| Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz | Q 2 - North-South vulnerable |
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| GOREN BRIDGE JUNE 24, 2023 | ¢Q95ヶ7643*Q5 \& A K J 6 |
| Q1 - Neither vulnerable |  |
|  | NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST |
|  | 1NT* 2*** ? |
| NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST | * 15-17 |
| P 1* ? | **showing diamonds. |
| What call would you make? | What call would you make? |
| Q 3 - East-West vulnerable | Q 4 - Both vulnerable |
| ¢9 5 ¢ T 4 A 9 8 4 ¢ 764 | ¢A 964 VQ 987 A 5 \& T 4 |
| WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH | EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH |
| 1v 14 Dbl* ? | 1. Dbl Pass $2 \downarrow$ |
| *Negative | 3 ? |
| What call would you make? | What call would you make? |
| Q 5 - North-South vulnerable | Q 6 - East-West vulnerable |
| ¢AJT42 * K 5 J 5 ¢ 63 | ¢K Q 6 4 3 2 VK J 9 Q ¢ ¢ 5 3 |
| SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST | NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST |
| 14 2- Dbl* Pass | 1\% Pass 10 Pass |
| ? | 2v Pass ? |
| *Negative | What call would you make? |
| What call would you make? | Look for answers on Monday. |



Q1－Neither vulnerable
ゅK Q T 8532 『T 53 K 246
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
P 1 ？

Bob Jones 19 Even with a stiff king and partner a passed hand，this hand is too good for a pre－empt．Bid 14．

Steve Vogel 39 This is one of those hands where various spade calls could end up being right．Given that partner is a passed hand，I prefer to jump the bidding，and my top choices are 34 or 44．With this 6－loser hand，a potential additional loser in spades，and reasonable defense， I prefer 34．

Joe Muenks 1中 When you have a good hand do not preempt wildly since you want an honest bid from partner．If partner raises，you＇ll know her strength and spades．If you do not get a raise，walk the dog（i．e．，bid spades at the cheapest level to try to win the contract as low as possible）．

Bob Fisk 19 While it＇s tempting to blast 4＠，I have too many losers to justify that （AJx of Spades behind me perhaps，xxx in Hearts in partner＇s hand perhaps，KQ of Clubs to my left perhaps，etc．perhaps）I＇ll take another bid if the opponents compete further．

Steve Moese 19 We need modest help from partner，so we start low to find it． 2 1／2 Quick tricks is way too much for any preempt． $4 \boldsymbol{\perp}$ is possible，but we are too strong for that．


Bob Jones 3- When they overcall your 1NT opening, a cue bid becomes your Stayman bid. Bid $3 \star$.

Steve Vogel 3- (Lebensohl) This bid, in a Lebensohl context, is game-forcing Stayman without a diamond stopper. If partner bids 3a, I plan to rebid 3NT. My second choice would be to make an immediate 3NT bid showing the values of a game raise without a diamond stopper, but this bid gives up on the chance of a heart fit, and partner could even have 5 hearts.

Joe Muenks 3- Playing Lebensohl, one of the first conventions new players need to learn regardless the complexity, a cue bid without a 2 NT relay is Stayman without a diamond stopper.

Bob Fisk 3 (Lebensohl). Playing Lebensohl, a direct cuebid of the opponent's single suit is Stayman without a stopper. Even if you don't play Lebensohl, 3 * would be your bid since you need partner to have a Diamond stopper to survive 3NT. If partner doesn't, you want to play in a 4-4 Heart fit or 4-3 Spade fit (picture AKJx KQT xxx Qxx).

Steve Moese 3-Stayman without a Diamond stopper. I'd bid 2NT first (Lebensohl) then 3 with a Diamond stopper. If you play negative doubles at the 2 -level, that's the perfect bid here. A penalty double on such thin Diamonds is I'll advised at this vulnerability. We need to set them 4 to beat the game we have our way. That's a tall order.


Bob Jones Pass This would be enough to raise if you had support, but not to bid 1NT. Pass.

Steve Vogel Pass With only 6 HCP, I am too weak for a bid. A 1NT call in this setting would show 8-11 HCP, and my heart stopper is tenuous at best.

Joe Muenks Pass There's a lot of bidding going on. Had east bid $2 \boldsymbol{\vartheta}$, we might stretch for a responsive double. Had we been dealt 9 HCP we can bid 1NT here. Instead we have fine defense against any contract the opponents try, so let's pass and try for our plus that way.

Bob Fisk Pass What else? I play redouble here as showing Ax or Kx in Spades (Rosenkrantz Redouble), so that's out. If partner has 6+Spades, partner has a full opener (i.e., didn't overcall 24). The auction isn't over. Stay tuned.

Steve Moese Pass I reserve 1NT here for 8-11. This six pointer has flawed stops in the red suit. No thanks.


Q 4 - Both vulnerable

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1) Dbl Pass $2 \vee$
2) ?

Bob Jones Pass Partner's bid shows 9-11 with at least four hearts. This hand should not bid again. Pass.

Steve Vogel Pass If I had a singleton diamond, I would bid $3 \vee$ (competitive, not game invitational), but with this minimum hand, I have fully defined my holding with my initial takeout double. Partner still has a say. By the way, a double by me at this point would be a maximal double, inviting game in hearts.

Joe Muenks Pass Partner's jump gives us permission to bid with a moderate double (we free raise with $17+$ playing points without a jump). I like my 4 hearts, but I don't have a singleton diamond, my club suit is suspect and there's 3 small spades partner must deal with. Hmmm, while close, I'll let partner decide on this one by passing in rhythm. If I DO hesitate, I will bid $3 \vee$ rather than bar partner, but I've been playing long enough I won't hesitate.

Bob Fisk 3v You're allowed to compete to $3 \vee$, but please don't bid game with this mediocre pile o' goo. Partner has around 9-11 HCP and 4+ Hearts. $3 \vee$ might be a trick too high, but if so, 3 is making. Picture partner with QTx KJxxx xx Kxx.

Steve Moese 3- We compete once to the three level. Partner has shown 9-11 support points. We have an 8-9 card fit. Opener shows 14-16 or so; so $23-27$ HCP are accounted for. That leaves 1-5 HCP for West. Our values are working. Note: 1) competing after a takeout double does not show extra values. 2) A raise in competition shows (at least) 4 card support.


Bob Jones $\quad \underline{\mathbf{2 v}}$ There is no good bid. Choose between $2 \boldsymbol{\vartheta}$ and $2 \boldsymbol{4}$. We like $2 \boldsymbol{V}$.

Steve Vogel 2V With my doubleton diamond, $2 \downarrow$ by partner should have good play, even if he/she has only 4 hearts.

Joe Muenks 2甲 Yuck. Should you try $2 \boldsymbol{1}$ or $2 \boldsymbol{V}$ ? Given I want to ruff the $3^{\text {rd }}$ diamond in the short trump hand, I'll go with the hearts. If I'm in a 4-3 when the bidding ends I have experience calmly playing these fits.

Bob Fisk 2V I've been endplayed into making an unsavory bid. That happens. I'll optimistically picture partner with KQ QJTxx xxx xxx. The trick here is make sure you bid $2 \vee$ in tempo. I can't tell you how many times I've watched an opponent think and think in this auction, shrug, and then bid $2 \vee$. I've started to alert that as "Showing three." :o\}

Steve Moese 2V Looking for the least bad bid. 24 on such a thin suit is unappealing. 2e and 2NT are flawed, and $3 \diamond$ doesn't even make my radar. Besides, partner might still have a spade raise. And playing a Moysian builds character.


Q 6 - East-West vulnerable
ゆK Q 6432 VKJ 9 Q 2 T 53
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1\% Pass 14 Pass
$2 \vee$ Pass ?

Bob Jones $\quad 4 \boldsymbol{Y} \quad$ You have a good heart fit, so give up on spades and raise. $3 \vee$ or $4 \vee$ ? We like 4 4 .

Steve Vogel 4V When partner shows 6 hearts, and I have the values for a 3-card limit raise, I rebid game (4४). A 3-heart rebid would show a 2-card limit raise.

Joe Muenks 4- Since there is no 3.5 heart call, I'll go for the game bonus. Whether partner generates his extra tricks by diamond ruffs in dummy or setting up the spades for pitches using trump entries, there's more reason to believe this leads to 10 tricks than not.

Bob Fisk 4V A good general rule: If you're planning on bidding a forcing NT and then jumping to 3 M to show a 3 -card limit raise and partner messes up your amazing plan by rebidding their major at the two level, go ahead and bid game yourself. Statistics show that game makes in this situation $87.4 \%$ of the time.

Steve Moese 3V Support with support. I'd feel better jumping to the heart game if my minors were 3 Q105. I will, settle for the invite here.

Bob Jones June 24 Quiz

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|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Bob Jones | $1 \uparrow$ | 3 | Pass | Pass | $2 \downarrow$ | $4 \varphi$ |
| Steve Vogel | $3 \uparrow$ | 3 | Pass | Pass | $2 \downarrow$ | $4 \varphi$ |


| Joe Muenks | $1 \Phi$ | 3 | Pass | Pass | $2 \downarrow$ | $4 \vee$ |
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| Bob Fisk | $1 \uparrow$ | 3 | Pass | $3 \downarrow$ | $2 \downarrow$ | $4 \downarrow$ |
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| Steve Moese | $1 \uparrow$ | 3 | Pass | $3 \downarrow$ | $2 \downarrow$ | $3 \downarrow$ |

JM: I see a lot of familiar faces slowly creeping back into the club, quite refreshing, and bigger games are nice.

| Al Venosa | 14 | $2 \vee$ | Pass | 39 | 29 | 47 |
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| Bob K | 14 | 3NT | Pass | 4 | $2 \vee$ | 3\% |
| Carl Willig | 14 | 3\% | Pass | $4 \vee$ | $2 \vee$ | 37 |
| Carol Wilson | 119 | 3 | Pass | 39 | $2 \vee$ | 37 |
| Cathy W | 34 | 3NT | Pass | 39 | $2 \vee$ | 4V |
| Cecilia | 14 | 3 | Pass | 37 | Pass | 39 |
| Dave | 34 | 3NT | Pass | $3 \vee$ | 29 | $4 \checkmark$ |
| Dean Congbalay | 34 | 3 | Pass | 39 | 3* | 4 |
| Ed | 49 | 3NT | Pass | 37 | 24 | 47 |
| Gary Herrington | 34 | X | Pass | 39 | $2 \vee$ | 37 |
| Greg | 119 | 3 | Pass | Pass | $2 \vee$ | 37 |
| James D | 14 | 3NT | Pass | Pass | 29 | 4V |
| James Jacobson | 14 | 2NT | Pass | 39 | $2 \vee$ | 34 |
| Jay Gala | 34 | 3 | 1NT | 37 | $2 \vee$ | $4 \square$ |
| Jim Barrett | 19 | X | Pass | $4 \vee$ | 29 | 4 |
| JohnMcQ | 34 | 3 | Pass | $3 \vee$ | $2 \vee$ | $4 \vee$ |
| Jon Hoak | 34 | X | Pass | 37 | $2 \vee$ | $4 \vee$ |
| Jusie Clendening | 14 | X | Pass | 39 | 24 | 37 |
| Kevin C. | 31 | 3 | Pass | 39 | $2 \vee$ | $4 \vee$ |
| Kevin H. | 49 | 3 | Pass | 37 | 2NT | $4 \checkmark$ |
| Lanny | 34 | X | Pass | 4 | 29 | $4 \checkmark$ |
| Linda | 34 | 3NT | Pass | Pass | $2 \vee$ | 47 |
| Liz | 14 | X | 1NT | Pass | $2 \vee$ | $4 \vee$ |
| Martha | 19 | X | Pass | $3 \%$ | 24 | 37 |
| Mike Burns | X | 3 | XX | 3 | 29 | 39 |
| Mónica | 119 | 3 | Pass | Pass | 24 | 4 |
| Nell Wickstrom | 14 | 3NT | Pass | 39 | $2 \vee$ | 4V |
| Pam Campbell | 49 | 3 | Pass | 37 | 3 | 37 |
| Pan | 14 | 3 | Pass | Pass | $2 \vee$ | 20 |
| Pete Outcalt | 19 | 3 | Pass | 39 | Pass | 37 |
| Phyllis | 34 | 3\% | Pass | $3 \vee$ | $2 \vee$ | $4 \vee$ |
| Reeta B | 34 | 3 | Pass | 37 | 3 | $4 \checkmark$ |
| Rick Read | 34 | 2NT | Pass | 4 | 2NT | 37 |
| Rod | 34 | X | Pass | $3 \vee$ | $2 \vee$ | $4 \vee$ |
| Steve Messinger | 19 | 3 | Pass | $3 \vee$ | $2 \vee$ | 4 |
| Terri Mackey | 14 | X | Pass | 39 | $2 \vee$ | $4 \checkmark$ |
|  | 14 | X | Pass | 39 | $2 \vee$ | 4 |

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