## Bob Jones February 4 Quiz

| Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz | Q 2 - North-South vulnerable |
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| GOREN BRIDGE FEBRUARY 4, 2023 |  |
| Q1 - Neither vulnerable |  |
| -6 * K 72 -KQ964*862 | SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ? |
| SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ? | What is your plan? |
| What call would you make? |  |
| Q 3 - East-West vulnerable | Q 4 - Both vulnerable |
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| EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH | NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST |
| $2 \downarrow^{*}$ ? | 1) 2\% ? |
| *weak |  |
| What call would you make? | What is your plan? |
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| Q 5 - North-South vulnerable | Q 6 - East-West vulnerable |
| -82 ҮAJT 963 ¢ 62 T 84 | ¢654 4 2 -K Q T 9 ¢9 742 |
| NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST | NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST |
| 1* Pass 1\% Pass | 12 $\mathrm{X}^{*}$ ? |
| 24 Pass ? | *takeout |
| What call would you make? | What call would you make? |
|  | Look for answers on Monday. |

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Question 1
Q1 - Neither vulnerable

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
?


Bob Jones 1v Should you open 1 and partner respond 14, the rebid problem is so bad that perhaps you shouldn't open. We would open 1V and take our chances on the missing fifth heart.

Steve Vogel 1 If partner responds 1 to my 1 opening, I would choose to rebid 2 , because my partners and I play that a 1NT rebid shows at least 2 spades (or at worst a high honor singleton). I much prefer opening 1 to $1 \vee$, which I play will always show at least 5 hearts in $1^{\text {st }}$ or $2^{\text {nd }}$ seat.

Joe Muenks 1 Epls. And I DO have a plan, I'm raising $1 \vee$ to $2 \vee$, bidding 2 over 14 or 1NT or bidding 2 over since partner will deliver extra points and this is not a reverse.

Bob Fisk 1 On the theme of follow-up bids, if partner bids $1 \mathbf{1}$, I'll raise to two. If partner bids 14 (likely), I'll rebid $2 \downarrow$. If partner bids $1 N T$ (unlikely), I'll pass planning to make a takeout double after the opponents find their Spade fit.

Steve Moese 1 Intending to rebid 2 if partner responds 14.

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Question 2
Q 2 - North-South vulnerable

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ?


Bob Jones $\quad \underline{\mathbf{2 s}} \quad$ 3NT This hand is worth much more than 22 points. We would force to 3NT, expecting to pick up a trick on the opening lead. That would probably start with opening 2\%.

Steve Vogel 2 2 2NT I will bid NT with 20+ point balanced hands including a 5-card major. Partner can easily find out about my 5-card major by bidding puppet Stayman. I have a small concern if I have only 2 spades (as partner may transfer to spades with 5 spades and 3 hearts), but no concern on this hand because I have 3 spades.

Joe Muenks 2 2 2NT I'm treating this as 22-23 square. I'll have a 6 card suit to treat this as a heart hand. If partner bids $2 \downarrow$, showing less than a control (A or K) or even QQ, I'll still bid 2NT and hope to set them up for 4 tricks to sneak out with 8 or maybe partner will have long spades and transfer me there.

Bob Fisk 2 2NT I have a balanced hand with 22 HCP. What else would I do? I play Puppet Stayman with all my partners, so partner has an easy 3e rebid to find out about my 5card Heart suit. Bridge is easy!

Steve Moese 2 2NT Lots to unravel here. The hand is balanced and 22 HCP, but worth more because of the 5-card Heart suit. Kaplan Rubens evaluates the hand at 23.85 (see http://bridge.thomasoandrews.com/evaluator/\#AQT,AKT96,KT3,AQ ). Won't debate with those upgrading to a Kokish $2 \vee$ response. If we play Puppet Stayman there is somewhat less risk rebidding NT. However the chunky short suits in this hand will likely allow a 9 trick game to get home when a 10 trick game wont.

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Question 3
Q 3 - East-West vulnerable

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH $2 \vee$ ?


Bob Jones Pass You would double a 1 1 opening but acting at the two level requires a little extra, and this hand doesn't have it. Pass.

Steve Vogel Pass We may sometimes miss out on a part score if partner is not strong enough to overcall in balancing seat with spades, but bidding over $2 \boldsymbol{\vartheta}$ requires a stronger hand than I have.

Joe Muenks Pass Epls, a common theme here is deciding to act in the direct or balancing position on such auctions. In direct we show full values and balancing we take huge liberties. Therefore, if we can make anything partner will enter the auction. Please learn to avoid hesitating since if partner bids with 9 but you've hemmed and hawed the director may easily rule that partner knew you had values.

Bob Fisk Pass This one is extremely close, but I think I'm a card shy for a takeout double. Change my hand slightly to KQxx x KTxx KJxx, and I'm doubling. Unfortunately, that's not what I have. Bridge is hard!

Steve Moese Pass I need 12 HCP outside the weak 2 suit to double.

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Question 4<br>Q4 - Both vulnerable<br>- Q T 32 ソA 2 -AJ 74 * 74<br>NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST<br>1 2?



Bob Jones $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \quad$ 3NT A rare competitive auction where we might not get to show our support. Start with a negative double. You might have to bid 3NT next, depending on what happens.

Steve Vogel X $\underline{\text { 3NT }}$ or 3ie I believe that a double followed by a spade bid would show a hand with long spades but not strong enough ( $10+$ ) to bid $2 \boldsymbol{1}$ over 2 . Therefore, if after my double partner rebids $2 \downarrow$, I will follow up with $3 N T$. That bidding should suggest to partner that I have 4 spades (otherwise, why double first?), and he/she should then bid 4@ holding 4 spades in addition to 4 hearts. If in response to my double, partner bids $2 \boldsymbol{A}$, I will then cuebid 3 to show a big hand with a spade fit. If partner instead rebids 2 or 2 NT , I will rebid 3NT.

Joe Muenks X 3NT Actually l'm assuming partner rebids 2 or $2 \boldsymbol{\vee}$ and the opponents remain silent. If partner bids $2 \boldsymbol{A}$ I'll raise to $4 \boldsymbol{A}$. If the opponents get any more frisky I'll double for a handsome score.

Bob Fisk $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \quad$ 3NT My double shows (strongly implies) that I'm 4-4+ in the majors. I'm not (duh). If partner rebids $2 \boldsymbol{a}$, I'll raise to $4 \boldsymbol{\downarrow}$ If partner bids anything else (with the possible exception of a jump in Diamonds), I'll bid 3NT. I'm not sure cuebidding 3e the first time gains me anything, and it eats up room that we could use for finding out possible Spade fit.

Steve Moese $\underline{\mathbf{X}} \quad$ 3ien Anything else denies a 4-card major for me, and we have one. I intend to make a game forcing 3 rebid (assuming there's space and partner did not reply 2 $\mathbf{2}$ ). I really want partner to declare 3NT so a stop in their hand is helpful. We will play 3NT or 4a depending on partner's hand.

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| Question 5 |  |  |  |
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| Q 5 - North-South vulnerable |  |  |  |
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| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
| 1. | Pass | $1 \vee$ | Pass |
| 24 | Pass | ? |  |



Bob Jones 3V Partner's jump rebid has created a game force, so just keep describing your hand as well as possible. Bid $3 \vee$.

Steve Vogel $3 \boldsymbol{3}$ Partner's $2 \boldsymbol{1}$ bid is a jump shift, forcing to game (not a reverse). Accordingly, my $3 \vee$ bid does not show extra values, only $5+$ hearts (and usually $6+$ ). We play that 2 NT in this auction would show a stopper in the 4th suit (clubs).

Joe Muenks 3^ Epls, while many play a structured reverse (2NT relay system) over a reverse, a jump shift is forcing to game without exception (even if you have a big mismatch and go down you have to bid game, sorry). We have no idea what dealer has so just show your hearts and see the rebid. (I'd open 1 with AKQxx, -, AQJTxx, AJ since it's too hard to bid starting with 2\%).

Bob Fisk 3- With all (almost all) of my partners, I now play that the only forcing bid I can make over partner's reverse is 2NT (GF and asking for more information about partner's hand). It works nicely, so on this hand, I can make a non-forcing $3 \vee$ bid.

Steve Moese 3V Natural. We are in a force. Am passing 3NT by partner now. 3 instead of $3 \vee$ misleads on the value of our Heart suit.

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Question 6
Q 6 - East-West vulnerable
-654 4 2 * K Q 9 \$ 9742
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
?


Bob Jones 2 You are barely worth one bid, so raise partner in this competitive auction. Bid 2\&.

Steve Vogel 1 The opponents likely have a major suit fit, and West is also likely to bid it after my call. That means that partner will be on lead. If so, I believe it is best to bid to show partner where my values lay and suggest a lead. The alternatives are to bid $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ (to obstruct the opponents, but which I deem is unlikely to succeed given my weakness and shortness in the majors) or to pass.

Joe Muenks 1 Partner doesn't have diamonds since we open 1 with 4-4 in the minors. Partner didn't yet show more than 3 clubs. We aren't likely to win this contract. S is very likely to declare. We want a diamond lead to generate an entry to our hand so we get one early lead through from our side. Well on further analysis then, maybe this is epls after all.

Bob Fisk Pass I have a weak hand, and I need to let partner know that before (possibly) taking a bid down the line. If the auction continues 1\&-(X)-Pass-(1ץ); Pass-(Pass)-??, I'll bid 2e. Raising to 2 immediately should show a constructive hand, not this pile o' goo.

Steve Moese 1 I prefer 1 over a preemptive $3 \boldsymbol{2}$ or a constructive $\mathbf{2 0}$ or Pass for several reasons. 1) Partner will likely be on lead and we want a Diamond lead. 2) Playing 2/1 there is some sense to requiring a 3 m preemptive raise to support playing 3NT opposite 18-19 balanced hand. This hand doesn't support that. 3) 2 will likely mislead partner as to the value of an opening Club lead. 4) Pass will have its adherents, but pass loses the ability to set up our defense and allows opponents a wider road to conduct their auction. Now, we don't want that, do we?

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| Bob Jones | $1 \vee$ | 2\% | 3NT | Pass | X | 3NT | 3r | 2\% |
| Steve Vogel | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | Pass | X |  | 3v | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Joe Muenks | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | Pass | X | 3NT | 39 | 1 |
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| Bob Fisk | 1 | 29 | 2NT | Pass | X | 3NT | 39 | Pass |
| Steve Moese | 1) | 29 | 2NT | Pass | X | $3 \%$ | 39 | 1 |

MB: Interesting in Steve M's hand evaluator, AQT value is 6.35 and $A Q$ value is 4.95

| Al Venosa | 1 | 2\% | 3NT | X | 24. | 3NT | 3 | 3\% |
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| Bob K | 1 | 2\% | $2 \vee$ | X | 3\% | 3NT | 3 | Pass |
| Carl Willig | 1 | 2NT | 3 | 3 | 3\% | 34 | 3 | Pass |
| Carol Wilson | 1 | 20 | 2NT | Pass | 3\% | 3NT | 2NT | Pass |
| Cathy | 1 | 2\% | $2 \vee$ | X | X |  | $3 \times$ | Pass |
| Cecilia | 1 | 2\% | $2 v$ | Pass | 3NT | N/A | 2NT | Pass |
| Chuck | 1 | 20 | $2 \vee$ | X | 20 | 3 | 2NT | Pass |
| Dave | 1 | 2\% | 2 | X | 20 | 3NT | 3 | 2\% |
| Dean Congbalay | 1 | 2\% | 2 | Pass | X |  | 3 | 3* |
| Ed | 1 | 20 | $2 \vee$ | Pass | 2NT |  | 3 | Pass |
| Gary Herrington | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | Pass | 3\% |  | 3 | Pass |
| Greg | 1 | 20 | $2 \vee$ | X | 3\% | N/A | 3 | Pass |
| James | 1 | 2\% | $2 \vee$ | Pass | 3NT | N/A | 3 | Pass |
| James Jacobson | 1 | 2\% |  | Pass | 2NT |  | 3 | Pass |
| Jay Gala | 1 | 2\% |  | X | 2NT |  | 3 | Pass |
| JohnMcQ | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | Pass | 24 | 3 | 3 | 1* |
| Jon Hoak | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | X | 20 | 3NT | 3 | Pass |
| Jusie Clendening | 1 | 2\% | 2 | Pass | 3\% | 3NT | Pass | Pass |
| Kevin C. | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | Pass | 20 | 3NT | 3 | 2\% |
| Kevin H. | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | Pass | X | 3NT | 2NT | 20 |
| Linda | 1 | 23 | 2NT | Pass | X | 3NT | 3 | Pass |
| Martha | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | X | X | 2NT | 3 | 2\% |
| Mike Burns | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | Pass | X | 2NT | 3 | 3\% |
| Mónica | 1 | 20. | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |  | 2NT | Pass |
| Nell Wickstrom | 1 | 29 | 2NT | X | 3NT | N/A | 3 | Pass |
| Pam Campbell | 1 | 20 | 2NT | Pass | 3\% | 3NT | 2NT | Pass |
| Phyllis | 1 | 2NT |  | X | 2 | 3 | 3 | Pass |
| Rick Read | 1 | 2\% |  | X | 24 |  | Pass | Pass |
| Rod | 1 | 2\% | 2NT | X | X | $4{ }^{4}$ | 3 | Pass |
| Sue | 1 | 2\% | 2v | X | 24 | 3NT | 3 | Pass |
| Susan | 1 | 2\% | 4 | Pass | 3NT | Pass | Pass | 1 |
| Zigang Pan | 1 | 29 | $2 \vee$ | Pass | 3\% |  | 3v | 1* |
|  | 1 | $2{ }^{2}$ | 2NT | Pass | X | N/A | 3 | Pass |
|  | $1 \vee$ | 23 | 2NT | X | 3NT | N/A | 3v | Pass |

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