

Bob Jones November 25 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE NOVEMBER 25, 2023

Q 1 – Nether vulnerable

♠K J T 9 7 5 ♥7 ♦Q J 8 7 5 ♣K

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

2♠ Pass 2NT Pass

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T 3 ♥Q 6 5 ♦A K 8 7 4 ♣J 7 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♠ P ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠9 ♥9 7 5 ♦A Q 4 3 ♣K J 9 7 5

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

3♠ Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q 7 4 ♥A K J 7 6 3 ♦9 8 6 ♣4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A Q J 7 5 4 ♥8 ♦Q J 6 ♣A J 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ 2♥ Pass Pass

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What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q 7 ♥K 8 ♦T 8 7 5 4 2 ♣J 5 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT P ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

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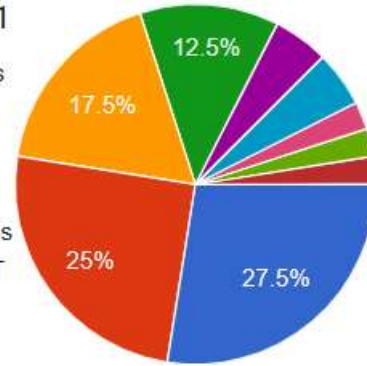
2♠ Pass 2NT Pass

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Question 1

40 responses

3S 3H
3D 4S
3C 4C
4D Pass
3NT



Bob Jones 4♦ Bid 4♦, showing a distributional hand with no interest in a no trump contract.

Steve Vogel 4♦ My partners and I play that a jump bid in a new suit in response to 2NT shows a decent side 5-card suit. If partner has the right hand, we might have slam in one of my suits.

Joe Muenks 3♦ When playing feature, consider this a max and show your diamonds. When playing Ogust it depends on your trump criteria, but this is a max with good trump in my world, so we'd bid 3♠.

Bob Fisk 4♦ When you open 2x with 6-5 shape and partner asks for more information with 2NT, you'll rebid your second suit at the four level pretty much regardless of the methods you use (i.e., Ogust, Feature, other). 6-5 hands are as rare as hen's feet (I'm pretty sure that's the correct saying).

Steve Moese 3♠ Assuming Ogust responses. However 3♦ playing Feature or 4♦ showing 6-5 are acceptable here. 3♣ with the singleton K is a misstatement. A singleton king is not a feature.

Mike Ma 4♦ To me, this hand is too good to open 2♠ NV 1st seat. I would have opened 1♠ (see the next question for comparison). I don't know what 2NT is over 2♠. I assume RONF, so forcing and natural, or maybe it is feature. 3NT is not helpful to partner even if right. 3♦ is an underbid (assume natural). I bid 4♦ to show my hand.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q 7 4 ♥A K J 7 6 3 ♦9 8 6 ♣4

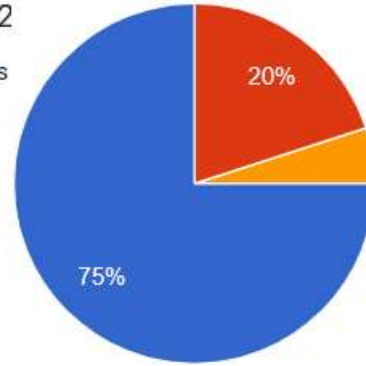
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Question 2

40 responses

● 2H
● 1H
● Pass



Bob Jones 2♥ We like 2♥. It is OK to have a maximum once in a while.

Steve Vogel 2♥ This hand is right on the dividing line between 1♥ and 2♥ (and a pass given the decent spade support would not be unreasonable). In 1st position and vulnerable, given my limited defensive values, I would choose to open 2♥, even at the risk of missing a spade fit.

Joe Muenks 2♥ You are allowed to have a max preempt from time to time. The rule of 20/22 helps decide between opening 1 or 2, and here 2 is indicated. Just do not pass saying a hand is too strong to preempt (I've heard that so many times), it's either weak or a 1 opener, there's no space between.

Bob Fisk 2♥ If I was 6-4, I'd open 1♥. I'm not 6-4. So there. Playing GUS (Granovetter Unified System). I'd open 2♥ and then bid 3NT over partner's 2NT inquiry showing a good hand with exactly 3-6-3-1 shape (singleton low).

Steve Moese 1♥ This hand is just good enough for a 1♥ opening bid (7 losers and 2 quick tricks). My weak 2 bids are never this good.

Mike Ma 2♥ I have always been adamant that if your suit quality and shape satisfies weak 2, there is no such thing as too good for 2 and not good enough for 1. You open one or the other. Red vs white, I will open a maximum 2♥. If I am white, I will open 1♥ even though it does not satisfy Joe's Rule of 20/22.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T 3 ♥Q 6 5 ♦A K 8 7 4 ♣J 7 3

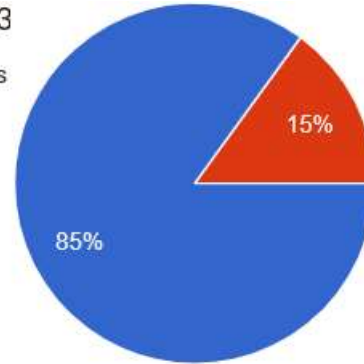
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♠ P ?

Question 3

40 responses

● Pass
● 3S



Bob Jones **Pass** When partner pre-empts in your shortest suit, stay out of the auction unless you have a strong no trump or the equivalent. Pass.

Steve Vogel **3♠** Usually, I would not raise partner's 2♠ bid to 3♠ with fewer than 3-card support, but this hand might be an exception. At this vulnerability, and given the opponents very likely have a heart fit, there is good reason to make it harder for them to enter the auction. I have enough defensive values to feel that we have reasonable chance of beating 4♥ if they still choose to enter the auction.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Another 90% concurrence I hope, since partner is odds on to make 2♠ and the opponents are unlikely to make anything their way, so you're going plus, woo hoo.

Bob Fisk **Pass** I'd certainly raise with three spades or with honor doubleton if I held Qxxx AKxxx JTxx, but that's not my hand. It's not clear that West will be coming into the auction, and I don't particularly mind if they do.

Steve Moese **Pass** I only see 7 tricks our way and perhaps only 6 (partner can be very aggressive at this vulnerability). I want raises to be based on total trumps (9) and not HCP even at this vulnerability. I have defense against the opponents' possible contracts. They now have to start looking for a fit at the 3-level. Pass and await developments. What we do not do here is pass then back in with 3♠. If we are going to raise, we do so immediately.

Mike Ma **Pass** I suppose the idea of this question is whether you use the NV vs V situation and further the preempt with 3♠, or even bid 3♦ if your system allows you to do so, or psyche Ogust or some other shenanigan. However, partner has already stretched with her preempt exploiting the vulnerability, and will often have 5 trumps only, plus may be quite wide ranging. You have just enough that game by opps is not certain. Both partners stretching is a recipe for bad score unless you are lucky, which I am not.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

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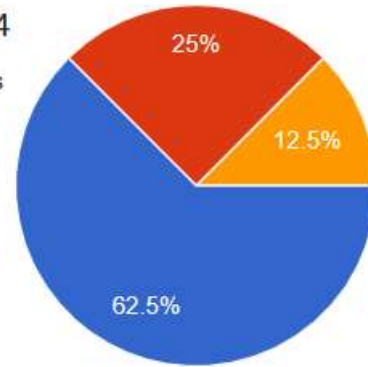
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1♠ 2♥ Pass Pass
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Question 4

40 responses

● 2S
● Double
● 3S



Bob Jones X Partner might have trap-passed and you're expected to re-open with double whenever that call seems reasonable. It's reasonable here. Double.

Steve Vogel X It is almost mandatory to reopen this hand with a double in case partner is making a trap pass. I would do so even if I had a minimum opener (which this hand is not). If partner is not making a trap pass, I have support for all unbid suits (although I'll have another decision of whether to return to spades if partner bids another suit).

Joe Muenks 2♠ Sure, I'll play along. Perhaps partner can now compete to 3 with the right hand and if not we'll defend 3♥.

Bob Fisk 2♠ I almost always double if I open, my LHO overcalls, my partner and my RHO both pass, and I'm short in the overcaller's suit. Here, I have a self-sufficient spade suit, we're both vulnerable, and I have extras, so I'll rebid 2♠. Picture partner with Tx xxxx Kxx Qxxx, making 3♠ most likely.

Steve Moese X We play negative doubles and this is a classic (if not stronger than average) reopening double hand. We strain to reopen with minimum values and 0-2 cards in their suit. Double is more flexible than a spade rebid and we would be happy to defend if partner made a penalty pass. We can rebid spades later. Besides, partner would make a negative double with 9+ HCP, or 2NT with a stopper and 10-11 HCP (unless they want a penalty double).

Mike Ma X You have a good hand with good spade suit. With short hearts, you are not passing, so it is a question of bidding 3♠ or doubling. Your hand is not that distributional that you mind defending if partner has a trap pass. If I X, and partner bids 3m or 2NT (pick a minor, some play Lebensohl here), I will bid 3♠, hoping partner will not take me for a stronger hand than I have compared to bidding 3♠ directly.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠9 ♥9 7 5 ♦A Q 4 3 ♣K J 9 7 5

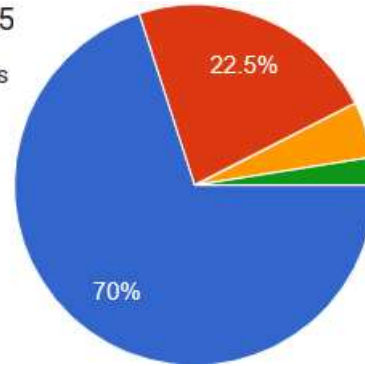
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

3♠ Pass Pass ?

Question 5

40 responses

● Pass
● Double
● 4C
● 3NT



Bob Jones **Pass** We hate to sell out, but this hand is not quite strong enough to bid. It is close, though. Pass.

Steve Vogel **X** This is the kind of hand that tests your tolerance for risk. Making a double in the passout seat promises less strength than a direct double, but it is also riskier as preemptor's partner could have decent strength with a limited fit, and partner has already passed. Partner could also bid 4H, which could go for a big number if partner's suit is not very strong. Still, passing with reasonable support for the unbid suits and a decent level of strength will often lead to a poor score. No guts, no glory, as they say.

Joe Muenks **X** With spade shortness (0 or 1) and knowing partner needs full or extra values to act in direct seat vulnerable you are almost obligated to double with 10 or more HCP and support for the other suits. We want 4 hearts but were not dealt them, rats. Partner is likely short in 1 suit but has long spades, so we're 95%+ to match one of the other 2 suits.

Bob Fisk **X** I didn't pick up my hand to play in 3♠. I might go for a number if partner is broke, but that's how Matchpoints work. If you come out ahead on 2 out of 3 decisions similar to this one, you'll win the event. Heh.

Steve Moese **Pass** Partner needs an opening hand or better for safety at the 4 level. Think of it this way. Opener will have 7 HCP on average leaving 33 for the 3 other players. We have our 10. Do you want to be in a 4 level contract with 20-22 HCP between us? Double is the alternative. Be ready for a 22 HCP Moysian 4♥ contract if you do.

Mike Ma **Pass** Worst vulnerability to be in, with us red and they white, and partner likely with 3+ spades given her and RHO's pass of 3♠. Partner's hand should be limited to 15-. Or give LHO 6 points for her preempt (she may be much weaker in this vulnerability, QJTxxxx and out is a legitimate 3♠ bid), then partner and RHO have 12 hcp each on the average. The upshot is game by our side is unlikely, especially with only 3 hearts. So I pass in spite of singleton spade and the need to protect partner having to pass with a decent hand but not short spades. Preempt works.

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Question 6

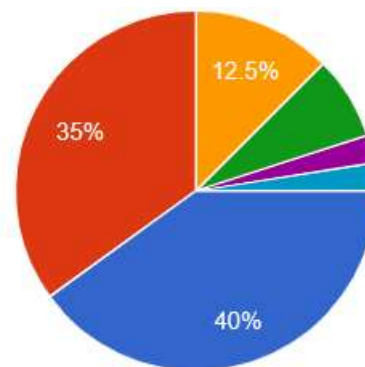
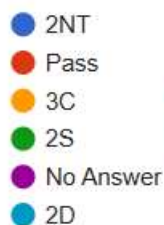
Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q 7 ♥K 8 ♦T 8 7 5 4 2 ♣J 5 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT P ?

Question 6



Bob Jones **Pass** We usually try to play in our 6-card minor, but this hand is strong enough to play in no trump. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** This is a close one. In IMPs, I would choose to pass given that all of my points are in suits outside of diamonds. Partner should be able to make at least 1NT. In matchpoints, it is a closer decision, as diamonds will sometimes score higher than notrump, especially if partner has at least 3 diamonds. It's pretty close to a toss-up, but I would choose to pass in matchpoints too, rather than gamble at the 3-level.

Joe Muenks **2NT** Your hand will take 2 more tricks in diamonds than NT almost every time, so we'll go to the 3 level to run from 1NT. Use your transfer bid (2NT or 3♣).

Bob Fisk **Pass** This one is very close between passing and transferring to 3♦ to play there. With all six of my HCP's outside of my long suit, I'll choose to stay in 1NT, although I wouldn't be surprised if that doesn't work out. That said, the auction isn't over, and if it continues with 2M from lefty, pass from partner, and pass from righty, I have an easy 3♦ bid.

Steve Moese **Pass** While we have a 6-card diamond suit it is far from a source of tricks. 7 tricks might be easier than 9. We do have two potential entries. If Left Hand Opponent balances, we can back into 3♦.

Mike Ma **Pass** Of course you would transfer to 2M if your diamond suit is a M. But why play 2 level higher in a lower scoring strain when you have the balance of points and you have a suit that may lose 3-4 tricks .

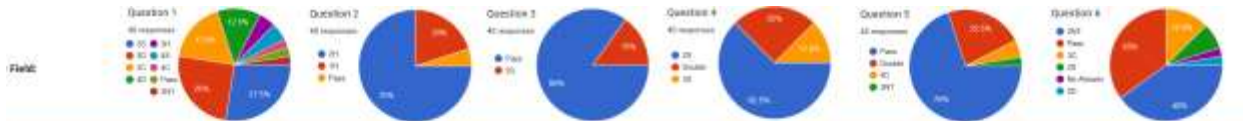
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Steve Vogel	4♦	2♥	3♠	X	X	Pass
Joe Muenks	3♦	2♥	Pass	2♠	X	2NT
Bob Fisk	4♦	2♥	Pass	2♠	X	Pass
Steve Moese	3♠	1♥	Pass	X	Pass	Pass

Al Venosa	3♠	1♥	3♠	3♠	4♣	2NT
AnnR	3♦	2♥	Pass	2♠	X	2NT
Bob K	3♦	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Carol Wilson	3♣	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Chuck	3♦	2♥	Pass	2♠	4♣	2♦
Dean Congbalay	3♣	2♥	Pass	X	X	Pass
Doug Edwards	3♦	1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Ed	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠	3NT	3♣
Greg	3♦	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
James D	4♦	1♥	Pass	X	Pass	2NT
James Jacobson	4♠	1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Jan	3♠	2♥	Pass	2♠	X	2♠
Jay Gala	3♥	1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
JohnMcQ	3♠	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Jon Hoak	3♣	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Jusie Clemdening	3♠	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Kevin H.	3♦	Pass	Pass	X	X	2NT
Lanny	3♣	1♥	3♠	X	X	2NT
Linda	3♠	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Lyn	4♠	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♠
Mike Burns	3♠	2♥	3♠	2♠	Pass	2NT
Mike Ma	4♦	2♥	Pass	X	Pass	Pass
Mónica	3♥	1♥	3♠	3♠	Pass	2NT
Nell Wickstrom	3♣	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pam Campbell	4♣	Pass	Pass	X	Pass	2NT
Pete Outcalt	3♠	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Phyllis	3♦	2♥	3♠	2♠	Pass	Pass
Rick Read	3NT	2♥	Pass	X	X	N/A
Robert Nowacki	3♣	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Rod	3♠	2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
Sue	3♦	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Zigang Pan	3♣	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
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Player	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
LL/25/23	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub: James	40	20	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Travis Vogel	40	20	30	X	X	Pass
Joe Mearns	30	20	Pass	20	X	20
Sub: Rick	40	20	Pass	20	X	Pass
Mark Mearns	20	10	Pass	X	Pass	Pass
All Venues	30	10	20	20	20	20
Scott	70	20	Pass	20	X	20
Sub: J	20	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
Carl Wilson	20	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
Chris	30	20	Pass	20	20	20
Sean Conaghan	20	20	Pass	X	X	Pass
Doug Edwards	30	10	Pass	20	Pass	20
Lil	Pass	20	Pass	20	20	20
Orin	30	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
Mark II	40	10	Pass	X	Pass	20
Mark Johnson	20	10	Pass	20	Pass	Pass
Joe	20	20	Pass	20	X	20
My Gals	20	10	Pass	20	Pass	20
JuliaMJD	20	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
Joe Hall	20	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
Andi Chelmsford	20	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
Kevin H	30	Pass	Pass	X	X	20
Barry	20	Pass	20	20	Pass	Pass
Chris	20	Pass	20	20	Pass	Pass
Tom	40	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
Mike Brown	20	20	20	20	Pass	20
Mike Ma	40	20	Pass	X	Pass	Pass
Victoria	20	10	20	20	Pass	20
Neil Whitlock	20	Pass	20	Pass	Pass	20
Ben Campbell	20	Pass	Pass	20	Pass	20
Paul Hurstall	20	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
Wally	30	20	20	20	Pass	Pass
Mark Paul	20	20	Pass	X	X	N/A
Richard Newbold	20	Pass	Pass	20	Pass	Pass
Neil	20	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
Sam	30	Pass	Pass	20	Pass	Pass
Daming Pan	20	20	Pass	20	Pass	20
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