

Bob Jones June 15 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JUNE 15, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠5 3 2 ♥A J 7 ♦K 5 ♣T 9 8 6 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
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1♠	2♦	?
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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A K J 7 5 4 ♥K 6 3 ♦7 ♣A J 5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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1♠	2NT*	Pass	3♦
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*Both minors, at least 5-5

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Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠T 5 4 ♥K T 9 8 4 ♦K 5 ♣K 8 7

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1♥	1♠	?
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Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K 2 ♥K T ♦K J 9 ♣A Q 9 8 6 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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1♥	Pass	2♣	Dbl
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2♥	Pass	?
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Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A Q 6 ♥A 9 8 6 4 ♦J 9 4 ♣9 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
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3♥	Pass	?
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*Transfer to hearts

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SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
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2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
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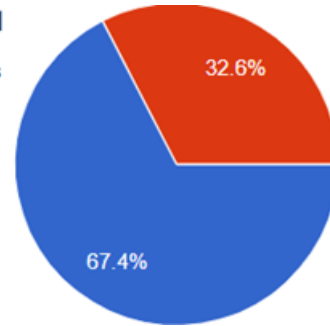
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♦

1♠ 2♦ ?

Question 1

43 responses

● 2S
● Pass



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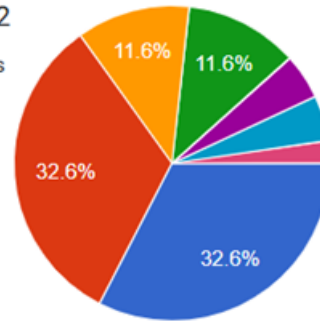
1♥	Pass	2♣	Dbl
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2♥	Pass	?	
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Question 2

43 responses

- 4H
- 3H
- 2NT
- 3NT
- 3D
- 4NT
- 3C



Bob Jones **3NT** West, behind you, is advertising spades and diamonds. Protect your holdings in those suits by becoming declarer. Bid 3NT.

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Mike Ma **3♥** No matter how you play 2♥ if West passes, here 2♥ 100% promises 6+ hearts, and the suit should be at least decent, which your KT will make into at least good, say at most one loser assuming normal break I am giving up on NT and bidding 3♥ to allow probing slam. Bidding 3♣ to show your club suit can create problem if partner bids anything but 3♥ over it.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ 2NT Pass 3♦

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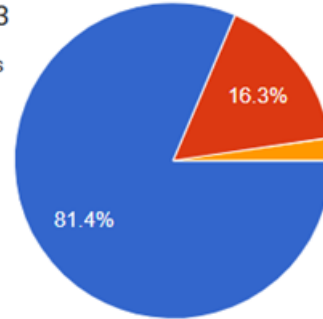
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● 3S

● Double

● Pass



Bob Jones 3♠ It's a bit dangerous, but you can't sell out to 3♦. Bid 3♠.

Steve Vogel X Partner had ways to show a decent hand (3♣ showing 5+ hearts and 10+ points or 3♦ showing spade support and 10+ points) as well as a light to moderate hand with hearts (by bidding 3♥) or a constructive raise in spades. Given the vulnerability, however, I am willing to go out on a limb with a takeout double and hope for the best.

Joe Muenks 3♠ It's a bidders game. Partner did not indicate any help, so maybe you are the one sacrificing but maybe they'll bid 4♦ and after you lead your singleton trump, maybe they fall short a trick.

Bob Fisk X This is clearly takeout, and I want partner bidding 3♠ with Qx xxxx xxx xxx. On a good day, we go down only one.

Steve Moese X We have 16 HCP and six nice spades plus support for hearts (and clubs, but they don't matter here). Partners pass is telling. They can make an invite or force by bidding 3 of either minor (Called unusual over unusual), they can make a constructive 7-9 HCP raise of spades or a constructive 7-9 HCP 3♥ bid immediately over 2NT, and they can double to show Hxxx or better (and invitational plus values) in either minor. None of that happened. If we pass and partner has a weak raise, they might pass. If we pass and partner doesn't fit spades we might be handing the opponents a cheap 3-level contract. If we bid spades we might miss our heart fit. We don't want that. Net with partner 0-6 opposite, double is the most flexible way to compete. We like competing on this hand.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

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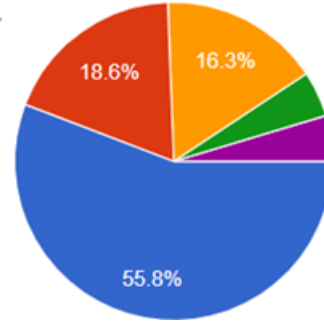
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
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3♥	Pass	?	
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Question 4

43 responses

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



Bob Jones **3NT** This hand is not worth a slam move unless you have a heart fit. Bid 3NT. Partner will let you know if he has a good hand for hearts.

Steve Vogel **3NT** If partner shows a heart fit by correcting to 4♥, I will check for key cards before bidding slam. Without a heart fit, I am fine with stopping in 3NT (although we will sometimes miss a slam).

Joe Muenks **4NT** This is a quantitative NT raise. If partner has hearts they now count distributional points to consider slam. Discuss with your partner that 4♣ is keycard in this sequence.

Bob Fisk **3NT** If partner passes, we're in the right contract. If partner bids 4♥, I'll bid 4♠ (Kickback) to ask for keycards. 6NT often requires 33 HCP, but 6♥ requires much less. Picture partner with KJxx KQJ KQx Axx. Yep, that'll work.

Steve Moese **3NT** Unfortunately we might have a thin slam on these cards. A quantitative 4NT won't get us the info we need. 3♠ shows more spades than we have and 4♠ is likely a splinter showing slam ambitions and 6+ hearts. Now if partner adjusts to 4♥ showing a fit, we can express interest by bidding 4♠ (4NT for you kickback enthusiasts). Now partner can decide.

Mike Ma **3NT** Without a heart fit, this hand is very so-so opposite 20-21. So just bid 3NT now. If partner has hearts, she would bid 4 or cue with better hand that could not super accept before. If opener cues 4♣, I will go along and cue 4♠ (or 4NT cue for spades if playing kickback).

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Question 5

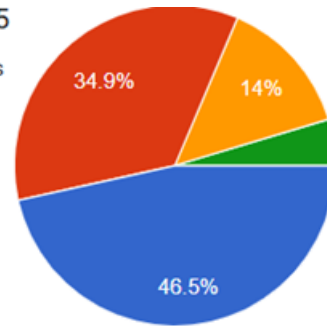
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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♥ 1♠ ?

Question 5

43 responses

- 2S
- 4H
- 3H
- 2H



Bob Jones **2♠** This hand is well worth an invitational raise. Bid **2♠**.

Steve Vogel **2♠** I have enough for a cue bid showing a limit+ raise and 4+ hearts.

Joe Muenks **2♠** 3 or more trump, 10 or more playing points, so....

Bob Fisk **2♠** Cuebid the opponent's suit to show a 3+ card limit+ raise for partner. Note those sneaky plus signs. Here you have extra trump and extra HCP. Yay you. Don't bid **4♥**, since that's a preemptive bid (i.e., you'd bid **4♥** holding xx xxxxx Qx xxxx).

Steve Moese **2♠** I'll venture an aggressive invite on these cards. We have 3 cover cards and partner has advertised 7 losers. If partner is one trick better than that we should have a good chance for game. A 6-loser hand accepts an invite.

Mike Ma **2♠** 3 K and 5 trumps = LR.

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Question 6

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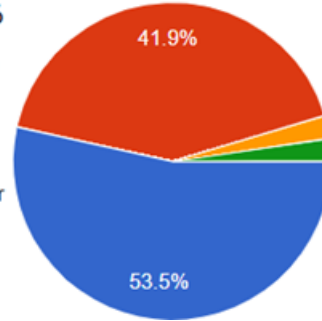
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SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
?			

Question 6

43 responses

● Pass
● 4H
● 4NT
● No Answer



Bob Jones 4♥ Partner wants to play in 4♥ if you have three hearts. Follow his lead. Bid 4♥

Steve Vogel 4♥ I would assume that the original 1NT is a weak notrump bid, as this hand does not meet my requirements for a strong 1NT bid. Despite my 4-3-3-3 distribution, I would correct to 4♥, because if partner has a doubleton in a minor suit, we will often make more tricks in hearts.

Joe Muenks 4♥ Because you are square doesn't mean partner is. BTW if you play 14+ - 17 NT, I STILL wouldn't open this yucky 14 1NT.

Bob Fisk N/A I wouldn't have opened 1NT with that sickly 14 HCP hand.

Steve Moese Pass Our 4333 shape means we are not getting extra tricks from the short trump hand (ours). Our side suit stoppers are well placed. 3NT should score well and on occasion will make when 4♥ goes down.

Mike Ma 4♥ I used to torture myself with hands like this deciding between passing 3NT or bidding 4♥, and when I am wrong, I would take it very badly. Now I just automatically bid 4♥ unless the hand says pass 100%.

06/15/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	2♠	3NT	3♠	3NT	2♠	4♥
Steve Vogel	2♠	3♥	X	3NT	2♠	4♥
Joe Muenks	2♠	3♥	3♠	4NT	2♠	4♥
Bob Fisk	Pass	2NT	X	3NT	2♠	N/A
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Gary Herrington	2♣	3NT	3NT	3♣	3♣	2♣	Pass	
Greg	2♣	3♥	3♥	3♣	3♣	5♣	4♥	
James D	2♣	3♥	3♥	3♣	3♣	3NT	4♥	
James Jacobson	Pass	3NT	3NT	3♣	3♣	2♣	Pass	
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Jim Barrett	2♣	4♥	4♥	3♣	3♣	4NT	4♥	
JohnMcC	2♣	3♥	3♥	3♣	3♣	3NT	Pass	
Jon Hoak	Pass	2NT	2NT	3♣	3♣	3NT	Pass	
Juste Clendening	Pass	3NT	3NT	3♣	3♣	3NT	Pass	
Kevin C.	2♣	3♥	3♥	3♣	3♣	4NT Quantitative	4♥	
Kevin H.	2♣	2NT	2NT	X	X	3NT	Pass	
Lanny	Pass	4♥	4♥	3♣	3♣	3NT	4♥	
Linda	2♣	3♥	3♥	X	X	4NT	Pass	
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Zigang Pan	Pass	4NT RKC	4NT RKC	3♣	3♣	4NT RKC	Pass	
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