

## Bob Jones August 26, 2023 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE AUGUST 26, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A K T 9 8 6 4 ♥Q 9 ♦J 8 7 ♣6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q J 9 6 5 ♥A K Q J T 9 ♦Void ♣A 7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♦\* P ?

\*Weak

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A ♥Void ♦K Q 7 6 4 ♣Q J 9 8 7 5 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♥ ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K 4 2 ♥A J T 7 5 ♦7 6 4 ♣9 7

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ Dbl 1♠ ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠J T 6 4 ♥Q 6 5 3 ♦A Q ♣K J 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ 1NT 2♠ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q 7 5 ♥A 2 ♦J 7 6 3 ♣K J 7 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

Pass Pass 1♠ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

Be sure to qualify for the North American Pairs Championship. Qualifying games end in August. The District 11 finals are October 14-15, 2023 at the CBC. D11 finalists qualify for Louisville in 2024 and receive a travel stipend. Don't miss out!

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### Question 1

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

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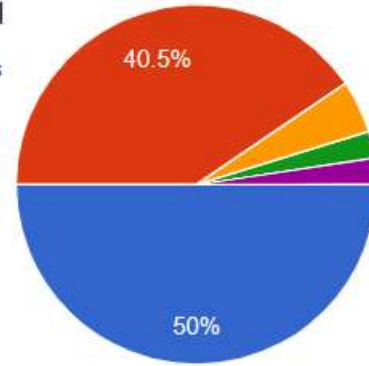
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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### Question 1

42 responses

- 1S
- 3S
- 4S
- 1H
- 2S



Bob Jones **3♠** Some 10-point hands with great suits are worth an opening one bid. This one isn't. Bid 3♠.

Steve Vogel **1♠** If not for the side suit queen and jack, I would open this hand with 3♠. It's not that those two cards add much offensive potential, but they do give me more defense than a 3♠ bid would suggest. After opening 1♠, I have an easy rebid of 2♠, so I have no concerns about rebid issues (which is often a reason for not making an opening bid). By the way, I do not open 7-card suits with a weak 2 bid.

Joe Muenks **1♠** Talk about minimums. I'll open this 1♠ and rebid 2♠. It passes the rule of 20/22, though barely. 3♠ seems too difficult on partner and 2♠ would be a gross underbid with 7 nice spades.

Bob Fisk **3♠** What else? This isn't a 1♠ opener, since I have what looks like one or two tricks on defense. If you open 4♠, it's too easy for the opponents to accidentally double you for penalty when they can't make anything. "I thought I was doubling for takeout partner! Good thing you forgot to bid! BWAHAHAHAHA!"

Steve Moese **1♠** This hand meets the Rule of 20 + 2 criteria for an opening bid. Note: preempts with AK might have too much defense for success. The hand does meet the rule of 2-3-4 for a 3-level preempt. I prefer to allow space for exploration. We do own the master suit after all.

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K 4 2 ♥A J T 7 5 ♦7 6 4 ♣9 7

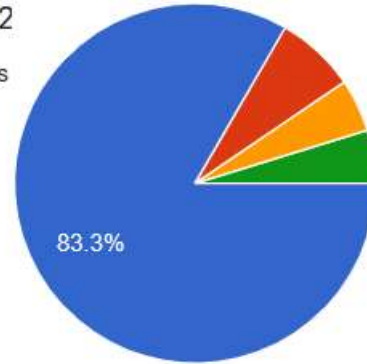
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ Dbl 1♠ ?

### Question 2

42 responses

- 2H
- Pass
- Double
- 3H



Bob Jones 2♥ Had East passed you would have jumped to 2♥. Don't jump now, as any bid shows values. Bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel 2♥ A very close call of whether to bid 2♥ or 3♥. My partners and I are aggressive in getting into the auction early, so our takeout doubles can sometimes be light. If that is the case, I do not want to punish partner my making an aggressive jump bid.

Joe Muenks 3♥ This is a very powerful hand now: 5<sup>th</sup> heart, well-positioned ♠K, partner's short diamonds, and the odds have increased that the clubs lie favorably with partner's honors behind openers'.

Bob Fisk 2♥ You love your hand on this auction, but that doesn't mean you need to jump to 3♥ to say "Hey, I love my hand on this auction!" Your free bid of 2♥ at unfavorable vulnerability accurately describes your hand. If the opponents bid on to 3♦, you'll be sorely tempted to bid 3♥.

Steve Moese 2♥ We have at least an 8-card Heart fit. Good to let partner in on the secret.

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### Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠QJ965 ♥AKQJT9 ♦- ♣A7

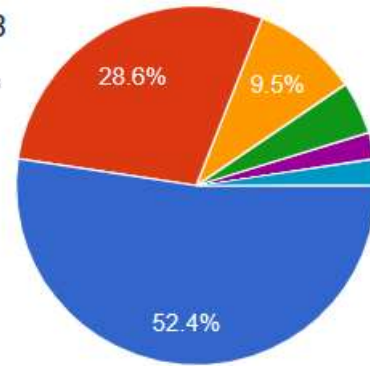
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♦ P ?

### Question 3

42 responses

- 2H
- 4H
- 2NT
- 3H
- 3NT
- 2S



Bob Jones 4♥ Don't try to be delicate. As little as the 10 of spades will give you play for game. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel 4♥ I am not concerned about missing a slam, as it is very unlikely that partner will have honors in both clubs and spades in addition to a reasonable diamond holding. That being the case, I feel my heart suit is strong enough to survive even facing a void, and there is no need to attempt to explore the unlikely case where spades might be a better landing spot.

Joe Muenks 2♥ I'm going to be bidding several times. I like partner to raise on a doubleton but if they do not this round, they can correct to hearts next round with 2 or we might end up in spades.

Bob Fisk 2♥ (Forcing). If partner has three hearts, they'll raise, and you'll bid game. If partner has a doubleton heart, partner will bid 2NT (by agreement), and you'll bid 4♥. If partner has a singleton heart and rebids 3♦, you can bid 3♠ (forcing), and partner will raise to four with three of them or bid 3NT with 2-1-6-4 shape, and you'll bid 4♥ hoping that partner's doubleton spade includes the ten. If partner holds AKx x xxxxxx Kxx, get a new partner.

Steve Moese 2♥ You do play new suits forcing, right? Start with hearts and rebid spades. Since partner knows you know he does not have a 4-card Major, partner will assume 5=6 shape. Nice.

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠JT64 ♥Q653 ♦AQ ♣KJ5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ 1NT 2♠ Pass  
?

### Question 4

42 responses



Bob Jones **Pass** Partner's aggressive bid will catch a good dummy. He would have doubled with a good hand. Don't spoil it all by raising. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Partner's 2♠ bid is not forward going. With a good hand and spades, partner would instead double the 1NT overcall. With this minimum balanced hand, I will pass.

Joe Muenks **Pass** So I just sat down at the table, unsure what my partner's name is and this sequence comes up. Partner denies 10 pts or a good hand and bids 2♠ to play EPLS. Note no alert, so this is Bob's point this week. Conversely, I am playing with a steady eddy partner who I know well. Partner has long clubs and a weak hand and has relayed me to 3♣ to play (had they had spades, they'd transfer with a 2♥ bid so the lead goes though the NT overcaller into my opening strength hand).

Bob Fisk **Pass** 2♠ was to play (i.e., it wasn't forward going). Partner has less than 10 HCP, so even if partner holds AKxxxx xx xxx xxx, you might not make 2♠ (i.e., two heart losers, one diamond loser, and two or three club losers).

Steve Moese **Pass** Partner chose to make a "to play" bid in the hopes of improving the contract. They did. Don't punish them by raising. Partner has fewer than 9 HCP and a good spade suit.

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### Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A ♥- ♦K Q 7 6 4 ♣Q J 9 8 7 5 4

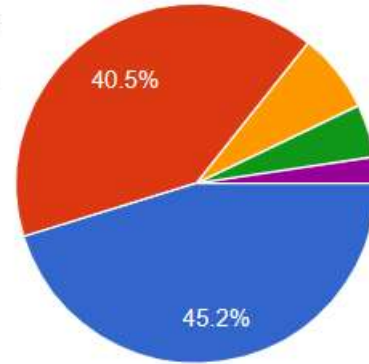
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♥ ?

### Question 5

42 responses

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



Bob Jones **2NT** Bid 2NT, showing both minors, at least 5-5. Plan on bidding clubs next, even at the five level if necessary, to show longer clubs.

Steve Vogel **2NT** If partner has as little as the K♣ and the J♦, we will make 5 of a minor (and there are other holdings that will work too). My clubs will typically be a better landing spot, but I believe it is best to start with an unusual notrump, planning to bid clubs later in the auction, if necessary. For example, if the bidding goes (1♥) - 2NT - (4♥) - P; (P) I would bid 5♣ to show longer clubs.

Joe Muenks **2♣** We hate to use our 2-suited bids with a 2 card length discrepancy, so we have to decide on 2NT now, hiding 2 clubs or hope we can bid 3♦ or 4♦ next. There is a real high chance this'll be at 4 of a major next time around. I'll trot out 4NT which will imply 5 diamonds and at least 6 clubs and about an opening hand (because 2♣ was an overcall not a preempt), so that's close.

Bob Fisk **4NT** (Both minors). Your hand is huge. Picture playing in 5♣ opposite xxxx xxxx JT Kxx. Hey, you made it. Nice picturing!

Steve Moese **2♣** Start with the 7-card suit and rebid the 5-card suit. I avoid unusual NT when there is a 2-card disparity between the suits. Will rebid diamonds next.

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### Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q 7 5 ♥A 2 ♦J 7 6 3 ♣K J 7 5

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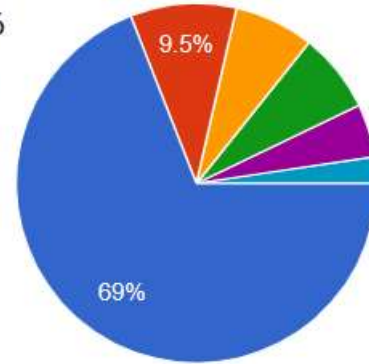
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass

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### Question 6

42 responses

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



Bob Jones **2♣** Should your partnership play the popular Drury convention, bid **2♣** to show a good raise. Failing that, bid **3♠**.

Steve Vogel **2♣** (Drury) My partners and I play that a **2♣** bid in this auction shows a limit raise with 3 card or longer support. Partner can rebid **2♦** to find out more about my hand, sign off in **2♠** or **4♠**, or make some other bid to describe his/her hand.

Joe Muenks **2♦** With most my partners I play a reverse-reverse 2-way Drury. Reverse Drury, officially, means opener rebids 2 of their major with the weak hand. 2-way just means **2♣** and **2♦** have different meanings, some play **2♣** is 10-12 and **2♦** is 8-9 each with 4 cards, some play **2♣** is 4 cards and **2♦** is 3 cards each 10-12. I do the latter, but reverse those meanings, ha-ha. Standard players bid **2♣** here.

Bob Fisk **2♣** (Drury). You'll pass if partner bids **2♠**, and you'll bid **2♠** showing exactly three spades and no shortness if partner bids **2♦**. Bridge is easy!

Steve Moese **2♣** Drury - showing an invitational hand with 3+ trumps. My favorite approach has opener signing off with a 2M rebid. **2♦** then accepts the invite and asks trump length and side shortness. Then:

2M shows a balanced hand with 3 trumps.

A simple new suit shows shortness there and 3-card support.

2NT shows 3M-(334).

3M shows 4M in a balanced hand.

Jump new suits show 4-trumps and shortness (Splinter).

If opener rebids **2♥** having opened spades, or **2♠** having opened hearts, they show 4+ cards and accept the game invitation. So, **2♦** tends to deny 4+ in the other major.

That frees up **2♦** directly to show a 4-Card Constructive Raise.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	3♠	2♥	4♥	Pass	2NT	2♣
Steve Vogel	1♠	2♥	4♥	Pass	2NT	2♣
Joe Muenks	1♠	3♥	2♥	Pass	2♣	2♦
Bob Fisk	3♠	2♥	2♥	Pass	4NT	2♣
Steve Moese	1♠	2♥	2♥	Pass	2♣	2♣

AnnR	1♠	2♥	2♥	Pass	2♣	2♣
Bob K	1♠	2♥	2NT	3♠	2NT	2♣
Carl Willig	3♠	2♥	4♥	Pass	2NT	2♣
Carol Wilson	3♠	2♥	2♥	3♠	2♣	2♣
Cecilia	4♠	2♥	2NT	Pass	4NT	2♣
Dave	1♠	2♥	2♥	3♠	2NT	2♣
Dean Congbalay	1♠	2♥	2♥	Pass	2♣	2♣
Doug Edwards	1♠	2♥	4♥	3♠	2♣	2♣
Ed	3♠	2♥	4♥	3♠	2♣	3♠
Gary Busch	3♠	2♥	3NT	Pass	2NT	2♣
Greg	1♠	2♥	2♥	3♠	2♣	2♦
James D	3♠	2♥	2♥	Pass	2NT	2♣
James Jacobson	1♠	2♥	4♥	3♠	2♣	1NT
Jan	1♠	2♥	4♥	3♠	2♣	2♣
Jay Gala	1♥	X	2NT	Pass	2NT	2♣
JohnMcQ	3♠	2♥	2♥	Pass	2NT	2♣
Jusie Clendening	1♠	Pass	4♥	3♠	3♣	2♠
Kathy	3♠	3♥	4♥	3NT	2♣	2♠
Kevin C.	3♠	2♥	2♥	Pass	2NT	2♣
Kevin H.	4♠	2♥	2♠	Pass	2♣	2♣
Lanny	1♠	2♥	2♥	3♠	2NT	2♣
Linda	1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT	2♣
Lynn	2♠	2♥	2♥	2NT	2♣	1NT
Melissa	1♠	2♥	2♥	4♠	2NT	2♣
Mike Burns	1♠	2♥	2♥	Pass	2NT	2♣
Mónica	1♠	X	2♥	Pass	2♣	2♣
Nell Wickstrom	3♠	2♥	2♥	3♠	2♣	2♣
Pam Campbell	1♠	2♥	2♥	3♠	2♣	2♣
Rick Read	3♠	2♥	2♥	4♠	3♣	3♠
Rod	3♠	2♥	2♥	3♠	2NT	1NT
Sally	1♠	Pass	4♥	3♠	2♦	3♠
Sue	3♠	2♥	3♥	Pass	2NT	2♠
Terri Mackey	3♠	2♥	2♥	Pass	2♣	3♦
Vijay	1♠	2♥	3♥	3♠	2NT	2♣
Zigang Pan	1♠	2♥	2NT	3♠	2NT	2♠
	3♠	2♥	4♥	Pass	2NT	2♣
	3♠	2♥	4♥	N/A	4NT	2♣



