Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz GOREN BRIDGE APRIL 15, 2023 Q1 – Neither vulnerable ♠9 5 ♥A K 6 5 ♦K Q T 6 ♣A 7 3 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH 2 Dbl Pass 37 ? Pass What call would you make? Q 3 - East-West vulnerable ♠A 9 8 6 4 ♥A 7 ♦K T 7 ♣Q 6 3 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1♠ 27 2♠ Pass 37 Pass Pass Pass ? What call would you make? Q 5 – North-South vulnerable **♠**K Q J **♥**K T 8 6 ♦ A K 6 5 **₽**Q 7 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

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* showing 5-5 in the majors.
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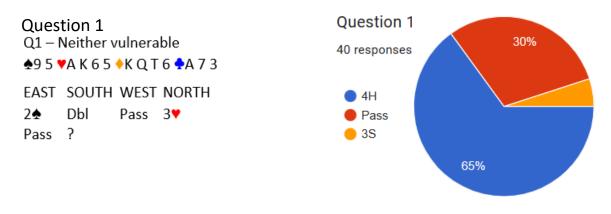
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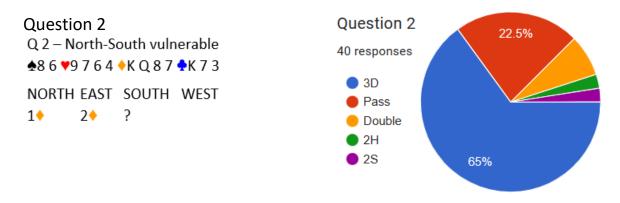
Bob Jones <u>4♥</u> 4♥ or pass? It is very close, but we like 4♥.

Steve Vogel <u>Pass</u> If partner had 10 points or more, I would expect him/her to bid 4♥ instead of 3♥. There ARE hands where partner has less and we will still make game, but there are many more where we will not. I will take the higher probability route with this 6-loser hand and pass.

Joe Muenks <u>4</u> While in standard you might pass concerned partner is broke, playing Lebensohl over weak 2's make this a clear cut game bid as partner is showing a less than game forcing but more than a minimum hand.

Bob Fisk <u>4♥</u> I play Lebensohl with my partners on this auction, so 3♥ shows 8+ HCP and 4+ Hearts. With nothing wasted in Spades, that should give us excellent chances at making game. We're the bestest!

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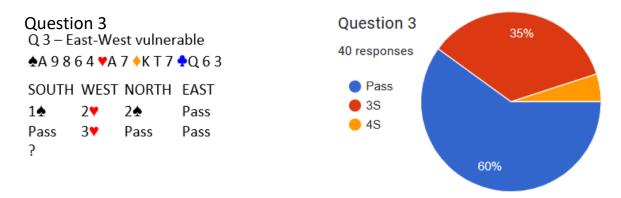
Bob Jones <u>3</u> It's a little aggressive but do it while you can. Bid 3. Support with support!

Steve Vogel 3 Given the bidding, partner is marked with 4+ diamonds, so I will show my good support by making a 3 response at unfavorable vulnerability.

Joe Muenks 2 Playing standard, call 3 to show some values and a fit (partner is marked with 4 diamonds on this auction), which will give partner a clear cut suit to lead should west choose a major. Playing unusual over unusual, bid 3 diamonds and less than 10 support points (2 would show 10+ support points).

Bob Fisk <u>3</u> This shows a constructive Diamond raise, since I could cuebid 2♠ to show a limit+ raise in Diamonds. A cuebid of 2♥ instead would show a hand with 5+ Clubs and 10+ HCP (Five and Dime for you old timers).

Steve Moese <u>3</u> A constructive raise with 4 trumps.



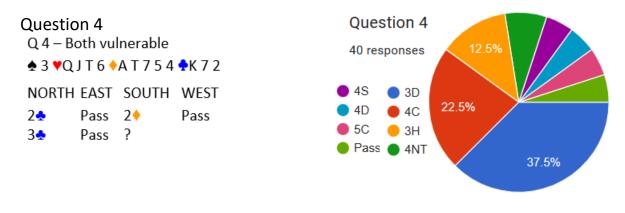
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Joe Muenks <u>Pass</u> Defense is not a curse word. Partner has denied 4 spades by passing over 3♥ and you've denied 6 spades by passing over 2♠ (yes, before the 3♥ bid even gets a chance to be made).

Bob Fisk <u>Pass</u> I showed a hand with 12+ HCP and 5+ Spades when I opened. Did I gain a Spade? Nope. Did I gain a significant amount of HCP's? Nope. When you've already bid your hand, don't keep bidding. Partner might have bid 2♠ with as little as QJx xx Qxx xxxxx, and the opponents are cold for 4♥ losing one Spade, one Heart, and one Diamond. Heh.

Steve Moese <u>Pass</u> With 4 trumps it is partner's responsibility to compete to the 3 level. We have an 8 card fit. They haven't found a fit.



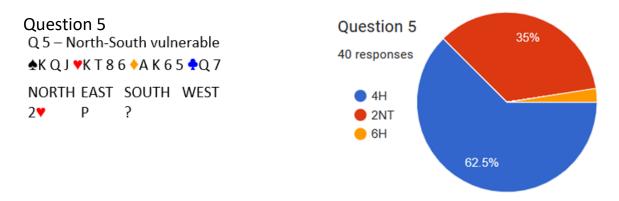
Bob Jones <u>4</u> Slam prospects are bright. Show your support. Bid 4.

Some people play that a 3 bid in this sequence is Stayman (to uncover a possible heart fit), but with this hand, I prefer a splinter in spades showing good club support and good values, as well as the shortness in spades. I envision a club small or grand slam.

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Bob Fisk <u>4</u> The most important features of my hand are (1) 3+ card Club support with an honor, (2) a singleton Spade, and (3) strong slam interest. 4♠ pretty much shows all three in one bite (munch). Picture partner with Qxx AK Kx AQJTxx, although their hand is probably better than that. If partner thinks that I have Spades and want to play in 4♠, I'll get a new partner.

Steve Moese 3 A natural bid unless playing cheaper minor second negative. Ugh. Then we need to bid 2NT instead. Ugh. When there are two Ughs we look for a better choice. 3 here should be Stayman asking for partner's 4-card major. 3 allows for a 4-crad major. With a strong hand and 4M and 5+D, start opener rebids 3M (artificial showing longer diamonds). But that convention is for another day.



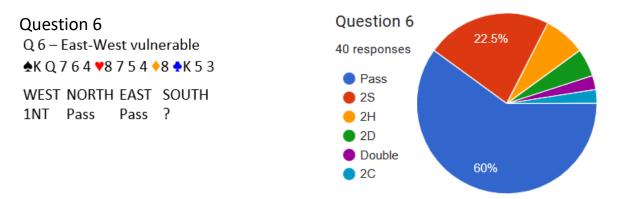
Bob Jones $\underline{4\vee}$ You don't really have any slam interest, so don't bother bidding 2NT, which might allow a $3\stackrel{\bullet}{\Rightarrow}$ bid by West for a good lead or sacrifice. Just bid $4\stackrel{\bullet}{\checkmark}$.

Steve Vogel $\underline{4}$ Could partner have enough for a heart slam? It would take the $\forall A, \bigstar A$ and club shortness or $\forall A$, AJ of clubs and still there might be a diamond loser. I don't have the tools to find out about these lower percentage holdings without getting too high.

Joe Muenks <u>2NT</u> If you're strict that no preempt will contain an off-suit ace you can bid 4♥ directly, but that is so 1990's. Nowadays we bid 2♥ on such a wide variety of hands let's learn more about partner's hand first. (Playing matchpoint pairs, bidding 4♥ is still likely the best approach since exploring slam might expose the club weakness.)

Bob Fisk <u>4</u> Partner can't have enough for us to make 6, and we aren't interested in hearing what the opponents have to bid if I start with 2NT (i.e., they probably have a good sacrifice in 5.). Picture partner with xx Axxxxx xx xxx, and bid what you expect to make.

Steve Moese 4 Partner would need xx AQxxxx xx Ax to make 6 attractive, and that;s not a weak two opening bid.



Bob Jones $2 \div$ It is a tad aggressive, but if your system has a bid to show both majors, this would be a reasonable time to use it. For us, it is $2 \div$.

Steve Vogel <u>Pass</u> With better spade intermediates (at least KQ109x), I would trot out a nonvulnerable 2♠ bid and hope for the best, but not with this hand.

Joe Muenks <u>Pass</u> 1NT can be harder to make than it looks sometimes, so I hate to turn a plus into a minus with the 3^{rd} highest card in my suit a 7. If the \clubsuit K was the \P K I'd reel out my both major suits bid, which varies by partner.

Bob Fisk 2 (Both majors). I play Revised Cappelletti in pass-out seat over a strong 1NT opening. Bidding 2♠ might be right, but that usually results in catching partner with xx AQTx xxxx xxx. Sigh.

Steve Moese \underline{X} There are many ways to bid over the opponent's one notrump opening bid. Here a double showing a single suited minor or both majors works very well - it protects against partner's possible penalty hand and gets us to compete in the majors.

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Steve Moese	4♥	30	Pass	30	4♥	X
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Carl Willig	3♠	30	3♠	4😓	2NT	2♥
Carol Wilson	4♥	Х	Pass	30	4♥	Pass
Cathy W	Pass	30	Pass	4NT	4♥	Pass
Chuck	4♥	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
Darleen	4♥	Pass	3♠	5🔶	4♥	Pass
Dave	4♥	Pass	Pass	3♥	2NT	Pass
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Jay Gala	4♥	Pass	3♠	4🛧	2NT	2♥
Jim Barrett	Pass	30	3♠	30	2NT	2♠
JohnMcQ	4♥	30	Pass	30	2NT	Pass
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Kevin H.	4♥	30	Pass	30	4♥	2♠
Linda	Pass	30	Pass	4🛧	4♥	Pass
Martha	Pass	Х	Pass	4😓	4♥	2♠
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Mónica	4♥	3	Pass	3♥	2NT	2
Nell Wickstrom	3♠	30	3♠	30	2NT	Pass
Pam Campbell	4♥	3	3♠	30	2NT	2♠
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