

Bob Jones March 9 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE MARCH 9, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠7♥T875♦KJ97♣AJ75

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠

?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠AKJ♥KQ953♦J97♣AK

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♦ Pass 2NT Pass

3♦ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q♥AK954♦JT64♣AJ5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass 1♥ Pass

2♣* Pass ?

*Drury, at least 10 points
with a heart fit

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A653♥AJ84♦AJ86♣J

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠AJ97♥A73♦Void♣KQT875

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 2♦ ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠JT4♥984♦KQJ♣6432

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 1♥ ?

What call would you make?

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Question 1

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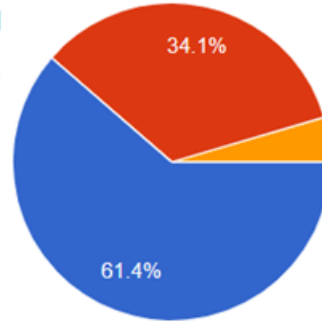
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
?

Question 1

44 responses

● Pass
● Double
● 1NT



Bob Jones X Dbl. You're protected by being a passed hand. Partner will do nothing to hurt you.

Steve Vogel Pass My diamond honors are poorly placed (in front of opener), and my strength in the unbid suits (5 points) is not enough to make a takeout double. My partners and I will reopen the bidding when appropriate in passout seat, but I see no need for action at this point.

Joe Muenks Pass Because I have 13 cards is no reason to bid every hand with a couple of points. We like to aggressively balance but at this point we might give away distribution to the opponents if we take any action.

Bob Fisk Pass This isn't quite the right hand to sneak in a passed-hand double or Sandwich NT bid. Change my hand slightly to x KJxx xxx AJxxx, and I happily bid 1NT. I like to play that a 1NT bid by a passed hand in the "sandwich position" shows exactly five cards in the lower-ranking unbid suit and four in the higher-ranking unbid suit. A double in the same position by a passed hand shows 5-4 in the higher/lower unbid suits respectively. With 5-5 shape, bid 2NT.

Steve Moese Pass Sure, I have 4-4 in the round suits, but my diamond values are not pulling full weight in this auction.

Mike Ma X I am a passed hand, so partner knows my hand cannot be that good. It is speak now or forever hold my peace 😊. If I pass, and west bids 1NT, X by me would be lead directing for spades.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A 6 5 3 ♥A J 8 4 ♦A J 8 6 ♣J

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

Question 2

44 responses

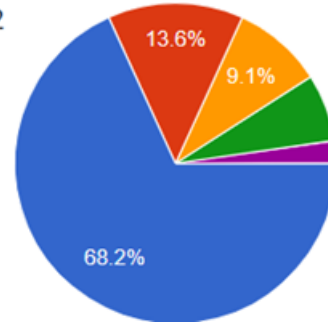
3NT

2D

2NT

2S

3D



Bob Jones **3NT** There is no slam, there is no fit, so don't waste time. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **2♦** I am not yet sure of our best contract, and I need more information from partner. The best way to do this is to make a forcing bid. I could bid 2♠, but that would suggest longer hearts, and partner has already denied 4 spades. I believe the best bid for now is 2♦.

Joe Muenks **3NT** Values, stoppers, no slam aspirations given a mismatch with partner's hand. Note, too, I woulda responded 1♦ with such a strong hand bidding up the line with fours. (We pass over diamonds with 6-10 points since we have a one-bid hand and do not want to miss an 8-card major.)

Bob Fisk **3NT** Partner doesn't have four spades or four hearts, so there's no reason to prolong the auction. Bid what you think you can make (i.e., bid what you think others can make if you're not that good at declaring).

Steve Moese **3NT** Partner has a minimum and might have 4 diamonds on this auction, but cannot have a 4-card Major. NT simply scores better.

Mike Ma **3NT** Opener has denied 4 spades, and your side don't have enough for slam with the club misfit. So 3NT should be your contract. The only consideration is who should declare. With your hand, it may be better for north to play 3NT. E.g. if she has ♠Qx. You may be able to do that with a 2♦ artificial forcing bid. The flip side is you will give opps info to defend.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A K J ♥K Q 9 5 3 ♦J 9 7 ♣A K

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

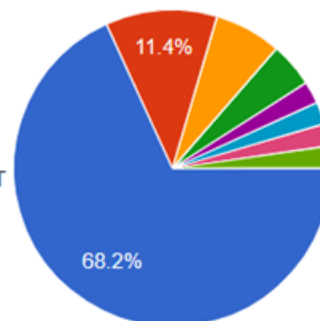
2♦ Pass 2NT Pass

3♦ Pass ?

Question 3

44 responses

3NT 4C
4NT 6D
4H 6NT
5D
No Answer



Bob Jones **3NT** Partner has shown a minimum, so give up on slam. Which game should you bid, 3NT or 5♦? We like 3NT.

Steve Vogel **3NT** If partner has the ♦KQ and A♥, we belong in 6NT. Partner's 3♦ rebid denies a strong holding like that. Given that, I believe 3NT will most often be our best spot.

Joe Muenks **6♦** What was 2NT, usually they tell us, so I'm guessing here that partner is showing a good suit. In most partnerships we bid 4♣ over 2♦ which is poor man's keycard so I learn about ♥A and ♦AKQ, stopping in 5♦ if slam isn't there.

Bob Fisk **3NT** Partner doesn't have ♦AKQxxx, since they would have bid 3NT over 2NT. Partner doesn't have the ♥A, since they would have bid 3♥ over 2NT to show a feature (that's the default interpretation of 2NT in these quizzes). Even if partner has a magic hand (xx Jx AKxxxx xxx), diamonds still have to be 2-2 (or 3-1 with a stiff Queen) to make six.

Steve Moese **3NT** We assume partner has shown a minimum hand. Ours is just enough to have good play for 3NT.

Mike Ma **N/A** I don't know what 2NT and 3♦ mean, and why south did not bid 2♥. Personally I would have bid 4♣ over 2♦ as preempt BW. If partner shows 0 or 1 without queen, I would sign off in 4NT. Otherwise I would put us in 6♦.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠AJ97 ♥A73 ♦– ♣KQT875

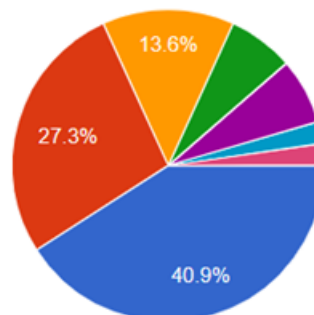
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 2♦ ?

Question 4

44 responses

- 3D
- Double
- 4D
- 2S
- 3C
- 5D
- 5C



Bob Jones 3♦ You have much to do, perhaps ending in a grand slam. Start with 3♦, showing a club fit and at least invitational values.

Steve Vogel X I believe my best two options are a takeout double and cuebidding 3♦. Yes, 4♦ is an option, but I believe that takes up too much space. Clubs is very likely our best spot, but partner could be 4-4-2-3 on this auction, so I am inclined to make a takeout double. I know some might jump all the way to 6♣, but I prefer to do some exploring first, at the risk of the opponents making a further preempt in diamonds.

Joe Muenks X I'm not concerned partner will pass since we open most hands with both minors with 1♦. I'm not concerned partner will insist upon hearts since we're likely playing 4♠, 6♠ or 6♣/7♣ and I think I can guide us there. (Note we do not bid 3♦ which sets clubs as trump, possibly missing a better scoring spade contract.)

Bob Fisk 5♦ (Exclusion Keycard Blackwood for clubs). If partner has no keycards outside of diamonds, we'll be in 6♣. If partner shows one, I'll bid 5NT to guarantee all the keycards. If partner holds a hand similar to KQx KQx xxx Axxx, partner will bid 7♣. It helps that east is vulnerable, since they'll have a better diamond suit for their 2♦ preempt (AKQxxxx perhaps). If partner passes my 5♦ with a shrug, I'll get a new partner.

Steve Moese 4♦ Splinter raise of clubs! Partner should show a control card (K or 0/1 suit). And we can explore slam. If partner rebids 5♣ we subside.

Mike Ma 4♦ I could X and hope partner bids spades. But if she does not, it will become awkward. Slam is so possible that I will make immediate probe for it confirming clubs. Another option is 5♦ Exclusion, committing to slam, but I can't see how that helps finding about the major honors.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q ♥AK954 ♦JT64 ♣AJ5

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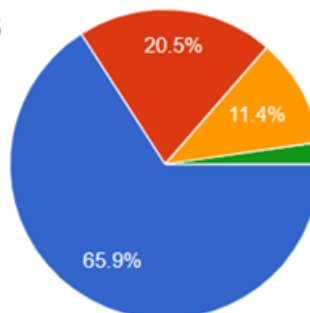
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

Question 5

44 responses

- 4H
- 2D
- 2H
- 3H



Bob Jones 4♥ You have no slam opposite a passed hand and you want to be in game. Don't waste time. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel 4♥ Rather than giving the opponents more information, I prefer to make a considered jump to 4♥.

Joe Muenks 4♥ I see game as a near-certainty and a slam as a rare lucky make, so we just bid the makeable contract.

Bob Fisk 2♦ (Asking for more information). If partner shows 4+ hearts and a singleton diamond, we might very well have slam (picture partner with Axxx Qxxx x KQxx).

Steve Moese 2♦ The suit where we need help. While we have 15 HCP, the ♠Q is worthless unless partner can support it. Besides, we have 7 losers and cannot be sure we have a 9-card fit in hearts. If partner has help in diamonds we might have a shot at 10 tricks in hearts.

Mike Ma 4♥ Obviously we are not playing < 4♥. If partner has Axx, Qxxx, x, KQxxx, 6♥ would be a perfect contract. So it depends on whether you have the tools for finding out. Bob Fisk 2♦ works well for it. But I don't want to reveal a lot of information searching for some low % hand.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠JT4 ♥984 ♦KQJ ♣6432

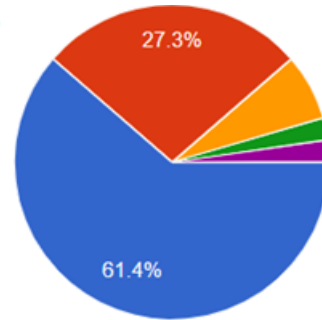
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 1♥ ?

Question 6

44 responses

- Pass
- 2C
- 1NT
- 3C
- 1S



Bob Jones **2♣** Don't worry that partner might only have 3 clubs. This is your only chance to compete. Bid 2♣.

Steve Vogel **Pass** With a 3-3-3-4 hand and 4 small clubs, I do not believe this hand is worth a bid of 2♣. This one seems like a definite "pass" to me.

Joe Muenks **Pass** I might bid later but there's nothing to say this round, given 1NT should deliver a heart stopper and 2♣ requires 5 in case partner has 3 small.

Bob Fisk **Pass** 2♣ seems odd with this hand, although that's obviously my alternative bid.

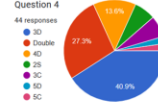
Steve Moese **2♣** We have values for a simple raise and no 4-card Major. Our shape is very poor. Passing is an option. Bridge is a bidders game.

Mike Ma **1♠** I play that 1♠ DENIES 4+ spades and not suitable for bidding 1NT or 2m. That fits this hand. I am OK with passing, and if I play standard X/1♠, I would probably P. But change the ♠J to ♠K, you would be too good to pass, but you won't have a good bid. That is why many players have switched to the 1♠ denying 4+ way (or 1♠ = 4+, X = 3-)

03/09/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	X	3NT	3NT	3♦	4♥	2♣
Steve Vogel	Pass	2♦	3NT	X	4♥	Pass
Joe Muenks	Pass	3NT	6♦	X	4♥	Pass
Bob Fisk	Pass	3NT	3NT	5♦	2♦	Pass
Steve Moese	Pass	3NT	3NT	4♦	2♦	2♣
Al Venosa	X	3NT	3NT	2♠	3♥	Pass
Anne Cobb	Pass	2♦	3NT	3♣	2♥	1NT
AnnR	X	2♠	3NT	X	2♦	2♣
Bob K	X	3NT	3NT	3♦	4♥	2♣
Carl Willig	X	3NT	3NT	3♦	4♥	Pass
Carol Wilson	X	2NT	3NT	3♦	2♦	Pass
Chuck	X	3NT	4NT	3♣	4♥	Pass
Darleen	Pass	2NT	3NT	2♠	4♥	2♣
Dave	Pass	2♠	3NT	X	4♥	3♣
Dave Dressman	Pass	2♦	3NT	4♦	4♥	Pass
Dean Congbalay	Pass	3NT	3NT	X	4♥	2♣
Doug Edwards	Pass	2♦	3NT	3♦	2♥	Pass
Ed	Pass	2♦	4♣	3♦	4♥	Pass
Gary Busch	1NT	2NT	4NT	4♦	2♦	Pass
Gary Herrington	Pass	3NT	4♥	3♦	4♥	2♣
James D	Pass	3NT	3NT	3♦	4♥	Pass
James Jacobson	Pass	3NT	3NT	3♣	2♥	Pass
Jay Gala	X	3NT	3NT	4♦	2♦	Pass
Jim Barrett	X	3NT	3NT	3♦	4♥	Pass
JohnMcQ	X	3NT	3NT	3♦	4♥	2♣
Jon Hoak	Pass	3NT	3NT	3♦	4♥	1NT
Jusie Clendening	Pass	3NT	6NT	3♦	2♥	Pass
Kevin H.	Pass	3NT	3NT	X	4♥	Pass
Lanny	Pass	2♠	3NT	X	4♥	Pass
Linda	X	3NT	5♦	X	2♦	Pass
Martha	Pass	3NT	3NT	X	4♥	2♣
Mike Burns	1NT	2♦	4NT	3♦	4♥	Pass
Mike Ma	X	3NT	N/A	4♦	4♥	1♠
Mónica	Pass	3NT	4♥	4♦	4♥	Pass
Pam Campbell	Pass	3NT	4♥	3♦	4♥	1NT
Phyllis	Pass	3NT	4NT	2♠	4♥	Pass
Rick Read	Pass	2NT	5♦	5♣	4♥	2♣
Rod	X	3NT	3NT	X	2♥	2♣
Sally	X	3NT	3NT	X	4♥	Pass
Zigang Pan	X	3NT	3NT	3♦	2♦	Pass
	Pass	3NT	3NT	X	4♥	Pass
	Pass	3NT	3NT	3♦	4♥	Pass
	Pass	3♦	4NT	3♦	4♥	Pass
	Pass	3NT	3NT	3♦	2♦	2♣

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The Field:



Player	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
03/09/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	X	3NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	2NT
Steve Vogel	Pass	2NT	3NT	X	4NT	Pass
Joe Muenks	Pass	3NT	6NT	X	4NT	Pass
Bob Fisk	Pass	3NT	3NT	5NT	2NT	Pass
Steve Moese	Pass	3NT	3NT	4NT	2NT	2NT
Al Venosa	X	3NT	3NT	2NT	3NT	Pass
Anne Cobb	Pass	2NT	3NT	3NT	2NT	1NT
AnneR	X	2NT	3NT	X	2NT	2NT
Bob K	X	3NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	2NT
Carl Willig	X	3NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	Pass
Carol Wilson	X	2NT	3NT	3NT	2NT	Pass
Chuck	X	3NT	4NT	Blackwood	3NT	Pass
Darleen	Pass	2NT	3NT	2NT	4NT	2NT
Dave Dressman	Pass	2NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	3NT
Dean Congbalay	Pass	3NT	3NT	X	4NT	Pass
Doug Edwards	Pass	2NT	3NT	3NT	2NT	Pass
Ed	Pass	2NT	4NT	3NT	4NT	Pass
Gary Busch	1NT	Sandwich	2NT	4NT	Splinter	Pass
Gary Herrington	Pass	3NT	4NT	kickback for D	3NT	2NT
James D	Pass	3NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	Pass
James Jacobson	Pass	3NT	3NT	3NT	2NT	Pass
Jay Gala	X	3NT	3NT	4NT	2NT	Pass
Jim Barrett	X	3NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	Pass
JohnMcCl	X	3NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	2NT
Jon Hoak	Pass	3NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	1NT
Jusie Clendening	Pass	3NT	6NT	3NT	2NT	Pass
Kevin H.	Pass	3NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	Pass
Lanny	Pass	2NT	3NT	assuming feature reply	X	Pass
Linda	X	3NT	5NT	X	2NT	Pass
Martha	Pass	3NT	3NT	X	4NT	2NT
Mike Burns	1NT	Sandwich	2NT	4NT	assuming OGUST reply	Pass
Mike Ma	X	3NT	N/A	I don't know what 3NT means	4NT	1NT
Mónica	Pass	3NT	4NT	Kickback	4NT	Pass
Pam Campbell	Pass	3NT	4NT	4NT	4NT	1NT
Phyllis	Pass	3NT	4NT	2NT	4NT	Pass
Rick Read	Pass	2NT	3NT	5NT	4NT	2NT
Rod	X	3NT	3NT	X	2NT	2NT
Sally	X	3NT	3NT	X	4NT	Pass
Zigang Pan	X	Takeout	3NT	3NT	2NT	Pass
	Pass	3NT	3NT	X	4NT	Pass
	Pass	3NT	3NT	3NT	4NT	Pass
	Pass	3NT	4NT	3NT	4NT	Pass
	Pass	3NT	3NT	3NT	2NT	2NT