

Bob Jones September 9 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠K Q 2 ♥T 9 6 3 ♦J 8 4 ♣T 6 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ 1♥ 2♥* Pass

3♣ Pass Pass ?

*Club fit, at least invitational values

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A T 8 6 5 3 ♥8 ♦7 5 ♣T 7 6 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2NT* P ?

*20-21

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠8 ♥K 9 7 5 ♦J 9 7 ♣Q 8 7 5 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ Dbl Pass 2♥

2♠ 2NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K J T 8 4 ♥K Q 5 ♦8 ♣K 9 8 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 3♠* Pass

?

*Invitational, at least 4 spades

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A 3 ♥7 6 ♦8 3 ♣A K Q J 6 5 3

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♠ 2♣ Pass 3♣

Dbl ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 9 8 6 4 ♥Q 6 4 ♦Q 7 ♣9 8 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

2NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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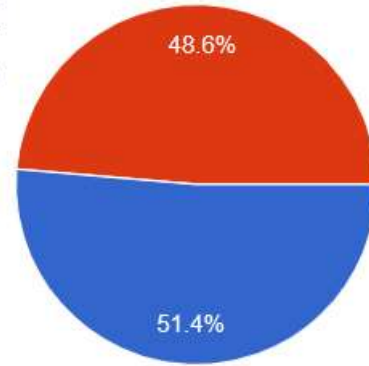
1♣ 1♥ 2♥ Pass

3♣ Pass Pass ?

Question 1

37 responses

● Pass
● 3H



Bob Jones **3♥** With 9 combined trumps (maybe more), you should be safe at the 3-level. Bid 3♥.

Steve Vogel **Pass** At IMPs, I would unquestionably pass. At matchpoints, the decision is much closer. Yes, we have a 9-card fit, but my distribution is terrible, and I believe the risk of going down more than one (doubled) is too great.

Joe Muenks **3♥** Nine trump so 3 seems safe enough at this point. Note that partner will not be fooled into thinking I have a good hand since I failed to act last round, wary of more distribution or a few more HCP.

Bob Fisk **3♥** I would have bid 3♥ over 2♥, but better late than never I suppose. We bid to the level of total trump in a competitive auction, and we have at least nine trump between us (not you and me, but me and my partner....or should I say "I and my partner.").

Steve Moese **3♥** The bid I would have made one round earlier. Holding a 9 trump fit on a hand where opponents have 8-9 trumps themselves, bidding 3 over 3 will give them the last guess. East invited and west stayed below game. Give them 22 HCP. Partner should have an opening hand for their overcall. Pressure bidding,

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

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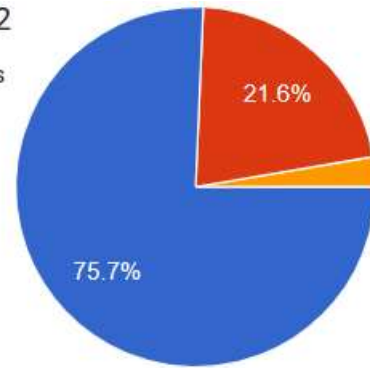
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass

?

Question 2

37 responses

● 4S
● Pass
● 4C



Bob Jones **4♠** When partner invites and promises at least 4 trumps, you should always accept when you have a singleton. Bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel **4♠** True, I have an Aceless hand, but I tend to accept just about every invitational major suit 4-card raise when I have a normal opening hand and a side suit singleton.

Joe Muenks **4♠** A-ha, for a few years there before the pandemic, everyone was talking about their Losing Trick Count (LTC), but were applying it incorrectly on so many hands finding themselves going down too often. When you find a 9 card fit and have shortness, reel that LTC out to help you bid. Here we have 6 losers (AKQ per suit, so AQ♠ A♥, A♦, AQ♣) so that's better than an opener by 1 trick, so game should be easy.

Bob Fisk **4♠** Not bidding game would be a sin ("Thou shalt not not bid game" shows up as commandment #11).

Steve Moese **4♠** With a 9-card fit and 6 losers, we can hardly stay out of game. With no Aces we bid game directly.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

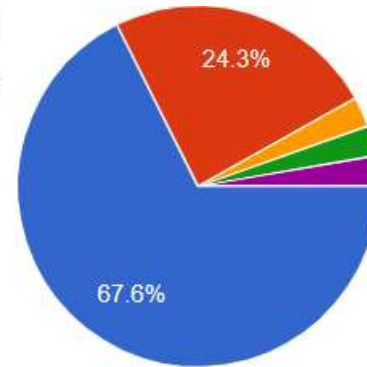
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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
2NT P ?

Question 3

37 responses

● 4H
● 3H
● 3S
● 4S
● 3NT



Bob Jones 4♥/4♠ Whether you bid spades or use a transfer, be sure you get to game.

Steve Vogel 4♥ (Transfer) An Ace-high 6-card major and a singleton value out to a game raise over a 2NT opener. Of course, we can construct hands where we will go down, but I expect to make game with the great majority of partner's possible holdings.

Joe Muenks 4♥ While I am 6-4 with the ace in my long suit, I figure a lucky slam is maybe 5% so not worth giving partner any choice but to only bid the game.

Bob Fisk 4♥ (Spades). Why is this one in here? I don't think I should push for slam, should me?

Steve Moese 4♥ The Texas Transfer to spades. They still pay bonuses for bidding and making games.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

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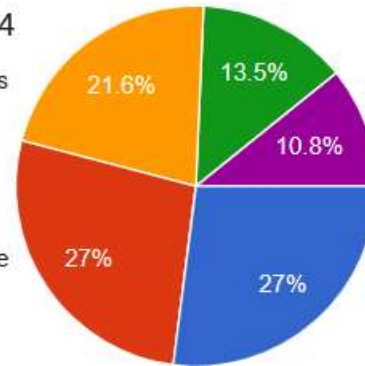
1♠ 2♣ Pass 3♣

Dbl ?

Question 4

37 responses

- Pass
- 3NT
- 4C
- Redouble
- 5C



Bob Jones **3NT** Limited warranty here, but it would be cowardly not to bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **3NT** I have 8 tricks in my own hand, and if I can get 1 more from partner before the opponents run tricks in their own suit, I will make game. I would unquestionably make this bid non-vulnerable. It's more of a gamble vulnerable, but I also like the potential of keeping the opponents from finding their fit

Joe Muenks **3NT** I don't know what's going on at this point but I want to make a forward-going bid and this is very forward of me, if I don't say so myself. Perhaps the opponents will forget to take the first 5 tricks by giving dummy a quick red king on the opening lead.

Bob Fisk **3NT** If the opponents can take five red-suit tricks before I get in, the more power to 'em. Picture partner with xxx Axxx xxxx xxx, and we make 3NT. Heh.

Steve Moese **3NT** A gamble that partner can control the red suits and provide 1 additional trick. If they double we run to clubs.

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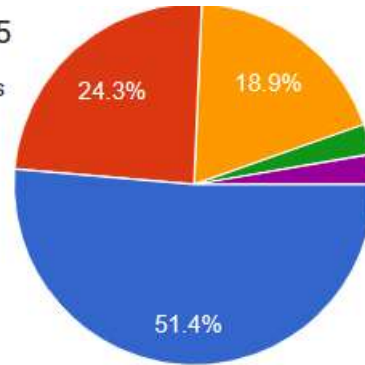
1♠ Dbl Pass 2♥

2♣ 2NT Pass ?

Question 5

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- Pass
- 3C
- 3H
- 3S



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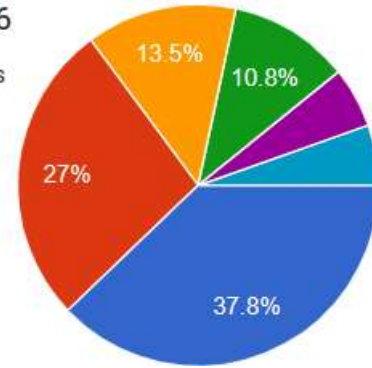
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2NT Pass ?

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- 3NT
- 3S
- 3C
- Pass
- 3H



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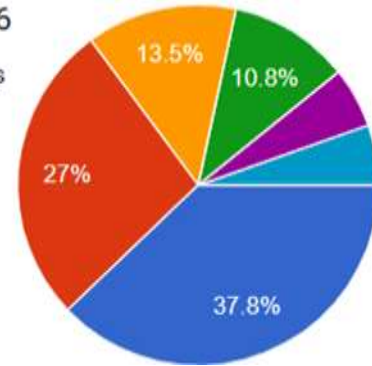
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Question 6

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- 3H



Bob Jones **3♦** You want to be in game, but which game? Bid 3♦ to check for 3-card spade support. Partner's next bid will tell you which game to bid.

Steve Vogel **3♦** Yet another close call. My side suit queens suggest a 3NT contract, but if partner has 3 spades, we may be short in one of the red suits. If I had a stronger hand with this same distribution, I would go directly to 3NT. With this hand, spades will often play better if we have a fit.

Joe Muenks **3♦** XYZ helps us handle all the bids following all continuations after 3 one level bids, but we still need that old stalwart the New Minor Forcing after opener's jump to 2NT, so 3♦ asks about opener's major suit holdings just to check on a 5-3 spade fit.

Bob Fisk **3♦** (Checkback). Whether you play Wolff Sign-Off or new-minor forcing, your bid here is the same. Partner will bid 4H with four Hearts, and then correct your 3NT bid to 4♠ holding 3-card support.

Steve Moese **3♦** Partner's 18-19 is sufficient for game in either NT or spades. We ask partner for their spade support by bidding the OTHER minor. This is new minor forcing. Over the jump to 2NT, many play 3♣ as a puppet to 3♦ as an attempt to stop in a 3-level suit contract. This convention is known as the Wolff Signoff (and its big sister/brother the Wolff Relay). See:

<https://bridge-tips.co.il/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/2-Way-New-Minor-Forcing-Modified-Wolff-Signoff.pdf>

for some ideas you might like.

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Notes from Mike Ma:

1) Law of Total Tricks would say to bid 3 over 3 with 9 trumps vs 8. Even if they have 8 only. But with 3433, I treat our side as having 8 trumps, not 9. Do they have 9? Who can tell these days with random bidding. I have had people jerked me around with 7 trumps total like this.

The thing is you can avoid this situation if you double 2♥, one of the few situations where stolen bids make sense. Now partner is in a good position to know what to do over 3C, and you are spared the decision.

Once fixed, stay fixed. I missed my chance at 2♥. Not going to play catch up now.

Pass

2) You only have 12 points. But you have 5 1/2 losers (6 originally, but with 9-card fit in trumps, you can deduct 1/2 from you trump losers). So it is game on. It will depend on if partner has much wasted values in diamonds, but you have no way of knowing. When in doubt, bid game.

4♠.

3) No idea why this is a problem Transfer to 4♠. With perfect fit (no waste in hearts), you may even have slam, but there is just no way to find out. And trying for 24-25 point slam with no space to explore is not fun. 2NT opening is not called a slam kicker for nothing. Even with a minor king, you still have no way to explore. As to transferring to 3♠ and passing, that is for the birds.

4H

4) 3NT You have 8 tricks in your hand. If you can bid 3S to ask about the red suits, that may work. But this is one situation where it is ambiguous if 3♠ is ask or tell. There is no indication they can cash 5 tricks off the top. So a red suit ace from partner will make 3NT. Or other possibilities like ♠K and enough in red suits to stop them from taking 5 tricks right off.

2♣ was a serious underbid with an 8 trick hand. You were lucky to get away with it.

3NT.

5) Partner has 19-21. We should be in game. But partner's S don't have to be that robust like double stoppers. I bid 3♣ now to give partner a choice. 3♣ is forcing. You do not bid over 2NT to improve a partial.

3♣.

6) No idea why this is a problem. You bid Wolff signoff/NMF/check back.

3♦.

Notice on a couple of these, you are playing catchup because of wrong or missed bids earlier in the auction, creating a problem when there should be none. A couple others were trivial, so not sure why they are presented in the quiz.

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

Joe Muenks	3♥	4♠	4♥	3NT	3NT	3♦
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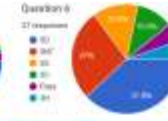
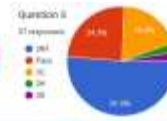
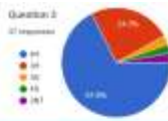
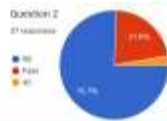
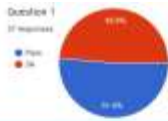
Bob Fisk	3♥	4♠	4♥	3NT	3NT	3♦
Steve Moese	3♥	4♠	4♥	3NT	3NT	3♦

SM: Hope to see you in October at the NAP D11 Finals at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. Great way to earn Gold Points, and if you qualify, a stipend for the NAP championship in Louisville March 2024. Details: http://www.district11bridge.com/District_11_NAP_FAQ.html

Al Venosa	Pass	4♠	3♥	XX	3♣	3♠
AnnR	Pass	4♣	4♥	Pass	Pass	3NT
Bob K	3♥	4♠	4♥	5♣	3NT	3NT
Carl Willig	Pass	4♠	4♥	5♣	3NT	3♣
Carol Wilson	Pass	Pass	3♥	4♣	Pass	3♠
Cathy W	3♥	Pass	3♥	XX	3NT	3♦
Chuck	Pass	4♠	4♠	5♣	3♣	3♣
Dave	3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass	3♣	3♠
Dean Congbalay	3♥	Pass	3♥	4♣	3NT	3♦
Doug Edwards	3♥	4♠	4♥	4♣	3♥	Pass
Gary Busch	Pass	4♠	3♥	3NT	Pass	Pass
James D	Pass	4♠	4♥	3NT	3NT	3♦
James Jacobson	3♥	4♠	3♥	XX	Pass	3♠
Jan	Pass	4♠	3♥	Pass	Pass	3NT
JohnMcQ	Pass	4♠	4♥	Pass	3NT	3NT
jon hoak	Pass	4♠	4♥	3NT	Pass	3NT
Kevin C.	Pass	4♠	4♥	Pass	3NT	3♥
Kevin H	3♥	4♠	4♥	4♣	3NT	3♦
Lanny	Pass	4♠	4♥	Pass	3NT	3NT
Linda	3♥	4♠	4♥	XX	3NT	3♣
Lyn	Pass	4♠	3♠	Pass	3♣	3NT
Mike Burns	Pass	4♠	4♥	Pass	3♣	3♦
Nell Wickstrom	3♥	4♠	4♥	4♣	3♣	3♥
Pam Campbell	3♥	4♠	4♥	3NT	Pass	3♦
Pete Outcalt	3♥	Pass	4♥	4♣	3NT	3♦
Rick	Pass	4♠	3♥	5♣	3NT	3NT
Rod	3♥	4♠	3NT	Pass	Pass	3NT
Sue	Pass	4♠	3♥	XX	3♣	3NT
Vijay Doshi	3♥	Pass	4♥	3NT	3NT	3♦
Zigang Pan	Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass	3♠	3♠
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The Field



09/09/23	1	2	3	4	5	6
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<p>Steve Vogel</p> <p>Pass</p>	<p>2♠</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	
<p>Joe Marantz</p> <p>2♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	
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<p>Steve Moore</p> <p>1♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	
<p>BT: How to set you in trouble at the IMP 1111 table at the Columbia Bridge Club. Your way to beat Bob Fink, and if you can't, a chance for the NMP (depending on Columbia's 1111 table). My new contract table combined 11 IMP play.</p>						
<p>Al Young</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Arnold</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Bob K</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Carl Wong</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
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<p>Dary Feucht</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
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<p>James Jacobson</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
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<p>Laura</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
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<p>Mike Burns</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Paul Anderson</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Paul Campbell</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Pete O'Connell</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Rob</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Rob</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Tim</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Willy O'Neil</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Young Tom</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Young Tom</p>	<p>2♥</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>
<p>Young Tom</p>	<p>Pass</p>	<p>4♣</p>	<p>4♥</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>	<p>5♠</p>