

# Bob Jones January 28 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JANUARY 28, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠8 6 4 ♥Q T 9 2 ♦A 7 ♣A K 6 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ P 1♠ P

What is your rebid?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A 5 ♥A J 7 5 3 ♦Q 6 3 ♣A Q J

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass Pass 2♦

?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A T 9 ♥J 9 7 6 ♦A 7 ♣A J 8 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

2♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A K J 8 6 ♥8 ♦J 7 6 4 3 ♣Q 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠Q J 8 ♥K ♦J 6 5 3 2 ♣T 8 7 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT\* P ?

\*15-17

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J ♥A K J 7 ♦K Q T ♣Q T 8 6 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

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What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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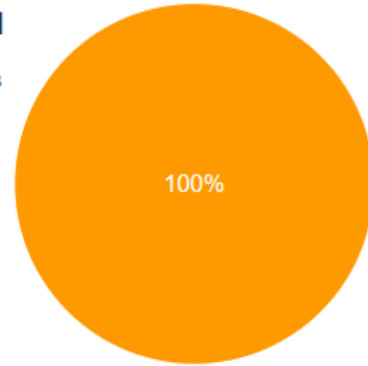
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### Question 1

41 responses

● 1NT



Bob Jones **1NT** This is a hand that you should consider raising partner with only 3-card support. With weak spades and a strong doubleton, however, bid 1NT.

Steve Vogel **1NT** I have a balanced 12-14 point hand without 4 spades. If I had a low doubleton in a side suit and better 3-card support for spades, I might choose a 2♠ rebid, but not on this hand.

Joe Muenks **1NT** Easy peasy lemon squeezy. Shows 12-14 square. You don't have to have values in the unbid suits but that's an extra bonus on this hand. (We do not raise 1♠ to 2♠ with only 3 cards unless we have a singleton diamond or heart.)

Bob Fisk **1NT** If partner has five or more Spades, partner will (1) bid 2♠ to play, (2) bid 2♣ (XYZ) w/ an invitational hand, (3) bid 2♦ w/ a game-going hand w/ only five Spades, (4) bid 4♠ w/ 6+ Spades and a game-going hand, (5) bid 3♦/3♥ w/ 6+ Spades and a singleton in the suit bid, or (6) bid 3♠ w/ 6+ Spades, slam interest, and no red-suit shortness. Phew. Bridge is easy!

Steve Moese **1NT** Not a hand worth raising on 3 cards. Were the doubleton worse than 10 x we can consider it. See: Steve Weinstein's article at <https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/1m-1m-now-what/>

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

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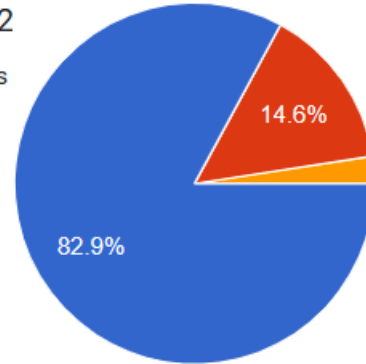
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

### Question 2

41 responses

● 1S  
● Pass  
● 2S



Bob Jones **1♠** “5-5 come alive!” Open 1♠.

Steve Vogel **1♠** Whether you use the rule of 20 or 22, or just use your own bridge sense, this hand would seem to qualify for an opening bid at any vulnerability. Also, a 1♠ opening makes it harder for the opposition to come in.

Joe Muenks **1♠** Epls#2. Rule of 20/22 passes with 11 HCP and 10 cards in your longest 2 suits = 21>20. And you have 2 defensive tricks (AK spades). You'll bid diamonds cheaply next round.

Bob Fisk **Pass** I used to open this pile o' goo ("Rule of 20, partner!"), but after being yelled at by my much, much more experienced partner, I learned not to. Bridge is hard.

Steve Moese **1♠** 5-5 shape, 2 Quick Tricks and 11 HCP add up to Rule of 20+2 opener, so I open.

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### Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

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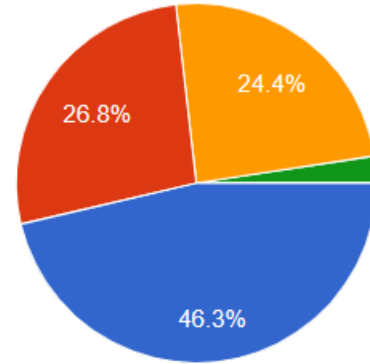
1♥ Pass Pass 2♦

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### Question 3

41 responses

- 2NT
- Pass
- Double
- 2H



Bob Jones **Pass** 18 points is strong, but this is a “soft” 18 and partner couldn’t respond. Let it go. Pass.

Steve Vogel **X** Yes, I realize I have poor support for spades, but I just cannot sell out to 2♦ at this vulnerability, and my heart suit is too weak to rebid. I also am not a fan of a 2NT rebid, which would preempt partner’s possible 2♥ response to a double. Given that partner did not bid 1♠ over my 1♥ opening bid (which he/she might eke out even with a poor hand), I think it is slightly more likely that partner has clubs than spades.

Joe Muenks **X** Ok, a tougher decision. We don't like to double with just 2 spades but partner will retreat to 2♥ with 2 hearts before bidding any suit less than 5+ cards. We're showing 17+ pts and our bid is primarily takeout, though we're fine if partner converts it 1♥, Txxx in diamonds and a black king. (We rebid NT after partner passes with 18-19 but not 2NT lest we play 3♥ when partner holds: Qxx, Qxx, xxx, Txxx).

Bob Fisk **2NT** I realize that this might get me in trouble, but if E/W forget to double me, I can afford to go down two. That's not bad considering E/W make 3♦ for +110. I'd pass at unfavorable vulnerability. If I double, partner is going to bid 2♠ holding xxxx Qx Jxx xxxx. Ick. Bridge is really hard.

Steve Moese **Pass** Partner is likely 0-4 with no A or KJ combination (they would strain to bid with an A). Our combined assets are limited to 22 HCP. Not a good time to declare and a great time to defend. Besides, partner has a bid coming. Bidding 2NT would NEVER cross my mind - partner doesn't have values for a response.

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

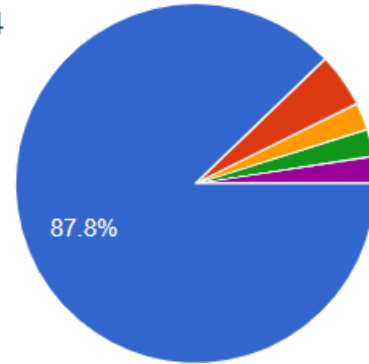
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NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	P	?	

### Question 4

41 responses

- Pass
- 2NT
- 3C
- 3H
- 2D



Bob Jones **Pass** Weak long suits and singleton honors are strong arguments for timid bidding. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Just about all of my points are in my short suits, which leads me to believe that 1NT will often play better than any suit contract. If you don't feel the same, what is your alternative?

Joe Muenks **Pass** Eps#3, the opponents haven't bid 2♥ making yet, and we might even have enough to defeat it when they do. I'm not even tempted to offer a game or alternative contract even if I'm playing the rare convention that 2NT shows both minors weak or strong.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Why is this question in here? 100%?

Steve Moese **Pass** Nothing shows a weak hand and the minor suits in this auction. Let's hope they are preempted out of a Major fit.

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### Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

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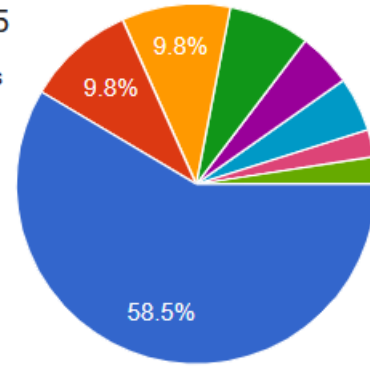
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

2♥ Pass ?

### Question 5

41 responses

4H 3H  
3S 2S  
3NT 4D  
4S 5H



Bob Jones **4♥** Strong players use 3 of the other major in this position to confirm partner's suit as trumps and show slam interest. They would bid 3S. Without that agreement, bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel **4♥** Might we make slam sometimes? Of course, but my hearts are weak and I am just on the edge of inviting slam. My partner and I play that a 4♦ rebid shows a balanced quantitative raise in hearts, but it puts the entire burden on partner to make the decision of whether to make a move over game. This will often involve a guess or optimism, and not science. With this marginal hand, I will take the plus and sign off.

Joe Muenks **4♥** Epls#4. Several weeks ago I advised that with 14-15 HCP and honors everywhere in a square hand just raise 1NT to 3NT, even with a 4 card major. "Here you go again." Now you have to raise to 4♥ since slam is not a consideration and 3NT shows 4 spades at this point. We love aces but I don't see slam in the offing myself.

Bob Fisk **3♠** (modified-Baze). I play 3OM on an auction that begins 1NT-2♣; 2M as showing slam interest in our agreed major and no biddable singleton or void. This leaves room for control bidding if partner is interested. Picture partner with Kxx KQTxx Kxx KQx. Heh.

Steve Moese **4♦** A specialized treatment that says "I have 4 trumps, and a quantitative raise to 6 - are you a maximum?" This should be called the Goldman-Soloway Convention (It isn't; they call it Baze - another misnamed convention) originally published by Goldman under the Dallas Aces. The Convention? After 1NT-2♣-2M:  
3OM shows undisclosed shortness 4 trumps and slam interest. Opener asks by bidding 3NT (or step 1 by agreement)  
3NT is to play with 4 cards in the other major  
4♣ is RKB in opener's Major  
4♦ - 4 card quantitative raise to 6. Balanced hand but not 4333.  
4M - to play  
4OM - not defined. Does not exist (wastes space)  
4NT - Quantitative raise to 6 with 4 carded other Major and not 4 card support for opener's Major.

(Note – If you are familiar with Last Train Cuebids, switch the meaning of 4♦ and 4♣).

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### Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J ♥AKJ7 ♦KQT ♣QT864

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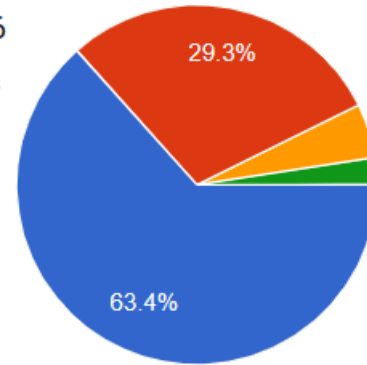
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

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### Question 6

41 responses

- 2H
- 1NT
- 2C
- 2NT



Bob Jones **2♥** Too strong for 1NT, not strong enough for a reverse bid of 2♥, and clubs too weak for 2♣. Pick your poison. We like 2♥.

Steve Vogel **2♥** This is about the minimum for a reverse (or perhaps just under it), but I would choose 2♥ over any other rebid, as it most closely describes my hand compared to the alternatives. I like my intermediates.

Joe Muenks **2♥** Least lie. 1NT is distorted and a gross underbid. 2NT is distorted and a gross overbid. Opening 1NT is not my style. I reverse a pt shy and with a holey moley club suit. Luckily I play a structured reverse with most partners so we'll land softly in a good contract. If you don't, there'll be a little guessing but I predict partner will rebid 2♠, you'll bid 2NT showing diamond cards and therefore real short spades and partner can place the contract.

Bob Fisk **2♥** (Reverse). This shows 16+ HCP (or extra distribution), four Hearts, and longer Clubs and is forcing for one round. Sweet! Bridge is ridiculously easy!

Steve Moese **1NT** The hand is too weak for a 2♥ rebid (Forcing Reverse) and the club suit is diaphanous and not worth rebidding. 1NT should suggest 2 spade cards, but here its the least worst lie - something many bridge players learn to do. Besides, we might get to play for a 7 trick contract if partner is worth only one bid. Tools exist for us to find a Heart fit - see new minor forcing or XYNT.

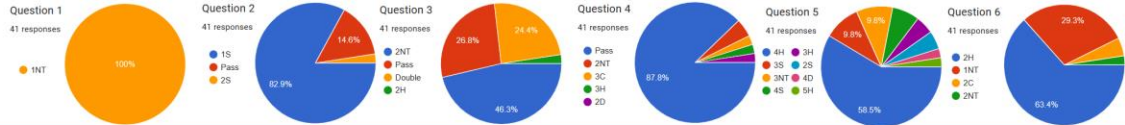
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Steve Vogel	1NT	1♠	X	Pass	4♥	2♥
Joe Muenks	1NT	1♠	X	Pass	4♥	2♥
Bob Fisk	1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠	2♥
Steve Moese	1NT	1♠	Pass	Pass	4♦	1NT
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Carol Wilson	1NT	1♠	Pass	Pass	4♥	2♥
Cathy W	1NT	1♠	2NT	Pass	5♥	1NT
Cecilia	1NT	1♠	Pass	Pass	4♠	2♥
Chuck	1NT	1♠	2♥	2♦	3NT	1NT
Dave	1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥	1NT
Dean Congbalay	1NT	1♠	X	Pass	4♥	2♥
Doug Edwards	1NT	1♠	2NT	Pass	3NT	1NT
Ed	1NT	Pass	2NT	3♣	3♥	2NT
Gary Busch	1NT	2♠	X	Pass	4♥	1NT
Gary Herrington	1NT	1♠	X	Pass	3♠	2♥
Greg	1NT	1♠	2NT	Pass	4♥	2♥
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Nell Wickstrom	1NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	4♥	2♥
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Pete Outcalt	1NT	1♠	Pass	Pass	4♥	2♣
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Rod	1NT	1♠	2NT	Pass	4♥	2♥
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