

# Bob Jones October 21 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE OCTOBER 21, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠Q953 ♥QJ7 ♦QT7 ♣974

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2NT\* P ?

\*20-21

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠AQ3 ♥9 ♦KJ876532 ♣K

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ 1♥ 2♣ 3♥\*

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\*Pre-emptive

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠75 ♥AK76532 ♦A8 ♣64

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠AKQ9 ♥AK984 ♦87 ♣J7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠85 ♥KT98754 ♦AQ3 ♣7

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What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠K ♥Void ♦QJ9864 ♣KQT764

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What call would you make?

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## Question 1

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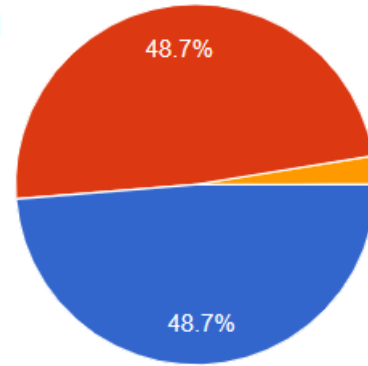
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2NT P ?

## Question 1

39 responses

● 3C  
● 3NT  
● Pass



Bob Jones **3NT** Don't bother with Stayman with 4-3-3-3 distribution. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **3♣** (Puppet) With my 4-3-3-3 shape, 3NT might be the best place to play, especially given my holding of Queens and a Jack, which is more conducive to notrump than suit play. But if we have a 9-card spade fit, I would instead choose to play in 4♠. If partner responds anything but 3♠ (showing 5 spades) to my 3♣ bid,

Joe Muenks **3♣** Plenty of points for game. Often time partner will need to open 2NT a bit off balance (card-wise, not mentally) so even though you're balanced an 8-card major might well play much better.

Bob Fisk **3♣** (Puppet). If partner has a 5-card spade suit, we'll be in 4♠. If not, we'll be in 3NT (i.e., I have no desire to play in a 4-4 or 5-3 bit with a flat hand).

Steve Moese **3♣** (Puppet Stayman). I do not fault an immediate 3NT which might work well. However our combined 27-28 HCP is not quite at the tipping point (29-30) where we expect NT to do as well as 4M while scoring better. Partner might have a weak doubleton in clubs or diamonds. If so, they will prefer playing in a Major. If partner has a 5-card Major we want to play in that suit as the risk of slow losers in a side suit is higher.

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A K Q 9 ♥A K 9 8 4 ♦8 7 ♣J 7

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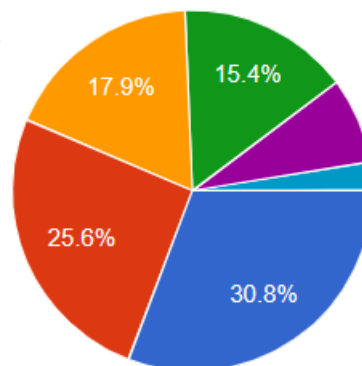
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass ?

### Question 2

39 responses

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



Bob Jones **2♣** Too strong to bid 4♠. Bid 2♣, fourth suit forcing to game, and proceed slowly. There might be enough for slam.

Steve Vogel **2♦** With a hand of this strength, I first need to create a game force by bidding 2♦ (XYZ game force), then I will explore slam in spades depending upon partner's rebid.

Joe Muenks **5♠** So you could bid 2♣ if playing 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing to game (or 2♦ if playing XYZ), then support spades, then start cue bids, or you can take a few chances about honors in diamonds (partner has to have SOMETHING) and bid 5♠, which says, "partner, bid 6♠ if as declarer you do not have 2 quick club losers." If partner bids at the 6 level other than spades it is a try for 7, so we'll bid 6h to cooperate.

Bob Fisk **3♠** (XYZ Slam try). A 3-level bid in a previously bid suit shows slam interest. Here, partner knows that I have four spades and that I don't have a singleton club (i.e., a jump in the fourth suit in XYZ world shows a splinter in support of the last suit bid). There's no reason to bid 4♠ here, since I want partner to have 1<sup>st</sup>- or 2<sup>nd</sup>-round control in both minor suits. Picture xxxx Qx AKxx Axx, making 7♠.

Steve Moese **2♣** (Or 3♠ if playing XYZ). 2♣ is fourth suit forcing and a good first step for a hand with slam interest. You will not stop short of 4♠. By keeping the bidding low you encourage control bidding from partner. That will help locate minor suit controls. In XYZ a Jump to 3 (3♠ here) in a 1-1-1 auction is natural, pure, and shows slam interest - what we have. Pure means prime values with no strength wastage in the unbid suits - perfect! (XYZ aficionados who bid 2♦ here GF are abusing the system. While an XYZ 2♦ bid is GF, it shows wasted values in the unbid suits! See XY1N for more details on XYZ:

<https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/two-way-new-minor-forcing-aka-xynt/>

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### Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A Q 3 ♥9 ♦K J 8 7 6 5 3 2 ♣K

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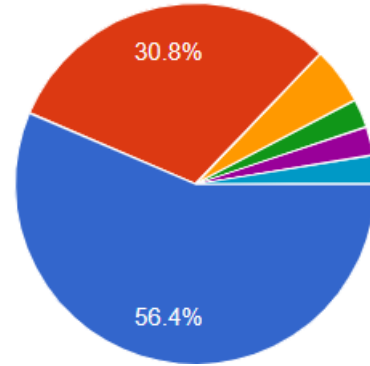
1♦ 1♥ 2♣ 3♥\*

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### Question 3

39 responses

- 4D
- 5D
- Double
- Pass
- 6D
- 3S



Bob Jones **5♦** 4♦ would be forcing, but 5♦ shows a freak with diamonds. This is a freak with diamonds. Bid 5♦.

Steve Vogel **3♠** I am not sure where we should play (NT, diamonds or clubs), so I will temporize with a 3♠ allowing partner to make the next move. I could rebid 4♦, but I do not like passing up 3NT as a possible contract. Another option is to pass, but I do not want to risk allowing the opponents to play in 3♥.

Joe Muenks **4♦** You want to compete further and 4♦ feels like enough vulnerable, though 5♦ is tempting. Partner can move further with an appropriate hand holding something like a singleton ♦A or ♦Q since you bid "in front" of partner.

Bob Fisk **5♦** I know partner has 10+ HCP with fewer than four spades (no Negative Double). It's tempting to bid 6♦ immediately, but we don't play partner for perfect cards (Kxx Ax Qx Axxxxx for instance). If partner has that hand, partner is bidding 6♦ anyway.

Steve Moese **X** They have shown a minimum 9-card fit. This double is NOT a long trump suit penalty since I will almost never hold that. Instead it asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper (or pass if their hand suggests that) if partner rebids clubs instead, we rebid diamonds aiming at game or possibly slam.

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠85 ♥KT98754 ♦AQ3 ♣7

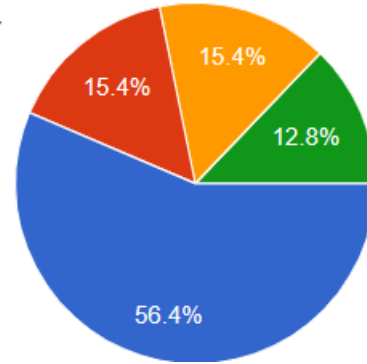
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### Question 4

39 responses

- 3H
- 2H
- 1H
- Pass



Bob Jones 3♥ Don't even think about passing. 1♥, 2♥, or 3♥? We like 3♥.

Steve Vogel Pass This is a close call. I think I have too much defense and too much potential offense for a 3♥ preempt (even vulnerable). I would not consider preempting in 2<sup>nd</sup> seat, but it is a much closer call in 1<sup>st</sup> seat. Today, I would choose to pass with the plan to enter the auction later. Tomorrow, I might choose differently.

Joe Muenks 3♥ Do not tell my 1990's self that this is an equal vulnerability 3 preempt in 2023, we'd have the ♥JT to go with the ♥K-7th, we'd never have AQx in an off suit, but today this is going to be the most common call.

Bob Fisk 3♥ (Preemptive). There's not much to add to this one, but I like typing, so there. Type, type, type.

Steve Moese 3♥ While conservative, the Rule of 2-3-4 suggests 3♥ here when we are vulnerable, so that's what we do. The heart intermediates are perfect for this bid.

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### Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠7 5 ♥AK 7 6 5 3 2 ♦A 8 ♣6 4

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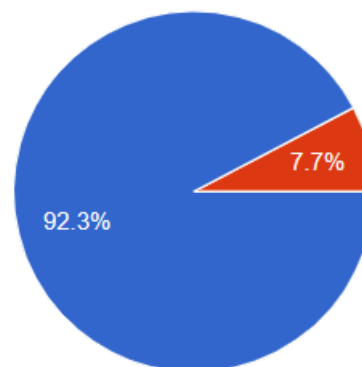
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### Question 5

39 responses

● 1H

● 3H



Bob Jones 1♥ Similar problem as in Q4, but the answer here is clear cut. Bid 1♥.

Steve Vogel 1♥ I want to get in the auction early, and I have an easy rebid of 2♥. I view this hand with 2 Aces and a King as easily worth a 1♥ opening bid. I would not consider a preempt with this holding.

Joe Muenks 1♥ Whatever method you were taught to count points to decide whether to open: shortness, length, quick tricks, planned rebid, etc. this is a 1-level opener. 95%+ for 1♥?

Bob Fisk 1♥ Much different than the previous hand. Here, I have five controls (Ace=two, King=one), so my hand is WAY too good to preempt. I want to be in 7NT opposite Axxx Qx xxx AKQJ.

Steve Moese 1♥ DON'T be tempted to open 3♥ here even though the rule of 2-3-4 says so. We have 3 Quick Tricks. That's too much defense. Besides let's let partner help us find best level for this hand. Note: the 2=7=2=2 shape is poor. Don't be swayed by the three doubletons. Ruffing in the long suit hand does not add tricks to our contract total.

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### Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠K ♥-♦QJ9864 ♣KQT764

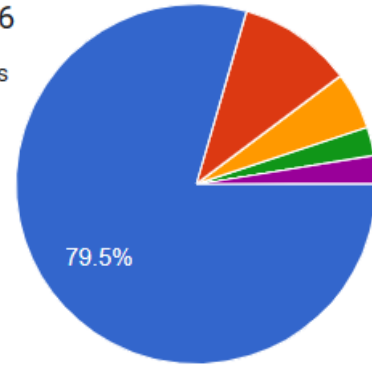
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### Question 6

39 responses

- 1D
- Pass
- 2D
- 1C
- 2C



Bob Jones **1♦** We like 1♦, but we don't mind 2♦. Either way, be prepared to bid clubs next, regardless of the level.

Steve Vogel **1♦** Another close call. It might be best to come into the auction later with an unusual notrump bid, but that might not be possible if the opponents open with 1♣ (or even 1♦). Given the good intermediates in my suits, I would choose to open 1♦ and hope for the best.

Joe Muenks **1♦** I'm going to be bidding a lot, but so are the other 3 at the table, some of whom statistically have very distributional hands, too. So I'll bid 1♦ then clubs twice up to a very high level.

Bob Fisk **1♦** Alternatively, you can bid 2NT and then look at your RHO saying "Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you opened 1♠. "Oopsies."

Steve Moese **Pass** Unless we are sure we will declare, we risk giving opponents distribution information that will help them make their contract. Besides with the Rule of 22 we are still short: 11 cards in 2 suits plus 11 HCP is 22, but we need 2 Quick tricks that we don't have. Wait till the next round of bidding and introduce both suits at an appropriate level. If our opening 2NT shows minors in a 8-11 range, then do that. Don't have that tool, do you.

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Steve Vogel	3♣	2♦	3♠	Pass	1♥	1♦
Joe Muenks	3♣	5♠	4♦	3♥	1♥	1♦
Bob Fisk	3♣	3♠	5♦	3♥	1♥	1♦
Steve Moese	3♣	2♣	X	3♥	1♥	Pass

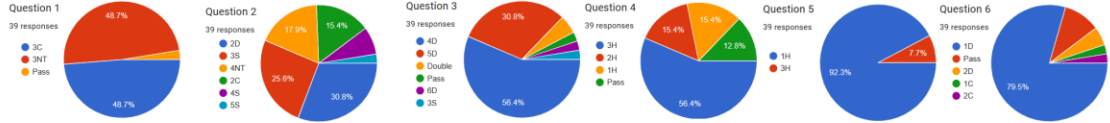
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Carl Willig	3♠	2♦	5♦	2♥	1♥	1♦
Carol Wilson	3NT	4NT	4♦	1♥	1♥	1♦
Cathy W	3♣	2♦	4♦	2♥	1♥	1♦
Chuck	3♣	4♠	4♦	2♥	1♥	1♣
Dave	3NT	2♦	4♦	1♥	1♥	1♦
Dean Congbalay	3NT	2♣	Pass	3♥	1♥	1♦
Doug Edwards	3NT	2♣	4♦	3♥	1♥	Pass
Ed	3NT	3♠	4♦	3♥	1♥	1♦
Gary Busch	3NT	3♠	4♦	2♥	1♥	1♦
Greg	3♣	4NT	4♦	Pass	1♥	2♦
James D	3♣	2♦	5♦	3♥	1♥	1♦
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Kevin C.	3♣	4♠	4♦	3♥	1♥	1♦
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Lanny	3♣	2♦	5♦	1♥	1♥	1♦
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Nell Wickstrom	3♣	3♠	4♦	3♥	1♥	1♦
Pam Campbell	3♣	2♦	5♦	3♥	1♥	1♦
Pete Outcalt	3♣	3♠	4♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
Rick Read	3NT	3♠	4♦	1♥	3♥	2♦
Rod	3♣	4NT	6♦	1♥	1♥	2♣
Sue	3♣	4NT	4♦	3♥	3♥	1♦
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The Field:



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