

# Bob Jones December 16 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz  
GOREN BRIDGE DECEMBER 16, 2023

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠Void ♥A Q 6 3 ♦K J T 9 6 ♣K Q T 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Dbl Pass 2♠

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K J ♥K 3 ♦K Q T 7 6 5 ♣A Q 5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♥\* P ?

\*weak

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K 5 ♥A T 7 ♦Q J 3 ♣K Q 9 8 7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

2♦ Pass 3♠\*

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\*Smolen – game force with  
4 spades and 5 hearts

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠6 5 ♥K 9 8 5 ♦K T 7 6 4 ♣A 9

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠K J 7 4 ♥K 3 ♦A K T 6 4 ♣K 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A 8 6 3 ♥K 7 4 ♦A 8 7 5 2 ♣8

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1NT Pass

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What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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### Question 1

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

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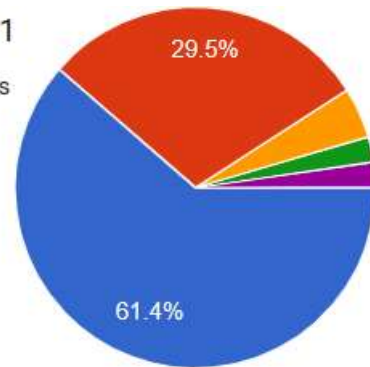
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1♦ Dbl Pass 2♠  
?

### Question 1

44 responses

● Double  
● Pass  
● 2NT  
● 3C  
● 3D



Bob Jones X You will probably not outbid them on this deal, but don't sell out too low. Double, for takeout of course.

Steve Vogel X The opponent's takeout double typically shows 12+ points and the jump response shows 9-11 points. In summary, the opponents have shown at least 21 points between them and I have 15 HCP. Partner likely has 0-4 HCP. Still, I have great intermediates as well as great distribution. Without both of these I would pass.

Joe Muenks Pass So, the opponents almost surely have a spade game but often they might miss it if we just leave them to their own devices.

Bob Fisk X I didn't pick up my hand to play in 2♠.

Steve Moese X Takeout with extras

Mike Ma 2NT X seems obvious, but the danger with this hand is that you have a spade void, and would not like seeing partner passing under duress, and your side defending against their 9-card fit. Especially since doubler may still have a good hand. OTOH, your partner can have 5 clubs and can't act over the initial double of 1♦. I am giving up on hearts (partner with both majors would probably have bid over 1♦ X), and hope partner will come with the right decision on which minor to choose. They will compete in spades anyway. Who knows, maybe my 2NT would find us a good sack in 5♣ over their 4♠.

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠6 5 ♥K 9 8 5 ♦K T 7 6 4 ♣A 9

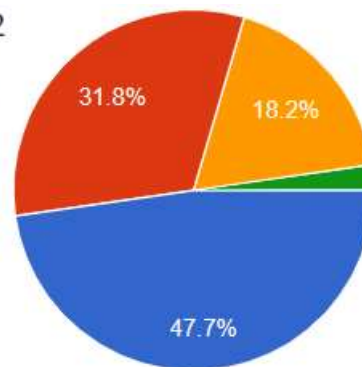
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ Pass Pass ?

### Question 2

44 responses

- Double
- 2D
- Pass
- 1NT



Bob Jones X Double. It is not perfect, but better than 2♦. Should partner bid clubs, pass and hope he has 6 of them.

Steve Vogel X My partners and I play equal level conversion, which means that if partner responds 2♣ to my double, I can bid 2♦, which shows diamonds and hearts but no extra values over a normal takeout double.

Joe Muenks 2♦ Depending on the system you are playing, you might double and pull 2♣ to 2♦, but in standard you can either balance your best suit or double and allow partner to bid and play in 2♣ if they don't bid a red suit. If opener bids 2♣ back to me, I can now back in with a double.

Bob Fisk X I play equal-level conversion with my partners, so if I double 1M and partner bids 2♣, I can correct to 2♦ without showing extras. Partner will suspect that I have five diamonds and four hearts. Partner isn't a passed hand on this auction (i.e., partner could easily have a balanced 13 count). Picture partner with Axx QJxx QJx Kxx, making 4♥ unless the opponents negotiate their diamond ruff.

Steve Moese X Borrow a king from partner and we must bid. Double is flexible. 2♦ on a ratty suit will get what it deserves. Consider playing Equal Level Conversion - if partner bids 2♣ you can then correct to 2♦ to show 4=5 in the reds.

See: <https://www.acblunit390.org/Simon/bob-equal-level.htm>

Mike Ma X The prevalent wisdom is you "borrow" a king from partner when you balance. So I have enough to X. What if partner bids 2♣? I will bid 2♦ equal level conversion, not showing extra. I Partner would know I have this shape or similar. I would like my diamonds to be better, but you can't always have the perfect hand.

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### Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠KJ ♥K3 ♦KQT765 ♣AQ5

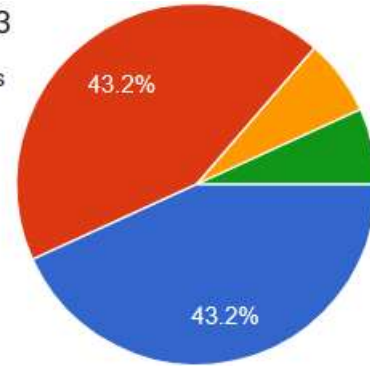
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♥ P ?

### Question 3

44 responses

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



Bob Jones **4♥** Don't dream about a slam. Even game might be difficult to make. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel **2NT** (Ogust) Partner's first position favorable vulnerability weak two bids can be pretty light, so I do not want to automatically bid 4♥. If partner responds 3♣, I will rebid 3♥. Otherwise, I will bid 4♥.

Joe Muenks **2NT** I'll ask about partner's hand before deciding my next move. Unsure if you are tired reading history lessons, but in the 1990's we won't have 2 aces to preempt so we'd just bid 4♥ now.

Bob Fisk **2NT** If partner shows a bad suit with a bad hand (Ogust), I'll sign off in 3♥. Any other answer, and we're in game. Picture Qxx QJTxxx x Kxx.

Steve Moese **2NT** if partner has a good hand, we bid 4♥. If they have a good suit, we still bid 4♥. If they open weak twos like I do, we go down in 3♥. 😊

Mike Ma **3NT** My choices include 2NT Ogust, 3♦ (forcing), 4♥, and 3NT. I am certainly not passing with a Mel 19 (hcp + number of hearts) including trump king. Problem is white vs red, 2♥ may often be 5-card suit and/or bad suit. If opener has a good suit (6 with 2 of top 3), I actually want to play 3NT counting on 6 heart tricks, giving me 8 on a spade lead. If opener has 5, I would want to be in NT. If he has bad 6, I probably want to play 4♥. But I have no way of finding out 5 vs 6 unless I play 5-card Ogust, so I just bid 3NT. If it bad at least it is painless for partner. By the way, if you open 5-card weak 2 often, you may consider playing 5-card Ogust.

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠K J 7 4 ♥K 3 ♦A K T 6 4 ♣K 5

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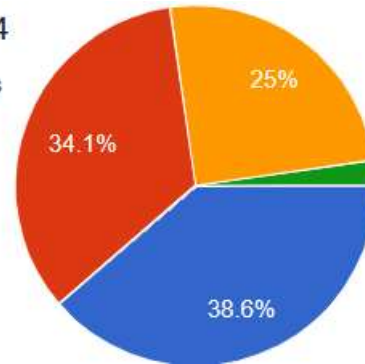
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

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### Question 4

44 responses

- 1S
- 2S
- 2NT
- 1NT



Bob Jones **1♠** This hand is strong enough to rebid 2NT, but the distribution is slightly off. Bid 1♠.

Steve Vogel **2NT** My hand values out to 18 points, and with my balanced distribution, I prefer a rebid of 2NT over a reverse to 2♠ which would imply an unbalanced hand. If partner has 4♠, he/she can check back for a fit with a 3♦ bid over 2NT.

Joe Muenks **1♠** I play 2♠ is a game force. Given we might be in a mismatch, I'll make the bid showing 12-18 and is nearly forcing instead.

Bob Fisk **2♠** I play this as a reverse—not a game-forcing jump shift. I'd rather have more flexibility in bidding, so I don't need more game-forcing bids. I like to play that partner's rebid of 2NT is the only forcing rebid partner has (i.e., 3♣, 3♦, 3♥, and 3♠ are all non-forcing). If partner does bid 2NT, I'll bid 3NT to show 4-2-5-2 shape. Bridge is easy!

Steve Moese **1♠** This 5-loser needs help from partner. If they rebid 1NT (5-9) we invite with 2NT. If they raise spades, we bid game. If they jump rebid in hearts, we bid 4♥. If they rebid 2♥, we choose to invite with 2NT.

Mike Ma **2NT** I assume I did not open 1NT because I upgraded my hand. With Kx in both my doubletons, opening NT seems natural to do with 4M and 5m. Given that, why should I change my mind now after 1♥? The best rebid by opener is one that sufficiently limits her hand on both low and high ends. A 1♠ rebid showing 12-18 or so is the worst rebid for responder to hear.

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### Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K 5 ♥A T 7 ♦Q J 3 ♣K Q 9 8 7

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1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

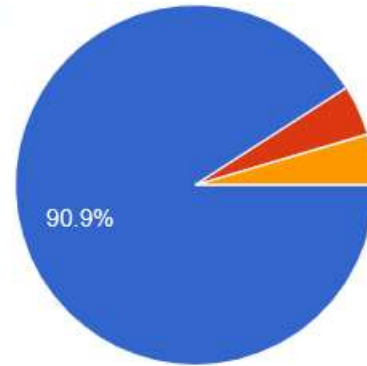
2♦ Pass 3♠ Pass

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### Question 5

44 responses

- 4H
- 4C
- 3NT



**Bob Jones** 4♥ Any bid except 3NT would show 3 hearts, but this hand is not strong enough for any bid but 4♥.

**Steve Vogel** 4♥ Given partner's expected shortness in diamonds, I would normally prefer 4♥ to 3NT (unless partner has the ♦A or ♦K, which I cannot know). Also, if partner is slammish, he/she is more likely to be encouraged by a heart raise.

**Joe Muenks** 4♥ Curiously we will bid an ace, agreeing hearts, along the way if we have one. Here we're happy to sign off unless partner makes a further move towards slam.

**Bob Fisk** 4♥ Partner showed four spades and five hearts. We have an 8-card heart fit, so 4♥ it is. If you rebid 3NT, I'm hoping that partner holds Axxx KQJxx x Jxx, and you take only eight tricks on a diamond lead. Heh.

**Steve Moese** 4♣ A control bid for hearts (cannot have 4 spades). Partner might be Axxx KQxxx x Axx and slam looks very good. If we simply bid 4♥ partner will face a difficult choice. Make partners choices easy.

**Mike Ma** 4♣ You are going to play in hearts, but at this point responder is still unlimited, so a wooden 4♥ raise would not be useful for her. With my major cards and my honor combinations in minors, I have a good hand for hearts in spite of only 15 hcp. I "cue" 4♣ showing that and let partner in on the "joke". The question is what to do over a 4♦ bid by partner.

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### Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A 8 6 3 ♥K 7 4 ♦A 8 7 5 2 ♣8

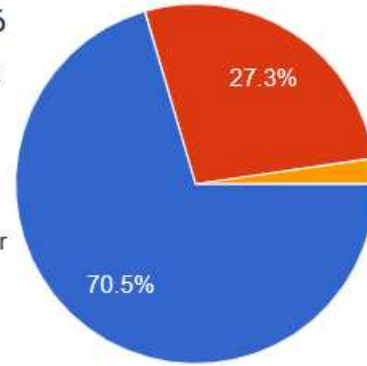
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1♦ Pass 1NT Pass  
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### Question 6

44 responses

● Pass  
● 2D  
● No Answer



Bob Jones **Pass** This had not gone the way you wanted, but what can you do? Pass.

Steve Vogel **2♦** Despite the likelihood that partner has a club suit, with this hand, I believe a diamond contract will often play better than notrump, and partner will have decent support a fair amount of the time.

Joe Muenks **Pass** We might make more diamonds since partner rates to have 3 more often than 2, but we'll likely score better in no trump.

Bob Fisk **Pass** What else? Partner holds xxx Qxx xx KJxxx.

Steve Moese **2♦** (though a pass in Match Points is ok). The worst shape partner can be is 3=3=2=5. (1NT often holds club length). Now imagine 2=3=4=4, where do you want to be?

Mike Ma **Pass** Even in these days of inverted minors, so that partner cannot make a single raise with diamonds, chances are high that partner has clubs. So the singleton is not a big worry if at all. If I bid 2♦, I deserve to find partner with 3=3=1=6.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	X	X	4♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Steve Vogel	X	X	2NT	2NT	4♥	2♦
Joe Muenks	Pass	2♦	2NT	1♠	4♥	Pass
Bob Fisk	X	X	2NT	2♠	4♥	Pass
Steve Moese	X	X	2NT	1♠	4♣	k
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Al Venosa	3♣	X	4♥	2♠	4♥	Pass
AnnR	X	X	2NT	2NT	3NT	Pass
Bob K	Pass	X	2NT	2♠	4♥	Pass
Carl Willig	Pass	2♦	4♥	1♠	4♥	2♦
Carol Wilson	X	2♦	2NT	2♠	4♥	Pass
Chuck	X	2♦	4♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Dave	X	X	4♥	2♠	4♥	Pass
Dean Congbalay	Pass	X	4♥	2NT	4♥	Pass
Doug Edwards	Pass	Pass	2NT	1♠	4♥	Pass
Ed	X	Pass	3NT	1♠	4♥	Pass
Gary Herrington	X	2♦	4♥	2♠	4♥	2♦
George Kent	X	2♦	3NT	2NT	4♥	Pass
Greg	X	2♦	2NT	1♠	4♥	2♦
James D	X	X	2NT	2♠	4♥	2♦
James Jacobson	X	2♦	4♥	1♠	3NT	2♦
Jay Gala	Pass	X	4♥	2♠	4♥	2♦
JohnMcQ	X	X	2NT	1♠	4♥	Pass
jon hoak	X	1NT	4♥	2NT	4♥	Pass
Kevin C.	X	X	2NT	2♠	4♥	N/A
Kevin H.	X	X	4♥	2NT	4♥	2♦
LA	2NT	Pass	3♥	1NT	4♥	Pass
Lanny	Pass	X	4♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Linda	X	Pass	4♥	2♠	4♥	Pass
Lyn	Pass	2♦	3♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Martha	X	X	4♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Mike Burns	Pass	2♦	4♥	2NT	4♥	Pass
Mike Ma	2NT	X	3NT	2NT	4♣	Pass
Mónica	X	X	2NT	2♠	4♥	Pass
Nell Wickstrom	3♦	Pass	4♥	2♠	4♥	2♦
Pam Campbell	Pass	Pass	2NT	2♠	4♥	Pass
Pete Outcalt	Pass	2♦	2NT	1♠	4♥	Pass
Phyllis	X	X	2NT	1♠	4♥	Pass
Rick Read	X	X	3♥	2NT	4♥	Pass
Rod	X	2♦	2NT	2NT	4♥	Pass
Sue	X	2♦	4♥	2♠	4♥	2♦
Vijay	Pass	Pass	4♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Zigang Pan	Pass	X	2NT	2♠	4♥	2♦
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