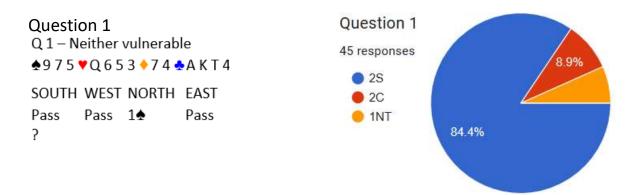
Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz Q 2 - North-South vulnerable GOREN BRIDGE DECEMBER 9, 2023 **♠**QJT4**♥**Q64**♦**K76532**♣**Void Q1-Neither vulnerable SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST **♦**975**♥**Q653**♦**74**♣**AKT4 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST What call would you make? Pass 1♠ Pass Pass What call would you make? Q3 - East-West vulnerable Q4 - Both vulnerable **♠**KJ6♥85♦62**♣**KJT764 **♠**A73♥AT874♦8752**♣**5 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1. Р 1. Pass 1♥ Pass Pass ? 30 What call would you make? What call would you make? Q 5 - North-South vulnerable Q 6 - East-West vulnerable **♠**86**♥**KJ95**♦**987**♣**K863 **♠** A 6 ♥ K J T 7 6 4 ♦ K Q 7 5 3 ♣ Void NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1NT* 2♠ ? 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass *15-17 What call would you make? What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.



Bob Jones 2♠ This is close between 2♠ and 2♠ Drury, if you play that. We like 2♠. Do not go to the 3-level!

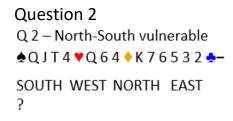
Steve Vogel 2♠ This hand values out right at the border between a constructive raise and a limit raise. With only 3 small spades, I would choose to take the low road and raise to 2♠. I would accept just about any game try by partner (except one showing shortness in clubs).

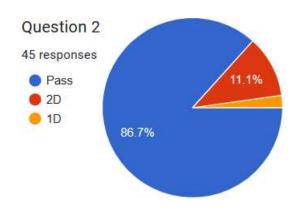
Joe Muenks 2♠ Playing standard or constructive raises, even with the ♣T and doubleton diamond, I'd take the low road and give the simple raise rather than show a limit raise.

Bob Fisk 2♠ 100%? 1NT over 1♠ 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 2♠ Lacking a gadget for a 3-card constructive raise we make a simple raise here. Would not fault an aggressive 2♠ as Drury, an invitational hand with 3+ trumps.

Mike Ma 2♠ 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.





Bob Jones <u>Pass</u> 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.

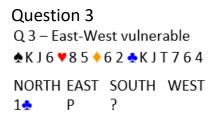
Steve Vogel <u>Pass</u> This hand is certainly not worth an opening 1-bid, and with good support for either major, I would not choose to preempt in diamonds (even if I had better intermediates).

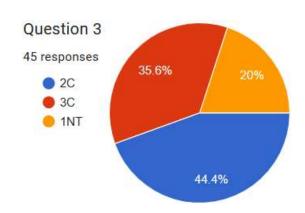
Joe Muenks <u>Pass</u> Preempting now might lead to your side missing a good major suit fit, so we'll plan to get into the bidding next round when we have more information about the hand.

Bob Fisk Pass 100%? If #1 wasn't, then #2 will be.

Steve Moese <u>Pass</u> 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?





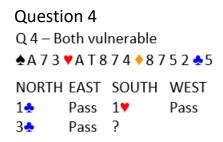
Steve Vogel (limit+ raise) Another close one. Possible bids are 1NT, responding with a limit raise in clubs or even preempting in clubs. I would not choose to preempt (either to 3 or 4) with my strength, but I also worry that partner may expect more high cards if I show a limit raise. Still, my 6th club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

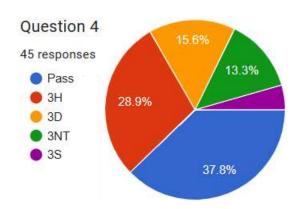
Joe Muenks 2 ○ Or 3 playing standard. This hand is worth 10 playing points however you like to count it. We'll bid minimally hereafter, such as bidding 3 the next round when playing inverted minors, which shows only a limit raise in clubs, not more.

Bob Fisk 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. 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 2 Give opener 4 clubs (I don't have the stats of average club length for opening 1 ♣), and you have a 7 loser hand (subtract one loser in clubs with a 10 card suit). Definitely too strong for 3 ♣ 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 1NT (2NT too much for me). I think 2 ♣ is better.





Bob Jones Pass A singleton in partner's long suit is no reason to be aggressive. Pass.

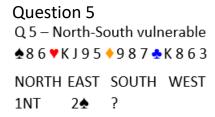
Steve Vogel 3 ven with a singleton club, I believe it is best to accept the game invitation given my 2 Aces (definitely in IMPs, but a much closer decision in matchpoints). My 3 verbid accepts partner's game invitation and offers a choice of games in case partner has 3-card support.

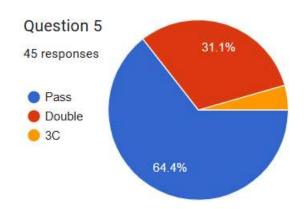
Joe Muenks <u>3♥</u> There are less sequences where responder same-suit rebids only promise 5 cards rather than the normal 6, but this is one of those sequences. Note that partner did not reverse so I'm not interested in trying for 5♦ as a contract, even if they have 4.

Bob Fisk <u>3♥</u> 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 <u>Pass</u> Partner shows 15-17 and we don't fit clubs. To risky to bid more. 3♥ 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 ♥ (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 ♦ bid here. With 3 hearts, opener can now bid 3 ♥. Without, she can bid 3NT with a spade stopper and 3 ★ without. Who knows, maybe your 3 ♦ bid talks opps out of a diamond lead.





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

Steve Vogel <u>X</u> 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 <u>Pass</u> 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.

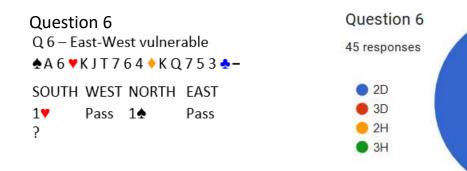
Bob Fisk \underline{X} I play double as negative over 1NT-(2 $\stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ or higher). I'm a bit light on points with this hand, but it's a bidder's game.

Steve Moese <u>Pass</u> 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.

15.6%

71.1%



Bob Jones $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ It is close, but this hand is not quite worth a $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$ rebid, which would be forcing to game. Bid $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$.

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

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

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 ◆A has increased in value after 1♠, 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♥ and 2♠. I prefer the simple descriptive 2♠. 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	2♠	Pass	2/3😓	Pass	Χ	2
Steve Vogel	2♠	Pass	2 😓	3♥	Χ	2
Joe Muenks	2♠	Pass	2😓	3♥	Pass	2
Bob Fisk	2♠	Pass	1NT	3♥	Χ	2
Steve Moese	2♠	Pass	3😓	Pass	Pass	2
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Al Venosa	2♠	Pass	2 😓	3♥	Pass	2
AnnR	2♠	Pass	3😓	Pass	Χ	2♥
Bob K	2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass	Χ	3♦
Carl Willig	2♠	2	2 😓	3♥	Χ	3♦
Carol Wilson	2 😓	Pass	3😓	Pass	Pass	2
Chuck	2♠	Pass	2😓	Pass	Pass	2
Dave	1NT	Pass	3😓	3NT	Pass	2
Dean Congbalay	2♠	Pass	1NT	3♥	Pass	2
Doug Edwards	2♠	Pass	2 😓	3♦	Pass	2
Ed	2♠	Pass	2 😓	Pass	Pass	3
Greg	1NT	Pass	200	3♥	Pass	2
James D	2♠	Pass	3♣	3♥	Pass	2
James Jacobson	2♠	Pass	200	Pass	Pass	2
Jan	2♠	Pass	3♣	3NT	Pass	3♦
Jay Gala	2♠	Pass	1NT	3NT	Χ	2
Jim Barrett	2♠	Pass	2 😓	Pass	Pass	2
JohnMcQ	2♠	Pass	2 😓	Pass	Pass	2
Jon Hoak	2♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass	2
Jusie Clendening	2♠	Pass	2 😓	Pass	Pass	2
Kevin C.	2♠	Pass	1NT	3♦	Χ	2
Kevin H	2♠	Pass	1NT	3♥	Pass	2
Lanny	2♠	Pass	34	3NT	Χ	2
Linda	2 😓	Pass	3😓	Pass	Pass	3♥
Lyn	2♠	2	2 😓	Pass	Pass	2♥
Martha	2♠	Pass	3😓	3♦	Χ	2
Mike Burns	2 😓	Pass	3♣	3	Pass	2
Mike Ma	2♠	Pass	2 😓	3	Pass	2
Mónica	2♠	Pass	3♣	3♠	Pass	2
Nell Wickstrom	2♠	Pass	1NT	3♥	Pass	3
Pam Campbell	2♠	Pass	1NT	3	Χ	2
Pete Outcalt	2 💠	Pass	3♣	3♥	Pass	2
Rick Read	2♠	1.	2 😓	Pass	Pass	2♥
Rod	1NT	Pass	2 😓	Pass	Pass	2
Sue	2♠	Pass	1NT	3NT	Pass	3♥
Terri Mackey	2♠	Pass	3♣	3♥	Х	2
Vijay	2♠	Pass	3♣	3	Χ	2
Zigang Pan	2♠	2	2 😓	3♥	3♣	3
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