

Bob Jones March 25 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE MARCH 25, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠J 8 5 3 ♥A K J 7 ♦6 4 ♣9 4 2

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♥* 3♦ ?

*weak

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 8 7 4 3 ♥Q 9 7 5 4 ♦A ♣K 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

?

Do you or don't you?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠9 5 4 2 ♥Q T 4 ♦K Q T 9 ♣Q 9

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ 1♠ Pass 2♠

2NT Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠T 8 ♥A 9 8 7 4 ♦A 8 7 ♣A Q J

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A 8 6 ♥A K Q 6 ♦5 4 ♣A K J 7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

2NT Pass 3♦* Pass

?

*Transfer to hearts

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Void ♥K Q J 8 6 4 ♦A Q 8 5 ♣Q 8 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♠

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What call would you make?

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Question 1

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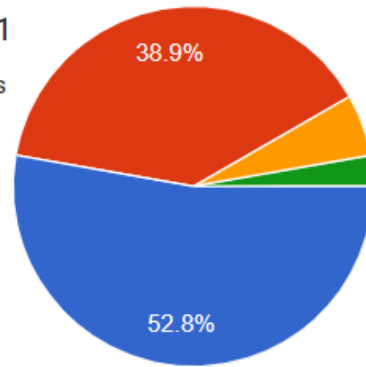
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♥ 3♦ ?

Question 1

36 responses

- 4H
- 3H
- Pass
- 4D



Bob Jones **3♥** They are cold for some game, but probably not 3NT or 4♠. We respect passing but we would bid 3♥. More than that might help them.

Steve Vogel **3♥** Normally, with good 4-card support, it is right to raise the preempt to the 4-level per the law of total tricks, and to make it harder for the opponents to find a possible slam. Any reason no to do so on this hand? With no shortness in my hand, the chances for a penalty exceeding the game value for the opponents (going down 3 doubled) is pretty high. Partner will need to take 2 tricks outside of hearts to go down only two tricks, and I offer almost no help for those tricks. If partner has them, then the opponents will likely not make 5 diamonds. I view it as better to raise to 3♥ instead of 4♥.

Joe Muenks **4♥** Epls. We'll further the preempt. We have 10 trump so we'll go to the 4 level, despite not having any singletons or voids. If partner has 1 outside trick and 3 diamonds we score 8 tricks for down 2. If partner has no tricks, obviously they are missing slam.

Bob Fisk **4♥** Although the opponents aren't likely to be in 4♠ due to my 4-card suit, they seem to be odds on to make at least 4♦. The optometrists among us will picture partner with x Qxxxx xx KJT_x, and we're down one in 4♥ if the ♣Q is onside. Not bad when the opponents lose one Heart and two Clubs in 4♦.

Steve Moese **4♥** We preempt here because they likely have strength for game. Since we own 10 of 13 heart cards, they likely have useful shortness. Better to remove space from their auction to make finding the right strain and level difficult. Besides, with 10 trumps we should bid to the 4-level. The "Law of Total Tricks" says to do that in a competitive auction. Done.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠T 8 ♥A 9 8 7 4 ♦A 8 7 ♣A Q J

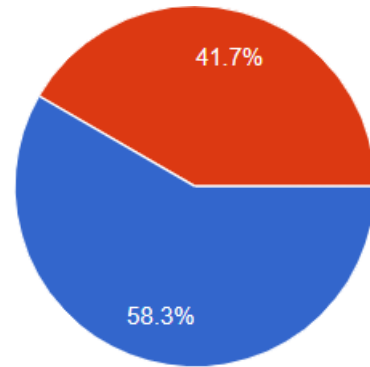
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ ?

Question 2

36 responses

● 1H
● 1NT



Bob Jones **1♥** In a recent online game, a player with this hand bid 1NT and lost his heart fit. Predictable. Bid 1♥.

Steve Vogel **1NT** The top choices are to overcall 1♥ or 1NT. If I overcall 1♥ and the remaining values are split between responder and my partner, my partner will have difficulty competing after my 1♥ overcall unless he/she has a fit for hearts. If I overcall 1NT, partner is in a much better position to judge how high and where to compete.

Joe Muenks **1NT** Epls, 15-18 and a stopper in their suit. We don't wait for 1.5 stoppers when they open a minor. For those overcalling hearts, you might hit partner with a great fit but more often you've emphasized a poor suit rather than the strength you have, strength you hope helps partner double them if they get too frisky.

Bob Fisk **1NT** A 1NT overcall shows a balanced 15-18 HCP w/ a Diamond stopper (on a good day). Nailed it.

Steve Moese **1♥** We have five of them. Of course if your partnership can handle overcalling 1NT with a 5-card Major, then by all means consider that on this hand. I do not like Axx as a stopper in their suit for a minimum 1NT overcall. So, 1♥ it is.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 8 7 4 3 ♥Q 9 7 5 4 ♦A ♣K 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

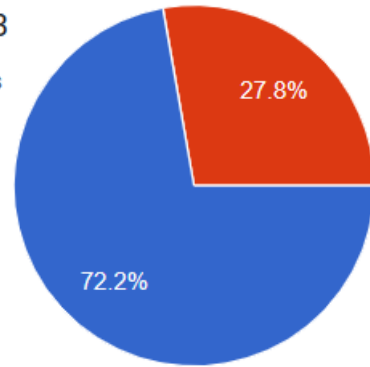
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

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Question 3

36 responses

● 4H
● Pass



Bob Jones 4♥ Partner must have 4 hearts to raise your second suit, plus he is short in spades. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel Pass More than half of my points are in my short suits, and to make game, I will need to set up my anemic spade suit. I can envision quite a few of partner's possible holdings where that may be possible, but quite a few more where we will likely fail. I prefer to take the plus and pass at matchpoints. At IMPs, this is a much closer call, and I would bid 4♥ if we were vulnerable, but I would still pass at this vulnerability.

Joe Muenks 4♥ Usually I just bid the same all the time, but here bidding game is a sure thing if 1NT was forcing a round OR if this is teams. If you're playing standard I'd pass at matchpoints since partner is limited to 9-11 playing points (counting their stiff spade for 2, so 9 HCP).

Bob Fisk 4♥ I like my chances in game opposite 4-card Heart support even if partner was making a courtesy raise (i.e., we try not to pass 2♥ on this auction). Picture Qx KJTx xxx Qxxx (reasonable) losing one Spade, one Heart, and one Club. Heh.

Steve Moese 4♥ I do! While the hand has only 12 HCP, it has 5 losers (count the trump Q as a winner opposite partner's 4-card heart raise). Partner has 8-11 HCP and 2-3 cover cards - honors that will fill out our suits. 5=5=1=2 is a great shape. This hand has high "Offense to Defense" ratio. They still pay bonuses for game bids, right?

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

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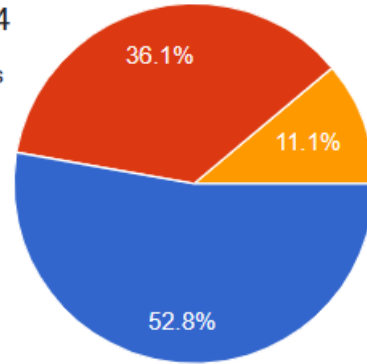
2NT Pass 3♦ Pass

?

Question 4

36 responses

- 4H
- 3H
- 3S



Bob Jones **4♥** Any hand from partner with 5 hearts in it should offer you a play for game. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel **3♠** I cannot stomach a pass by partner over my possible 3♥ rebid, so I will force us to game. In case partner has a possible slam-going hand, I believe it is best to cuebid along the way, so I will convey the great heart fit by bidding 3♠.

Joe Muenks **3♠** Use your system of superacceptance. I play that I bid the cheapest ace. Partner will bid 3NT with a bad hand wanting to play 4♥ but 4♦ with a control there and interest in slam.

Bob Fisk **3♠** I want to pre-accept partner's invitation, and bidding anything other than 3♥ does just that. This should show slam interest and 1st or 2nd round control in Spades (advanced control bid). If partner has no slam interest, partner is free to bid 3NT, and I'll bid 4♥ to right-side the contract. Picture partner with Kx xxxxx Axx Qxx. Sweet.

Steve Moese **4♥** Super accept the transfer. This hand is better than 21 HCP when facing a 5-card suit. We should make game opposite most 9-loser hands partner might have.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠9 5 4 2 ♥Q T 4 ♦K Q T 9 ♣Q 9

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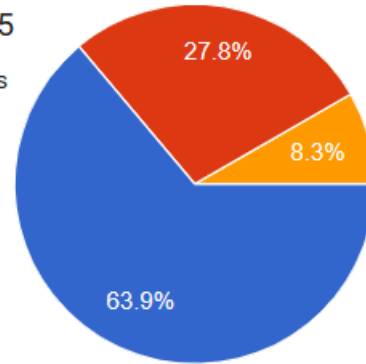
1♦ 1♠ Pass 2♠

2NT Pass Pass ?

Question 5

36 responses

● Pass
● 3S
● Double



Bob Jones **3♠** Too much to pass. The diamond holding suggests that double might be the winner, but we would bid 3♠.

Steve Vogel **X** Partner should have a decent hand to make a vulnerable overcall, and I have a good 9 points with great intermediates. More importantly, I have great cards in opener's suit. Responder is probably broke, and we should punish opener for his/her indiscretion.

Joe Muenks **X** Who is zooming who here. Partner should have an opener or good suit to overcall when playing with me, none of the 6 HCP overcalls, so west is quite short in tricks. Or I play that 2NT by west is a 17+ takeout with like 0-4-5-4 distribution in which case your double saves E from their gross error. Ack, I can't wait for what Mr. Jones says this hand is.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Partner appears to have made a very light overcall. Don't bid on to 3♠, since you're likely to get doubled and go down two. Picture your frisky partner holding KQJT_x J_{xx} xxx J_x. West has 18-19 HCP on this auction, so East might very well have a few points. That said, West might still struggle to take eight tricks in 2NT.

Steve Moese **Pass** Partner's 1♠ overcall does not promise the world. West's 2NT rebid does. They have 18-19 HCP and spades stopped - likely more than once. We are more likely to go plus defending than we are by bidding to 3♠, even though we have a 9-card trump fit. I would rank our options as Pass > Double >> 3♠. Partner could be on as little as KJ10_{xx} J_x xx K_{xxx}. Dummy will be weak and declarer will have to play this from their hand.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠-♥K Q J 8 6 4 ♦A Q 8 5 ♣Q 8 5

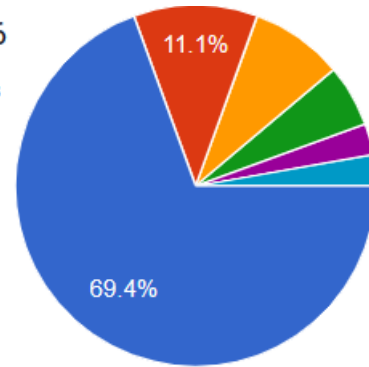
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♠
?

Question 6

36 responses

- 4H
- 3D
- 3H
- 3C
- Double
- 3S



Bob Jones 4♥ Make what we used to call a New York game try. Bid game, try to make it. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel 4♥ I would like to play in 4♥, but what is the best way to get there? If I rebid 4♥ now, the opponents may bid 4♠. The opponents' unfavorable vulnerability makes a sacrifice less likely (if they are truly sacrificing). At any other vulnerability, I would consider "walking up" to 4♥ by bidding 3♥ first. At this vulnerability, I believe it is better to go ahead and rebid 4♥. It is also possible that partner has a decent spade holding, in which case he/she would double a 4♠ bid

Joe Muenks 4♥ I think I can make this. If they go to 4♠ I hope partner can set it with her 3-4 spades. This is not the time to bid 3♥ then 4♥ over 3♠ because the opponents will know whether to bid 4♠ or double. If you confidently bid 4♥ they are each guessing.

Bob Fisk 3♣ Standard help-suit game try. I don't necessarily want to punish partner for bidding 2♥ on air. Let's get their opinion before bidding game.

Steve Moese 4♥ We have at least a 9-trump fit and this hand has only 4.5 losers. Their bidding suggests partner has little wasted in spades. Yes, we could take a prudent path to ask partner if they have help in clubs, but that gives information to the opponents. Better they defend blind.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	3♥	1♥	4♥	4♥	3♠	4♥
Steve Vogel	3♥	1NT	Pass	3♠	X	4♥

Joe Muenks	4♥	1NT	4♥	3♠	X	4♥
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Bob Fisk	4♥	1NT	4♥	3♠	Pass	3♣
Steve Moese	4♥	1♥	4♥	4♥	Pass	4♥

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Bob K	4♥	1♥	4♥	3♠	Pass	4♥
Carl Willig	3♥	1♥	4♥	4♥	3♠	3♦
Carol Wilson	3♥	1♥	4♥	4♥	Pass	4♥
Cathy W	4♥	1NT	4♥	3♥	3♠	4♥
Cecilia	3♥	1NT	Pass	3♥	Pass	3♣
Chuck	3♥	1♥	4♥	4♥	Pass	4♥
Dave	4♥	1♥	Pass	4♥	3♠	3♥
Dean Congbalay	4♥	1NT	4♥	3♥	Pass	4♥
Doug Edwards	3♥	1♥	4♥	4♥	Pass	3♥
ED	3♥	1♥	4♥	4♥	Pass	3♦
Greg	Pass	1NT	Pass	4♥	3♠	4♥
James D	4♥	1♥	4♥	3♥	Pass	4♥
Jay Gala	3♥	1NT	4♥	3♥	Pass	3♦
Jim Barrett	4♥	1♥	4♥	3♥	3♠	4♥
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Kevin C.	4♥	1NT	4♥	3♥	Pass	X
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Liz	4♥	1NT	Pass	3♥	3♠	4♥
Martha	3♥	1♥	4♥	3♥	Pass	4♥
Mike Burns	Pass	1♥	4♥	4♥	Pass	4♥
Mónica	4♥	1NT	4♥	3♥	Pass	4♥
Nell Wickstrom	4♥	1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pam Campbell	4♦	1NT	Pass	4♥	Pass	4♥
Pete Outcalt	4♥	1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Rick Read	3♥	1♥	4♥	4♥	Pass	4♥
Rod	4♥	1NT	4♥	4♥	3♠	4♥
Sue	4♥	1NT	4♥	4♥	Pass	3♠
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The Field:



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