

Bob Jones March 2 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE MARCH 2, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠7 5 ♥5 2 ♦Q 6 3 ♣K Q J 9 7 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T ♥A J 2 ♦K Q 8 7 ♣J 7 6 4 2

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Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

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1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

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What call would you make?

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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

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2♦ Pass ?

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Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠9 7 6 5 ♥Q J 9 7 ♦Q 7 5 ♣T 7

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Dbl Pass 1♥

Pass 2♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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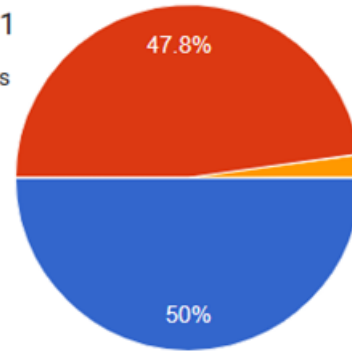
Question 1

46 responses

● Pass

● 3C

● 2S



Bob Jones **3♣** 2♣ is not available for a pre-empt, so 3♣ allows for pre-empts with good 6-card suits. Bid 3♣.

Steve Vogel **3♣** A very good 6-card club suit, along with relative shortness in the majors- perfect for a 3♣ opening in 1st, 2nd or 3rd seat.

Joe Muenks **Pass** On some days I might preempt but with no singleton in first seat I'll pass this round. Obviously, in 3rd seat you'll open 3♣.

Bob Fisk **Pass** If I open 3♣ in first seat, I'll have seven clubs. If you put a gun on me and tell me I can't pass the above hand, well then I'll call the police and report you for pointing a gun at me. Enjoy your time in prison.

Steve Moese **3♣** The most annoying and effective preempt according to Larry Cohens article on the million hands analysis. With a good 6-card suit, go for pressure.

Mike Ma **3♣** Negatives for preempting. Only 6 clubs, but very respectable suit. Only 5 tricks (so off one by Rule of 2-3-4), but ♦JTx from partner will give us one more. Balanced hand. On the plus side, only 4 cards in majors. 3♣ is the most powerful preempt because they have to disentangle 3 suits, including both majors, and they will be very unlikely to X you with so much space. I love preempting.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠T 9 4 ♥8 6 ♦K 7 5 ♣A Q J 5 2

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

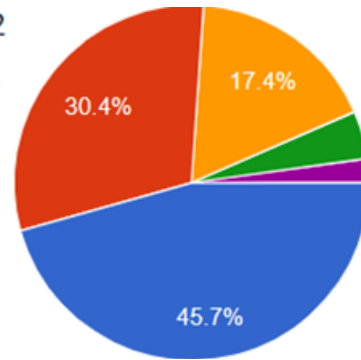
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass

2♦ Pass ?

Question 2

46 responses

- 2H
- 3C
- 2NT
- Pass
- 3D



Bob Jones **2NT** This hand is barely worth 2NT, but it is. Without the J♣, bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel **2♥** I have the strength for a 2NT bid, but I do not like the lack of stopper in spades. I have no other reasonable alternative to show my strength. Others would not let the lack of spade stopper deter them, but I would lean towards a 2♥ rebid. We might occasionally miss a game, but I believe we will more often land in a better spot.

Joe Muenks **2NT** The ♠T and ♠9 might be helpful as we confidently bid 2NT showing 10+ to 12- since the 5-card suit might be gold and the ♦K seems to fit, so this is no minimum.

Bob Fisk **2♥** You'll have this situation at least twice per session where you have to take a "false preference" back to partner's major holding a doubleton. It's easy to do it when you hold only three cards in partner's second suit, but it's no less correct if you have 4-card support (or occasionally five).

Steve Moese **2NT** Invite game with a balanced 11 HCP. For many, 3♣ here would show a 6-card suit. Depending on how you play 1♥ - 3♣, bidding 3♣ now (don't do it) might be ambiguous as to strength. 2♥ is a decided underbid.

Mike Ma **2NT** The good club suit encourages me to not just meekly sign off in 2♥. I am not worried about spades. They have had chances to bid it and have not. Plus, I even have ♠T9x.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T♥AJ2♦KQ87♣J7642

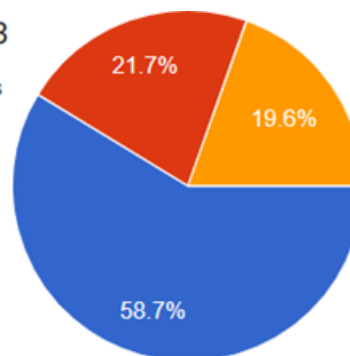
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Question 3

46 responses

- Pass
- 1C
- 1D



Bob Jones **Pass** 1♣ or 1♦? Why wrestle with that choice when this hand is not really worth an opening bid, especially with rebid problems. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** This is a close one, only because of favorable vulnerability. I like to open unbalanced minimum hands not vulnerable, but this hand has several flaws. If I open my longest suit with 1♣, what will I rebid over 1♠? If I, instead, open 1♦ with the plan to rebid 2♣ over a 1♠ response, partner will misread the length of my 2 suits. Given a minimum hand with flawed opening bid options, I would choose to pass.

Joe Muenks **1♦** First, this passes 20/22 so we'll open. Next, I'm one of those "open 1♦ and rebid 2♣" guys since this shows 8 of my cards and I do not rebid 1NT with a singleton. This is how you avoid doing so when partner makes the expected 1♠ response.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Ick.

Steve Moese **Pass** A marginal opening bid in 2/1, but a clear opener if partner expects something this weak.

Mike Ma **Pass** When you consider opening light, it is even more important than usual to consider your rebid. What if partner responds spades? Opening 1♦ and rebidding 2♣ with 4=5 is no longer recommended, possibly resulting in you playing in 4-2 fit. But opening 1♣ and rebidding 2♣ is vomit inducing with this club suit. Rebidding 1NT is bad enough with a singleton in partner's suit, but worse when you don't have full opening values. You should not have trouble coming in if you pass now.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠7 6 4 2 ♥J 9 ♦Q ♣A K J 9 7 5

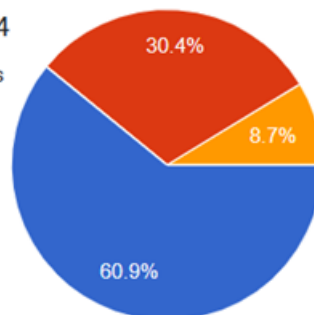
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Question 4

46 responses

● 1C
● Pass
● 3C



Bob Jones **3♣** This hand, with short-suit honors, is not worth an opening one bid. Don't let 4 small spades deter you from a pre-empt. Bid 3♣.

Steve Vogel **1♣** Yes, I know this hand has potentially wasted values in a singleton Queen and a doubleton Jack. Still, a 1♣ opening shows where my strength lies, and I have an easy rebid of 1♠ over a red suit response or 2♣ over a 1NT response. Besides, if you pass, what will you bid if partner opens 1♥? You cannot bid 2♣ (Drury), so you are forced to respond an ugly 1NT (or even worse, 3♣).

Joe Muenks **1♣** This easily passes the 20/22 criteria and has no rebid concerns.

Bob Fisk **1♣** I'll bid 2♠ if partner responds 1♠ and 2♣ over any other response. I know some wise-acre will ask "Are you really going to rebid 2♣ after your partner responds 2NT?" Of course I am—I'm a man of my word.

Steve Moese **Pass** Another marginal opening hand. The red suit values are all but worthless.

Mike Ma **1♣** Not passing with this club suit and 4 spades, and satisfying Joe's Rule of 20/22. Certainly not preempting 3♣ vul with 6 card suit when I can open 1.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠ – ♥ A 7 6 4 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ K J T 8 6 4

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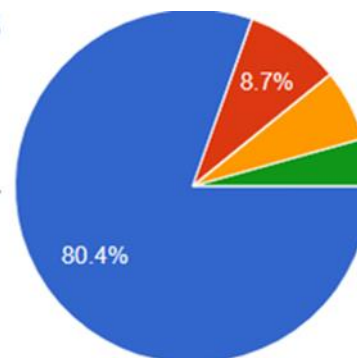
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

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Question 5

46 responses

2C
2H
No Answer
1NT



Bob Jones 2♥ 2♥ would be a reverse, showing extras. If this hand finds a fit, it does have extras. Be optimistic and bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel 2♣ (Under duress) With this minimum hand, I would not choose to open 1♣ with a plan to reverse into 2♥ given the awful heart spots. I would have opened 1♥, not 1♣. Given the current auction, I guess I would rebid 2♣ and hope for the best.

Joe Muenks 2♣ We hope partner bids 2♥ next. Playing in my established partnerships we do the funny jump with 6-5 minimum openers, so we bid 3♥ over 1♠ showing 6+ clubs and 5 hearts. Partner can pass, raise, correct or make a forward going bid in another suit.

Bob Fisk N/A I would have opened 1♥ to avoid this problem.

Steve Moese 2♥ Another marginal decision. While 2♥ shows strength initially, rebidding hearts will show shape. I would have opened this 1♥. Change the hand to — AK743 76 KJT864 and I open 1♣. Note: a 3♥ rebid here is a splinter raise of spades, not a weak 5=6 hand. Rebidding 2♣ understates and loses the hearts.

Mike Ma 2♣ If you open 1♣ instead of 1♥ (basically what everyone would do), you have already decided you will rebid 2♣ over 1♠. I play that responder's 2♥ now is NF, so if you are lucky, you may yet luck back into hearts.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠9 7 6 5 ♥Q J 9 7 ♦Q 7 5 ♣T 7

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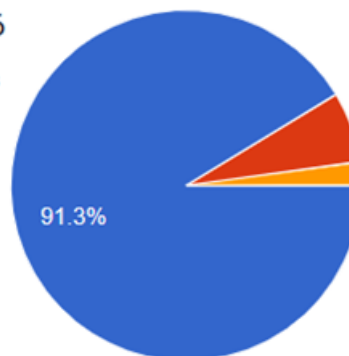
1♣ Dbl Pass 1♥

Pass 2♥ Pass ?

Question 6

46 responses

- Pass
- 4H
- 2S



Bob Jones **Pass** Partner's sequence shows a good hand, about 18-20 points. This hand is not quite worth another bid. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** My 1♥ bid shows 8 points or less. Partner's 2♥ bid shows a hand with 17+ points, and is invitational to game if I have the right hand. I am short of accepting the invitation, but the question is whether I am short of making a further invitation in case partner has an even stronger hand of 20 points +/- . If I had a 5th heart with this hand, I would bid 3♥ . Given my quacky hand (Queens and Jacks tend to be overvalued), I would choose to pass.

Joe Muenks **4♥** With no ace or king game seems the limit so I just bid it now with most of my partners. (BTW, I would have bid 1♠ over the double to leave some flexibility if partner has a big hand and bids 2♣, I still have 2♥ available in case they are 4-3 either way in the majors.)

Bob Fisk **Pass** 100%?

Steve Moese **Pass** Partner shows a good hand in the 17-19 Point range. Our 6 support points aren't enough. Our shape is lackluster.

Mike Ma **Pass** Joke question?

03/02/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	3♣	2NT	Pass	3♣	2♥	Pass
Steve Vogel	3♣	2♥	Pass	1♣	2♣	Pass
Joe Muenks	Pass	2NT	1♦	1♣	2♣	4♥
Bob Fisk	Pass	2♥	Pass	1♣	N/A	Pass
Steve Moese	3♣	2NT	Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Al Venosa	3♣	3♣	Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
AnnR	3♣	3♣	1♣	1♣	2♣	2♠
Bob K	3♣	3♣	1♣	1♣	2♣	Pass
Carl Willig	Pass	3♣	Pass	3♣	2♣	Pass
Carol Wilson	3♣	3♣	Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
Chuck	Pass	3♣	1♣	1♣	1NT	Pass
Dave	Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
Dave Dressman	3♣	2♥	1♣	1♣	2♣	Pass
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Jay Gala	Pass	2H	1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
JohnMcQ	Pass	3♣	Pass	1♣	2♣	Pass
Jusie Clendening	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
Kevin C.	3♣	2♥	Pass	Pass	N/A	4♥
Kevin H.	3♣	2♥	1♦	1♣	2♣	Pass
Lanny	Pass	2♥	1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
Martha	3♣	2NT	1♦	1♣	2♣	Pass
Melissa	Pass	2♥	Pass	1♣	2♣	Pass
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Mónica	Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass	2♣	4♥
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The Field:

Question 1



Question 2



Question 3



Question 4



Question 5



Question 6



Date	Hand	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6	
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SM: Our daytime CBC games are beginning to grow! Don't miss out!								
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JohnMct	Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣	Pass	
Jusie Clendening	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass	
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