

Bob Jones March 24 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE MARCH 23, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠KT74 ♥KQT5 ♦Q763 ♣2

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q853 ♥Q ♦AK873 ♣Q52

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ 1♠ ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠982 ♥9754 ♦AJ874 ♣6

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Dbl Pass 1♦

Pass 1♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠98653 ♥KQJ3 ♦K5 ♣J5

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ Dbl 1NT ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠983 ♥KT7 ♦Q ♣AJ9763

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

Pass Pass 1♦ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠98 ♥4 ♦K965 ♣AKT854

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 2♥* ?

*pre-emptive.

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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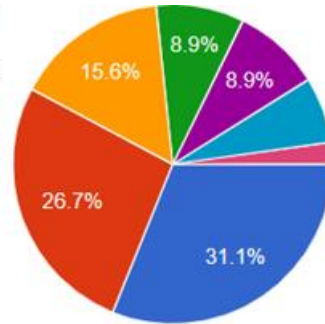
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass ?

Question 1

45 responses

2C 2D
3S 4C
4S 3C
2S



Bob Jones 4♣ This hand is worth a game force. If you play splinter bids, bid 4♣. If not, then bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel 4♣ I have great spade support as well as diamond support and my hand values out to 13 points. Rather than simply raising to game, I want to show partner my shortness in case he/she has the right cards for slam.

Joe Muenks 4♠ Some will splinter in clubs, no doubt, but for low point slams (the purpose of a splinter) we like our points to be aces and kings. If partner does have 3 aces, the K♦ and the Q♠ making slam a likely prospect, I expect her to move over 4♠.

Bob Fisk 2♣ (XYZ). I'll bid 2♠ after partner's forced 2♦ bid to show an invitational hand in spades. Picture partner with AJxx Jx KJxx Axx. Sweet!

Steve Moese 4♠ The secondary diamond fit and holding only 6 losers makes bidding game appetizing.

Mike Ma 2♣ No matter whether you always rebid 1♠ with 4 or only certain distributional hands, opener has shown 4+ diamonds (3 only on 4432), so your side has a double fit. Your singleton has its full value. If your ♥KQ are in diamonds and spades, it would be debatable if your hand is worth bidding game (splinter). As it is, invitation is fine. Playing XYZ, bid 2♣ now and continue with 2♠.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠9 8 6 5 3 ♥K Q J 3 ♦K 5 ♣J 5

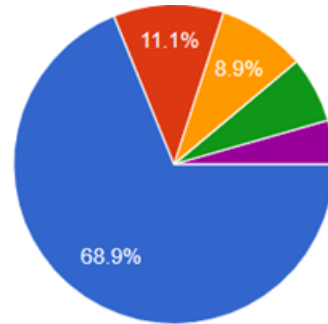
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ Dbl 1NT ?

Question 2

45 responses

- 2S
- 2D
- 3S
- Double
- 2H



Bob Jones **2♠** Had East passed you would have jumped to 2♠ to show values. After East's bid, any bid by you shows values. No need to jump. Bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel **2♠** The possible actions are a 2♦ cue bid, a responsive double (which partner may take as penalty), a bid of 2♠ or perhaps even a jump to 3♠. I believe a cuebid should show opening hand strength, and by the way, the value of my K♦ is suspect. I also don't like a jump bid of 3♠ on such a ratty suit when we may belong in hearts. I would content myself with a free bid of 2♠.

Joe Muenks **3♠** We trust partner, not the annoying opponents who are just making noise here with moderate to weak hands. Our awesome major suit cards make 3 safe and 4 likely if partner has a little extra.

Bob Fisk **2♦** I want to play in partner's longer major. Picture partner with KJx Axxx x KQxxx. It's also quite likely that West was going to bid 2♦, so taking away their rebid is hilarious. Heh.

Steve Moese **2♠** I see a 5-card Major.

Mike Ma **2♦** Supposedly if the opps know what they are doing, the 1NT would have real value and not ignoring your X, so the more you have, the less partner's double will have. Based on that, you don't worry about game, just competing for best partial. Mike Lawrence has a way to do this. To show the higher 2 suits, you cue (2♦). Your majors are 5=4, but the disparity is quality makes them equal. With a weaker hand, I would just bid 2♠ with the known 8 card fit. Warning: at a Regional, I saw a top player in our District bid 1NT here with garbage 6 points.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q 8 5 3 ♥Q ♦A K 8 7 3 ♣Q 5 2

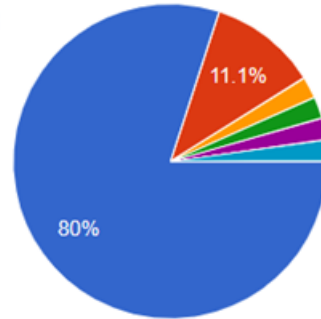
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ 1♠ ?

Question 3

45 responses

- 2D
- 3NT
- 1NT
- Pass
- 3D
- Double



Bob Jones 2♦ You will probably end up in 3NT, but what's the rush? Describe your hand a bit first. You never know what might happen. Bid 2♦.

Steve Vogel 2♦ This bid shows a 5-card suit and 10+ points and is forcing for one round: perfect for now. I prefer this bid to a jump to 3NT (1NT and 2NT are non-forcing), especially given the tenuous nature of my spade stopper.

Joe Muenks 2♦ I want to hear partner bid again over my five and dime bid. We may play 3NT but there is no rush to jump there now (I like to play an immediate jump to 3NT shows 2 hearts so partner is comfortable correcting with 6 hearts or some spade voids).

Bob Fisk 2♦ Showing 5+ diamonds and 10+ HCP (Five-and-Dime). Jumping to 3NT immediately seems odd with Qxxx in spades. Trap passing also seems odd with such a weak holding in the opponent's suit (picture East with AKJTxxx xxx x Ax).

Steve Moese 2♦ F1, and enough for now.

Mike Ma 2♦ Show your 10+ points and good suit now. You can always bid NT later.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠9 8 3 ♥K T 7 ♦Q ♣A J 9 7 6 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

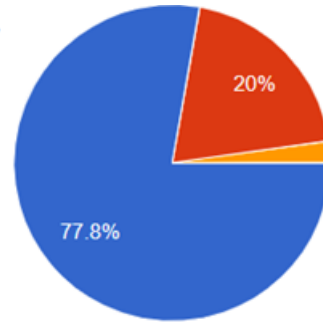
Pass Pass 1♦ Pass

?

Question 4

45 responses

● 2C
● 1NT
● 2NT



Bob Jones 2♣ A non-passed hand with these cards should probably bid 1NT. After passing, 2♣ is a better description. Bid 2♣.

Steve Vogel 2♣ My top choices are 2♣ (allowed because I am a passed hand) or 1NT (or perhaps even 2NT). I don't like responding notrump with an unbalanced hand when there are perfectly viable alternatives.

Joe Muenks 2♣ Note that this bid is not forcing and reverts to old fashioned Goren, 10-11 HCP and long clubs, almost always 6. Now partner knows what to do, bid NT, pass, raise, bid a major towards NT, etc.

Bob Fisk 2♣ Showing 5+ clubs and 10-11 HCP (Five-and-Dime). Bridge is easy! 1NT is tempting, but my hand might be useless to partner in notrump if the A♥ is with West. I'll pass if partner rebids 2NT (i.e., this doesn't show 18-19 HCP).

Steve Moese 2♣ A non-forcing response by a passed hand.

Mike Ma 2♣ Luckily, I am a passed hand, and have an easy 2♣ bid.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠ 9 8 2 ♥ 9 7 5 4 ♦ A J 8 7 4 ♣ 6

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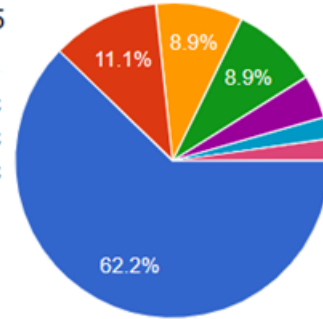
1♣ Dbl Pass 1♦

Pass 1♥ Pass ?

Question 5

45 responses

2H 3C
4H 2C
Pass 4C
3H



Bob Jones 4♥ Partner's sequence shows a hand too good to overcall – at least 18 points. This should be a great dummy for him. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel 3♣ Partner's double followed by the 1♥ bid shows a strong hand (17+ points). With 4-card support of hearts, my hand's value just shot up. I like making what I hope partner will take as a mini-splinter in support of hearts.

Joe Muenks 3♣ Ok, now we splinter. Recall, when partner doubles and bids, showing a powerful hand and powerful suit, they do not show shortness in the opened suit. We need to let partner know we have hearts, singleton club and a good hand for our 1 level response, enough to go to game. We'll show the diamond control next and our hand will be perfectly defined.

Bob Fisk 4♣ Your hand just got huge when partner showed 17+ HCP (or equal playing strength) and long hearts! Go ahead and show that you have 4+ hearts and a singleton club to go with your AJxxx of diamonds. Slam isn't off the table—picture partner with AQ AKxxxx Kx xxx, and you're cold for 6♥ on a spade lead or a club lead and diamonds no worse than 4-2.

Steve Moese 3♥ Invite partner to game if they are near the top of their range.

Mike Ma 3♥ Again, this is system dependent. Does the take-out double promise diamonds with minimum or only majors? What does bidding 1♥ over 1♦ show value wise? When I bid 1♦ first, surely am I ready to bid again if partner bids 1M or if they bid 2♣? My hand is too good for a mere 2♥ raise, and I don't dare to bid 3♣ and hope partner agrees what it means.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ 9 8 ♥ 4 ♦ K 9 6 5 ♣ A K T 8 5 4

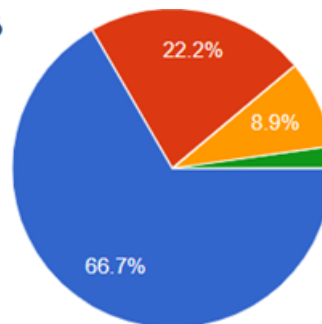
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 2♥ ?

Question 6

45 responses

- 3C
- 3D
- 3H
- Double



Bob Jones 3♦ 3♣ or 3♦? 3♣ is forcing and might get you too high. Partner can pass 3♦ with a minimum. We like 3♦.

Steve Vogel 3♣ I can either show my clubs suit with 3♣ or support partner's diamonds with a 3♥ cuebid. Both have something to say for them, but in a close call, I like showing partner where my values lay. If I had 5 diamonds, along with say, 5 clubs, I would choose to show support.

Joe Muenks 3♣ Our 3♣ is officially another five and dime bid but 9 times out of 10 it is game forcing and will be when we bid 4♦ next if that makes sense. (However, I would not be surprised if west bids 3♥ and partner penalty doubles it.)

Bob Fisk 3♣ Showing 5+ clubs and 10-11 HCP (Five-and-Dime). Bridge is still easy! Our likely game is 5♦ (likely slam 6♦), but 3NT is on the table until it isn't. Picture partner with AQx xxx AQJxx xx, and 6♦ is cold on 3-2 clubs.

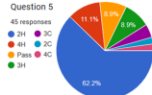
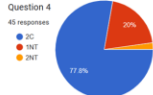
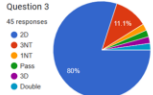
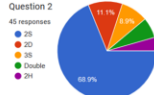
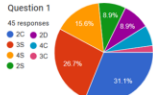
Steve Moese 3♥ An invitational raise of diamonds. Support with support.

Mike Ma 3♣ I am not hiding that club suit. There is no immediacy in making a LR+ bid in diamonds, especially since it means bidding 3♥. Over my 3♣, if partner bids anything other than 3NT, I will bid 4♦. If she bids 3NT in tempo, I will have to make a decision 😊

03/23/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	4♣	2♠	2♦	2♣	4♥	3♦
Steve Vogel	4♣	2♠	2♦	2♣	3♣	3♣
Joe Muenks	4♠	3♠	2♦	2♣	3♣	3♣
Bob Fisk	2♣	2♦	2♦	2♣	4♣	3♣
Steve Moese	4♠	2♠	2♦	2♣	3♥	3♥
Anne Cobb	3♠	2♥	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♦
Bob K	2♣	X	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♦
Carl Willig	2♦	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♣
Carol Wilson	3♠	2♠	3NT	2♣	2♥	3♣
Cathy W	4♠	3♠	3NT	2♣	2♥	3♥
Chuck	2♠	2♠	2♦	2♣	Pass	3♣
Darleen	2♦	2♥	2♦	1NT	2♥	3♣
Dave	4♠	3♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♥
Dave D.	4♣	2♠	2♦	1NT	2♣	3♣
Dean Congbalay	4♠	2♠	Pass	2NT	4♥	3♣
Doug Edwards	2♠	2♠	2♦	1NT	2♥	3♣
Ed	3♠	2♠	1NT	2♣	2♥	3♦
Gary Busch	2♣	2♠	2♦	2♣	Pass	3♣
Gary Herrington	2♦	2♦	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♦
George Kent	3♠	2♠	3♦	2♣	3♥	X
Greg	3♠	2♠	2♦	1NT	4♥	3♣
James D	2♣	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♣
James Jacobson	2♠	2♠	2♦	1NT	Pass	3♣
Jay Gala	3♠	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♣
JohnMcQ	2♣	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♣
Jon Hoak	3♠	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♣
Kevin C.	2♣	2♠	3NT	2♣	2♥	3♣
Lanny	2♦	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♣
Linda	2♣	X	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♣
Martha	3♠	X	2♦	2♣	4♥	3♣
Mike Burns	3♠	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♦
Mike Ma	2♣	2♦	2♦	2♣	3♥	3♣
Mónica	2♣	2♠	2♦	2♣	4♥	3♣
Nell Wickstrom	2♣	2♠	2♦	1NT	2♥	3♣
Pam Campbell	2♣	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♥
Pete Outcalt	2♣	2♠	2♦	1NT	2♥	3♣
Rick Read	2♠	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♦
Robert N.	3♣	2♦	2♦	1NT	2♥	3♦
Rod	2♣	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♦
Steve Messenger	4♠	3♠	X	2♣	Pass	3♦
Vijay	3♠	2♠	2♦	2♣	2♥	3♣
Zigang Pan	4♠	2♦	3NT	2♣	3♥	3♣
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Larry	2♠	XYZ GF	2♠	2♠	2♥	3♠
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