

Bob Jones June 29 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JUNE 29, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠K Q 10 9 4 ♥7 2 ♦K ♣A K 6 5 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
?			

1♠ Pass 2♠ 3♥
?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠6 ♥KJ 8 5 3 ♦K 10 7 6 4 ♣Q 8

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
1♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – Both vulnerable

♠K Q J 8 4 ♥A K 8 5 4 ♦Q 7 ♣K

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
?			

1♠ Pass Pass 1NT
2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass
?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠J 9 8 4 ♥K 9 4 ♦K ♣A Q 8 7 4

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

1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
Pass 2NT* Pass 3♣
3♥ Pass Pass ?

*Both minors

What call would you make?

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♠10 9 4 ♥A K J 8 5 ♦10 8 6 ♣10 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	?

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♣ Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – North-South vulnerable

♠A K 7 ♥8 7 5 4 ♦Q 10 ♣A 9 8 7

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

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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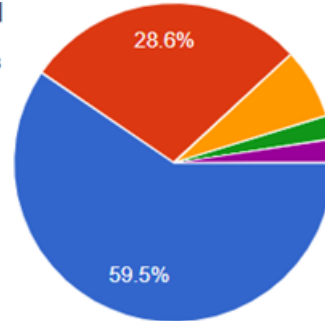
1♠ Pass 2♠ 3♥

?

Question 1

42 responses

4S
3S
Double
Pass
4H



Bob Jones 4♠ A fancy modern convention here is to double as a game try. Don't bother. Just bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel 4♠ My choices are whether to bid game or invite game. With two good 5-card suits, I need very little from partner to make game. I may occasionally go down, but I would bid game with this hand. By the way, a maximal double would be invitational in this sequence.

Joe Muenks X This is not a penalty double, rather it is a game try (maximal overcall double). This allows a weak hand with a 6th spade to bid 3♠ without fear that partner will raise.

Bob Fisk X Maximal overcall double is in effect when you need to make a game try, but you've run out of room to bid a suit below the three level of your trump suit. Typically it occurs in an auction such as 1♠-(2♥-2♠-(3♥); X, but Bridge doesn't always behave the way you want it too.

Steve Moese 4♠ This is a loser count calculation. We have 5. Partner's 2♠ is a constructive raise (weaker hands bid 1NT forcing first) so we expect two cover cards. (A cover card is a side A or K, or Q in any suit we've bid). Bidding 3♠ is only competitive and partner will pass. Bidding 4♣ gives away our hand to the defense. Note if East hadn't overcalled 3♥, we would have made a game try according to our methods. (3♣ would have been best as a long suit game try - double fits make lots of tricks).

OBAR Bids - Marty Bergen promoted the idea that once the "Opponents have Bid And Raised" (to the 2-level), the fourth hand must prebalance with the appropriate shape. This approach makes 3♥ WEAKER than in classical standard (old-fashioned) bidding. Strongly recommend Marty's books on bidding because most experts play his methods.

Mike Ma 4♠ With a 5-loser hand, you are bidding game. The only issue is whether you bid 4♠ now or bid 4♣ to prepare the defense if opps compete to 5♥. The danger of bidding 4♣ is you allow W to show their H fit by bidding 4♥. All in all, I'll just bid 4♠ now.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠ J 9 8 4 ♥ K 9 4 ♦ K ♣ A Q 8 7 4

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

Question 2

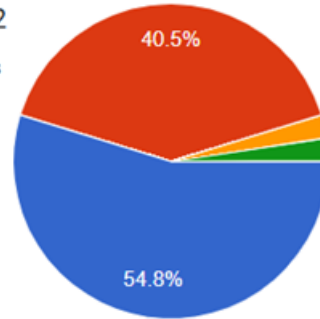
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● Pass

● 4C

● Double

● 5C



Bob Jones Pass Partner has done yeoman work, on modest values, to push them to the three level. Take your profit. Pass.

Steve Vogel Pass When partner is in the passout seat, they are bidding my hand too.

Vulnerable, partner is either 5-5 or 5-4 in the minors. If 5-5, we may well make 4♣, but then we may push the opponents into a potentially makeable game. If 5-4, we are not likely to make 4♣. I would opt to despite my great minor suit cards.

Joe Muenks 4♣ Normally once partner stretches to push the opponents up 1 we take the victory and defend. Here, however, assuming points are split, partner has only 7 HCP, so to step in with 2NT vulnerable, it is highly likely that she is at least 5-4 so we have a good shot at making 4♣ on cross ruff lines, assuming the expected heart opening lead.

Bob Fisk 4♣ Partner didn't bid 2NT immediately over 1♥, so there's something wrong with partner's hand. It's most likely that they're 5-4 in the minors rather than 5-5. They also have only seven HCP (or thereabouts). Picture xx xx Axxx Kxxxx, and you have some play for 4♣, especially on a heart lead.

Steve Moese X We have found a fit in a competitive auction. We have the balance of power and a likely trump trick. Partner has at least 8 HCP for their 2NT takeout bid. If partner is 3=2=4=4 the opponents have only 8 trumps and are one level too high (Law of Total Tricks/Trumps). With 8 trumps they need 23 HCP to play safely at the 3 level. They don't have that. If partner has some 3=1=(54), they are free to bid 4♣ instead of sitting for the double. They will 'now the opponents have 9 trumps, and with useful shortness in their trump suit a 4m contract will score well.

This double is called an optional penalty double. Some people call it a "Do Something Intelligent" double, but I hate that term. I assume all my partners are always doing what is intelligent!

Mike Ma 4♣ With 3 S partner would have balanced with a X, so she is at most 2-2 in M, hence 9+ cards in m. I have a good hand for C, and probably can make 4♣. At worst I should be down 1, and with such good C fit, I doubt opps can X for -200. If I bid 4♣, I need to be able to defend 4♥ in case I goad them into bidding it, and my hand is good enough to do that.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠6 ♥KJ853 ♦K10764 ♣Q8

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass ?

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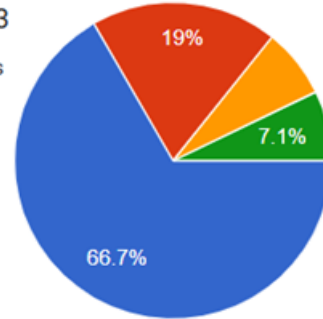
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● 1NT

● 2H

● 2D

● 2C



Bob Jones **1NT** It doesn't seem right, but you do not have the values to bid more than 1NT.

Steve Vogel **1NT** If partner has 3 cards in a red suit, notrump will not be our optimal contract, but I have no way of finding that out. Best to try to get out of a potential misfit at a low level by rebidding 1NT

Joe Muenks **1NT** This hand is a major mismatch so we should get out as soon as possible. Perhaps 1NT will end the bidding; I sure hope so. (2♦ is game forcing and says nothing about diamonds, 2♥ finds partner with a void or sometimes a singleton if you're lucky, so "run away, run away" to quote Monte Python and the Holy Grail.)

Bob Fisk **1NT** Nothing else seems safe, and you'd like to get out before things get any uglier.

Steve Moese **1NT** With 6-9 HCP and no fit, 1NT is an easy choice. 2♥ needs a better suit, one that could play opposite a singleton. Many play that the 1♠ rebid promises 5 clubs or 4 with an unbalanced hand (they rebid 1NT with 4 spades and a balanced hand, waiting for partner to move in the direction of spades. This reduces what distributional information is available to opponents). Trying to play in 2 RED when partner has shown 9 black cards isn't wise.

Mike Ma **1NT** What other choice do you have? Opener can still have a very good hand that is just short of GF 2♠ rebid. Opener may well be singleton in H, so bidding 2♥ is out. Even if you play XYZ, allowing you to bid 2♣ to relay to 2♦, you have no idea there is any fit there. You have good red suits, and your ♣Q should be useful for NT.

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Question 4

Q 4 – East-West vulnerable

♠ 10 9 4 ♥ A K J 8 5 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ 10 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

2♣ Pass Pass ?

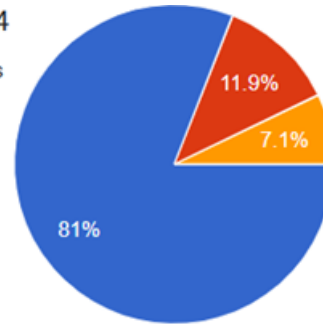
Question 4

42 responses

Pass

Double

2H



Bob Jones **2♥** You don't get rich in bridge by defending two of a minor. Partner is marked with values or they would not be trying to stop in 2♣. Bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel **Pass** With only 5 hearts, I would not bid a natural 2♥ in the passout seat, nor am I willing to take a chance on a double or even 2♠, even though partner will often have some length in spades

Joe Muenks **Pass** Seems we have a good hand to defend, but no assurance that partner forgot to bid their 5-card suit, so we'll just take what we can on defense.

Bob Fisk **Pass** What else? You missed your opportunity to bid 2♥ naturally, and that would have shown a better hand anyways.

Steve Moese **X** Selling out to vulnerable opponents at the 2-level is bad bridge. Double, showing support for the unbid suits, brings partners hand and judgment into the decision. Since you are a passed hand, this balancing double should work fine, hopefully landing a 2-level contract or pushing the opponents to the 3-level where chances of setting them are better. Bidding 2♥ might work but it's too unilateral.

Note - partner cannot have a club stack and heart shortness because s/he did not double at their second turn.

Note 2 - if I wanted to play 2♥, I should have bid 2♥ directly over 1♥. (We don't need Michael's since double shows the two unbid, and with S&C overcalling 1♠ works better).

Mike Ma **X** I would have bid 2♥ over 1♥ previously (when they have bid 1x and 1y, both 2x and 2y are best played as natural). Your H suit is a little lacking for 2♥ with nothing outside, but the vul is in your favor. And you would love for partner to lead H if opener plays NT. I am not letting them play 2♣. I have no idea what 2♥ shows balancing over 2♣, but I do have support for both unbid suits, albeit only 3 each and no honor. So I X.

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Question 5

Q 5 – Both vulnerable

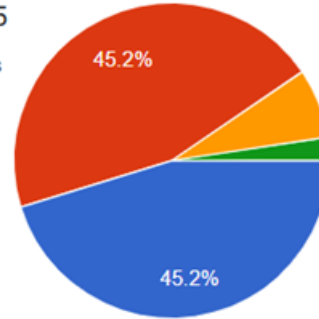
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SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
?			

Question 5

42 responses

- Pass
- 3H
- 3NT
- 4H



Bob Jones **Pass** Mayday! Mayday! Pass before the doubling starts.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Partner is saying they have no fit for either of my suits, but they have length (6+) and some playing strength in clubs. Best to pass.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Partner has 7 clubs on a bad day and 8 clubs more often than you think. All those points and very helpful ♣K mean 3♣ might make. Partner has x, x, Jxx, QTxxxxx I think.

Bob Fisk **3♥** Partner has a sense of humor. “Hey pard, which major do you prefer?” “Clubs” says partner. Sigh. You need partner to hold xx Qx xx xxxxxxx as long as both majors behave.

Steve Moese **Pass** This out of the blue bid by partner means they hate both Majors and have a long suit of their own. When they passed 1♠, they denied a fit with 0-5, denied an Ace (or two Qs). Now they show a 6+ card suit in a hand that could not make a weak jump shift to begin with. About misfits: when you’re in a hole, stop digging. Besides, our top cards will be tricks in partner’s suit, but their clubs won’t be tricks in our suits. Think about x xx xxx J10xxxx.

Mike Ma **Pass** First, 2♥ was a gross underbid. Either X or bid 3♥. But it looks like partner has long C and 1- S and 2- H, so maybe you lucked out. Partner heard your bids, and bid C, trust her.

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Question 6

Q 6 – North-South vulnerable

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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

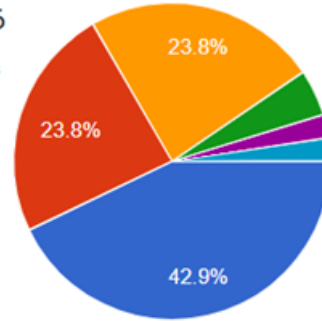
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

2♥ Pass ?

Question 6

42 responses

- 2NT
- 4H
- 3NT
- 3H
- 3C
- Pass



Bob Jones **3NT** You do not want to play in 4♥ if your partner has raised on 3-card support. Bid 3NT and give him a choice.

Steve Vogel **2NT** (Spiral) I want to ensure that partner has 4 hearts before placing the final contract. If partner has 4 hearts with a minimum hand, I would choose to bid 4♥. If partner shows any other hand: 3 hearts (minimum or maximum) or 4 hearts with a maximum, I would offer 3NT as a game contract, and let partner make the final choice.

Joe Muenks **2NT** With honors everywhere we should prefer playing 3NT if partner raised on 3 hearts and a singleton spade, so let's ask about opener's hand with the 2NT bid that goes by ever so many names.

Bob Fisk **2NT** (Spiral). Make sure partner has four Hearts. If not, bid 3NT.

Steve Moese **2NT** The Spiral convention (aka WOLD) works well here. One popular scheme for responding is:

3♣ - 3 card min with void/singleton	3NT - 3 card max (13-14 HCP)
3♦ - 3 card min balanced	4om - splinter 4-card Max
3♥ - 4-card min balanced	4m - 4M 5m 2=2 Max
3♠ - 4-card max balanced	4♥ - if H trump, shows spade splinter. If S trump, shows H splinter (4-card Max)

Here are two other options for the adventuresome:

<https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/spiral-raises/>

<https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/dutch-spiral/>

Mike Ma **3NT** With ♦QT, it is not unreasonable to treat it as 3, and with your weak H pretend you have 4333. Since you did not spiral, opener knows your concern is not 3 H vs 4 H. She should be able to judge whether to pass 3NT or take you to 4♥, e.g. she has xx, AQJx, AJxx, xx, I think she should correct 3NT to 4♥. But if she has one less D and one more C, she should pass 3NT.

06/29/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	4♠	Pass	1NT	2♥	Pass	3NT
Steve Vogel	4♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass	2NT
Joe Muenks	X	4♣	1NT	Pass	Pass	2NT
Bob Fisk	X	4♣	1NT	Pass	3♥	2NT
Steve Moese	4♠	X	1NT	X	Pass	2NT
Mike Ma	4♠	4♣	1NT	X	Pass	3NT
Al Venosa	4♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥	4♣
AnnR	4♠	4♣	1NT	X	3♥	2NT
Bob K	4♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT	4♣
Carl Willig	3♠	Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass	2NT
Carol Wilson	3♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥	2NT
Dave	3♠	4♣	2♣	Pass	3♥	3NT
Dave D	4♠	4♣	2♣	Pass	Pass	2NT
Dean Congbalay	Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass	4♣
Doug Edwards	3♠	4♣	2♣	Pass	3♥	4♣
Ed	4♠	Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥	2NT
Gary Herrington	3♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass	2NT
James D	4♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥	4♣
James Jacobson	4♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥	3NT
Jay Gala	3♠	4♣	2♣	Pass	Pass	4♣
Jim Barrett	4♠	4♣	1NT	Pass	Pass	4♣
JohnMcQ	4♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass	3NT
jon hoak	4♠	5♣	1NT	Pass	3♥	3♣
Kevin C.	X	Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass	2NT
Kevin H.	4♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass	3NT
Lanny	4♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥	4♣
Linda	4♠	4♣	1NT	Pass	Pass	3NT
Liz	3♠	4♣	2♣	Pass	3NT	4♣
Lyn	4♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT	3♣
Melissa	3♠	Pass	2♣	Pass	4♥	4♣
Mike Burns	3♠	4♣	1NT	Pass	3♥	2NT
Joanne	3♠	4♣	1NT	Pass	3♥	2NT
Mónica	4♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥	2NT
Nell Wickstrom	4♠	4♣	2♣	Pass	3♥	2NT
Pam Campbell	3♠	4♣	1NT	Pass	3♥	2NT
Reeta B	4♥	Pass	1NT	X	Pass	2NT
Rick Read	3♠	Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥	3♣
Robert N.	4♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
Sue	4♠	Pass	1NT	2♣	Pass	3NT
Terri Mackey	4♠	4♣	1NT	Pass	Pass	2NT
Vijay	4♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥	3NT
Zigang Pan	3♠	4♣	2♣	X	Pass	3NT

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Date	Question	Answers	Correct	Incorrect	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
06/29/24	1	Q1 - Neither vulnerable SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1♠ 2♥ 2♣ 3♦	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Jones	44	A fancy modern convention here is to double as a game try. Don't bother. Just bid 4♣.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Steve Vogel	44	My choices are whether to bid game or invite game. With two good 5-card suits, I need very little from partner to make game. I may occasionally go down, but I would bid game with this hand. By the way, a maximal double would be suboptimal in this sequence.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Joe Munkacs	X	This is not a penalty double, rather it is a game try (maximal overall double). This allows a weak hand with a 6♠ spade to bid 4♠ without fear that partner will raise.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Fisk	X	Maximal overall double is in effect when you need to make a game try, but you've run out of room if bid a suit below the three level of your trump suit. Typically it occurs in an auction such as 1♠-2♥-2♣-3♦-X, but Bridge doesn't always believe the way you want it to.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
06/29/24	2	Q2 - North-South vulnerable ♠19 8 4 ♣5 4 ♦4 ♣6 5 3 2 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass 7	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Jones	44	Partner has done premier work, on modest values, to push them to the three level. Take your profit. Pass.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Steve Vogel	44	When partner is in the passout seat, they are bidding my hand too. Vulnerable, partner is either 5-5 or 5-4 in the minors. If 5-5, we may well make 4♥, but even we may push the opponents into a potentially makeable game. If 5-4, we are not likely to make 4♥, I would opt to despect my great minor bid cards.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Joe Munkacs	X	Normally once partner stretches to push the opponents up I we take the victory and defend. However, assuming points are split, partner has only 7 HCP, so to step in with 2NT vulnerable, it is highly likely that she is at least 5-4 so we have a good shot at making 4♥ on cross run lines. Considering the expected heart opening lead.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Fisk	X	Partner didn't bid 2NT immediately over 1♥, so there's something wrong with partner's hand. It's most likely that she's 5-4 in the minors rather than 5-5. They also have only seven HCP (or thereabouts). Picture as in Axx Kxxx, and you have some play for 4♥, especially on a heart lead.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
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Bob Jones	44	It doesn't seem right, but you do not have the values to bid more than 1NT.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Steve Vogel	44	If partner has 3 cards in a red suit, no trump will not be our optimal contract, but I have no way of finding that out. Best to try to get out of a potential misfit at a low level by redacting 1NT.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Joe Munkacs	X	This hand is a major mismatch so we should get out as soon as possible. Perhaps 1NT will end the bidding. I can't hope so. (2+ ♠ game forcing and equal ranking about diamonds, 2♥ finds partner with a void or sometimes a singleton if you're lucky, do "run away, run away" to quote Monte Python and the Holy Grail.)	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Fisk	X	Nothing else seems safe, and you'd like to get out before things get uglier.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
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Bob Fisk	X	(Spiral). Make sure partner has four hearts. If not, bid 3NT.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
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Bob Jones	44	Setting out to vulnerable opponents at the 2-level is bad bridge. Double, showing support for the minor suits, brings partner's hand and judgment into the decision. Since you are a passed hand, this balancing double should work fine, hopefully landing a 2-level contract or pushing the opponents to the 3-level where chances of setting them are better. Bidding 2♥ might work but it's too unilateral.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Steve Vogel	44	Note: partner cannot have a club stack and heart shortness because she did not double at their second turn. Note 2 - if wanted to play 2♥, I should have bid 2♥ directly over 1♥. (We don't need Michael's nice double shows the two minors, and with SAC overcalling 1♥ works better).	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Joe Munkacs	X	This out of the blue bid by partner means they have bid their own. When they passed 1♥, they opened a 4th suit (♣), opened an Ace (or two Aces). Now they show a 6+ card suit in a hand that could not make a weak jump shift to begin with. About 10:10 odds when you're in a hole, stop digging. Besides, our top cards will be in partner's suit, but their clubs won't be in ours. Think about it xxx 10xxxx.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Fisk	X	The Spiral convention (aka WOLD) works well here. One popular scheme for responding is: 2♣ - 3 card min with void in spades; 2♦ - 3 card min balanced; 2♥ - 4 card min balanced; 2♠ - 4 card min balanced; 2NT - 3 card min (13-14 HCP); 4♦ - splinter 4-card min; 4♥ - 4th suit 2-5 card min. Here are two other options for the adventuresome: https://bridgeinmass.com/articles/wold-club-spiral/	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
06/29/24	8	Q8 - Both vulnerable ♠K Q J 8 ♥A K 8 5 4 ♣Q 7 ♣K SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♣ Pass 7	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Jones	44	With a 5-4 hand, you are bidding game. The only issue is whether you bid 4♥ or bid 4♠ to prepare the defense if you allow complete to 3♥. The danger of bidding 4♥ is you allow 3♥ to show near fit by bidding 4♥. As in at, it just bid 4♥ now.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Steve Vogel	44	With 5-3 partner would have balanced with a x, so she is at most 2-2 in M, hence 8+ cards in m. I have a good hand for C, and probably can make 4♣. At worst I should bid down to 3♥ and with such good C (R), should open 4♥ for 2000. If bid 4♥, I need to be able to defend 4♥ in case I goad them into bidding it, and my hand is good enough to do that.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Joe Munkacs	X	What other choice do you have? Opener can still have a very good hand that is just short of GF 2♥ rebid. Opener may well be singleton in H, so bidding 2♥ is not. Even if you play XYZ, allowing you to bid 2♥ to relay to 2♥, you have good red suits, and your ♣♣ should be useful for NT.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Fisk	X	I would have bid 2♥ over 1♥ previously (when they have bid 1x and 1y, both 2x and 2y are best played as natural). Your H is a little lacking for 2♥ with nothing outside, but the vul is in your favor. And you would love for partner to bid in if opener plays NT. I am not letting then play 2♠. I have no idea what 2♥ shows balancing over 2♠, but I do have support for both void suits, about only 3 each and no honor. So X.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
06/29/24	9	Q9 - Both vulnerable ♠K Q J 8 ♥A K 8 5 4 ♣Q 7 ♣K SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♣ Pass 7	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Jones	44	Partner has a sense of humor. They yell when major do you prefer? "Clubs" says partner. "Sigh. You need partner to hold 8♣ to win as long as both majors behave."	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Steve Vogel	44	With 4-3-2-2, you are bidding game. The only issue is whether you bid 4♥ or bid 4♠ to prepare the defense if you allow complete to 3♥. The danger of bidding 4♥ is you allow 3♥ to show near fit by bidding 4♥. As in at, it just bid 4♥ now.	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
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06/29/24	10	Q10 - Both vulnerable ♠K Q J 8 ♥A K 8 5 4 ♣Q 7 ♣K SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♣ Pass 7	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
Bob Jones	44	Partner has a sense of humor. They yell when major do you prefer? "Clubs" says partner. "Sigh. You need partner to hold 8♣ to win as long as both majors behave."	Pass	Fail	Double	NT	NTZ	NTY	X
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