, even slam is not impossible, but I have no way of probing that.

Bob Fisk **4♠** If you have a magic way to determine if your partner holds precisely Kxxxx x xxx Axx, then by all means, trot it out and bid your laydown slam. Absent that gadget, bid game and hope to make it (i.e., partner could hold JTxxx KJx x Jxx, and you get a Club lead through your Kx, down two).

Steve Moese **4♠** On a good day we make. There is a perfect hand that will allow us to make 6, but my partners never have what I imagine. Asking for more info risks making game by giving opponents too much data.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A ♥T 2 ♦A 9 8 5 ♣KT 9 7 6 4

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2♠ 3♣ Pass 3♥

Pass ?

Question 2

37 responses



Bob Jones **4♥** There is no comfortable bid. We like bidding 4♥ because it has more to gain when it is right.

Steve Vogel **3♠** 3♥ is forcing, so I must come up with a bid despite my bare minimum holding. I like 3♠ best, which tells partner I may not have a fit (unless I support hearts later, and then 3♠ shows a powerful raise), and asks for a spade stopper or failing that, more information.

Joe Muenks **3♠** Partner's bid is forcing in almost any system. Rather than retreat to 4♥ with honor doubleton straight away, let's try for 3NT, if partner can also stop spades. The real quiz here is whether to overcall 3♣ vulnerable in the direct seat. I wouldn't in an open game.

Mike Ma **3♠** I play 3♥ as forcing. With single stopper in spades that I can't hold up, I can't bid 3NT myself. If partner has a stopper also, then I will go for the cheapest game. If not, we will probe our best suit game.

Bob Fisk **4♣** You stretched (a lot) to bid 3♣, but partner's 3♥ bid is forcing, so you can't pass. Bid 4♣ and hope to make it (i.e., partner could hold xxx AKJxx Kxx xx).

Steve Moese **3NT** Partner's bid is forcing. I must have held a different hand when I overcalled 3♣.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A T 7 5 ♥J T 8 7 ♦A 7 ♣K J 4

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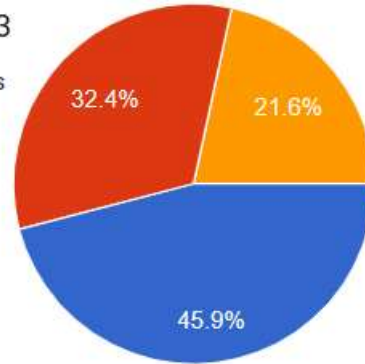
Pass Pass 1♣ Dbl

2NT Pass ?

Question 3

37 responses

● 3NT
● Pass
● 3C



Bob Jones **Pass** Partner's passed-hand status makes pass a viable option to 3♣. We would pass, not liking it very much.

Steve Vogel **Pass** As a passed hand, partner's holding is 10-11 points (and some of those may be based on distribution). Even with my 13 HCP plus decent intermediates, I believe the odds would favor a pass over bidding 3NT. The last question is whether to correct to 3♣. It's a close call, and to be honest, I am not sure which is better, but I would stick with the higher scoring notrump in matchpoints.

Joe Muenks **3♣** If partner has extras they can continue by showing values in one of the majors. If they just have a limit raise our 3 small spades and slow heart card mean they take a lot of tricks before we ever get 9.

Mike Ma **3NT***

* Unfortunately, the answers this time may be too system dependent.

Bob Fisk **3♣** I like that the comment said "At least invitational values," when partner is a passed hand. I'm going to go out on a limb and say that partner has exactly invitational values. If you add up your points incorrectly and forget to open with 13+ HCP, make sure you loudly say "Oh my!", slap your forehead, and then bid 2NT to show a full opener.

Steve Moese **3NT** 3NT is our likely game and reasonably descriptive.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠8 7 3 ♥K 3 ♦Q J T 9 6 5 ♣8 6

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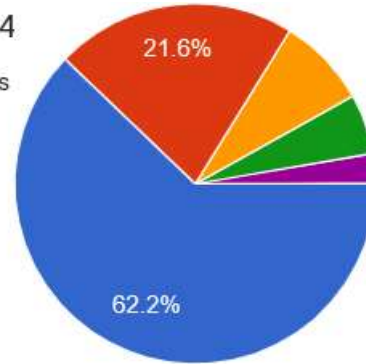
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2NT Pass ?

Question 4

37 responses

- 3NT
- 3D
- Pass
- 3C
- 5D



Bob Jones **3NT** Passing, or trying to play a diamond part score, are too timid. Bid 3NT and hope for the best.

Steve Vogel **3NT** If partner does not have diamond honor, we will likely go down in 3NT, but our chances are good if he/she has either the Ace or King of diamonds (given my likely entry in hearts).

Joe Muenks **3NT** Epls. Partner shows 18-19 and we have plenty of HCP for game and a nice 6 card suit. I do not think 6 ♦ has good play given that partner is balanced, so take the matchpoint cheese of the NT game.

Mike Ma **3NT***

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Bob Fisk **3♣** (Wolff Sign-Off). This forces partner to bid 3 ♦ which you'll pass. At IMPs (team game), you'd bid 3NT, but I'm working under the assumption that this is matchpoints.

Steve Moese **3NT** This hand is just good enough to try Game. With the Q♥ instead we of the ♥K I use the Wolff sign off, bidding 3♣ so partner puppets to 3♦.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠J♥KQJ76♦J5♣KQJ53

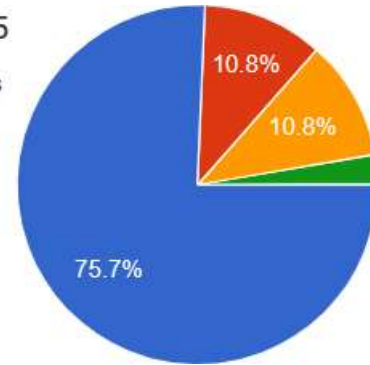
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2♠ P ?

Question 5

37 responses

- Pass
- 2NT
- 3H
- 3S



Bob Jones **Pass** Pass, quickly. You might have a better spot, but how can you find it and stop there?

Steve Vogel **Pass** Partner has made an unfavorable vulnerability preempt, so he/she should have a decent suit and reasonable hand. Still my hand is aceless, and one of my suits could be completely worthless if partner has a singleton. We may occasionally make game with the right hand, so I could invite game starting with 2NT. I believe the chances of making game are more than offset by the chances of getting too high, even if we end up in only in 3♠. My conservative side says to pass.

Joe Muenks **Pass** I'm thinking I have enough on the outside that partner has good play for his partial. I have no inkling that any contract would be better and I play a new suit is forcing so we'd get so high we'd change a + to a -, oh, my.

Mike Ma **Pass** Question is what to do if they balance into diamonds.

Bob Fisk **Pass** There's an old bridge saying that goes "If you hold J KQJ76 J5 KQJ53 and your partner opens 2♠, you should pass." I realize that's oddly specific, but I'm pretty sure I'm remembering it correctly. :o\

Steve Moese **Pass** Write this down: get out of the auction as soon as you can when you have a misfit.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

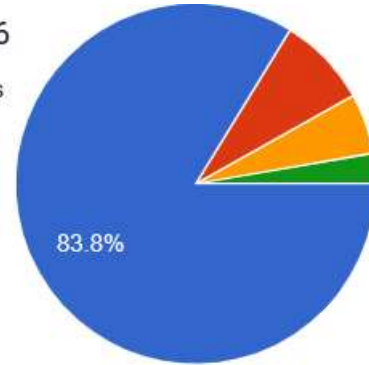
♠A K 8 7 ♥A 6 ♦8 ♣A K Q T 7 5

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

2♦ ?

Question 6

37 responses



Bob Jones X This hand is too good for the available gadgets. Double, intending to bid clubs next, Once every couple of leap years, partner will bid spades.

Steve Vogel X This 3-loser hand is too strong to start with anything besides a double. If I were at least 5-5 in clubs and spades, I could bid 4♣ showing clubs and major (Leaping Michaels), but I cannot do that with only 4 spades. My partners and I play that a 3♦ bid would imply a long club suit, no 4-card major, and would ask for a diamond stopper (again, not this hand).

Joe Muenks X Epls, I start with a double. Those that play leaping Michael's need a 5th spade to bid 4♣, so start with a double and then bid a bunch more.

Mike Ma X With 9 tricks in my hand, I am not satisfied with trying for 3NT. If partner has a little as Qxxx in spades, we make 6♠ on 3-2 break. If partner bids hearts to my X, it can get awkward, but I will cross that bridge when it happens.

Bob Fisk 3♦ If you double and partner converts it to penalty, you're going to be sad (i.e., you might have missed a cold grand slam). Start with 3♦ (partner won't pass that). You'll bid 6♣ at a minimum needing partner to hold QJx Kxx xxxx xxx.

Steve Moese X I start with a club rebid next unless partner bids spades. Game is in the offing and slam not too far away.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	4♠	4♥	Pass	3NT	Pass	X
Steve Vogel	2NT	3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass	X
Joe Muenks	4♠	3♠	3♣	3NT	Pass	X
Mike Ma	2NT	3♠	3NT	3NT	Pass	X
Bob Fisk	4♠	4♣	3♣	3♣	Pass	3♦
Steve Moese	4♠	3NT	3NT	3NT	Pass	X
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SM: Greetings from the Chicago NABC! Many Cincinnati friends here. Come join the fun!						
Bob K	4♠	4♥	3NT	3NT	2NT	X
Carl Willig	4♠	Pass	3NT	3♦	Pass	X
Carol Wilson	4♠	Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass	X
Cecilia	4♠	N/A	Pass	5♦	2NT	3♦
Dave	2NT	Pass	3NT	3♦	2NT	X
Dean Congbalay	4♠	4♥	3♣	3NT	Pass	X
Ed	4♠	3NT	3NT	Pass	Pass	3♣
James D	4♠	Pass	3NT	3NT	Pass	X
James Jacobson	4♠	Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass	X
Jan	4♠	Pass	3NT	3NT	2NT	5♣
Jay Gala	N/A	4♥	3♣	3♦	3♠	X
Jim Barrett	2NT	4♥	3NT	3NT	Pass	X
JohnMcQ	4♠	4♣	3♣	3NT	Pass	3♣
Jon Hoak	4♠	Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass	X
Jusie Clendening	4♠	4♥	Pass	3NT	Pass	X
Kevin C.	4♠	4♦	3♣	3NT	Pass	X
Kevin H.	4♠	3♠	3NT	3NT	3♥	X
Linda	4♠	Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass	X
Martha	4♠	Pass	Pass	3NT	Pass	X
Mike Burns	4♠	Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass	X
Mónica	2NT	4♥	3NT	3NT	Pass	X
Nell Wickstrom	2NT	3NT	3NT	3NT	3♥	X
Pam Campbell	2NT	3♠	3NT	3NT	Pass	X
Pete Outcalt	4♠	4♥	3♣	3NT	Pass	X
Phyllis	2NT	3NT	3NT	3♦	3♥	3♣
Rick Read	4♠	4♥	3NT	3NT	Pass	X
Rod	4♠	4♥	Pass	3NT	Pass	X
Sue	2NT	3NT	3NT	3NT	3♥	X
Vijay Doshi	4♠	5♣	Pass	3♦	Pass	X
Zigang Pan	2NT	Pass	3♣	3NT	Pass	X
	4♠	4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	X

