Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz GOREN BRIDGE APRIL 8, 2023 Q1 – Neither vulnerable ♠K J 7 6 ♥A T 9 3 ♦A Q J 5 ♣7 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

2♥\* ?

\*weak

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable ♠A Q T 6 5 ♥7 6 4 ♦8 6 4 ♠K 8 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH 1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ ? What call would you make?

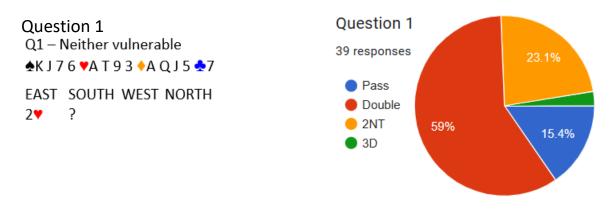
Q 5 – North-South vulnerable ♠Q 8 7 4 ♥Q J T 7 ♦8 ♣A T 9 4 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1NT Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable ▲J 7 5 ♥6 5 ♦K 7 5 ♠A K Q 5 3 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 1♠ 2♥ Pass ? What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable **♠**K T 9 7 5 2 ♥6 ♦Q **♣**A 7 6 4 2 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST Pass 2NT\* Pass 1♠ 3♥\*\* Pass 4 Pass ? \*Game-forcing spade raise \*\*Shortness What call would you make? Q 6 – East-West vulnerable **♠**A J 8 3 **♥**A K **♦**Q 8 7 2 **♣**Q T 6 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH ? 1 Pass 17 What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

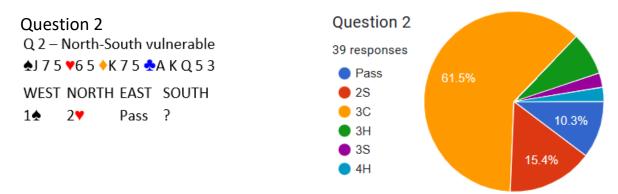


Bob Jones **2NT** Double is out with a singleton club. Pass, 2, and 2NT all have flaws, but we like 2NT best.

Steve Vogel **<u>2NT</u>** Yes, not perfect due to the singleton club, but I am not willing to pass with this 15+ point hand hoping that partner will reopen with a takeout double. The alternative of a takeout double of my own with a singleton club seems like a worse alternative to the notump overcall.

Joe Muenks **<u>2NT</u>** I'm very strict that you don't open NT with a singleton. But overcalling or when a preempt occurs, some hands require you to take liberties to show your strength and values in their suit. I consider this one of those hands.

Steve Moese **<u>2NT</u>** Flip a coin and choose pass or 2NT here. Mine came up 2NT. Passings risks that partner will not reopen when we have game or a good spade fit. By the way, 2NT as an offer to play here is natural, even with a small singleton. Good to know the rules.

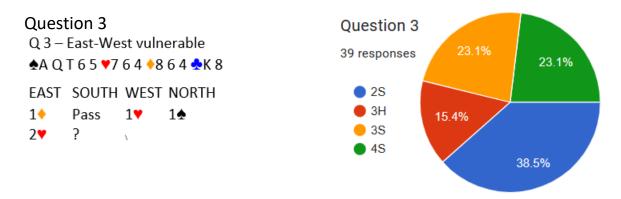


Bob Jones  $3 \div$  You probably want to be in 3NT if partner has a spade stopper, but don't bid  $2 \div$ . That shows a heart fit. Just describe your hand. Bid  $3 \div$ .

Steve Vogel <u>3</u> My partners and I play that a new suit bid by advancer following a pass by responder is forcing for one round. Partner can now rebid a 6-card suit, bid 3NT with a spade stopper or do something else appropriate.

Joe Muenks <u>2</u>★ I'll start with a cue bid to see what partner thinks. If they retreat to 3♥, I'll bid 4♥. (Note that I can't bid 3♣ since I play that as non-forcing meaning partner knows if I have a fine opener I might not have hearts when cue bidding.)

Somewhat old school. I prefer the "cue only non force" approach so  $2 \oint$  shows either an invitational raise or a GF with my own suit. I hope partner has a spade stopper for NT.

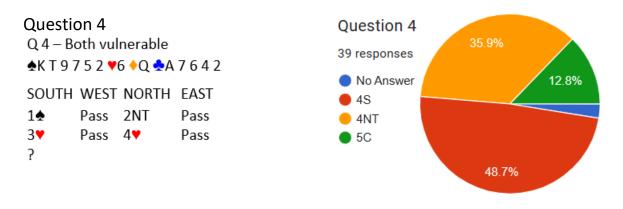


Bob Jones <u>3</u> Many would have overcalled with this hand. We applaud your pass, but don't go wild now. This hand is worth an invitation, so bid 3<sup>®</sup> to show that.

Steve Vogel <u>3</u> My partners and I play that a cuebid of the higher of the opponents' suits shows 4+ card support and a limit raise (a cuebid of the lower suit shows 3-card support and a limit raise).

Joe Muenks <u>3</u> I'll start with a cue bid to announce some strength before driving to 4. I want partner to double at the 5 level if they choose (but if I jump to 4. now, she won't know to double or bid on). Also, my partners overcall with a good suit or good values. We know partner has strength given her suit is lacking.

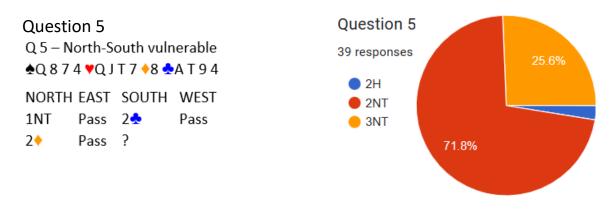
Steve Moese <u>3</u> So far this is an 18 Trump hand (we have 10 and they have 8). That means if we make 9 tricks, they make 9 tricks. We go positive if they pass, double or bid 4♥. I like that parlay. 4♠ risks going negative when they go down. If I had a red suit singleton I bid 4♠ not 3. Two low tripletons in the red suits are a warning. If west bids game over 3♠ we pass. We bid to the level we wish to preempt immediately. We do not rescue the opponents. I do not fault many who bid 4♠ here.



Bob Jones  $4 \bigstar$  This hand has potential but leave further adventures to partner. Bid  $4 \bigstar$ .

Steve Vogel <u>4NT</u> Despite my questionable opener, once partner shows 4+ card support and slam interest by showing the Ace of Hearts, I believe we are odds-on favorites for a small slam, and grand slam is possible. If partner (who is unlimited) has 3 Aces and the King of clubs, I plan to bid grand slam. Unfortunately, I do not have the tools to uncover a singleton club in partner's hand along with checking for keycards.

Steve Moese 4 Partner denies first or second round control of the minor suits with their heart control bid. We have a control in both, but appear to have 2 minor suit losers. I envision partner's hand to be AQJx AKx J10xx Q9x or something similar. Effective cue bidding shows Aces or Kings up the line. With AQJx Axxx KJ10x Kx I expect partner to launch the keycard ask. With either AQJx Axx Axxx Qx or AQJx Axx Jx KJxx I expect a minor suit control bid, not 4.

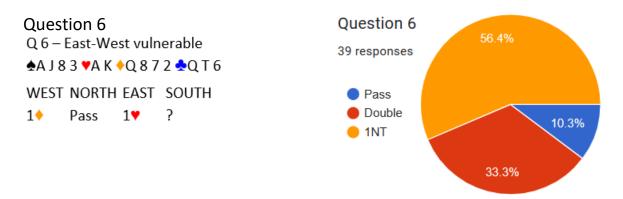


Bob Jones **<u>3NT</u>** This hand is too good to invite. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel <u>**3NT**</u> I have 9 HCP and great intermediates. The one drawback is a singleton diamond, but that could doom 2NT as well as 3NT. At imps, I would bid 3NT without question. At matchpoints, this is a closer decision. Still, I value this hand at 10 points, so I would choose to bid game.

Joe Muenks **<u>2NT</u>** In teams just bid 3NT, but in pairs make your invite. I'm sure Billy is valuing up given the heart run and AT9x in one suit, while others are explaining how often 15 occurs vs 17 (like 2 to 1), so I'll go middle of the road in pairs.

Steve Moese **<u>2NT</u>** Continue our original bidding plan. Invite.



Bob Jones <u>**1NT**</u> Bid 1NT. That shows the same thing even after both opponents have bid. Some use the bid as a weak take out, but what do you do with a good hand like this?

Steve Vogel <u>**1NT**</u> I have stoppers in both of the opponents' suits, and I prefer to limit my hand so partner can have the most information for competitive bidding, which is why I would choose a 1NT overcall over a more ambiguous double.

Joe Muenks <u>X</u> With most partners I'm stuck doubling and passing the response, lacking 17 support pts. But, curiously, playing with new players OR expert partners I'll bid 1NT natural here showing a good NT opener with values in their suits.

Steve Moese **<u>1NT</u>** A natural overcall. Sandwiches bids belong to passed hands.

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Bob Jones	2NT	3	3♥	4♠	3NT	1NT				
Steve Vogel	2NT	3📌	3♥	4NT	3NT	1NT				
Joe Muenks	2NT	2♠	3♥	4NT	2NT	Х				
Steve Moese	2NT	2 <b>♠</b>		4 <b>♠</b>	2NT	1NT				
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Al Venosa	Х	3秦	2♠	4NT	3NT	Pass				
AnnR	Х	3	3♠	4♠	2♥	1NT				
Bob K	Х	3😓	3♥	4NT	2NT	1NT				
Carl Willig	2NT	3	2♠	5😓	3NT	Х				
Carol Wilson	Pass	3📌	2♠	4♠	2NT	Х				
Cathy W	Х	3😓	4♠	4NT	2NT	Х				
Cecilia	Х	3♠	2♠	N/A	3NT	1NT				
Chuck	30	3😓	2♠	4♠	2NT	1NT				
Dave	Х	3😓	4♠	4NT	2NT	1NT				
Dean Congbalay	2NT	2♠	4♠	4NT	2NT	Pass				
Doug Edwards	Pass	Pass	2♠	4NT	2NT	Х				
Ed	Х	3😓	2♠	5😓	2NT	Х				
Gary Busch	Х	3📌	2♠	4NT	2NT	Х				
Greg	Х	3📌	3♠	5🔶	2NT	1NT				
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Martha	Pass	3🛧	4♠	4♠	2NT	1NT				
Mike Burns	Х	Pass	2♠	4NT	2NT	Х				
Mónica	2NT	2♠	3♥	4♠	2NT	1NT				
Nell Wickstrom	Х	3♥	3♠	4♠	2NT	Х				
Pete Outcalt	Pass	3♥	4♠	4♠	2NT	Pass				
Phyllis	Pass	Pass	2♠	4♠	3NT	1NT				
Rick Read	Х	4♥	2♠	4♠	2NT	Х				
Rod	Х	3📌	3♠	5😓	2NT	1NT				
Steve Messinger	Х	Pass	3♥	4NT	2NT	Х				
Sue	Х	3🛧	2♠	5😓	2NT	1NT				
Vijay	Х	3🛧	3♠	4♠	2NT	1NT				
Zigang Pan	2NT	2♠	2♠	4♠	2NT	Х				

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Gary Busch	X		3		24		4NT		2NT		X	
Greg	X		34		34		5		2NT		1NT	
James D	X		3.		3♠		4NT		3NT		1NT	
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