

Bob Jones August 12 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE AUGUST 12, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠J ♥K Q 8 7 5 4 2 ♦A 7 ♣Q J 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

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What is your rebid?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠9 ♥A K J 6 4 ♦K Q 2 ♣T 8 7 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K J ♥T 9 6 3 ♦A K 8 7 5 ♣A K

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

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What is your rebid?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠T 8 5 ♥K ♦A K 7 5 ♣A 7 6 4 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

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What is your rebid?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠Q 8 5 ♥A K T 7 5 ♦A K Q 5 ♣8

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

?

What is your rebid?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J T 8 5 ♥A K Q 6 ♦K 8 ♣A J 8

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass

?

What is your rebid?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

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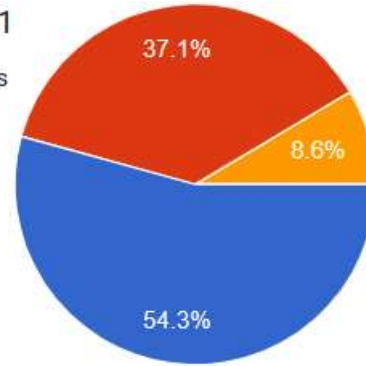
Question 1

35 responses

● 3H

● 2H

● 4H



Bob Jones 2♥ It's nice to have seven, but this hand isn't good enough for 3♥. Bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel 3♥ To me, it is choice of a 2♥ or 3♥ rebid. When making the choice, I like to think of what I need from partner to make game. In this case, as little as the ♥J, ♦K and ♣K (7points) would likely produce game. Now that's a perfect 7 points, but other holdings would work too. I also think a 2♥ rebid would undersell this 5-loser hand. I like to be aggressive with invites on offensively oriented hands.

Joe Muenks 2♥ You're at an absolute max for the bid, but shortness in partner's suit isn't exciting and the 8 being your 3rd highest heart means that even with 7 you need something from partner like the singleton ten for this to be a great trump suit.

Bob Fisk 3♥ Rebidding 2♥ isn't wrong, but 3♥ seems better. I need partner to hold xxxx xx Kxx KTxx to make game as long as Hearts are 2-2 and as long as nobody is ruffing a Club. Of course partner is passing 3♥ with that hand, but that doesn't make my hand worth a 4♥ rebid. That would be cray cray (as the kids say).

Steve Moese 2♥ We need invitational values from partner to make a game in hearts. We won't want to be much higher if partner holds Qxxx x Qxxx J10xx

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠T 8 5 ♥K ♦A K 7 5 ♣A 7 6 4 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

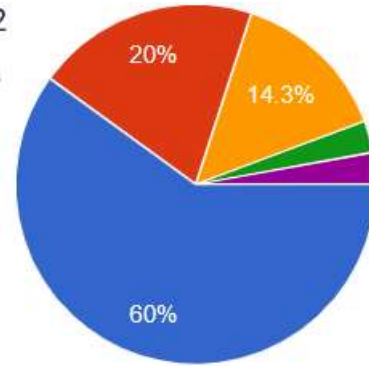
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

?

Question 2

35 responses

- 1NT
- 2C
- 2D
- 1S
- 3NT



Bob Jones **1NT** A 1NT rebid shows a balanced hand, but a singleton honor in partner's suit is OK. Bid 1NT.

Steve Vogel **1NT** It is rare that I would choose a 1NT rebid with a singleton in partner's suit, but I like it better than the options. The hand is not strong enough to reverse into 2♦ and the weakness of the club suit also speaks to avoiding rebidding it. Given the singleton is the ♥K, I would go with 1NT. If the ♥K were instead the ♠K, I would then have chosen to open this hand with 1♦ due to the rebid issue over a 1♥ response.

Joe Muenks **2♣** Admittedly I'm a 1♦ opener on a hand like this with nice powerful diamonds whereby I rebid 2♣ showing 8 of my cards, rather than this sequence showing only 6 of my cards and I don't even have the 6th club I show. Ack.

Bob Fisk **1♠** This is a bit eccentric, but it's certainly not the worst bid I've ever made. If partner rebids 1NT over 1♠, well that's fine. If partner raises to 2♠, we're almost certain to make it, since I can ruff partner's losing Hearts in my hand (i.e., the hand with surprisingly short trump). 2♣ comes in second, but I'm not going to like that much if partner holds KQJx Txxx Qxx xx. I'll take my +140 in 2♠, thank you. :o)

Steve Moese **2♣** Far too weak for a reverse into 2♦, we have to pinch out nose and rebid clubs. Some would have opened 1♦ given the better suit quality, avoiding this rebid problem. We want better spades to rebid a 3-card suit here. Resist rebidding 1NT with a singleton or void in partner's Major.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠9 ♥AKJ64 ♦KQ2 ♣T874

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

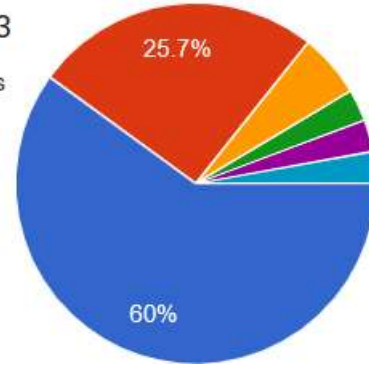
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1NT Pass ?

Question 3

35 responses

- 2D
- 2C
- 2H
- 3C
- 2NT
- 3H



Bob Jones **2♣** 3NT is not appealing. Bid 2♣ – New Minor Forcing – and see if partner has 3-card heart support. You will bid 3NT next if he doesn't.

Steve Vogel **2♦** (XYZ) With 13 HCP, I will first force to game with 2♦ (XYZ), after which we can search for the best landing spot.

Joe Muenks **2♦** XYZ, forcing to game and letting partner show 3 hearts if they have them. Playing new minor forcing, instead, bid 2♣, which also asks partner to support with 3.

Bob Fisk **2♦** (XYZ). If you don't already play XYZ, then you should learn it and add it to your convention card by the time you finish reading this sentence. Assuming you did that, you now know that 2♦ is artificial and game forcing, and you and your partner have all the time in the world to decide on your best game (4♥ - xx Qxx Axxx KQJx, 3NT - AQJ Qx Axxx xxxx, 5♦ - xxx xx AJxxx AKQ, or 5♣ - xxx xx AJxx AKQx).

Steve Moese **2♦** (Playing XYZ or 2-way New Minor Forcing) we make a low level game forcing bid, allowing partner to support Hearts with 3 cards there.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠Q 8 5 ♥A K T 7 5 ♦A K Q 5 ♣8

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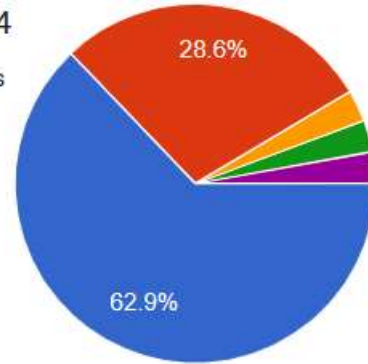
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

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Question 4

35 responses

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



Bob Jones 2♦ Too strong for 2♠ and not enough spades for 3♠. Bid 2♦.

Steve Vogel 2♦ If I jump shift to 3♦, how will I know what to do if partner bids 3NT? He/she may be counting on me for something in clubs and have no better rebid with 4 spades and say, 4 small clubs. I am also a spade short for any jump bid in spades. I am not happy with this rebid, but I would choose to rebid 2♦ and hope partner does not pass. If I get another chance, I would then show partner spade support to complete my distribution while also showing extra strength.

Joe Muenks 3♦ We always jump shift as opener at the 2nd turn with 19 forcing game (unless we jump to 2NT with 18-19 square). But every once in awhile there is an 18 or less that will play so well that we force game without 19, like here.

Bob Fisk 3♦ My hand got much better when partner bid 1♠. 3♦ is natural and game forcing. Our most likely game is 4♠, but our most likely slam might be 6♦ if partner holds a hand similar to AKxx xx JTxx xxx).

Steve Moese 3♦ Strong Jump Shift, intending to bid 3♠ if partner allows. 3-card support with a singleton in a 4-loser hand has few convenient rebids. (Some put the 18-19 Balanced hand into a different opening bid, and use opener's jump to 2NT to show this hand type - just sayin').

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠KJ ♥T963 ♦AK875 ♣AK

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

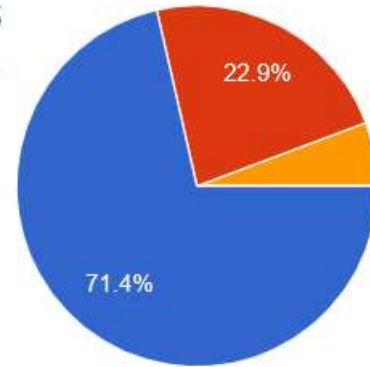
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

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Question 5

35 responses

- 2NT
- 2H
- 1NT



Bob Jones **2NT** Reverse auctions are awkward and you should avoid them when you can. Bid 2NT.

Steve Vogel **2NT** A balanced 18 HCP with a 5-card suit. 2NT seems to be a standard rebid to me. I would not consider reversing into this weak heart suit.

Joe Muenks **2NT** Ta-da, I did not read ahead, but here is one of those 18-19 hands now that jump to 2NT. 2♥ is ok as a reverse (4 hearts, 17+ pts, 5+ diamonds), but I like my clubs and hearts for NT and limiting my hand to a 2 point range will really help partner guide the rest of the auction.

Bob Fisk **2NT** I have 18 HCP, and my hand looks notrumpy (that's a word). Nailed it! If partner has five Spades and four Hearts, we'll still find our 4-4 Heart fit (don't panic).

Steve Moese **2NT** We have 18 HCP in a (semi)balanced hand. Save the 2♥ reverse for a hand with a singleton or void (and we hope better hearts). Shape matters - help partner know. Besides, you do use some form of checkback/New Minor Forcing, right?

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

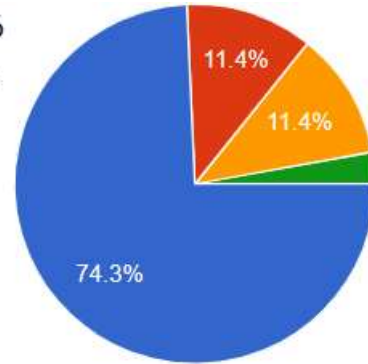
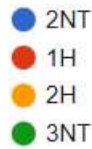
♠JT85 ♥AKQ6 ♦K8 ♣AJ8

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
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Question 6

35 responses



Bob Jones **2NT** Partner will check back later if he is interested in a major. Bid 2NT.

Steve Vogel **2NT** Again, a balanced 18HCP. I would not consider reversing into either major as such a bid would show longer clubs than the major, which is not the case here. If partner has a 4-card major, he/she can rebid 3♦ (conventional ask) to investigate.

Joe Muenks **2NT** Epls, 18-19 square. 95% agreement maybe.

Bob Fisk **2NT** My partners and I are Walshists (we won't hide a 4-card major over a 1♣ opener unless we have longer Diamonds and an opening hand or better). If partner's next bid is 3♥ or 3♠, we're going to be in slam (that's how we roll). Most likely, partner's next "bid" is going to be pass. Sigh.

Steve Moese **2NT** After 1♣ - 1♦ start, we rebid 1NT with any balanced hand holding one or two 4-card majors. Here we hold 18 HCP so 2NT is called for. Remember, partner's 3M rebid now is natural and slam seeking (we will accept) since 2M over our expected 1NT rebid would have been game forcing. Just sayin'.

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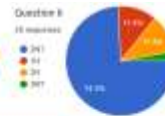
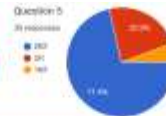
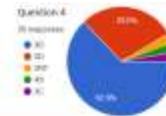
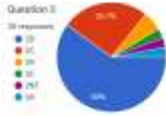
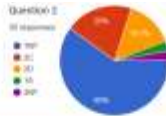
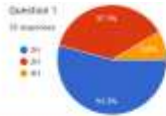
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Bob Jones	2♥	1NT	2♣	2♦	2NT	2NT
Steve Vogel	3♥	1NT	2♦	2♦	2NT	2NT
Joe Muenks	2♥	2♣	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT
Bob Fisk	3♥	1♠	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT
Steve Moese	2♥	2♣	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT

BF: I can't remember what I was going to say. :o\

Al Venosa	3♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2♥	2NT
AnnR	3♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT
Bob K	3♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT
Carl Willig	3♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT
Carol Wilson	2♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2♥	2NT
Cecilia	3♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT
Dave	3♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2NT	2♥
Dean Congbalay	3♥	1NT	2♣	2♦	2NT	1♥
Doug Edwards	2♥	2♦	2♣	3♦	2NT	2NT
Ed	2♥	2♦	2♥	2♦	1NT	2NT
George Kent	4♥	3NT	2♥	3♦	2NT	2♥
Greg	2♥	2♣	3♣	2♦	2♥	1♥
James D	2♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2NT	1♥
James Jacobson	2♥	1NT	2♣	3♦	2NT	2♥
Jan	2♥	1NT	2♣	2♦	2NT	2NT
Jay Gala	3♥	1NT	2♦	2♦	2♥	2NT
JohnMcQ	3♥	2♦	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT
Jon Hoak	2♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT
Kevin C.	3♥	1NT	2♦	3♦	2NT	2NT
Lanny	3♥	1NT	2♦	2NT	2NT	2NT
Linda	3♥	2♣	2♦	3♦	2♥	2NT
Martha	4♥	1NT	2♣	3♦	2NT	2NT
Mike Burns	3♥	2♣	2♦	3♦	2♥	2NT
Nell Wickstrom	3♥	1NT	2♦	2♦	2NT	2NT
Pam Campbell	4♥	2♣	2♦	3♣	2♥	2NT
Rick Read	2♥	2♦	2NT	4♠	1NT	3NT
Sue	3♥	2♦	2♣	3♦	2♥	2♥
Vijay Doshi	2♥	1NT	2♣	2♦	2NT	2NT
Zigang Pan	3♥	2♣	3♥	3♦	2NT	1♥
	3♥	1NT	2♣	2♦	2NT	2NT

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The Field



08/12/23	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>Question 1 33 responses</p> <p>Q1 - North vulnerable ♠10 ♣QJ 5 4 2 ♥A ♠10 J 3 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 3 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass</p> <p>It's nice to have seven, but this hand isn't good enough for 2♥. Do 2♥.</p>	<p>Question 2 33 responses</p> <p>Q2 - North South vulnerable ♠10 ♣K ♣A ♣K 7 ♣Q 4 2 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 3 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass</p> <p>A 2NT bid shows a balanced hand, but a singleton honor in partner's suit is OK. Do 2NT.</p>	<p>Question 3 33 responses</p> <p>Q3 - East West vulnerable ♠10 ♣K ♣A ♣K 7 ♣Q 4 2 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 3 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass</p> <p>2NT is not appealing. Bid 2♣ - New Little Forcing - and see if partner has 3-card heart support. You will see 2NT next if the contract.</p>	<p>Question 4 33 responses</p> <p>Q4 - Both vulnerable ♠10 ♣K ♣A ♣K 7 ♣Q 4 2 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 3 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass</p> <p>This strong for 2♥ and not enough spades to bid 2NT.</p>	<p>Question 5 33 responses</p> <p>Q5 - North South vulnerable ♠10 ♣K ♣A ♣K 7 ♣Q 4 2 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 3 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass</p> <p>Reverse auctions are awkward and you should avoid them when you can. Do 2NT.</p>	<p>Question 6 33 responses</p> <p>Q6 - East West vulnerable ♠10 ♣K ♣A ♣K 7 ♣Q 4 2 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 3 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass</p> <p>Partner will check back later if it is possible it is major. Do 2NT.</p>	
<p>Bob Jones</p> <p>2♥</p> <p>2NT</p>	<p>Steve Vogel</p> <p>2♥</p> <p>2NT</p>	<p>Joe Munk</p> <p>2♥</p> <p>2NT</p>	<p>Bob Lick</p> <p>2♥</p> <p>2NT</p>	<p>Steve Morse</p> <p>2♥</p> <p>2NT</p>	<p>2♥</p> <p>2NT</p>	<p>2♥</p> <p>2NT</p>
<p>100% Correct responses which I was going to do:</p>						
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Asch	2♥	2NT	2♥	2♥	2♥	2NT
Bob B	2♥	2NT	2♥	2♥	2♥	2NT
Carl Welling	2♥	2NT	2♥	2♥	2♥	2NT
Carol Wilson	2♥	2NT	2♥	2♥	2♥	2NT
Charlie	2♥	2NT	2♥	2♥	2♥	2NT
Dave	2♥	2NT	2♥	2♥	2♥	2NT
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Walter Pott	2♥	2NT	2♥	2♥	2♥	2NT