Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz GOREN BRIDGE FEBRUARY 3, 2024 Q 1 – Neither vulnerable **♠** K ♥ K Q 6 5 **♦** A Q J 3 **♣** K T 8 6 ? WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 1🐣 Pass Pass ? What call would you make? Q 3 – East-West vulnerable **♠**K 4 ♥A Q 4 **♦**K 7 6 4 **♣**A Q J 7 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ? ? What call would you make? Q 5 – North-South vulnerable **▲**K 4 3 **♥**K 7 2 **♦** J 6 4 **♣** A 9 7 6 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 17 Ρ ? 1 Pass What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable ♠J 5 ♥A 9 3 ♦ A K Q T 6 ♠ K Q 4 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ? What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable ♠ 8 ♥ A K 4 2 ♦ A K Q 6 5 ♠ 9 6 3 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ? What call would you make? Q 6 – East-West vulnerable ♠ K Q T 7 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ T 9 5 3 ♠ 8 6 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass Pass ? What call would you make? Look for answers on Monday.

Question 1 Question 1 11.9% Q 1 – Neither vulnerable 42 responses **♠**K**♥**KQ65**♦**AQJ3**♣**KT86 Double WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 1NT Pass ? 2NT 1🔶 Pass 1D ) 1H 66.7% Pass

Bob Jones <u>X</u> 1NT, in the pass-out seat, shows 11-14. Start with double, planning to bid NT over partner's expected spade response.

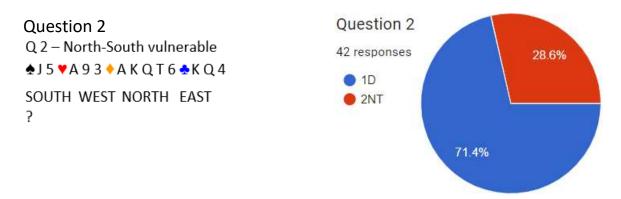
Steve Vogel <u>**1NT**</u> Overcalling 1NT (15-18) with a singleton king in a side suit is not optimal, but it is the best alternative with this hand. A takeout double is not acceptable with short spades and no 5-card suit, and passing with this strength is equally unacceptable. I would also not consider 2NT (unusual showing the red suits) with this strength and only 4-card suits.

Joe Muenks <u>**1NT**</u> It's a little chunky and a little off-shape but feels right. When partner transfers to spades I'll feign 2 and bid normally. The singleton king will play as well as 2 small, I'm sure.

Bob Fisk <u>2NT</u> (18-19 HCP). In balancing position, 1NT shows 11-14 HCP. If you hold 15-17, and your LHO has opened a minor, you can double and then bid 1NT over partner's expected major-suit response. With 18-19, you can bid 2NT immediately. Don't let your singleton spade affect your decision—is your hand really that much different than K2 KQ65 AJQ3 KT8? Don't answer that—it isn't.

Steve Moese X 1NT balancing in fourth seat is 11-14. Double then bid NT if partner bids spades. Otherwise we have a raise of their suit bid.

Mike Ma  $\underline{X}$  If partner bids 1 to my X, I will bid 1NT. In direct seat, I don't have a problem with overcalling 1NT with the singleton spade, but this hand is too strong for a balancing 1NT of 1.



Bob Jones **<u>2NT</u>** The 5-card suit makes this hand worth a promotion. Open 2NT.

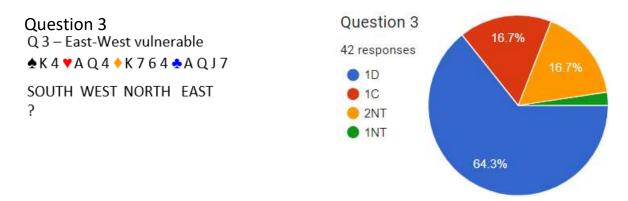
Steve Vogel **<u>2NT</u>** 19 HCP and a good 5-card suit translates to 20 points and a 2NT opener.

Joe Muenks <u>**2NT</u>** I do get a point from problem 1, right? Anyway, there are so many upgrades that this will play as 20. Also after partner's transfer, I want to keep this hand hidden.</u>

Bob Fisk **2NT** Compare this hand with J52 A93 AKQJ KQ4. The second one has 20 HCP, but the first hand is better, since you have a fifth diamond. Go ahead and upgrade this one and open 2NT.

Steve Moese 1. Intending to rebid 2NT. Yes, 2NT is a possible upgrade here, and I would do it except that bid will stop us finding a possible diamond slam.

Mike Ma **2NT** This hand cries for an upgrade to 2NT. Not enough for upgrading to 2 for me.



Bob Jones 1 ← No 5-card suit and no reason to promote. Open 1 ◆, planning to rebid 2NT.

Steve Vogel  $1 \neq$  I plan to rebid 2NT over partner's expected one a major response.

Joe Muenks 1 EPLS. Not so many upgrades this time, so let's open 1 and plan to jump to 2NT or raise 1NT to 2NT on this one.

Bob Fisk 1 was thinking that 2NT was going to be the answer to every question, but I was mistaken. You'll rebid 2NT over any 1-level response from partner. If your LHO (or RHO) bids a suit at the one level and your partner doesn't bid, you'll rebid 1NT showing 18-19 HCP. Bridge is easy!

Steve Moese  $1 \Leftrightarrow$  Standard. Some open  $1 \Leftrightarrow$  with 4=4 minors.

Mike Ma $1 \diamond$ This hand unlike the one above, is not worth upgrading. At our club,people open 1  $\diamond$  with 4-4m, so I do that planning on rebidding 2NT over 1M response.Hopefully, partner won't bid 1NT and wrong siding the hand with  $\oint xx(x)$ .



Bob Jones  $1 \\ \leftarrow$  Reverse auctions are awkward and should be avoided when possible. Can't avoid it here. Open 1, planning to reverse into 2.

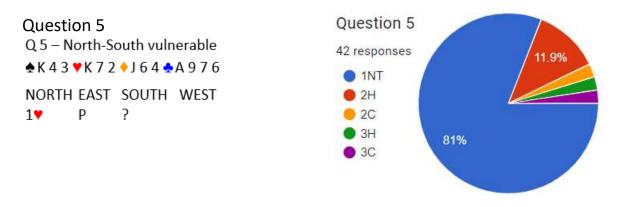
Steve Vogel 1 → With only 16HCP but top honors in my two suits, I view this hand as barely meeting the requirements for a reverse, and I plan to rebid 2♥ over partner's expected 1♠ response. If instead, partner bids 1♥, I would make a splinter rebid of 3♠. If my distribution were instead 2-4-5-2, I would choose to open 1NT.

Joe Muenks  $1 \leftrightarrow$  While an HCP short I like all my top honors in my suits so I'll plan my 2<sup>nd</sup> bid as a reverse over the expected 1  $\bigstar$  response.

Bob Fisk <u>1</u> • Not sure why this one is in here, since everyone (outside of the Precision players) will open 1 ◆. If partner bids 1♥ (ooo-la-la), bid 4♣ (splinter). If partner bids 1S or 1NT, you'll rebid 2♥ (reverse). Your hand is good enough to introduce your heart suit even if partner passes the first time. In actuality, I'd bid my hearts even if the auction goes 1♦-(Pass)-Pass-(Pass), although my opponents might call the director on that one.

Steve Moese  $\underline{1}$  The interesting question is whether we rebid a 2 reverse next or not.

Mike Ma  $1 \\ \bullet$  Opening 1NT with small singleton is not legal in less than 6 board round. And even if it is, this hand is suit oriented. Reverse into 2 over 1  $\pm$ . 1NT is the one bid you do not want to hear from partner.



Bob Jones <u>**1NT**</u> Modern tournament players would bid 1NT, forcing, planning to bid  $3^{\heartsuit}$  next to show an invitation with precisely 3-card support. Charles Goren would have bid  $2^{\bigstar}$ . Neither is wrong.

Steve Vogel <u>**1NT**</u> (forcing) Having 11HCP and 3-card heart support, my plan is to show a 3-card limit raise by starting with a forcing 1NT response, then jumping in hearts following partner's expected 2-level response ( $2\stackrel{\bullet}{\Rightarrow}$ ,  $2\stackrel{\bullet}{\diamond}$  or  $2\stackrel{\bullet}{\checkmark}$ ). I am not overly troubled by my 3-3-3-4 shape.

Joe Muenks <u>**1NT**</u> EPLS. How about a 1NT forcing followed by a jump in hearts for a 3-card limit raise in 2/1. In standard, bid 2<sup>4</sup>, then jump in hearts. We hate 4-3-3-3, true, but this is still 11 HCP so we must give a limit raise.

Bob Fisk Although it's probably anti-field, I can't bring myself to treat this as a 3card limit raise. Picture partner with Axx Axxxx Qxx KJ. That's a 14 count, and I have 11, so there's game, right? Um, nope. With these hands, we're losing one spade, one heart, and two diamonds. For you losing-trick counters, this one has nine. That's a lot. For the rest of you, your 4-3-3-3 shape with no Tens should get your attention.

Steve Moese **2** Yes we have 11 HCP. But we also have 9 losers. The 3=3=3=4 shape is discouraging. We can always accept a game try by partner.

Mike MaINTINTForcing 1NT. Surely a limit raise in spite of 3334. I don't have specialmethod for bidding 3-card limit raise, so I begin with 1NT and bid 3♥ next.



Bob Jones 2 This hand is a dead minimum, but you can't pass with 4-card diamond support. Bid 2.

Steve Vogel 2 With a definitive diamond fit, I believe it is a must to compete further despite my minimum holding, and knowing that partner has at most 2 spades. The greatest risk is that I may push the opponents into a makeable game or a better heart contract, but I view either of those as unlikely.

Joe Muenks 2 EPLS. Partner promises 4 diamonds now, so bid as low as possible in our known fit. (We only open with 3 diamonds when 4-4 in the majors, so when partner did not bid 2, she must have 4+ diamonds then.)

Bob Fisk 2 You know you have at least an 8-card diamond fit, so go ahead and bid again. You aren't showing extras—you'd double with a better hand.

Steve Moese 2 We have an 8-card fit. Let partner know. (Partner didn't bid 2 so they don't have only 3 diamonds. They can't be 4=4=3=2).

Mike Ma 2 I know partner has 4+ diamonds (we open 1 with 3 only if 4432), and opps have 7+ club fit. In the worst scenario, we have 8 and they have 7, where LoTT would still say not to defend (one side makes 2 and the other down 1, and we are NV). I have rock minimum, and partner does not even have 3 spades, but the +T9 is worth something. 2 is pretty wide ranging, so hopefully partner is not the type that would suddenly bid game just because I show a diamond fit (don't laugh).

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Steve Vogel	1NT	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Joe Muenks	1NT	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Bob Fisk	2NT	2NT	1♦	1♦	2♥	2♦
Steve Moese	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	27	2🔶
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Al Venosa	1NT	1♦	1😓	1♦	1NT	2🔶
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Bob K	Х	10	2NT	1♦	1NT	Pass
Carl Willig	1♦	1♦	2NT	1 🔶	1NT	20
Carol Wilson	1NT	1♦	1♦	1 🔶	1NT	Pass
Chuck	1♦	1♦	1😓	1♦	2♥	20
Dave	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	20
Dean Congbalay	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Doug Edwards	Х	10	2NT	1♦	1NT	Pass
Ed	Х	1♦	2NT	1♦	2😓	2♦
Gary Herrington	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
James D	Х	10	1♦	1♦	1NT	20
James Jacobson	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	Pass
Jay Gala	Х	1♦	2NT	1♦	3😓	2♦
Jim Barrett	Х	10	1♦	1♦	1NT	20
JohnMcQ	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Jusie Clendening	1♦	1♦	1😓	1♦	27	2♦
Kevin C.	2NT	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	20
Kevin H.	2NT	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Lanny	1♥	2NT	2NT	1♦	1NT	Х
Linda	Х	10	1♦	1♦	1NT	20
Martha	Х	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Melissa	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Mike Burns	Х	1♦	1😓	1♦	1NT	20
Mike Ma	Х	2NT	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
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Nell Wickstrom	1NT	1 🔶	10	1♦	1NT	20
Pam Campbell	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2♦
Pete Outcalt	Х	2NT	1NT	1♦	1NT	20
Phyllis	Pass	2NT	10	1♦	1NT	20
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Rod	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	20
Steve Messinger	Х	1♦	1♦	1♦	1NT	2
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