

Bob Jones September 30 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠5 3 2 ♥A 7 5 3 ♦Q 7 ♣Q J 7 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 2♠ ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T 7 ♥J 9 7 ♦7 6 ♣A J T 7 6 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K T 9 ♥A K J 7 6 ♦K 7 ♣K 8 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠8 ♥A 9 7 ♦Q J 6 ♣A T 8 7 5 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A T 6 5 ♥A K 9 8 4 ♦K 6 ♣K T

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ 2♦ Dbl* Pass

?

*Negative

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠8 6 4 ♥Q J 7 ♦J 9 7 ♣A Q 4 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass

3♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

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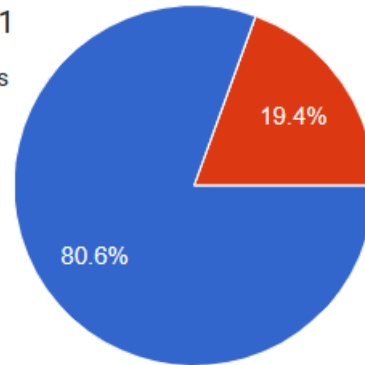
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1♦ 2♠ ?

Question 1

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● Double
● Pass



Bob Jones X It is certainly a stretch, but you must stretch over pre-empts. Dbl.

Steve Vogel X Don't you love these really close decisions? The two alternatives are to pass or double (showing hearts). Strictly, I should have 10+ points to make a negative double which pretty much forces us to the 3-level. I am close, but 5 of my points are queens and jacks. I also don't like three small in spades, which could be bad if partner has three too. Still, when given close choices, I tend to be more aggressive non-vulnerable, and I have secondary support for diamonds.

Joe Muenks Pass You are only 1 HCP short for a negative double but lack diamond support as a safe landing place. Partner will double 2♠ for takeout with her shortness as part of the negative double system and you'll have to make a tough decision next round.

Bob Fisk X This should be the minimum hand you'll hold for a negative double at this level. You'd pass at unfavorable vulnerability, but passing is always our least favorite choice. You wish you had a couple of tens.

Steve Moese X This hand is on the light side for a double that will drive partner to the three level. However All our values are working. The ♦Qx is valuable opposite partner's opening bid.

Mike Ma Pass Not good enough hand to X forcing to 3 level, and the 3♠ is not good. If partner can't reopen, defending 2♠ should be fine and maybe even the best. How you bid if partner reopen with a X would depend on your agreement.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠8 ♥A 9 7 ♦Q J 6 ♣A T 8 7 5 4

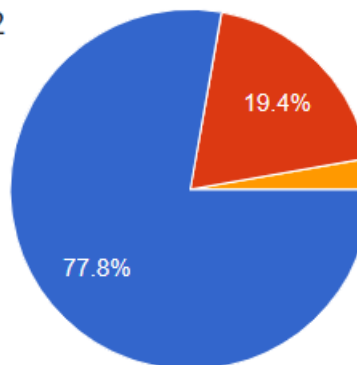
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Question 2

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● 1C
● Pass
● 3C



Bob Jones 1♣ 11 points with no singleton honor and a 6-card suit is a routine opening bid. Bid 1♣.

Steve Vogel 1♣ This hand meets the rules of 20 and 22 for making an opening bid, and I have an easy rebid over any one-level response by partner (2♣ over any response besides 1♥, over which I would rebid 2♥).

Joe Muenks 1♣ EPLS. This hand is good enough using the rule of 20/22 to open and rebid clubs (or raise 1♥ to 2♥).

Bob Fisk 1♣ You have a comfortable rebid over anything partner bids. Discuss with partner whether partner's 2♥ rebid on an auction such as 1♣-1♠; 2♣-2♥ should be played as forcing or not. I now play it as "not," using the other minor as the only forcing bid by responder (i.e., it behaves like new-minor forcing).

Steve Moese 1♣ Rule of 20+2 says open. Who am I to argue? Besides, this hand has no rebid problem.

Mike Ma 1♣ You satisfy Joe's infamous Rule of 22 😊. If you Pass, you are likely to find yourself in a tough situation over opponents' 2♠.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T7 ♥J97 ♦76 ♣AJT764

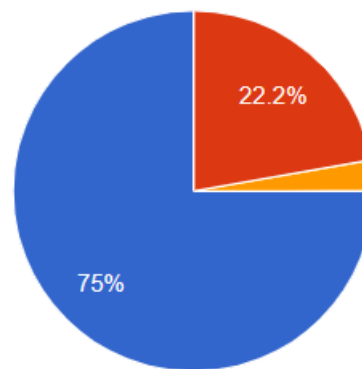
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ ?

Question 3

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● Pass
● 3C
● 2C



Bob Jones **3♣** We would prefer to have a singleton somewhere, but at this vulnerability, we're in! Bid 3♣.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Even non-vulnerable, I would not choose to preempt with 3♣ given my semi-balanced hand.

Joe Muenks **Pass** In direct seat you are much too weak to simple overcall 2♣ but you have decent major suit holdings so jumping to 3♣ prematurely may preempt partner, not the opponents. If you simple overcall 3♣ next round (if able), it'll show a weak hand unable to overcall 2♣ last round, though, so no rush.

Bob Fisk **Pass** 3♣ certainly isn't wrong, but I like pass better here. If the opponents are in a notrump contract, it's more likely I'll be on lead (i.e., 1♦-1M; 1NT-etc.), so it isn't a must that I get clubs in at this point.

Steve Moese **3♣** An aggressive preempter always takes advantage of this vulnerability. Rule of 2-3-4-5 says add 5 to our "winners" (13 minus losers). With 8.25 losers (and 4.75 winners) our guide says bid to the level of 9.75 tricks. 3 is enough. Just do it. If partner tries 3NT we will not be embarrassed.

Mike Ma **3♣** I like to preempt and (*censored*) partner off. Give opener 12 points, and your LHO and CHO each have 11 on the average. A small deviation upwards in LHO's hand or opener's hand, and they have enough points for game. Make life difficult for them. If LHO does not have both 4M, she will have a problem.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A T 6 5 ♥A K 9 8 4 ♦K 6 ♣K T

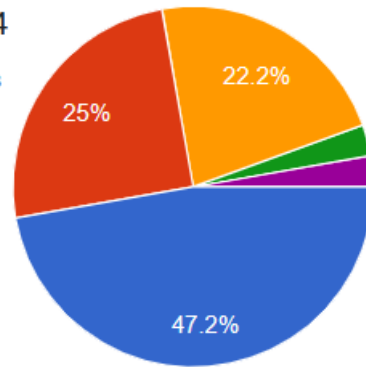
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1♥ 2♦ Dbl Pass
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Question 4

36 responses

- 3S
- 2S
- 4S
- 2NT
- 3D



Bob Jones **4♠** 3♠ is too timid. Bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel **4♠** Partner is showing 4 spades with 8+ points, and I have enough to bid 4♠ even with my poorly placed ♦K. If partner has only the ♣A and the ♠K, we are odds-on favorites to make it (and other holdings will do just as well).

Joe Muenks **4♠** This hand has a problem. You want to bid 3♦, an unspecified game force, often asking partner to bid 3NT with a diamond stopper (Western Cue bid), BUT partner might "wait" with a 3♠ call. If there is a slam (6♠) you need to declare to protect the ♦K, so jump to 4♠ showing 16+ playing points and hope if partner has extras they can bid 5♣ (♣A) or 5♠ (slam try with xx in diamonds).

Bob Fisk **3♠** I'm glad I get to be declarer, and 3♠ seems just about right. Playing Flannery, partner will know that I have more than 16 HCP, although I don't have that much more, and my two minor-suit Kings look suspect. Partner should have 8+ HCP for their negative double, but partners sometimes get frisky with a bit less. Tsk. Tsk.

Steve Moese **3♠** We have a great 17+ in support. We bid what we would have had the auction gone 1♥ - (P) - 1♠ - (P).

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K T 9 ♥A K J 7 6 ♦K 7 ♣K 8 6

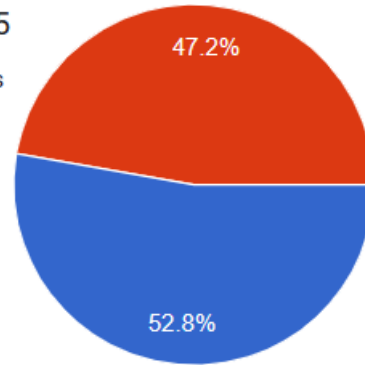
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Question 5

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● 1H
● 1NT



Bob Jones 1♥ 17 points and a good 5-card suit is worth more than 17 points. Open 1♥, planning to bid 2NT next.

Steve Vogel 1♥ With 17 HCP and a good 5-card suit, my hand is too strong for an opening bid of 1NT. My plan is to rebid 2NT over partner's expected 1♠ or 1NT response.

Joe Muenks 1♥ With the good 5 card suit, this hand is too good to open 1NT that is 15-17, so open a suit and jump in NT next (unless partner raises hearts) to show the 18-19 range.

Bob Fisk 1♥ With six controls (A=2, K=1), 17 HCP, and a 5-card major, this hand looks a bit too good to open 1NT. I'll rebid 2NT over 1♠ or 1NT.

Steve Moese 1♥ I am upgrading this hand. Assume partner responds 1NT(Force 1 round). We continue 2♣. When partner returns to 2♥ (likely), we rebid 2NT to show this hand. With one more Jack we rebid 2NT instead. While this hand is an upgrade, I often choose to open 1M instead of 1NT when I will accept a game try by responder in my suit.

Mike Ma 1♥ The heart suit puts me above 1NT. Open 1♥ and rebid 2NT.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠8 6 4 ♥Q J 7 ♦J 9 7 ♣A Q 4 3

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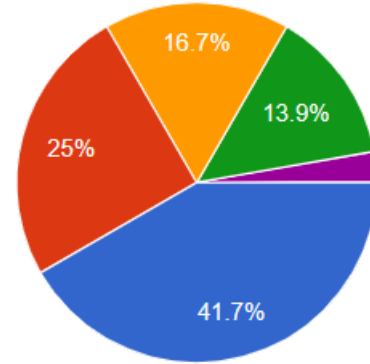
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass

3♥ Pass ?

Question 6

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- 4S
- 3S
- 4C
- 3NT
- 4H



Bob Jones 4♣ Partner's bid is an invitation to 4♠, which you will certainly accept. He might be stronger, so bid 4♣ to say you're willing to co-operate if he has slam interest.

Steve Vogel 4♠ Assuming partner's 3♥ bid is a help-suit game try, I have the top of my bid as well as decent help in hearts.

Joe Muenks 4♣ Your hand is maximum so cue bid your ace, which accepts the game try and shows this card. Perhaps that is exactly what partner needed to hear for slam: AKxxxx, AKx, x, Kx (had to make up a hand since Bob likes to so much).

Bob Fisk 3NT I like 3NT here as "Hey, I'm accepting your game try, but I have bad trumps." Partner may decide to play in 3NT holding JTxxx KTxx AKQ K, making three.

Steve Moese 3NT Choice of games. Our 3=3=3=4 shape is poor for spades and our trumps are weak. However we have a max and a NT stop in hearts. Give partner a chance to choose, and don't stop short of game.

Mike Ma 4♠ Assuming 3♥ was a natural GT, I have real good support. Plus I have max strength for my 2♠. If my hand was a bit different, I may venture a cue (or frivolous 3NT) in case opener has further ambition for her 3♥ bid. But with 3334, spades xxx and 7 of my 10 points outside partner's suit, I will be content with 4♠.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	X	1♣	3♣	4♠	1♥	4♣
Steve Vogel	X	1♣	Pass	4♠	1♥	4♠
Joe Muenks	Pass	1♣	Pass	4♠	1♥	4♣
Bob Fisk	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1♥	3NT
Steve Moese	X	1♣	3♣	3♠	1♥	3NT

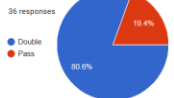
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Al Venosa	Pass	1♣	3♣	3♠	1♥	3♠
Bob K	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1NT	3♠
Carl Willig	X	1♣	3♣	4♠	1NT	3♠
Carol Wilson	X	1♣	Pass	2♠	1♥	3♠
Dave	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1NT	4♠
Dave Dressman	Pass	1♣	3♣	2♠	1♥	4♠
Dean Congbalay	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1NT	4♠
Ed	Pass	1♣	Pass	2♠	1♥	4♣
Gary Busch	X	Pass	Pass	3♠	1♥	3NT
Greg	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1NT	4♣
James D	X	1♣	3♣	3♠	1NT	4♠
James Jacobson	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1NT	3♠
Jan	X	3♣	Pass	2♠	1NT	3NT
Jay Gala	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1NT	4♣
JohnMcQ	Pass	1♣	Pass	2♠	1NT	4♣
Kevin C.	X	Pass	Pass	4♠	1♥	4♠
Kevin H.	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1♥	3NT
Lanny	X	1♣	Pass	4♠	1NT	3♠
Linda	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1♥	4♠
Martha	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1♥	4♠
Mike Burns	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1♥	4♠
Mónica	X	1♣	Pass	2♠	1NT	4♠
Nell Wickstrom	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1NT	4♠
Pete Outcalt	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1NT	4♠
Rick Read	Pass	1♣	Pass	2NT	1♥	4♥
Rod	X	Pass	Pass	3♦	1NT	3♠
Steve Messinger	X	1♣	2♣	4♠	1NT	3♠
Sue	X	1♣	Pass	3♠	1♥	3♠
Vijay	X	1♣	3♣	3♠	1NT	4♠
Zigang Pan	X	Pass	Pass	4♠	1♥	4♠

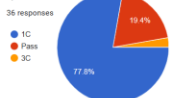
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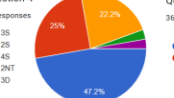
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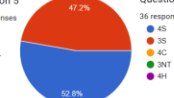
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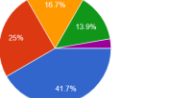
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Player	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
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Lanny	X	1♣	Pass	4♣	1NT	3♣
Linda	X	1♣	Pass	3♣	1♥	4♣
Murtha	X	1♣	Pass	3♣	1♥	4♣
Mike Burns	X Negative	1♣	Pass	3♣	1♥	4♣
Mónica	X	1♣	Pass	2♣	1NT	4♣
Neil Wickstrom	X	Pass	Pass	2♣	1NT	4♣
Pete Outalt	X	1♣	Pass	3♣	1NT	4♣
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