

Bob Jones August 5 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE AUGUST 5, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠K Q 9 3 ♥T 8 6 5 ♦Q J T ♣9 8

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Dbl 2♣ ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T 8 6 4 ♥K ♦A 5 ♣Q T 9 7 5 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1NT* Pass 2♣ Pass

2♥ Pass Pass ?

*15-17

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q 7 ♥T 8 6 ♦A K Q 8 7 5 ♣K 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K ♥8 7 5 ♦Q 9 8 7 5 4 3 ♣K 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠K 7 5 ♥K 8 7 5 4 ♦T 8 7 4 ♣9

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ 2♣ ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A K T 8 ♥K 5 ♦9 7 6 ♣K T 9 6

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

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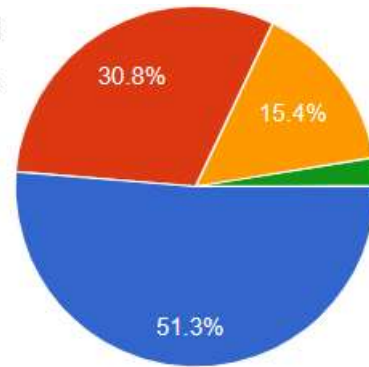
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Dbl 2♣ ?

Question 1

39 responses

- Double
- 2S
- 2H
- 3C



Bob Jones X Perfect hand for a Responsive Double. Don't guess which major to bid – Double and let partner choose.

Steve Vogel X With 8 HCP and both majors, I cannot pass, which would communicate to partner that I am weak. I am, however, not strong enough for a 3♣ cuebid, which would show 10+ points and ask partner to pick a major. Rather than guessing which major to bid at the 2-level, a double by me should communicate this type of holding, also asking partner to pick a 4-card suit. Over a 2♦ response, I would bid 2♥ to show both majors. I plan to pass any 2-level major bid.

Joe Muenks 2♠ We're likely competing for a partial and we're definitely bidding a time or two, we'll bid the higher suit first. A responsive double applies when they raise the same suit, but I reserve that when I do not have 4 of the "other" major, here either major, so like this same 8 HCP arranged Kxx, Qxx, QJxxx, xx, announcing values but unsure of strain.

Bob Fisk X Responsive double showing both majors and the values to take a call. This is about as weak as I'll be for this bid, but I have two Tens and tolerance (i.e., doubleton) for partner's suit. I rock.

Steve Moese X The classic responsive double showing the majors. We have values to compete. Reserve the 3♣ cue bid for a hand that's an ace stronger.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K ♥8 7 5 ♦Q 9 8 7 5 4 3 ♣K 6

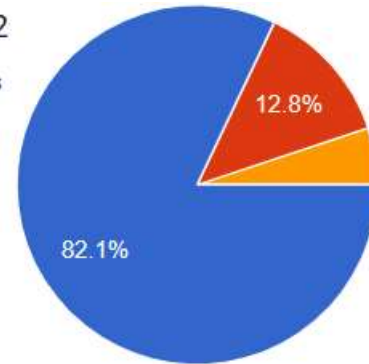
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Question 2

39 responses

● Pass
● 3D
● 2D



Bob Jones **2♦** Pass, 2♦, or 3♦? Any could be right and you have to judge your market. Most often we would choose 2♦.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Scattered honors and a poor 7-card suit do not add up to an unfavorable preempt. If the ♠K were instead the ♦K, that would be a different situation.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Vulnerable, with good heart support, I'll live to die another day. Perhaps partner will even open 1NT and our transfer system will land us in 3NT, or 3♦ if that is best.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Where do we start? 75% of my points outside of my long suit, three-card major which will make my hand a nice dummy if partner opens 1♥, unfavorable vulnerability. Ick.

Steve Moese **Pass** Don't even think about it. Unfavorable vulnerability is a poor time to try a speculative preempt in first seat unless you like -800+. The diamond suit looks more like a 4-card suit than a 7-card suit.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T 8 6 4 ♥K ♦A 5 ♣Q T 9 7 5 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

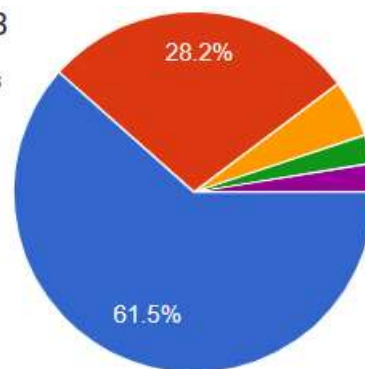
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

2♥ Pass Pass ?

Question 3

39 responses

● Pass
● 3C
● 2NT
● Double
● 2S



Bob Jones **3♣** An easy pass at rubber bridge, but you won't get many match-points defending at the two level. Bid 3♣.

Steve Vogel **Pass** This one is very close in matchpoints. I would not choose to make a bid in IMPs. The choices are whether to bid 3♣ or pass. If my ♥K were instead a small heart, I would bid 3♣. But with a wasted singleton King, I should now expect less from partner. I would choose to pass.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Whether you might double, the Garbage Stayman bid, the first time, hoping the ♥K is a key entry on defense is a good question. Asking whether to take them out of partner's 4-card suit when you hold the king and an outside ace feels icky since you may or may not go plus on defense but you sure can't go plus on offense at this point in the auction.

Bob Fisk **3♣** I'm not selling out to 2♥ at this vulnerability, despite the fact that partner is likely to have four Hearts. Partner is also likely to hold a doubleton spade, so let's give partner 2-4-4-3 shape. How about Jx xxxx KQxx Jxx? We lose two spade tricks (three if we don't get a ruff), one heart, and two clubs, down one or two. That's as weak as partner can be on the auction (17 to my left, seven to my right, and I have nine). Opposite that hand, the opponents lose no spades, no hearts, three diamonds, and no clubs (making four).

Steve Moese **3♣** Game forcing and natural. This hand is too good for a mere 2♠ invite. Partner will know what to do. We will raise a spade rebid to game in that strain.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠K 7 5 ♥K 8 7 5 4 ♦T 8 7 4 ♣9

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ 2♣ ?

Question 4

39 responses

● 2S



Bob Jones 2♠ Forget about hearts. When the auction gets competitive, support if you can. Bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel 2♠ This hand is not quite worth a 3♣ cuebid.

Joe Muenks 2♠ Note that you are at a max for this bid and might even compete further depending on how the auction progresses, particularly if West raises East.

Bob Fisk 2♠ 100%? You'd bid 2♠ if that lunatic on your right hadn't bid, so you'll certainly bid 2♠ now.

Steve Moese 2♠ Support with support. Besides, shortness (clubs) in the short trump hand is an ASSET not a liability. Treat this hand as a constructive raise.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q 7 ♥T 8 6 ♦A K Q 8 7 5 ♣K 4

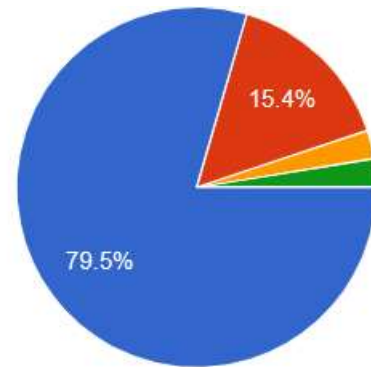
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Question 5

39 responses

- 1D
- 1NT
- 1H
- 1C



Bob Jones **1NT** You cannot be faulted for opening 1♦, but many modern experts would open 1NT, showing 15-17. We like it!

Steve Vogel **1NT** 1NT has a lot going for it with 6 expected diamond tricks and the likelihood of another trick on the side. Also, a 1NT opening has a decent preemptive value of keeping the opponents out of the auction. This is less likely when the opponents are not vulnerable, but still, I am not sure how to convey the strength of this hand if I would choose instead to open 1♦.

Joe Muenks **1♦** The archaeologists were looking for cavemen when they found one unwilling to upgrade their 6-card solid diamond suit due to 3 dead hearts and an unsupported queen. Grogg is going to open 1♦ and rebid 1NT over partner's major suit response.

Bob Fisk **1NT** If I open 1♦, and partner bids 1♠, 2♦ isn't quite enough and 3♦ isn't quite not enough (i.e., it's an overbid). Unless you have a 2½♦ bid in your bidding box, open it 1NT.

Steve Moese **1♦** Resist the temptation to open 1NT. We would prefer partner to declare a NT contract.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A K T 8 ♥K 5 ♦9 7 6 ♣K T 9 6

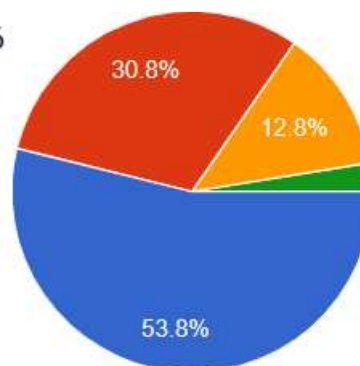
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ ?

Question 6

39 responses

- Pass
- 1S
- Double
- 2C



Bob Jones **Pass** This is the kind of hand to consider overcalling on a four-card suit. It's OK to pass, but bidding 1♠ is also OK.

Steve Vogel **Pass** The top choices are to overcall 1♠ or to pass for now and await developments. My partners and I strive to balance, especially when not vulnerable, so I see no need to act now with a 4-card spade overcall.

Joe Muenks **Pass** You can throw a 1♠ in here and if partner raises to 2 win the jackpot; or perhaps partner will be on lead and make the best lead, but more often than you might think you'll be able to get a balance or prebalance in later showing both black suits, doubling the chances you find a good partial. BTW we hate xxx in an opponent's opened suit when trying to value a hand.

Bob Fisk **1♠** If you aren't overcalling 1M on hands such as this one, that's fine as long as you aren't my partner. If you are my partner, overcall 1♠. You really want to bid, and doubling makes no sense unless you like playing in 4-2 fits. Overcalling 1NT is ridiculous with only 13 HCP, although you would if you had 15 (i.e., pretend that 976 is a stopper). If partner is broke, then the opponents are going to be playing the hand anyway, and you'd like a spade lead.

Steve Moese **1♠** Overcall on a 4-card suit with a good suit (check) and a solid opening hand (check) that has the wrong shape for a takeout double (check). The vote is 3-0 for 1♠.

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

SM: This week's STaC is over but the NLM Sectional at the CBC on Aug 18-20 is just around the corner. Be there!

BF: Did you know that there's absolutely no way to drive from Cincinnati to Ft. Wayne? I think I ended up driving through some guy's yard to get there.

Al Venosa	2♥	3♦	3♣	2♠	1♦	Pass
AnnR	X	Pass	2NT	2♠	1♦	Pass
Bob K	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	X
Carl Willig	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	X
Carol Wilson	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	Pass
Dave	2♠	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	2♣
Dean Congbalay	2♠	2♦	Pass	2♠	1NT	Pass
Doug Edwards	2♥	Pass	2NT	2♠	1♦	Pass
Ed	2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	X
George Kent	2♠	Pass	3♣	2♠	1♦	1♠
Greg	2♠	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	Pass
James D	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	1♠
James Jacobson	2♠	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	X
Jim Barrett	2♠	3♦	3♣	2♠	1♥	X
Joanne	X	3♦	2♠	2♠	1♦	Pass
JohnMcQ	2♠	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	1♠
Jon Hoak	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1NT	1♠
Jusie Clendening	2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	1♠
Kevin C.	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	Pass
Kevin H.	X	Pass	3♣	2♠	1♦	1♠
Lanny	X	3♦	Pass	2♠	1♦	Pass
Linda	X	Pass	3♣	2♠	1♦	Pass
Mike Burns	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	1♠
Mónica	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	Pass
Nell Wickstrom	2♥	Pass	3♣	2♠	1♦	Pass
Pam Campbell	3♣	Pass	X	2♠	1♦	Pass
Pete Outcalt	2♠	Pass	3♣	2♠	1♦	Pass
Rick Read	2♠	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	1♠
Rod	2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠	1NT	Pass
Sue	X	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	1♠
Vijay Doshi	X	Pass	3♣	2♠	1♦	Pass
Zigang Pan	2♠	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♦	Pass
	X	3♦	Pass	2♠	1♦	Pass
	2♠	Pass	Pass	2♠	1♣	1♠

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The Field

Question 1
21 responses



Question 2
21 responses



Question 3
21 responses



Question 4
21 responses



Question 5
21 responses



Question 6
21 responses



08/05/23	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	X	2x	2x	2x	INT	Pass
Steve Vogel	X	Pass	Pass	2x	INT	Pass
Tom Merkle	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	Pass
Bob Fish	X	Pass	2x	2x	INT	2x
Steve Moore	X	Pass	2x	2x	2x	2x
<p>All: The event's Q&A is over but the Q&A Session at the Q&A on Aug. 10, 2023 is still in progress. Be there!</p> <p>BT: You can see all your answers, so you can see how you did. What? I think I need to study through. Some you need to get them.</p>						
Al Venosa	2x	3x	2x	2x	2x	Pass
Amel	X	Pass	INT	2x	2x	Pass
Bob K	X	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	X
Carl Willy	X	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	X
Carol Wilson	X	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	Pass
Dave	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	2x
Dean Longbrake	2x	2x	Pass	2x	INT	Pass
Doug Edwards	2x	Pass	INT	2x	2x	Pass
Ed	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	X
George Kim	2x	Pass	2x	2x	2x	2x
Greg	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	Pass
James H	X	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	2x
James Robinson	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	X
Jan Bushin	2x	2x	2x	2x	2x	X
Jessica	X	2x	2x	2x	2x	Pass
Joh-Mich	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	2x
Jim Hink	X	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	2x
John Chelmsford	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	2x
Kevin C.	X	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	Pass
Kevin H	X	Pass	2x	2x	2x	2x
Larry	X	3x	2x	2x	2x	Pass
Linda	X	Pass	2x	2x	2x	Pass
Mike Davis	X	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	2x
Melissa	X	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	Pass
Bill Whitcomb	2x	Pass	2x	2x	2x	Pass
Paul Campbell	2x	Pass	X	2x	2x	Pass
Paul Chubb	2x	Pass	2x	2x	2x	Pass
Rob Neal	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	2x
Rob	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	INT	Pass
Sam	X	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	2x
Wayne Davis	X	Pass	2x	2x	2x	Pass
Zigzag Fox	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	Pass
	X	3x	2x	2x	2x	Pass
	2x	Pass	Pass	2x	2x	2x