

Bob Jones July 22 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JULY 22, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A K 7 4 ♥T 8 7 3 ♦7 ♣J T 9 5

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠

2♦ ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠J 8 ♥Q 4 ♦A 9 8 6 4 ♣T 8 7 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

3♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A 7 5 ♥9 8 3 ♦A 7 6 4 ♣A 9 5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass 1♦ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A J T 9 5 3 ♥J 9 7 6 ♦7 ♣A 8

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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As dealer, would you open 1♠ or 2♠?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠3 ♥A K Q 6 4 ♦K Q 6 3 ♣Q J 7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 4♠

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠T ♥A K 4 ♦A K 3 ♣A K Q T 7 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

2♣ Pass 2♥* Pass

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*7 or more points, at least 5 hearts

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

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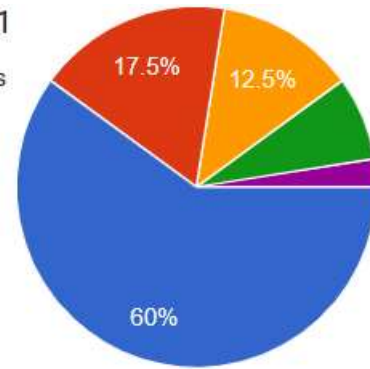
1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠

2♦ ?

Question 1

40 responses

- 2S
- 3S
- 3D
- 2H
- Pass



Bob Jones 3♦ This hand is too good for 2S. Bid 3♦, showing a limit raise or better in spades.

Steve Vogel 3♦ This hand with 8 HCP and a singleton qualifies as a limit raise in spades. When the opponents bid 2 suits, my partners and I play that the higher cuebid shows a limit raise with 4-card support and the lower cuebid shows a limit raise with 3-card support. I will bid 3♦ (the higher cuebid, even though it is a lower suit than hearts) to show this hand.

Joe Muenks 3♦ I'd cue bid 2♥ with only 3 spades and 10+ support points, but here you want to force everyone to or above the 3 spade level with 4 trump and 10+ (we have 11 since the singleton diamond is worth 3 dummy points. LTC players can use that method when 9-trump fits are found and here we have 8 losers, so we invite game).

Bob Fisk 2♠ If you play 3♠ as a mixed raise (four Spades, 7-9 HCP), then that's your bid. Absent that, bid 2♠, and compete to 3♠ if you have to. If partner makes a game try (Yes, Kokish Game Tries are still on in this auction), you'll happily accept. Picture partner with QJxxx Axx xxx KQ, making three on a Heart lead.

Steve Moese 3♠ I am a passed hand with no defensive tricks outside spades. Since I intend to compete to the 3-level I bid that NOW. Why give them space to find out where they belong? By the way, partner must hold an opening hand because they do not have a good spade suit. Give the opponents the last guess.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠AJT953 ♥J976 ♦7 ♣A8

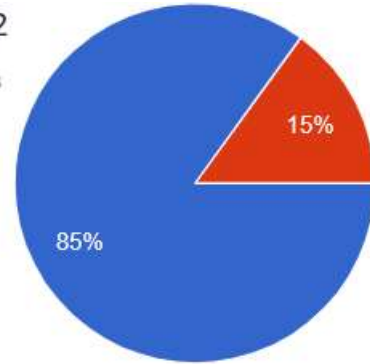
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Question 2

40 responses

● 1S
● 2S



Bob Jones **1♠** 2 aces and a side four-card major make this hand too good for a pre-empt. Bid **1♠**.

Steve Vogel **1♠** I would unquestionably open this hand **1♠** if the **♣A** were, instead, the **♥A**. With this particular hand, the decision is a bit closer, but still, with 2 Aces, 10HCP and great intermediates in my spade suit (as well as the 9 of hearts), I would choose to go high and open with **1♠**, even vulnerable. An interesting question is what to rebid over a 1NT response- my anemic 4-card heart suit or spades?

Joe Muenks **1♠** Not so difficult using the rule of 20/22. Rebid **2♠**, not **2♥**, to immediately limit your hand; you can bid hearts the 3rd round if partner makes forcing bids.

Bob Fisk **1♠** If you have a 6-4 hand, add a virtual King to your hand and bid accordion (stupid auto correct). On this hand, your 4-card side suit is the other major, and opening **2♠** is a great way to play in the wrong suit. Picture partner with xx KQTxx xxx Kxx, making **4♥** on reasonable major-suit splits.

Steve Moese **1♠** Rule of 20+2 says this is an opening 1 bid. I find ways never to open a weak two with two aces - too much defense.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠J 8 ♥Q 4 ♦A 9 8 6 4 ♣T 8 7 4

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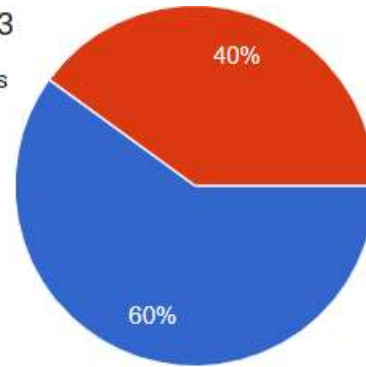
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

3♠ Pass ?

Question 3

40 responses

● 4S
● Pass



Bob Jones **4♠** Partner has 16-18 points and a 6-card suit. This hand should give him a reasonable play for game. Bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel **Pass** My partners and I play that the 3♠ rebid shows 15-17 points. Given that holding, I would choose to take the expected plus and pass the 3♠ bid. Some partnerships play the 3♠ rebid as stronger, so they might choose to bid 4♠.

Joe Muenks **4♠** I prefer to have 8 pts to bid game, but this is a nice 7 with lots of potential regardless whether partner needs trump, heart or club help or even is able to set up diamonds.

Bob Fisk **4♠** Passing looks wrong. If 4♠ doesn't make, blame partner. Picture partner with KQT9xx KJx Kx Ax (yes, yes, I know we don't play partner for perfect cards).

Steve Moese **Pass** Since 3♠ shows 15-17 HCP, we have no business continuing.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠3 ♥AKQ64 ♦KQ63 ♣QJ7

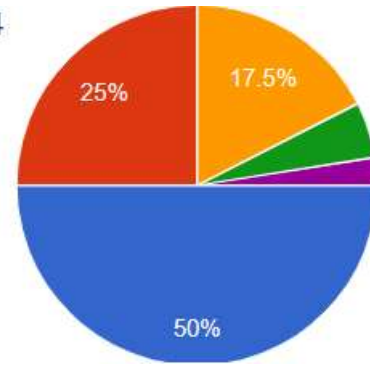
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 4♠
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Question 4

40 responses

- 5H
- Pass
- Double
- 5D
- 5S



Bob Jones **Pass** You have no idea who can make what. Pass and find out. Both 5♥ and double would be extreme positions not warranted by the hand.

Steve Vogel **X** Most partnerships (including mine) do not spend the time to agree on which auctions indicate a forcing pass, and which do not. It is not obvious to me that a pass in this auction would be forcing, so I would choose to double to show extras. Partner could still proceed onto 5♥, but it would take an unusual hand for him/her to take that action.

Joe Muenks **5♦** Doubling might often work out on hands like this when 5♠ will fail, but I'm banking partner doesn't have spade values so does have diamond and club honors to fill in the gaps. We bid 5♥ by bidding 5♦ so partner starts with a diamond lead if they continue to 5♠ since we often will find a heart void in one of their hands.

Bob Fisk **5♥** Bridge is hard. Let's try and figure out what we'd need partner to hold to make 6♥. How 'bout xxx Jxx Axx AKxx? Partner doesn't have that hand (i.e., they would have cuebid 2♠). If we remove one card, and give partner xxx Jxx Jxx AKxx, we're odds on to make 5♥ unless we get an obscene Heart split. If we remove two cards, and give partner xxx Jxx Jxx Kxxx, we probably aren't beating 4♠, and we aren't going down more than two in 5♥. 5♥ it is!

Steve Moese **X** We have extras and defensive values. This is NOT a forcing pass situation so our double shows a big hand (but not in spades). Partner can pull to 5♥ with an offensively oriented hand.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A 7 5 ♥9 8 3 ♦A 7 6 4 ♣A 9 5

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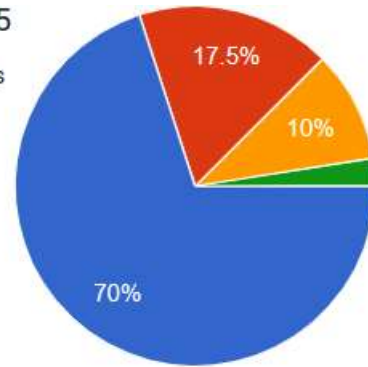
Pass Pass 1♦ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

Question 5

40 responses

- Pass
- 3C
- 2NT
- 2D



Bob Jones **Pass** You started this – now make it end. Pass. Holding 3 aces, it might not be a bad thing if they outbid you.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Give partner a 6-card club suit head by KQ and the ♥A (or some holding close to that), and we will make 3NT. I would view that holding against the odds, and would choose to take the expected plus and pass.

Joe Muenks **3♣** Playing inverted minors we bid a major suit stopper on the 2nd round. This is not that case, rather here 2 of a major is a 4 card suit still trying to find an 8-card fit. Meanwhile 2NT shouldn't be bid from my side without a heart card. If partner next bids 3♥, we can bid 3NT given spades stopped.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Partner has 5+ Clubs and 10-11 HCP. That'll work.

Steve Moese **Pass** Partner is a passed hand. We are at the 2 level in an 8+ card fit. What's not to like?

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠T ♥AK4 ♦AK3 ♣AKQT76

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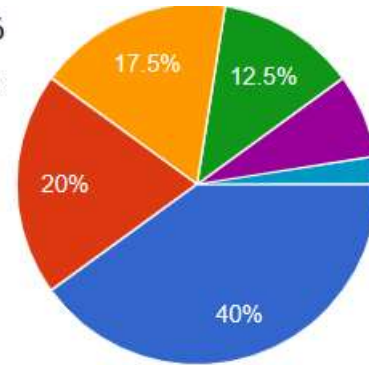
2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass

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Question 6

40 responses

- 3H
- 3C
- 4NT
- 6H
- 4S
- 4H



Bob Jones **3♥** This club hand just became a heart hand. Bid 3♥, planning Blackwood next. There might be a grand slam here.

Steve Vogel **3♣** Small slam seems to be likely and we want to find out whether a grand slam is in the offing. A 3♠ bid in this auction would show a heart fit with short spades, but despite our decent heart fit, slam (small or grand) might be better in clubs, so I think it is best to determine if we have a club fit, or if partner has more than 5 hearts.

Joe Muenks **3♥** My, oh, my, what a horrible system you're making me play: any + bid suit over 2♣ should promise 2 of the top 3 honors not her wretched hearts. A 2♣ opener normally has a suit, so you cannot splinter 3♠ as that, instead, shows a monster spade suit you demand to be trump (AKQJxxx, Ax, Kx, Ax or such). Over 3♥ partner can show a spade control and RKC blackwood might lead us to 7NT if everything is accounted for (Axx, QJxxx, xxxx, x).

Bob Fisk **3♥** There's no hurry to jump around, so let partner know that you're talking about Hearts when you ask for keycards with your next bid. You'll want to be in 7♥ if partner has the ♠A and ♥Q. You'll be in 6♥ if partner doesn't have the ♠A but does have the ♥Q. Please, please, please don't bid 4NT (or 6♥) over 2♥ unless you really need to use the restroom. :o\

Steve Moese **3♣** We will play slam in hearts. For now I make my most descriptive rebid and keep the auction low for control bidding.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	3♦	1♠	4♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Steve Vogel	3♦	1♠	Pass	X	Pass	3♣
Joe Muenks	3♦	1♠	4♠	5♦	3♣	3♥
Bob Fisk	2♠	1♠	4♠	5♥	Pass	3♥
Steve Moese	3♠	1♠	Pass	X	Pass	3♣

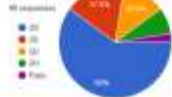
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Al Venosa	2♠	1♠	4♠	X	Pass	3♣
AnnR	2♥	1♠	Pass	5♥	Pass	4NT
Bob K	2♠	1♠	4♠	5♥	Pass	4♠
Carl Willig	2♠	1♠	Pass	X	3♣	3♥
Carol Wilson	2♠	1♠	Pass	5♥	3♣	4♥
Dave	2♠	1♠	4♠	5♥	2♦	3♥
Dean Congbalay	2♠	1♠	4♠	5♥	Pass	4NT
Doug Edwards	3♠	1♠	Pass	5♥	Pass	3♥
Ed	2♠	1♠	Pass	5♥	Pass	3♥
Gary Herrington	2♠	1♠	Pass	X	Pass	4♠
Greg	3♠	1♠	4♠	Pass	2NT	3♥
James	2♠	1♠	Pass	5♥	Pass	3♣
James Jacobson	2♥	2♠	4♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
Jan	2♠	2♠	Pass	X	Pass	6♥
Jay Gala	3♠	1♠	4♠	5♥	3♣	3♥
Joanne	2♥	1♠	Pass	Pass	3♣	3♥
JohnMcQ	2♠	1♠	Pass	5♥	Pass	3♣
Jon Hoak	2♠	1♠	Pass	5♥	3♣	4NT
Jusie Clendening	2♠	2♠	4♠	Pass	Pass	6♥
Kevin C.	2♠	1♠	4♠	5♥	2NT	3♥
Kevin H.	2♠	1♠	4♠	X	Pass	6♥
Linda	3♦	1♠	4♠	5♥	Pass	6♥
Martha	2♠	1♠	4♠	5♥	Pass	4NT
Mike Burns	2♠	1♠	4♠	Pass	2NT	3♥
Mónica	2♠	1♠	4♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Nell Wickstrom	2♠	2♠	4♠	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pam Campbell	3♦	1♠	4♠	5♦	2NT	3♥
Pete Outcalt	2♠	1♠	Pass	5♥	Pass	3♥
Phyllis	3♠	1♠	Pass	5♥	Pass	3♣
Rick Read	2♠	2♠	4♠	5♥	3♣	4NT
Sue	2♠	2♠	4♠	5♥	Pass	4NT
Vijay Doshi	3♠	1♠	4♠	5♥	Pass	4NT
Zigang Pan	2♠	1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass	3♣
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	Pass	1♠	4♠	5♠	Pass	3♥

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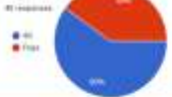
Question 1



Question 2



Question 3



Question 4



Question 5



Question 6



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Sub Items	2	14	14	Pass	Pass	3
Item Vogel	3	16	Pass	3	Pass	3
Item Mearns	3	16	3	3	3	3
Sub Fish	2	16	16	3	Pass	3
Item Mearns	3	16	Pass	3	Pass	3
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Asif	24	16	Pass	34	Pass	4NT
Bob F	24	16	16	34	Pass	44
Carl Wiley	24	16	Pass	9	24	34
Carol Wilson	24	16	Pass	34	34	34
Dean	24	16	16	34	34	34
Dean Conaghan	24	16	16	34	Pass	4NT
Doug Edwards	24	16	Pass	34	Pass	34
Ed	24	14	Pass	34	Pass	34
Gary Harrington	24	16	Pass	3	Pass	44
Greg	24	16	16	Pass	2NT	24
James	24	16	Pass	34	Pass	34
James Lamborn	24	24	Pass	Pass	Pass	34
Jay	24	16	Pass	3	Pass	34
Joe Gable	24	16	16	34	34	34
Joachim	24	16	Pass	Pass	34	34
John McD	24	16	Pass	34	Pass	34
John Hawk	24	16	Pass	34	34	4NT
Jodie Chanderling	24	24	16	Pass	Pass	34
Kevin C.	24	16	16	34	2NT	34
Kevin H.	24	16	16	9	Pass	34
Luca	24	16	16	34	Pass	34
Martin	24	16	16	34	Pass	4NT
Mike Davis	24	16	16	Pass	2NT	34
Mitica	24	16	16	Pass	Pass	34
Neil Wickham	24	24	16	Pass	Pass	44
Neil Campbell	34	16	16	34	2NT	34
Peter Dunne	24	16	Pass	34	Pass	34
Phyllis	24	16	Pass	34	Pass	34
Rich Paul	24	24	16	34	34	4NT
Sam	24	16	16	34	Pass	4NT
Wayne Dashi	24	16	16	34	Pass	4NT
Zigzag Paul	24	16	Pass	Pass	Pass	34
Zoe	24	16	16	Pass	Pass	34
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