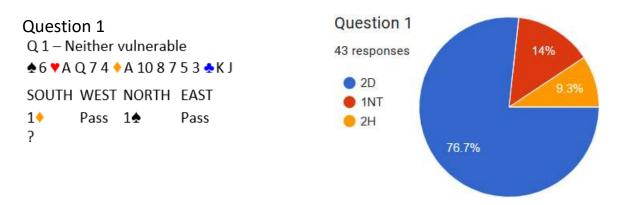
Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz Q 2 – North-South vulnerable GOREN BRIDGE JANUARY 6, 2024 **♠** K Q 7 6 3 ♥ Void ♦ K Q 8 7 **♣** 9 8 6 4 Q1-Neither vulnerable EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH ♠6 ♥A Q 7 4 ♦ A 10 8 7 5 3 ♣K J 17 ? SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST What call would you make? 1 Pass 14 Pass 2 What call would you make? Q 3 - East-West vulnerable Q 4 – Both vulnerable ♠65♥AKQ109864♦Void ♣AK3 ♠Q65♥AQJ95♦AK2♣76 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 30 ? 1NT Pass 2😓 Pass 27 Pass 2NT Pass What call would you make? ? What call would you make? Q 5 - North-South vulnerable Q 6 - East-West vulnerable ♠76♥A105♦AK63♣QJ86 ♦ Void ♥ A J 9 7 5 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ A Q 8 5 2 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1 Pass 1 Pass 17 1♠ 3NT Pass ? ? What call would you make? What call would you make? Look for answers on Monday.



Bob Jones 2 ♦ 2♥ would be a reverse, promising 16 or more points. Shortness in partner's suit does not improve this hand. Bid 2 ♦.

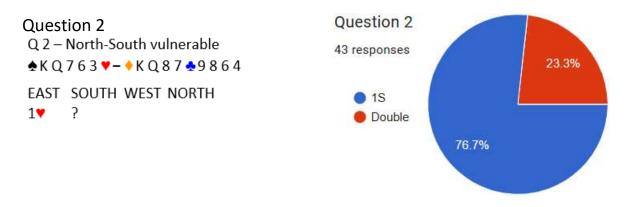
Steve Vogel 2. I have a nice hand, but given partner's 1. response, I believe it is best to proceed cautiously.

Joe Muenks 2 You are a max for your bid, which is acceptable from time to time, but the diamond suit quality and potential mismatch with partner makes 3 too rich. A 2 reverse is a gross overbid.

Bob Fisk 2 → You hand isn't quite good enough for a 2♥ rebid, since you have no safety opposite partner holding something akin to KQxxx xxx x Qxxxx. Ouch. If you move your club honors into your red suits, you can probably muster up a minimum reverse (x AQJx AKTxxx xx). Did you know you were allowed to move cards around like that to make your hand better? Well, now you know!

Steve Moese 2 What we rebid with a 6-card suit and an unbalanced hand. 1NT suggests 2 or 3 cards in spades. We don't have that.

Mike Ma **2** What else?



Bob Jones <u>1</u>♠ Bid 1♠, showing your 5-card major. Should they try to stop in 2♥, you can double for takeout later.

Steve Vogel 1 The two top choices are to overcall one spade or make a takeout double. When I have a 5-card major, I usually prefer to overcall in the major unless I am strong enough to double first then bid my suit.

Joe Muenks <u>1</u> You need to overcall your 5-card major so partner can participate in the auction intelligently. You might get to double 2♥ later if that comes back around to you.

Bob Fisk <u>1</u> It's not great bridge to ignore a 5-card major with a hand similar to this one. You'd love for the auction to continue (1♥)-1♠-(2♥)-Double with partner's responsive double showing both minors and values to force to the three level. Sweet! Picture partner with Jx xxx Jxxx AKxx (3♣ making four on a good day). If the opponents compete to 4♥, it's likely that they'll go down a couple.

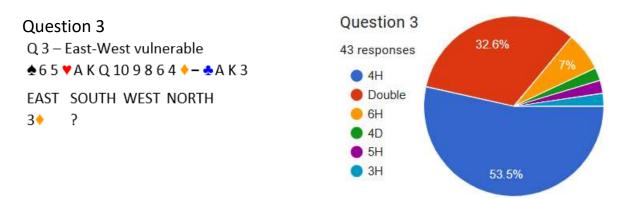
Steve Moese 1 While some will consider a takeout double, two factors argue against that choice:

1 - we have a 5-card Major and would be happy to find 3-card support.

2 - we have a void in their suit. Hard to lead trumps when we hold a void.

Partner will want to defend with heart length and we will want to declare.

Mike Ma <u>1</u> det in cheap while you can. If spades and clubs reversed, it will be tough deciding between X and Pass. But here it is easy.



Bob Jones <u>X</u> Jumping to 4♥ over a pre-empt would show a strong hand, but this hand is too good for even that. Start with double, and cross East's name off your Christmas card list for giving you this problem.

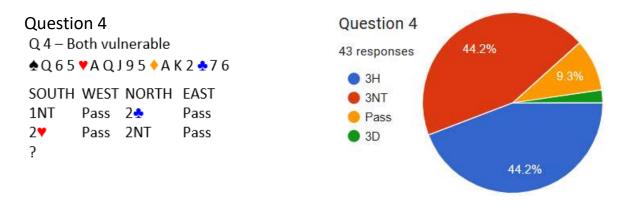
Steve Vogel X I have a really strong hand and I do not need much from partner to produce slam. The ♠A or ♠K and the ♣Q will work. The 3♦ preempt is going to make it difficult to discover the best contract with certainty. There is a lot to be said for jumping to 6♥ and hoping for the best, especially at matchpoints. Today, I am a little timid, so I will start off with a double, although there is some risk that partner might pass (and they might even make it-ugh!). I hope to hear 4♠ from partner, over which I would bid 4NT asking for key cards in spades before placing the contract in hearts.

Joe Muenks <u>X</u> I'm going to double and bid, even 5♥ if that's what it takes next round. Many will bid 4♥ here showing a solid suit and about 18 playing points but I think this is too strong for that action.

Bob Fisk <u>6</u> There's no science to bidding a hand such as this one, so I simply bid what I think I can make opposite a random hand. If I give east a nine count (preemptive at unfavorable vulnerability) with seven diamonds, there are 15 HCP remaining. Give eight to west and seven to your partner, and hope partner holds something similar to KJxxx xx Jxx Qxx. Sweet! NOTE: 5♥ would be safer, but that's asking partner to raise based on their diamond holding which you don't care about.

Steve Moese <u>4</u> A jump overcall of a preempt shows a very good hand. We need 2 cards from partner for small slam, and can play a slam in hearts opposite a void with reasonable safety. Double would show a more flexible hand and might get us into spades where we do not belong. 6^e might work on occasion but risks too much.

Mike Ma <u>4♥</u> 10 tricks in hand! 4♥ only promises 9. Damn east for his 3♦. I don't play NON-Leaping Michaels, so I need to use 4NT to show Major + club hand, otherwise I may risk Blackwood, and assume it is ♠A if partner shows 1 key-card. When my system does not allow for exploring slam, I just bid game and not make rosy guesses.



Bob Jones $\underline{3}^{\checkmark}$ Holding 16 points, you want to accept the invitation. Bid 3^{\checkmark} on your way to 3NT to show the fifth heart.

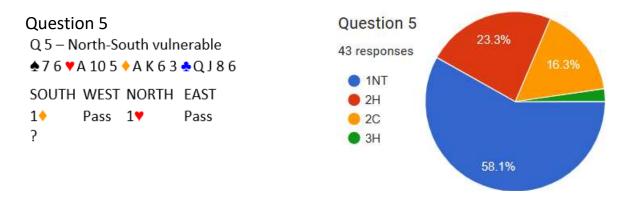
Steve Vogel <u>3♥</u> A 3♥ bid by me in this auction accepts the invitation to game and shows 5 hearts. Partner should next bid game in either hearts or notrump.

Joe Muenks <u>3</u> With 16 and a 5 card suit I'll accept the game invite. Along the way I'll show the 5th heart. This doesn't influence the lead by helping the opponents any more than the auction has so far, but it might lead to a better contract in our 8-card major.

Bob Fisk <u>3</u> You're accepting game in notrump, but you might as well show your fifth heart on the way. Partner could certainly have three hearts--KJxx Kxx Qxx xxx perhaps.

Steve Moese <u>**3NT</u>** The 5-card heart suit makes this hand worth accepting game. Note since we have a tool for partner to find out if we hold a 5-card Major, we do not need to emphasize hearts as we go to game.</u>

Mike Ma <u>3♥</u> I have max (upgrading with my heart suit, ♠Q depends on whether 2NT promises or denies 4 spades), so I will accept. I don't play 2♣ Puppet, so partner can have 3 hearts still. The club suit is a concern even though east did not double 2♣. At the risk of telling opps what to lead, I am bidding 3♥, forcing and showing 5.



Bob Jones <u>2♥</u> 2☆ would show 9 or more cards in the minors. Raising is much better than 1NT with two little spades. Bid 2♥.

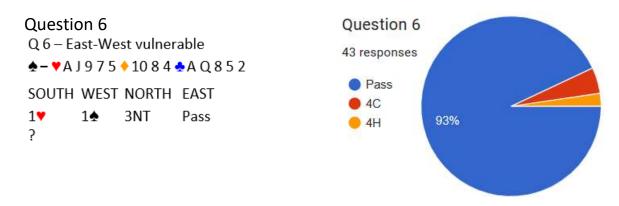
Steve Vogel 2 With a low spade doubleton (10x or worse), I prefer to support partner's hearts than rebidding 1NT.

Joe Muenks <u>1NT</u> Particularly at matchpoints my 3-card raises almost always contain a singleton, though many will raise to 2♥ here. After 1NT or 2♥ the responder arsenal is filled with gadgets to define opener's hand so I'm not concerned about that.

Bob Fisk <u>**1NT**</u> I would have opened a weak NT if that's what I was playing. If partner has 5+ hearts, we're going to be in hearts. If partner has an invitational hand, we'll be in game.

Steve Moese <u>**1NT**</u> I would not mind a raise to 2^{\forall} instead. However we have a balanced hand and 1NT says that.

Mike Ma **2** I use the Steve Weinstein rule. If my doubleton is less than Tx, I raise with 3 rather than rebid NT.



Bob Jones **Pass** No need for you to do anything heroic. Stand your ground. Pass.

Steve Vogel <u>Pass</u> Partner should have a double stopper in this auction (or 1 stopper and a long running diamond suit). I see no reason to believe that the hand will play better elsewhere.

Joe Muenks <u>Pass</u> This is one of those cases where partner has skipped any descriptive auction to just place the contract. She must feel that even with really good spades our game will score better than trying to lure them into a trap. I doubt we'll make $6\frac{1}{2}$ with my useless spade void so this is an easy pass.

Bob Fisk Partner didn't ask you your opinion.

Steve Moese <u>Pass</u> While tempting to look for slam in clubs, partner cannot have that hand. They start with 1.5 stoppers in spades, say AQx. That leaves 7-9 HCP with a doubleton (or singleton) heart. Maybe AQx xx KQxx Kxxx. Two losers appear inevitable. Choose the higherscoring contract NT.

Mike Ma **Pass** Jumping to 3NT ends the auction.

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