## Bob Jones December 9 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz GOREN BRIDGE DECEMBER 9, 2023
Q 1 - Neither vulnerable

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
Pass Pass 14 Pass
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What call would you make?
Q 3 - East-West vulnerable

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1* P ?
What call would you make?

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable
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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1NT* 2 ?
*15-17
What call would you make?

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable
\&QJT4『Q64*K76532 \& Void
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 - Both vulnerable

- A 73 -AT 874 8 752 5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1* Pass 1\% Pass
3\% Pass ?
What call would you make?

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable
\& A 6 V JT 764 K K 753 \& Void
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1v Pass 14 Pass
?
What call would you make?
Look for answers on Monday.

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## Question 1

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable
-975 Q 653 * 74 \& K T 4
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

Pass Pass 14 Pass
?

## Question 1



Bob Jones 2a This is close between $2 \boldsymbol{a}$ and $2 \boldsymbol{D}$ Dry, if you play that. We like $2 \boldsymbol{a}$. Do not go to the 3-level!

Steve Vogel 2人 This hand values out right at the border between a constructive raise and a limit raise. With only 3 small spades, I would choose to take the low road and raise to $2 \boldsymbol{\Delta}$. I would accept just about any game try by partner (except one showing shortness in clubs).

Joe Muenks 24 Playing standard or constructive raises, even with the $\boldsymbol{2}$ T and doubleton diamond, I'd take the low road and give the simple raise rather than show a limit raise.

Bob Fisk 2a 100\%? 1NT over 1a by a passed hand denies 3+ spades, and there's no universe where this hand is Drury worthy. If partner makes a game try, you'll happily accept.

Steve Moese 24 Lacking a gadget for a 3-card constructive raise we make a simple raise here. Would not fault an aggressive 2s as Dry an invitational hand with 3+ trumps.

Mike Ma 24 It seems the lighter opening bids become, the lighter limit raises also get. Not a recipe for success. You have an 8 -loser hand and 3 bad trumps. Just make a simple raise. If opener has 6 losers, she will make another move.

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## Question 2

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable
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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ?


Bob Jones Pass The taboo against opening a weak 2-bid with a side major is long gone. Still, when your long suit is weak and the side major is relatively strong, it is probably best to pass. Pass.

Steve Vogel Pass This hand is certainly not worth an opening 1-bid, and with good support for either major, I would not choose to preempt in diamonds (even if I had better intermediates).

Joe Muenks Pass Preempting now might lead to your side missing a good major suit fit, so we'll plan to get into the bidding next round when we have more information about the hand.

Bob Fisk Pass $100 \%$ ? If \#1 wasn't, then \#2 will be.
Steve Moese Pass The poor diamond suit and the 4-card Major argue against a preempt in diamonds. We like discipline in seats $1 \& 2$

Mike Ma Pass is this a joke question?

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## Question 3

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 14 P ?

Question 3
45 responses
$2 C$
$3 C$
$1 N T$


Bob Jones 20/3\% Make an invitational raise. whether that is $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ or in your methods. If you do not have an invitational minor-suit raise available, call an emergency meeting with your partner.

Steve Vogel 2 (limit+ raise) Another close one. Possible bids are 1NT, responding with a limit raise in clubs or even preempting in clubs. I would not choose to preempt (either to $3 \%$ or 4e) with my strength, but I also worry that partner may expect more high cards if I show a limit raise. Still, my 6th club swings my thinking to choosing to show a limit raise.

Joe Muenks 2e Or 3\& playing standard. This hand is worth 10 playing points however you like to count it. We'll bid minimally hereafter, such as bidding $3 \Leftrightarrow$ the next round when playing inverted minors, which shows only a limit raise in clubs, not more.

Bob Fisk $\quad$ 1NT This hand is too strong to bid 3 (weak) and too weak to bid 2 (crisscross to show invitational values). Partner, knowing you have at least four clubs, is free to bid 2* to play. If the opponents compete, you'll bid 3*. If partner rebids 2NT to show 18-19 HCP, you'll make whatever bid you have in your system to suggest a club slam. Picture partner with AQxx Ax Axx Axxx. Heh.

Steve Moese $3 \boldsymbol{j}$ I prefer the conservative preempt here - showing a hand suitable for 3NT opposite most 18-19 HCP balanced hands. Otherwise, I must make an inverted minor raise and that's a stretch too far.

Mike Ma $\quad \underline{\mathbf{2 e}}$ Give opener 4 clubs (I don't have the stats of average club length for opening 18), and you have a 7 loser hand (subtract one loser in clubs with a 10 card suit). Definitely too strong for $3{ }^{2}$ even if you play 5-9 (I play 2-5 in this vul). But you have no simple raise playing inverted minors. So it is 2 or 1 NT ( 2 NT too much for me). I think $2 *$ is better.

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Question 4
Q 4 - Both vulnerable

- A 73 ソ AT 874 \& 852 5



Bob Jones Pass A singleton in partner's long suit is no reason to be aggressive. Pass.
Steve Vogel 3V Even with a singleton club, I believe it is best to accept the game invitation given my 2 Aces (definitely in IMPs, but a much closer decision in matchpoints). My $3 \vee$ bid accepts partner's game invitation and offers a choice of games in case partner has 3-card support.

Joe Muenks 3- There are less sequences where responder same-suit rebids only promise 5 cards rather than the normal 6, but this is one of those sequences. Note that partner did not reverse so I'm not interested in trying for $5 \diamond$ as a contract, even if they have 4.

Bob Fisk 3V This is $10000000 \%$ forcing, so you might as well show your 5th heart on the way to game. Picture partner with Kx KQx x AKQxxx. What fun!

Steve Moese Pass Partner shows 15-17 and we don't fit clubs. To risky to bid more. $3 \boldsymbol{}$ here is GF. We don't have enough. Switch our clubs and diamonds and we bid on.

Mike Ma 3 Pass is too timid with 5 hearts and 2 aces in spite of your singleton club. You can bid $3 \upharpoonright$ (forcing), but if opener does not have 3, she will be stuck without stoppers in both diamonds and spades (Is 3\& asking or telling?). Fortunately you have a convenient $3 \geqslant$ bid here. With 3 hearts, opener can now bid $3 \downarrow$. Without, she can bid 3NT with a spade stopper and $3 \uparrow$ without. Who knows, maybe your 3 bid talks opps out of a diamond lead.

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## Question 5

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable
\& 86 KJ 95 - 987 K 863
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1NT 2 ?

Question 5
Pass
Double
3 C
responses
$64.4 \%$

Bob Jones $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \quad$ Charles Goren played a double here for penalties. Modern players use it for takeout. It's a good idea. Double.

Steve Vogel $\underline{X} \quad$ Well, we certainly have an abundance of close ones today. My partners and I play that a double in this auction shows "cards" and technically, I am a point short. Still, I hate to sell out when I have support for the other suits, and I will tend to take a chance.

Joe Muenks Pass Despite the 9 of hearts, lacking 8 HCP I'm not going to double nor am I going to turn a potential plus into a minus by being pushed into a 3 level contract.

Bob Fisk $\underline{X} \quad$ I play double as negative over 1NT-( $2 \diamond$ or higher). I'm a bit light on points with this hand, but it's a bidder's game.

Steve Moese Pass We need a working queen more to double. This hand is even too light for a negative double (that shows invitational values plus).

Mike Ma Pass I play penalty, so this is a no brainer for me. Pass is not forcing, but I do play a balancing system that allows us to know if they have a 8+ card fit or $7-$, which will help us decide whether to defend or find our partial. One advice, no matter whether you play negative or penalty X here, your balancing action must be consistent with it.

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## Question 6

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable
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| 1\% Pass $1 \mathbf{~} \mathbf{~}$ | Pass |  |
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Bob Jones 2 It is close, but this hand is not quite worth a $3>$ rebid, which would be forcing to game. Bid $2 \uparrow$.

Steve Vogel 2- The question is whether to rebid 2 and risk a possible pass by partner or to force to game with a jump shift of $3 \diamond$ and possibly overstate my strength. If partner is willing to pass $2 \triangleleft$, we are unlikely to make game. Also, given my lack of 2 honors in hearts and poor intermediates in diamonds, I would choose to rebid $2 \uparrow$. If partner does not pass, we also get the benefit of more room to explore the best contract.

Joe Muenks 2 It would be rare partner drops you in $2 \triangleleft$, so we'll start here and then bid more the next round.

Bob Fisk 2 I'm not good enough to rebid $3 \diamond$, and $3 \vee$ seems odd. $2 \diamond$ is rarely passed in an auction such as this one. I'll bid $4 \vee$ if partner rebids $2 \downarrow$.

Steve Moese 2 We don't have enough for 3 \& , and if the auction does stop here we are likely in the best spot.

Mike Ma 2 You have nominally 4 loser hand and your $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$ A has increased in value after 1 $\mathbf{A}$, but to count the upgrade and still count your spades as 1 loser is self-contradictory. You are still far from a game force jump shift. So it is between $3 \vee$ and $2 \downarrow$. I prefer the simple descriptive $2 \uparrow$. Partner knows you may have a hand just below jump shift value (although she won't think your heart suit is that good), and will strive to keep the auction open. You may have a slam in diamonds!

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| Bob Jones | 24 | Pass | 2/39 | Pass | X | 2 |
| Steve Vogel | 24 | Pass | $2{ }^{2}$ | 37 | X | 2 |
| Joe Muenks | 24 | Pass | 2\% | 39 | Pass | 2 |
| Bob Fisk | 24 | Pass | 1NT | 39 | X | 2 |
| Steve Moese | 24 | Pass | 3\% | Pass | Pass | 2 |

SM: Next week is the Royal STaC week at clubs in Districts 7,10, and 11. That means GIANT overall awards are across a GIANT field. Earn Gold/Red/Silver/Black points in equal measure. Support your clubs. Play every day.

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| Chuck | 24 | Pass | 20 | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| Dave | 1NT | Pass | 3\% | 3NT | Pass | 2 |
| Dean Congbalay | 24 | Pass | 1NT | 39 | Pass | 2 |
| Doug Edwards | 24 | Pass | 2\% | 3 | Pass | 2 |
| Ed | 24 | Pass | 2\% | Pass | Pass | 3 |
| Greg | 1NT | Pass | 20 | 39 | Pass | 2 |
| James D | 24 | Pass | 3\% | 39 | Pass | 2 |
| James Jacobson | 24 | Pass | 20 | Pass | Pass | 2 |
| Jan | 24 | Pass | 3\% | 3NT | Pass | 3 |
| Jay Gala | 2 | Pass | 1NT | 3NT | X | 2 |
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| Jon Hoak | 24 | Pass | 2\% | Pass | Pass | 2 |
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| Kevin C. | 24 | Pass | 1NT | 3) | X | 2 |
| Kevin H | 24 | Pass | 1NT | $3{ }^{4}$ | Pass | 2 |
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| Linda | 24 | Pass | 3\% | Pass | Pass | $3 v$ |
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| Mike Burns | $2{ }^{2}$ | Pass | 3\% | 3 | Pass | 2 |
| Mike Ma | 24 | Pass | 2\% | 3 | Pass | 2 |
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| Pam Campbell | 24 | Pass | 1NT | 3 | X | 2 |
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