

Bob Jones Jun 1 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JUNE 1, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠Q5 ♥A653 ♦KJ76 ♣J64

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ P ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠KQ8 ♥K75 ♦KJT3 ♣QT3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 2♦* ?

*5-5 in the majors

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K76 ♥K8 ♦J763 ♣KQT7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠JT65 ♥KJ9 ♦AQ764 ♣5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠AK9754 ♥T ♦974 ♣K86

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠AQJ3 ♥Q2 ♦JT76 ♣865

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ Pass 1♠ 2NT*

3♥ Pass ?

*Both minors, at least 5-5

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠ Q 5 ♥ A 6 5 3 ♦ K J 7 6 ♣ J 6 4

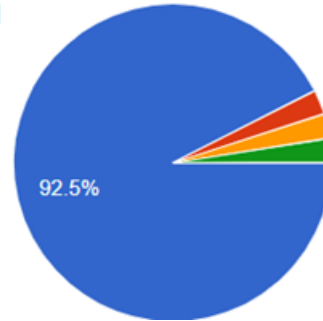
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1♠ P ?

Question 1

40 responses

- 1NT
- Pass
- 2S
- 2D



Bob Jones **1NT** Forcing no trumpers will bid 1NT, but what about standard players? Do you really want to bid 2♦ on a 4-card suit? You might never stop this train. Bid 1NT.

Steve Vogel **1NT** (Forcing) The vast majority of 11 HCP hands start with a response of 1NT to a 1♠ opening bid. My next bid will depend upon partner's rebid, but I will definitely make another bid if partner's rebid is below game.

Joe Muenks **1NT** Bid 1NT forcing one round and await developments. If 1NT is not forcing for you, bid 2♦ to show 10+ and 4 card suits up the line.

Bob Fisk **1NT** (Forcing). This is why we play 1NT forcing in 2/1. And yes, I mean this exact hand (I've been waiting for it for soooooo long). The better question is "What's going to be my rebid?" If partner bids 2♠, I'll bid 3♠ (2-card limit raise). If partner rebids 2♥, I'll raise to 3♥ (or bid game if partner bids 2♥ with confidence). If partner rebids 2♣ or 2♦, I'll bid 2NT to show my balanced 11 count. If partner rebids 2NT showing 18-19 HCP and 5-3-3-2 shape, I'll bid 3NT (duh). Bridge is easy!

Steve Moese **1NT** The only answer playing 2/1 GF whether 1NT is forcing or semi forcing. Playing Standard American we need to bid 2♦ to show 10+ values.

Mike Ma **1NT** No option playing 2/1 + Jacoby 2NT. As often with the Goren quiz, the issue is what next. Partner bids 2♦ (3+) to your forcing NT, do you rebid 2♠ or 2NT. Personally no matter what I do, it will turn out wrong.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠JT65 ♥KJ9 ♦AQ764 ♣5

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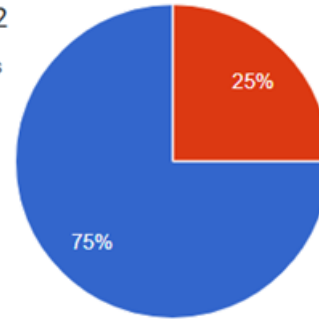
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Question 2

40 responses

● 1D

● Pass



Bob Jones **1♦** Open 1♦. You might have an awkward rebid after a 1NT or 2♣ response, but you would be happy after 1♥ or 1♠.

Steve Vogel **1♦** I tend not to open 11-point balanced hands, but this unbalanced hand, with support for both majors and all my high cards in my long suits, easily qualifies for an opening bid in my book.

Joe Muenks **1♦** This hand passes the rule of 20/22, so we open it. Also we have a simple rebid, raising a major, probably.

Bob Fisk **Pass** I have zero reason to open this hand in first seat. For those who do, I'll ask them "Do you ever have a Drury bid?" I imagine not, since you seem to open any holding with 13 cards. Here, after Pass-(Pass), partner will open 1M, and I have an exquisite Drury response. Partner will (of course) pass my 2♣ bid, since partner always forgets Drury. Sigh.

Steve Moese **1♦** Some hands are made for a light opening bid and this is one. We have no rebid problems and can support either major. On a close decision to open, I check to see if the hand is 7 losers or better. This one is. Rule of 22 says $11+9+1.5+0.5=22$. So open the bidding already.

Mike Ma **1♦** Another Joe sighting a la Rule of 20/22. I take my ♥KJ and ♦AQ to satisfy the 2 of 22. Small club singleton, decent diamond suit, what are you waiting for to open?

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠KQ8 ♥K75 ♦KJT3 ♣QT3

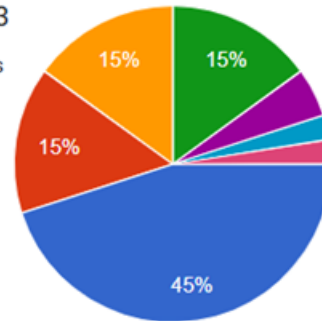
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 2♦ ?

Question 3

40 responses

● 3NT
● 3D
● Double
● 2NT
● 2H
● 3H
● 2S



Bob Jones **3NT** At this vulnerability, just bid 3NT. They are unlikely to bid over that.

Steve Vogel **3♥** Not the easiest hand to bid given the Michaels cue bid. My top choices are 2♠ (unusual over unusual showing limit+ support for diamonds), 3NT (2NT is non-forcing), passing awaiting future developments, or 3♥ asking partner to bid 3NT with a heart stopper. A double in this auction shows a willingness to penalize the opponents, which I do not feel is right with only 3 cards in each major. I like 3♥ best because I would not want to be in 3NT with only one heart stopper.

Joe Muenks **X** We announce to partner that we can penalize those frisky opponents for a fine score depending on how things proceed. Note partner will likely be on lead through East when she leads a trump, since West will try to score a trump in the West hand but we'll try to prevent it.

Bob Fisk **X** We're hoping to take the opponents down two tricks doubled in 2♥ or 2♠ for +500. That's better than any non-slam hand we can get on our own. Sweet! If partner flinches and rebids 3♦, we'll be in 3NT or 5♦ probably making on a finesse (picture partner with xx J AQxxxx AJxx).

Steve Moese **3NT** What I would have bid had East not bid. Double is an option, but we must take 7 tricks on defense to make up for our game. That seems a tall order given East's bid. I like South's hand declaring the NT game with both majors protected against the lead. If partner has 55+ minors, they'll run and we will get to our game in a minor. (Partner knows my 3NT response tends to deny as much as Hxxx in either major - I double with that holding).

Mike Ma **X** This one is tough. I can bid 2♠ (LR+ playing Unusual over unusual. I can blast out 3NT. Or I can X. Balanced hand suggests NT, but if partner has ♥Qx, NT is better played on her side. But how can we achieve that? If I X, I should be willing to defend. 2M X has two ways to win. They go down more than our game, or we go down in game. But we need to be sure they will go down.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

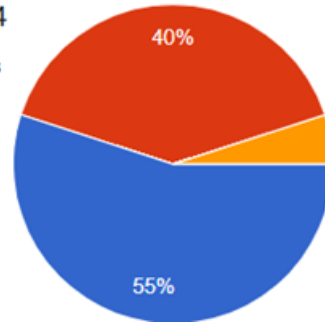
♠ A K 9 7 5 4 ♥ T ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ K 8 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
Pass Pass ?

Question 4

40 responses

● 2S
● 1S
● 3S



Bob Jones 2♠ You might open 1♠ in 1st or 2nd seat, but partner is a passed hand. Open 2♠.

Steve Vogel 2♠ I prefer 2♠ to a 3rd seat 1♠ bid for the preemptive value of opening 2♠.

Joe Muenks 2♠ This is really a close call because 2.5 defensive tricks in a preempt hand is a lot. However, keeping them from bidding hearts and pushing us up 1 too high is a consideration. After 2♠ partner is well positioned for his bids.

Bob Fisk 2♠ You're allowed to have a good hand/suit when you open 2M vulnerable in third seat. If you open 1♠ light, you leave West too much room to compete in hearts (stupid West).

Steve Moese 1♠ The question posed is whether we should open 1♠ or 2♠ (pass is not a serious consideration). Opposite the right invitational raise this hand can make game (few values in the majors, or shortness in diamonds). So I choose to avoid the 2♠ start.

Mike Ma 2♠ This is between 1♠ and 2♠. On average, the two PH have 8 hcp each. So opps are unlikely to have game, not to mention you have 2 1/2 defensive tricks. In a partial contest, going down 2 vul for -200 even if undoubled will be a bad score. Bid 2♠ now and get it out of your system. If they bid 3♥, defend.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K76 ♥K8 ♦J763 ♣KQT7

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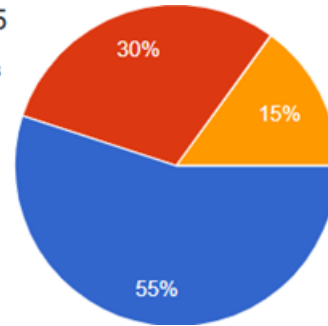
Question 5

40 responses

● 1D

● 1C

● Pass



Bob Jones **1♦** When opening one of a minor with 4 cards in each suit, we believe you should always open 1♦. Bid 1♦.

Steve Vogel **1♣** I won't open every 12 HCP hand, but in a close call, I will open this one (the ♣T made me do it). Normally, I would open 1♦ with 4 diamonds and 4 clubs, but if the opponents win the auction, I want partner to lead a club and not a diamond.

Joe Muenks **1♦** Not only does this pass the rule of 20/22, the whole field except a few shy souls are opening it so you have to act like a lemming and jump over the cliff.

Bob Fisk **1♦** I'm not a member of the "Open your better minor" club (dues were too high). My rebid is going to be 1NT no matter what partner responds. That's a lie, of course, since my 1NT rebid will be insufficient over some of partner's responses. Sue me.

Steve Moese **1♣** Don't overthink this one. Also meets the rule of 22: 12+8+0.5+0.5+1

Mike Ma **1♣** Modern style is to frequently upgrade, never downgrade You have opening HCP, albeit an aceless wonder. But other than that, you have a pretty good hand, only 2 quacks, and one of them (♣Q) in very good position. Open and make your life easier.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A Q J 3 ♥Q 2 ♦J T 7 6 ♣8 6 5

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1♥ Pass 1♠ 2NT

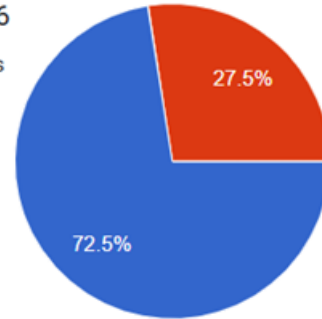
3♥ Pass ?

Question 6

40 responses

● 4H

● Pass



Bob Jones 4♥ You have to give partner some room to bid aggressively over competition by the opponents, so it's close between pass and 4♥. We like 4♥.

Steve Vogel 4♥ Is partner's 3♥ bid competitive or showing extras? It could be either (with no prior discussion), but given my great major suit cards, I can do no less than bidding 4♥.

Joe Muenks Pass I think East has long hearts here. My 10 is square and the J♦ likely useless. My xxx in clubs is the worst possible holding. West is vulnerable so in an open game, they are often sane and not completely broke. For these reasons, I'm taking the low road.

Bob Fisk 4♥ Why is this question in here? Partner has shown a very nice hand with 6+ hearts and fewer than three spades, and I have a 10 count with honor doubleton. Picture partner with Kx AKxxxx AQx xx (making five on a club lead if the ♥J falls or six if East leads their stiff diamond). If you have a partner that bids 3♥ with less on this auction, get a new partner (or explain to your partner that they don't have to overbid, since they have you to invite them back in the auction).

Steve Moese 4♥ We've got 9 working points to go along with partners 15-17, and the spade finesse seems likely to work. They still give Game bonuses for bidding and making game. Make an old-fashioned game try. Bid game and let partner try to make it!

Mike Ma Pass (MB: No comment posted)

06/01/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	1NT	1♦	3NT	2♠	1♦	4♥
Steve Vogel	1NT	1♦	3♥	2♠	1♣	4♥
Joe Muenks	1NT	1♦	X	2♠	1♦	Pass
Bob Fisk	1NT	Pass	X	2♠	1♦	4♥
Steve Moese	1NT	1♦	3NT	1♠	1♣	4♥
Mike Ma	1NT	1♦	X	2♠	1♣	Pass

SM: Condolences to Margaret Young's family and friends. I lost a club game partner and a good friend. She was fun to talk with, and a staunch competitor.

BF: Door hinge

Al Venosa	1NT	1♦	3♦	3♠	1♦	Pass
Bob K	1NT	Pass	3NT	2♠	1♦	4♥
Carl Willig	1NT	1♦	3NT	2♠	Pass	4♥
Carol Wilson	1NT	1♦	X	2♠	1♦	Pass
Chuck	1NT	1♦	3♦	2♠	1♣	4♥
Dave	Pass	1♦	2♥	1♠	1♦	4♥
Dean Congbalay	1NT	Pass	3NT	1♠	1♣	4♥
Doug Edwards	1NT	1♦	2♥	1♠	1♦	Pass
Ed	1NT	1♦	2NT	1♠	Pass	4♥
Gary Herrington	1NT	1♦	2♠	2♠	1♦	4♥
George Kent	1NT	1♦	2NT	2♠	1♣	4♥
James D	1NT	Pass	3NT	2♠	1♦	4♥
James Jacobson	1NT	1♦	2NT	1♠	1♦	Pass
Jay Gala	1NT	1♦	2NT	2♠	1♦	4♥
JohnMcQ	1NT	1♦	3NT	1♠	1♦	4♥
Jon Hoak	1NT	1♦	3NT	1♠	1♦	4♥
Jusie Clendening	1NT	Pass	3♦	2♠	1♣	Pass
Kevin C.	1NT	Pass	3NT	2♠	1♣	4♥
Kevin H.	1NT	1♦	X	3♠	1♦	4♥
Lanny	1NT	1♦	3NT	2♠	1♦	4♥
LYN	1NT	1♦	3♦	2♠	1♣	4♥
Mike Burns	1NT	1♦	X	1♠	1♦	4♥
Mónica	1NT	1♦	3NT	1♠	1♦	4♥
Nell Wickstrom	1NT	Pass	3♦	1♠	1♦	4♥
Pam Campbell	1NT	Pass	2NT	1♠	1♦	4♥
Pete Outcalt	1NT	1♦	3NT	1♠	Pass	4♥
Rick Read	2♠	1♦	3♦	2♠	1♣	4♥
Robert N.	1NT	Pass	3NT	2♠	1♣	4♥
Rod	1NT	1♦	3NT	1♠	Pass	Pass
Sue	1NT	1♦	3NT	1♠	1♦	Pass
Vijay	1NT	Pass	3NT	2♠	Pass	4♥
Zigang Pan	1NT	1♦	3NT	2♠	1♣	Pass
	1NT	1♦	3NT	2♠	1♦	Pass
	2♦	1♦	2NT	1♠	Pass	4♥

