

## Bob Jones July 29 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JULY 29, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠T 7 4 ♥A ♦6 ♣A Q J T 8 7 6 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K ♥K Q T 7 5 ♦J 9 7 6 ♣7 6 2

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass

Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A 7 6 ♥K 7 ♦J 9 6 5 ♣8 7 5 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ X\* ?

\*Takeout

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q T ♥K J 7 4 ♦K T 9 6 4 ♣9 7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ P ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠Q 9 7 4 ♥5 4 ♦A Q T ♣A T 7 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ 1♠ Pass Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q 6 ♥A Q T 9 5 3 ♦A 7 ♣K 6 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Q1 – Neither vulnerable

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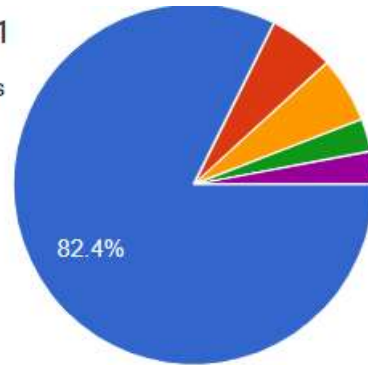
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### Question 1

34 responses

- 1C
- 3C
- 4C
- 1D
- 5C



Bob Jones 1♣ Many would open 5♣, but how can partner know what to do with a good hand and 2 or 3 low hearts? Open 1♣.

Steve Vogel 1♣ My view is that an outside Ace and reasonable support for spades takes this hand out of the realm of a preempt. I would choose to open this hand at the one level and see where the auction takes me. There will likely be more hard choices along the way to the final contract.

Joe Muenks 1♣ This hand may make a slam in spades, NT or clubs so let's let partner know we have a good hand (4 losers in the classic sense), not start out with some level-guess of a preempt.

Bob Fisk 1♣ If you play 3NT as "Broken minor" instead of "Gambling," then you might trot that out. Absent that, open 1♣ and hope to get to 3NT or 4♠. Please don't open 3♣ at this vulnerability, since partner will never know to bid 3NT holding Jxxx xxxx Axxx K.

Steve Moese 1♣ I have to choose between 1♣ and 5♣. Since 3NT and 5♣, 6♣, and 6NT are possible (and perhaps a spade contract from partner's hand, I choose to go slow. Confident I can bid to 5♣ on my own if necessary.

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q T ♥K J 7 4 ♦K T 9 6 4 ♣9 7

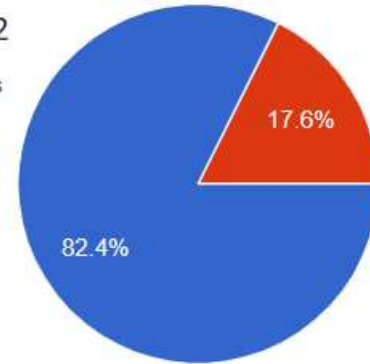
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ P ?

### Question 2

34 responses

● 1H  
● 1D



Bob Jones 1♥ Charles Goren would have bid 1♦ without a second thought. Many modern players, however, will bid 1♥. Neither is wrong. We like 1♥.

Steve Vogel 1♥ Modern style is to respond in a 4-card major over a 5- or 6-card diamond suit on hands valued at less than an opening bid.

Joe Muenks 1♥ With values for 1 bid, such as 6-9 at the one level, we like to bid our major in this sequence. If not and the points are split west may bid 1♠, east raise to 2 and your side lost a heart fit.

Bob Fisk 1♥ I'm a Walshist, so the only time I'll bid a 4-card major over partner's 1♣ opener to bid 1♦ is if (1) I have a full opener and (2) longer diamonds.

Steve Moese 1♥ We answer Majors first unless we can force game. Not here.

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### Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K ♥KQT75 ♦J976 ♣762

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

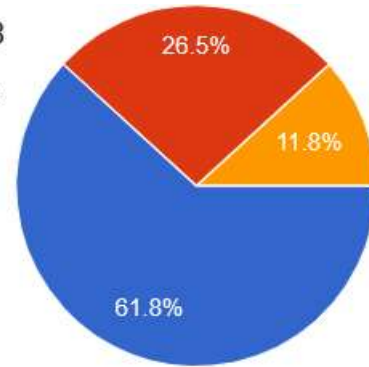
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass

Pass ?

### Question 3

34 responses

● Pass  
● Double  
● 3H



Bob Jones Pass We hate to sell out at the 2 level, but it is too dangerous to bid with this hand. Pass.

Steve Vogel X Not selling out in auctions like this is a must in matchpoints. The question is whether to reopen with a double or a bid of 3♥. This is a very close call given the quality of my heart suit, but I would choose to double, which will work out more often than not.

Joe Muenks X This is called a prebalance: both opponents having limited their hand, partner with long spades and short hearts will not be able to balance easily, so we force to the 3 level ourselves.

Bob Fisk X Double. Partner has a nice hand w/ four spades and couldn't take any action over West's 2♠ bid. Picture xxxx AJx KQx Kxx. You aren't beating 2♠, but down one in 3♥ or certainly seems possible.

Steve Moese 3♥ I have shortness in their suit and a Major to bid so I do. Passing their 8 card fit at the 2-level is losing bridge.

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠Q 9 7 4 ♥5 4 ♦A Q T ♣A T 7 6

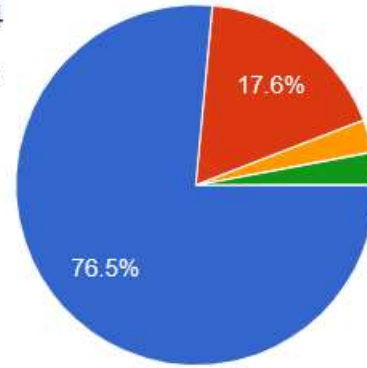
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1♣ 1♠ Pass Pass  
?

### Question 4

34 responses

- Pass
- 1NT
- 2C
- Double



Bob Jones **Pass** You would be forced to bid again with spade shortness, but with 3 or more spades, you are free to pass, which is what you should do. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Partner could have a decent hand without 4 hearts and no spade stopper and not be able to act over the 1♠ overcall. Still, I see more profit in passing with this minimum balanced hand and a decent holding in the opponent's suit.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Playing negative doubles, we are normally obligated to make a double here, but with long good spades we know partner did not plan for a penalty double trap pass, so let's play some defense.

Bob Fisk **Pass** You'd reopen with a takeout double holding spade shortness, but most people don't consider four of them as shortness.

Steve Moese **Pass** Thinking is an overbid here. A minimum balanced hand with length in overcaller's suit passes. 1NT here shows 18-19 HCP. Nope.

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### Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable  
♠A 7 6 ♥K 7 ♦J 9 6 5 ♣8 7 5 3

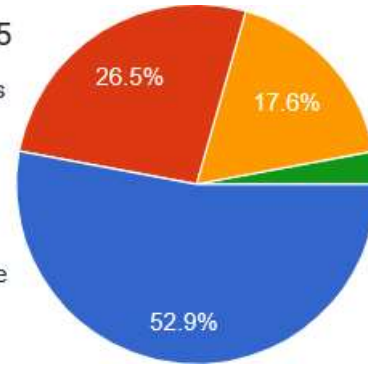
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ X ?

### Question 5

34 responses

● 2D  
● 1NT  
● 3D  
● Redouble



Bob Jones **2♦** Had right-hand opponent passed, you might bid 1NT. In a competitive auction, however, it is better to support partner when you can. Bid 2♦.

Steve Vogel **2♦** Another very close call. A 1NT response could be right if it buys the contract. If, however, the opponents bid on find a major suit fit, I would rather have shown support for partner's suit so that he/she can gauge whether to compete with 3♦.

Joe Muenks **1NT** I like this bid to show 8-9 HCP, rarely 7, with both majors stopped. It is a bit preemptive, too, as now west's 2 and 3 of a major are more wide-ranging as they want to bid to protect the partial but not excite partner who might have 14 good points and raise too high.

Bob Fisk **2♦** Constructive diamond raise. Don't play 1m-(X)-2m as some sort of Inverted Minor Raise (i.e., play it as constructive and either play 2NT as your invitational raise for partner's minor or, better yet, play Flip-Flop where 1m-(X)-2NT is your preemptive raise and 1m-(X)-3m is your invitational raise).

Steve Moese **1NT** The perfect minimum for this call. 8-11 HCP after they double or overcall. Diamonds can wait. NT scores better.

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### Question 6

♠Q 6 ♥A Q T 9 5 3 ♦A 7 ♣K 6 3

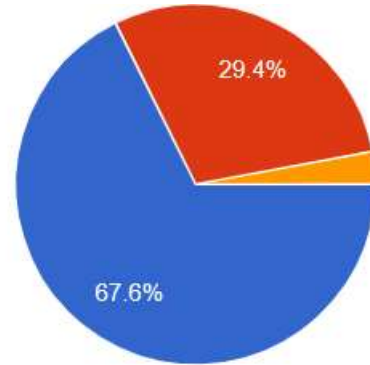
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
?

### Question 6

34 responses

● 3H  
● 2H  
● 2NT



Bob Jones 3♥ This is a close choice. Partner's 1♠ response gives the ♠Q increased value. Bid 3♥.

Steve Vogel 3♥ A good 6-card suit and 17+ points (15HCP + 2 for the long hearts and good intermediates in my suit) make this hand ripe for a jump rebid.

Joe Muenks 3♥ I think we have about 16-18 and a good 6 card suit. I like my Q fit in partner's spades and holdings in both suits the opponents are probable to lead.

Bob Fisk 3♥ You're sort of in between bids, but 3♥ wins out do to (1) your Queen in partner's suit, (2) your T9 of hearts, and (3) primes rather than quacks in the minors. Remember, partner's anticipated 3♠ rebid is 10000% forcing, so you'll raise that to game.

Steve Moese 3♥ A minimum for this call. 15-17 with a good suit 6+ cards. Check.

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

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Al Venosa	4♣	1♥	X	Pass	2♦	3♥
AnnR	1♣	1♥	Pass	1NT	3♦	3♥
Bob K	1♣	1♥	Pass	1NT	3♦	2♥
Carl Willig	5♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	2♦	3♥
Carol Wilson	1♣	1♥	Pass	1NT	XX	3♥
Cathy W	1♣	1♥	X	1NT	2♦	3♥
Dave	4♣	1♥	X	Pass	3♦	2♥
Dean Congbalay	1♣	1♦	3♥	X	1NT	3♥
Ed	3♣	1♦	X	Pass	2♦	3♥
Greg	1♣	1♦	Pass	Pass	2♦	2♥
James	1♣	1♥	X	Pass	1NT	3♥
James Jacobson	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	2♦	2♥
Jay Gala	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	1NT	3♥
JohnMcQ	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	2♦	3♥
Jon Hoak	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	3♦	3♥
Kevin C.	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	1NT	2♥
Kevin H.	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	2♦	3♥
Linda	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	3♦	2♥
Martha	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	1NT	3♥
Mike Burns	1♣	1♦	Pass	2♣	3♦	2♥
Nell Wickstrom	1♣	1♥	X	Pass	2♦	2♥
Pete Outcalt	1♣	1♥	3♥	Pass	2♦	3♥
Rick Read	3♣	1♦	Pass	Pass	2♦	2NT
Rod	1♣	1♥	Pass	1NT	1NT	3♥
Sue	1♣	1♥	3♥	1NT	2♦	3♥
Vijay Doshi	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	2♦	3♥
Zigang Pan	1♣	1♦	Pass	Pass	2♦	3♥
	1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass	2♦	2♥
	1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass	1NT	2♥



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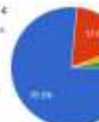
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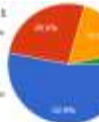
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Question 4



Question 5



Question 6



07/29/23	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	2
Mary Vogel	1	1	X	Pass	2	2
Joe Mearns	1	1	X	Pass	INT	3
Bob Pitt	1	1	X	Pass	2	3
Mary Moran	1	1	2	Pass	INT	3
<b>All came to the GC, and play with friends!</b>						
All Woods	1	1	X	Pass	2	3
Ann	1	1	Pass	INT	3	3
Bob E.	1	1	Pass	INT	3	3
Carl Wilby	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	3
Carol Wilson	1	1	Pass	INT	XX	3
Cathy W.	1	1	X	INT	3	3
Dave	1	1	X	Pass	3	3
Dean Campbell	1	1	2	X	INT	2
Ed	1	1	X	Pass	2	3
Greg	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	3
James	1	1	X	Pass	INT	3
Jenny Jacobson	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	3
Jay Gale	1	1	Pass	Pass	INT	3
Judy McGuire	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	3
Kathleen	1	1	Pass	Pass	3	3
Kevin C.	1	1	Pass	Pass	INT	2
Kevin H.	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	3
Linda	1	1	Pass	Pass	3	3
Martha	1	1	Pass	Pass	INT	3
Mike Burns	1	1	Pass	2	3	3
Nell Wickstrom	1	1	X	Pass	2	3
Ann Duffell	1	1	3	Pass	2	3
Bob Reed	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	3
Bob	1	1	Pass	INT	3	3
Sue	1	1	2	INT	2	3
Vicky Duffell	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	3
Wanda Park	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	3
	1	1	Pass	Pass	2	3