

Bob Jones June 22 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JUNE 22, 2024

Q 1 – Nether vulnerable

♠A 4 2 ♥A T 8 7 4 ♦3 ♣K 8 7 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
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Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A 5 ♥A 8 6 4 ♦Q J T 4 ♣9 8 6

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

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠6 5 4 3 ♥K 8 ♦A K 6 4 ♣K Q 6

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

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q J 6 ♥K J ♦Q J T 7 6 3 ♣K J

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
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2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
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What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A 8 3 ♥A 8 7 4 ♦Q 9 8 4 ♣Q J

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

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠K T 9 8 3 ♥A K ♦7 3 ♣K J 9 5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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1♠	Pass	3♠*	Pass
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*Invitational, 3 or 4-card support

What call would you make?

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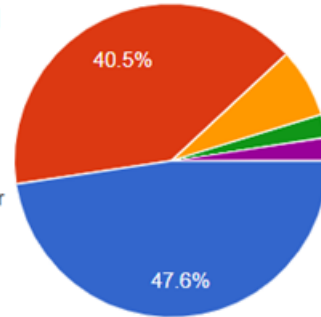
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

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Question 1

42 responses

● 2S
● 2C
● 1NT
● No Answer
● Pass



Bob Jones **2♠** This will be a nice dummy for a spade contract. Bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel **2♠** With good 3-card support for partner's major, a singleton and a minimum hand, I like to make an immediate raise of partner's major to the 2-level. If I had extras (15+), I would bid 2♣ first, and later raise partner's major, depending on their rebid.

Joe Muenks **2♠** This hand is the reason we play that 2NT is an asking bid after 1♥-1♠-2♠. Also, if your partner flails in 7 card fits when they have a minimum 1♠ bid with 4 spades, teach them the appropriate techniques to turn 2♠ into a top when other pairs miss their 4-3 fits with shortness in the hand with the 3 trump.

Bob Fisk **2♣** While 2♠ is certainly a possible bid, I have no reason not to show partner nine of my cards (5-4 in hearts and clubs). I wouldn't have opened this hand, but I won't fault those that would..

Steve Moese **2♠** We have an unbalanced minimum hand, a short side suit, and scattered values. I prefer the fit showing 3-card raise to a 2♣ rebid. Useful shortness in the short trump hand (ours) means extra tricks in our fit. 2♣ instead might elicit 2NT (invitational) from partner and now a 3♠ rebid might get us too high.

Mike Ma **2♠** Some say you should not raise with 3 after 1♥-1♠ because responder may have 3 H. Forget that. If partner has 3 H and less than LR, she would raise to 2♥. So 1♠ says no 3 H unless LR+ (what you should do with 3 H GF is another story). So at the worst raising 1♠ to 2 should result in playing with 2 level with 4-3 fit instead of 2-5. With your singleton D and S Axx, 4-3 fit is fine.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠ Q J 6 ♥ K J ♦ Q J T 7 6 3 ♣ K J

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

2 ♦ Pass 3 ♥ Pass

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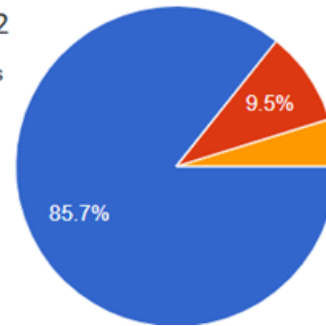
Question 2

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4H

Pass

3NT



Bob Jones Pass Partner's bid is invitational, and you do have 14 points, but this aceless hand is a "soft" 14. Pass.

Steve Vogel Pass Despite great support for hearts, I have 5 losers in the side suits. If partner has AQ of hearts, they will likely have only a side Ace of King, leaving us with 4 losers much of the time. I would pass at matchpoints, but I would take the chance and bid the vulnerable 4♥ game at IMPs.

Joe Muenks 4♥ 3♥ is invitational and we have plenty for game. NT is not a consideration when we have very slow high card points and suits. In hearts we can maintain control of the hand while in NT we cannot.

Bob Fisk 4♥ Partner is inviting (3♥ is not forcing), and I have a decent (not stellar) hand. Picture partner with Kxx AQxxxx x QTx.

Steve Moese 3NT I didn't really rebid 2♦ with this hand, did I? I'm rebidding 1NT on this aceless wonder in part to protect the short suits and in part to slow down the auction. Now partner has made an invitational rebid, and I see we have about 25 HCP between us. While partner does have 6 hearts, 3NT only needs 9 tricks for the game bonus. That should be easier to manage than 10 in hearts. On a good day we'll even score 10 points more than those making 10 tricks in hearts. In the Post Mortem I invoke Bob Ham man's rule: "If 3NT can be right, bid it."

Mike Ma 4♥ The question is if you should accept the invite and if so, try 3NT or 4♥. The absolute worst H suit responder should have is ATxxxx. I am accepting in spite of my hand being aceless wonder. 3NT or 4♥ may both be right. I always go for the 8 M suit contract if I am uncertain.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠ A 5 ♥ A 8 6 4 ♦ Q J T 4 ♣ 9 8 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

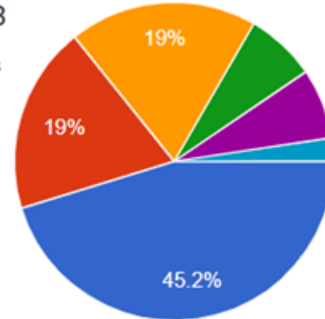
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

2♦ Pass ?

Question 3

42 responses

● 3D
● 2H
● 2NT
● 2S
● 3NT
● Pass



Bob Jones **3♦** You made a conservative bid at your first turn and you should continue to be conservative. Bid 3♦.

Steve Vogel **3♦** I could have less for this bid, but I do not like the alternative of 2NT with three small clubs.

Joe Muenks **2NT** As uncomfortable as it feels this bid is right on distribution and strength. Every once in a while all partner's points will be in spades and diamonds and you'll go down, but usually not. Do not bid 2♥ which shows 6 and a bad hand, nor diamonds since 3 is too little and 4 too much without short clubs.

Bob Fisk **2NT** I could bid 3♦, but what does that get me? If partner passes that, partner will have to take 10 tricks in a diamond contract to match the eight we just gave up in a notrump contract. Am I afraid of clubs? Who bid clubs?

Steve Moese **3♦** We have an invitational hand that wants to rebid 2NT. I would not fault an enterprising 2NT rebid. However that should show stops or partial stops in the unbid suits H and C). 3♦ risks finding partner with something like KQxxx QJx Axx xx. Not a pretty sight. Normal rebids to 1NT forcing are flawed because too many hand types cannot be bid accurately. See LISA and BART (you do now have to Google, don't you?) for more info.

I would fault a 2♠ rebid as being too weak a representation of this hand. 2♠ deserves KJxxx Kxx Axx Ax opposite.

Mike Ma **2NT** What else?

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

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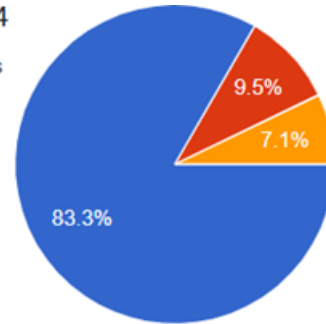
Question 4

42 responses

● 1NT

● 2S

● 2H



Bob Jones **1NT** 2♠ would not be the worst bid ever made, but with two honors in your doubleton suit, we prefer 1NT.

Steve Vogel **1NT** With honors in all suits, I prefer a rebid of 1NT to the alternative of raising partner's spades with only 3-card support.

Joe Muenks **1NT** As opposed to earlier, we have a square hand with strength everywhere so we'll go for the matchpoint gold of a NT contract. Partner can always ask about 3 card support should they have a good hand.

Bob Fisk **1NT** 100%?

Steve Moese **1NT** My hand is a balanced minimum. Now what bid shows that? (My clubs are too good to consider a raise to 2♠ directly).

Mike Ma **1NT** Broken record. Raise with 3 if your doubleton is less than Hx. What counts as H is up to your agreement.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

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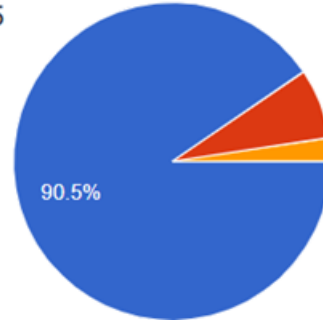
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ Pass 1♠ ?

Question 5

42 responses

- Pass
- 1NT
- Double



Bob Jones **Pass** You could bid 1NT, but you would be minimum for that bid and you don't really have a spade stopper. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** The opponents have bid my two longest suits, and I don't like taking the chance of a 1NT overall without a spade stopper, a good source of tricks or more than minimum values.

Joe Muenks **Pass** You'd be surprised how well you score sometimes when you shock a declarer by showing up with all the points but not let them know about it. The best part is watching the rest of the auction play out and seeing how high they get.

Bob Fisk **Pass** 100%? If not, it should be. If you double here, I hope you like playing in 2♥ in a 4-2 fit. Heh. If you bid 1NT here, I hope you like going down two doubled and vulnerable against a possible partscore.

Steve Moese **Pass** I hold 15 HCP the opponents have suggested at least 12+6=18 HCP, so partner has at most 7 HCP. The opponents have shown length in my two longest suits. We see a misfit coming their way. Pass and await developments. A penalty double might be in the offing. (While a 1NT bid here is possible, the spade holding is atrocious and we are at a thin minimum with no suit to develop for tricks).

Mike Ma **Pass** It used to be thought that if both opps bid, there is no point in bidding natural strong NT. That has been debunked these days of ultra light opening and response. But you still need to differentiate strong NT. I dont have a problem with bidding 1NT wiht S xxxx, but this hand has no source of tricks.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

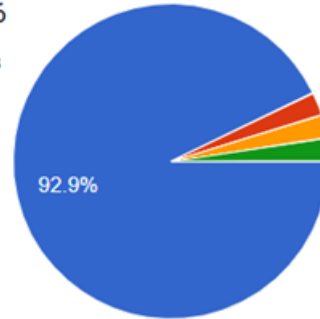
♠KT983 ♥AK ♦73 ♣KJ95

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
?			

Question 6

42 responses

- 4S
- 4C
- Pass
- 3NT



Bob Jones **4♠** As opposed to Question 2, this is a great 14-point hand. Bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel **4♠** I see little chance of slam with this 6-loser hand, but we should have very good game prospects.

Joe Muenks **4♠** I'm just short of making a slam try, with a 4♥ call with most of my partners, 4♣ with a few. The useless doubleton and 3 missing keys and the Q just are too much even on a good day.

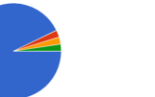
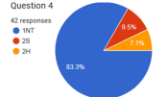
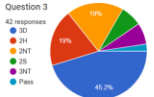
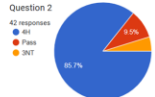
Bob Fisk **4♠** Partner can't have enough for slam (i.e., 3♠ wasn't even forcing). Partner would have to hold AQxx xxx AKx AQx to make seven. Take one card away from that holding, and it's still not close to what partner actually holds.

Steve Moese **4♠** When partner makes a fitting invitation to game, don't count HCP, count tricks. How? Count losers in your hand (here 6: 2S, 0H, 2D, 2C). Partner shows 3 cover cards (trump Q or any side K or A). 4♠ should be a no-brainer. (Note, give partner AQx Jxxx QJxx xx, and we simply need to guess the club suit for 1 loser).

Mike Ma **3NT** Obviously you are not passing. Should you bid 4♠ 3NT.

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Bob Jones	2♠	Pass	3♦	1NT	Pass	4♠
Steve Vogel	2♠	Pass	3♦	1NT	Pass	4♠
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AnnR	2♠	4♥	2♥	1NT	Pass	4♠
Bob K	2♠	4♥	2NT	1NT	Pass	4♠
Carl Willig	2♠	4♥	3♦	1NT	Pass	4♠
Carol Wilson	2♣	4♥	3♦	2♠	Pass	4♠
Dave	2♣	4♥	2♥	2♥	1NT	4♠
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Jon Hoak	2♠	4♥	3♦	1NT	Pass	4♠
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Lanny	2♣	4♥	2♠	2♠	Pass	4♠
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Liz	2♣	4♥	3♦	1NT	Pass	4♠
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Mike Burns	2♠	4♥	2♥	1NT	Pass	4♠
Mónica	2♠	4♥	3♦	1NT	Pass	4♠
Pam Campbell	2♠	4♥	2NT	1NT	Pass	4♠
Pete Outcalt	2♣	4♥	3♦	1NT	Pass	Pass
Rick Read	2♠	4♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Robert N.	1NT	4♥	2♥	1NT	Pass	4♠
Rod	2♣	4♥	2♠	1NT	Pass	4♠
Sue	1NT	3NT	2NT	1NT	1NT	4♠
Vijay	2♣	4♥	3♦	1NT	Pass	4♠
Zigang Pan	2♣	4♥	3NT	1NT	Pass	4♠
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