Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz GOREN BRIDGE APRIL 29, 2023 Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠T 5 3 **♥**A K 7 6 4 3 2 **♦**Void **♣**9 7 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 3♦ 3NT ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable ♠A J T ♥A K Q 7 5 ♦ K 7 6 ♣9 7 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable ♠K 8 6 5 ♥Q 9 5 3 ♦K Q T 6 4 ♠Void NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 − North-South vulnerable A K J 6 3 ♥ J 9 7 6 ♦ Q T 7 ♣9 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 − Both vulnerable

A Q 7 ▼7 ◆J 9 7 6 4 A K T 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

Pass 1♠ Pass
?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♣J ♥J 4 ♦Q 8 7 4 ♣Q 8 6 5 3 2

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

3♠ Pass ?

What call would you make? Look for answers on Monday.



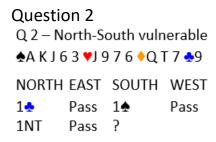
Bob Jones Pass Don't even think about bidding. The void in partner's suit is a strong warning.

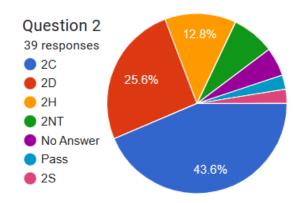
Steve Vogel <u>Pass</u> I could not imagine taking a bid in this situation with a void in partner's suit and no expectation of heart support.

Joe Muenks <u>Pass</u> Epls. The question is what to lead; does declarer have QJ of hearts and partner xx or does declarer have QJx and partner xx with an entry. I'd likely try a low heart on the go and just hope.

Bob Fisk Pass Your partner has already preempted in Diamonds. How many tricks do you think the opponents are taking with Spades or Clubs as trump? If you said a zillion, you're close. If you bid 4♥ here (horrors), the best that can happen is that you go down three doubled for -500. The worst that can happen is that you push them into 6♣ or 6♠. Cash your ♥A and ♥K, and hope like heck that Hearts were 7-2-2-2 around the table. I said heck.

Steve Moese <u>Pass</u> Sure we have a mighty fine heart suit. But we stand to lose 7-8 tricks. Besides, west still has a bid and might choose a black suit.



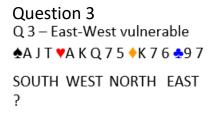


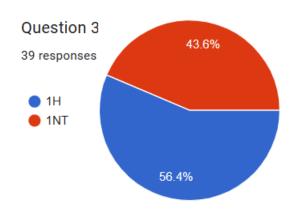
Bob Jones $2 \checkmark$ Experts play $2 \checkmark$ here as not forcing. They prefer to bid the "new" minor and rely on partner to bid $2 \checkmark$ if he has four of them. It's a good idea. Bid $2 \checkmark$.

Steve Vogel 2 (XYZ) I have an invitational hand, and all such hands go through 2 (following 3 one-level bids) when playing XYZ. Over partner's forced 2 rebid, I will bid 2 showing an invitational hand with 5+ spades and 4+ hearts. Partner's next bid will typically set the final contract.

Joe Muenks 2 then follow the 2 relay with 2 showing 5+ spades and 4+ hearts and 10-12 playing points. Those playing standard bid 2 showing 5+ spades, 4+ hearts and 10+ pts. Playing XYZ, a direct 2 call is non-forcing and never as many as 10 points.

Bob Fisk N/A I refused to answer, because I play that a 2♠ bid over partner's 1m opening shows exactly five Spades, four Hearts, and invitational values. Cute, huh? When you have that agreement, the following sequence shows an invitational hand with 5-5 in the majors: 1m-1♠; 1NT-2♠ (Alert); 2♦ (Alert)-2♥. Bridge is easy!





Bob Jones 1 The 5-card suit and the powerful 10 of spades make this hand too good for a 15-17 1NT. Open 1 P, planning to rebid 2NT over a 1 or 1NT response.

Steve Vogel 1 My plan is to rebid 2NT over partner's expected response of 1 or 1NT. This hand, with 17 HCP and a good 5-card heart suit, values out to 18+ points, which is why I choose not to open 1NT.

Joe Muenks <u>1NT</u> Epls. With 2 small clubs I cannot upgrade this to 18, though many 17 HCP hands with a 5-card suit will open 1 of a suit and rebid 2NT. (I'm predicting half the commenters open 1♥ and jump in NT next.)

Bob Fisk 1 ○ Okay, this one is slightly too good to open 1NT, so I'll open 1 ○ and rebid 2NT if I get the chance. The advantage, of course, is that partner might hold Kx xxxx Axxxx xx and pass 1NT when we're cold for 4 ○.

Steve Moese 1 This hands is too good for 15-17 1NT. If you will accept a game try after opening one of a Major, you should not open 1NT. I intend to treat this as 18 and rebid 2NT.



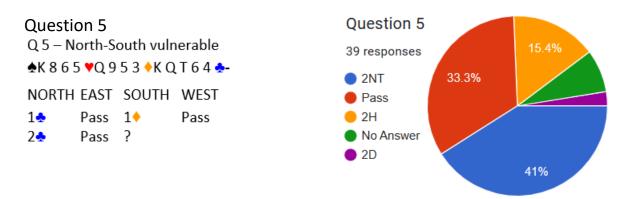
Bob Jones 2♠ Rebidding 2♠ will not get you kicked off the team, but we prefer to raise. Bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel 2♣ If I had a minimum hand, I would rebid 2♠. This hand, with heart shortness, values out at more than 14 points in a suit contract, so my plan is to support partner's spades with my next bid, showing my 3-1-5-4 shape with extras. There is a chance that partner could pass over my 2♣ rebid, but you cannot cover all contingencies.

Joe Muenks 2♠ Epls. There are so many people who play 2NT over this auction asking for opener's hand, but always find partner with 4 trump since they hesitate to raise on 3, the reason the convention came into being in the first place. Standard players bid 2♣ here.

Bob Fisk <u>2♠</u> If partner bids 2NT (Spiral), I can bid 3♦ to show a maximum hand with only three Spades. If I raise partner's major with only three, I'll have shortness somewhere (i.e., I'm not doing it on AQx xx J9xx AKTx).

Steve Moese 2♣ - or 2♠ when playing Wold/spiral ask by opener. I have no rebid problem after 2♣. 2♠ works when partner can ask about my trump length and strength. Without that, raising on three is ok but partner needs to be comfortable playing a 4-3 fit in game. After 2♣, if partner passes we are in a good spot. If partner bids 2♥ or 2♦ we answer with 2♠ showing 3=1=5=4 and 14+. If partner responds 2NT we can rebid 3♠, delivering the same message (Partner will choose between 4♠ and 3NT).



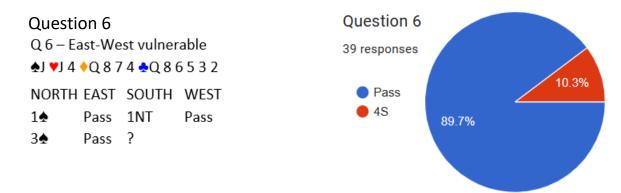
Bob Jones <u>2NT</u> Partner hasn't got a 4-card major, so don't bother bidding one of yours. Bid 2NT.

Steve Vogel Pass Partner's 2♣ rebid denies a 4-card major, and I have no reason to believe we have a better diamond fit than club fit. Given we have no fit, 10 points is not sufficient to take another bid.

Joe Muenks 2NT This time there are 0 bids you want to make but 3 that are possible. They are 2NT, 2♦ and pass in my order of preference, though any of the 3 might work better some days. 2NT is right on values but that void is really gross. 2♦ is short a diamond but your extra values might carry the day and the ♦T is important here. Pass is most sensible, the adage being "once a mismatch is uncovered stop bidding without a lot of extra values or it just gets worse."

Bob Fisk N/A I would have bid 1♥ over 1♣, since I'm not hiding my 4-card major(s) to show my stupid Diamonds unless I have (1) longer Diamonds and (2) an opening hand or better. Nope.

Steve Moese **2NT** We have invitational values and a major flaw. Passing could be right but partner just might have enough for game. The risk we take is pushing partner to 3. But that's another bidding problem we do not have yet. By the way, partner likely does not have a 4-card major since 1M was an available rebid.



Bob Jones <u>Pass</u> It was reasonable to respond with this hand, but don't bid again. Partner might not make even 9 tricks with this dummy. Pass.

Steve Vogel <u>Pass</u> No fit for partner, and my high card points are all defensive in nature (queens and jacks), except for the spade jack. Best to pass, and hope partner can make 3♠.

Joe Muenks <u>Pass</u> Epls. I wrote the adage above before seeing this hand, where we can apply it and get out, play dummy well and hope partner can rack up +140 not -50.

Bob Fisk Pass It's quite possible that my hand will generate zero tricks for partner. Is it possible that partner holds Axxxxx xx AK AKx and we can make 5♣? Yes, but that's playing partner for perfect cards, and we don't do that (or we do that at our own peril).

Steve Moese <u>Pass</u> Thinking is an overbid. Partners jump shows 15-17 or 16-18. We are going nowhere with our hand. Any new suit bid by us is now game forcing agreeing spades, and 3NT is so far from our values we need the James Webb Telescope to see it. Partner will like the <u>\$\Delta\$</u>J.

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Bob Jones	Pass	2	1♥	2♠	2NT	Pass
Steve Vogel	Pass	200	1♥	2 😓	Pass	Pass
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Joe Muenks	Pass	2 😓	1NT	2♠	2NT	Pass
Bob Fisk	Pass	N/A	1♥	2♠	N/A	Pass
Steve Moese	Pass	200	1 🔻	2 😓	2NT	Pass
Al Venosa	Pass	2♥	1♥	2 😓	2♥	Pass
AnnR	Pass	2 😓	1♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
Bob K	Pass	2 😓	1NT	2♠	N/A	4♠
Carl Willig	Pass	200	1NT	2 😓	2NT	Pass
Carol Wilson	Pass	2♥	1♥	2♠	2♥	Pass
Cathy W	Pass	2	1♥	2 😓	Pass	4♠
Chuck	4♥	2NT	1NT	2.	2NT	Pass
Dave	Pass	2•	1NT	2 😓	Pass	Pass
Dean Congbalay	Pass	2	1♥	2 😓	Pass	Pass
Doug Edwards	Pass	2•	1NT	2 🙏	2♥	Pass
Ed	Pass	Pass	1♥	2♠	2NT	Pass
Gary Busch	4♥	2♠	1♥	2♠	2NT	Pass
Greg	Pass	2♦	1NT	200	2NT	Pass
James D	Pass	24	1♥	2 😓	N/A	Pass
James Jacobson	Pass	2♥	1♥	2♣	2NT	Pass
Jay Gala	Pass	2♣	1NT	2♣	2NT	Pass
JohnMcQ	Pass	24	1NT	2 🙏	2♥	Pass
Jon Hoak	4♥	2 😓	1NT	2♠	Pass	Pass
Jusie Clendening	Pass	2NT	1♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
Kevin C.	Pass	N/A	1NT	2♠	Pass	Pass
Kevin H.	Pass	24	1♥	2♠	2NT	Pass
Linda	Pass	24	1♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
Martha	Pass	2•	1♥	2 😓	2NT	Pass
Mike Burns	Pass	2	1NT	2♣	Pass	Pass
Mónica	4♥	24	1NT	2♠	Pass	4♠
Nell Wickstrom	Pass	24	1NT	2 😓	2♥	Pass
Pam Campbell	4♥	24	1NT	2♣	2NT	Pass
Pete Outcalt	Pass	24	1NT	2 😓	Pass	Pass
Rick Read	Pass	2NT	1♥	2 🙏	2♥	Pass
Rod	Pass	24	1NT	2♠	2NT	4♠
Zigang Pan	Pass	2♥	1♥	2♣	Pass	Pass
	Pass	2♥	1♥	2♠	2•	Pass
	Pass	2•	1♥	2 😓	2NT	Pass
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