

Bob Jones June 8 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE JUNE 8, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠AK ♥J65 ♦A74 ♣KJ753

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 2♣ 2♠

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠T65 ♥J762 ♦A74 ♣986

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ P ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠AKT98 ♥AT ♦K75 ♣AK2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Void ♥AK63 ♦AQT7 ♣T9764

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ 3♥ ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠9876 ♥AT ♦KT64 ♣KQ3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 1♠ 2♠* Pass

3♦ Pass ?

*Diamond raise, at least invitational values.

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J76 ♥A84 ♦KT63 ♣A74

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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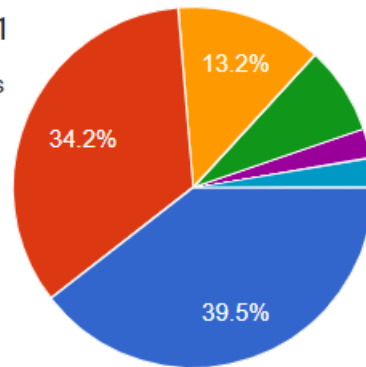
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Question 1

38 responses

- 2NT
- Pass
- 3NT
- 3C
- 3H
- Double



Bob Jones **Pass** Partner has promised nothing, so any call by you would be reckless. Pass. Partner will bid again if he has the values.

Steve Vogel **Pass** I do not know what partner has- he/she may even have a hand suitable for garbage Stayman. Since I have limited my hand, I feel it is best to leave the next move to partner, even though I am tempted to bid 3♣.

Joe Muenks **Pass** My partner is in charge of this hand. If partner's intent was to drop me, say with 4=4=4=1 and 0 HCP, bidding now would only cause a disaster, but if partner has something else she'll know what to do.

Bob Fisk **3NT** I need partner to hold xxx xxxx KQx QTx to make 3NT on a spade lead. That's not unreasonable. If partner was inviting, then I certainly have enough to accept.

Steve Moese **Pass** We have defined our hand in very narrow limits. Partner is captain. They will decide if additional action is appropriate.

Mike Ma **Pass** Oh, the good old days when opps will leave your 1NT auction alone. Partner's 2♣ shows either 1) weak hand that will pass any reply, 2) weak hand that will bid 2♥ if you reply 2♦ with 44, 55 and 4=5 in the M, or 3) invitational+ hand, if invitational, whether it promises a 4 M depends on your system. This auction is an example of why it is good to play that it does. With 1) and 2), she will gladly pass and defend 2♠ now. With 3), she will X with 4 S, and just make a natural bid of some sort or cue, and you will bid 3NT. In my opinion, it is important that you be able to penalize them for their transgression, and the simplest is that X by you and by partner be for penalty.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠ – ♥ A K 6 3 ♦ A Q T 7 ♣ T 9 7 6 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ 3♥ ?

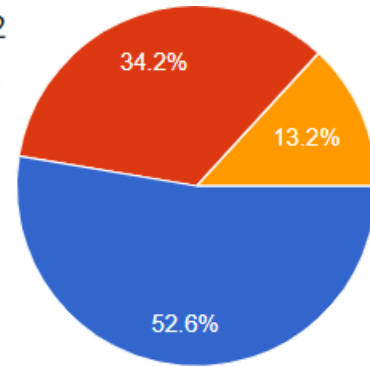
Question 2

38 responses

● 3NT

● Double

● Pass



Bob Jones **3NT** At rubber bridge, you should play for penalties and take your profit. At duplicate bridge, which most of us play, go after your vulnerable game. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **3NT** My options seem to be 3NT, double or pass. I don't like doubling (negative double), which pretty much excludes 3NT. Passing could be right, particularly if partner reopens with a double, but I would go with 3NT and hope for the best.

Joe Muenks **3NT** From time to time, 3♥ Doubled will outscore my +600/630 but usually not (assuming partner always doubles in the pass out seat). Sometimes partner will continue to 4♠ (you should have 2 or a singleton honor) and West will have a stack against him. However, generally 3NT will end the auction and make easy enough.

Bob Fisk **3NT** I see a pattern. I have a full opener with two stoppers in the enemy suit. Picture partner with KQxxx x KJx Axxx. East doesn't have two side-suit entries to their QJTxxxx of hearts.

Steve Moese **3NT** At unfavorable vulnerability we take the game bonus. Can we set 3♥ 4 tricks? Unclear. We will get a bad result for any score less than 600.

Mike Ma **3NT** I would not mind playing 3♥ X. Two ways to win, setting them more than game for us and/or our side going down in game. There is a possibility we have slam in the m, but I can't worry about that now (preempt works). But in spite of likely having short H, partner can't reopen with a X holding a minimum to even medium hand at this level. So I just bid 3NT.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠ T 6 5 ♥ J 7 6 2 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ 9 8 6

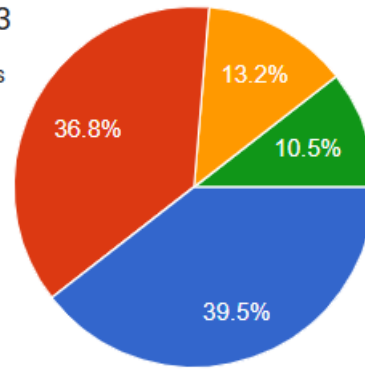
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1♥ P ?

Question 3

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- 2H
- 3H
- Pass
- 1NT



Bob Jones 2♥ Many players like to bid 1NT with a weak raise to slow partner down. That's a poor idea with 4-card support. Bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel 3♥ Yes, I like to have more shape for this bid, but at favorable vulnerability, I would choose 3♥ over 1NT (forcing) or 2♥.

Joe Muenks 2♥ Playing 2/1 or 2/1 with Bergen, your HCP and heart length indicate a jump to 3♥, but with 4-3-3-3, let's pretend we only have 3 trump and raise gently. Going through 1NT forcing and following with 2♥ is a great strategy but every time I have just 5 HCP E/W overcall before I ever show heart support so I do not risk it.

Bob Fisk 3♥ Preemptive. Make it more difficult for your opponents to find their fit. Heh.

Steve Moese 3♥ At this vulnerability we bid to the number of trumps our side holds when weak. We hold 9 so that's 3♥. Done. Note I would only venture 2♥ if vulnerable. Our shape is poor for extra tricks.

Mike Ma 2♥ Even if I play Bergen, I would have go to 3 level with this hand shape. So it is between 2H and 1NT. Playing forcing NT, I can start with 1NT, and then bid 2♥ showing a hand less than immediate raise. I play simple single raise, so I feel the 4 trumps with J and side A is good enough for that in spite of <6 HCP and 4333. Notice that if you play constructive raise and NF or SF NT, it is not logically consistent. You have no way of bidding this hand in spite of 9 card fit.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠ 9 8 7 6 ♥ A T ♦ K T 6 4 ♣ K Q 3

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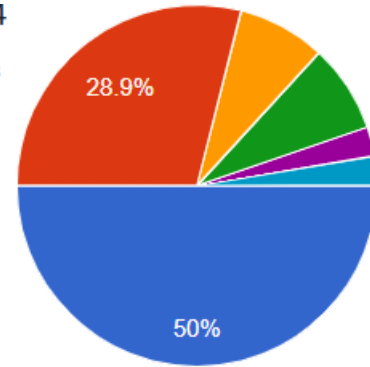
1♦ 1♠ 2♠ Pass

3♦ Pass ?

Question 4

38 responses

- Pass
- 3S
- 3H
- 5D
- 4D
- 3NT



Bob Jones **3♠** Don't give up on game. Bid 3♠, asking partner to bid 3NT with a spade stopper

Steve Vogel **Pass** With 12 HCP, I see no reason to override partner's choice of final contract.

Joe Muenks **3♠** We want to ask partner whether spades are stopped. If not this hand might just have to play 4♦, let's see what partner decides to do over this 2nd cue.

Bob Fisk **3♠** Never bid past 3NT until you're sure it's the wrong contract. Picture partner with KTx Kxx Axxxx J.

Steve Moese **Pass** Partner has shown a minimum hand without a spade stopper for NT. 12 opposite 12 isn't enough for a diamond game.

Mike Ma **3♠** I need to try game in spite of partner's signoff, and 3NT is the lowest game to play. Qxx, xxx, AQxxx, Ax from partner and 3NT is cold. Change the ♦Q to ♦J and we still have good play. If over 3♠, partner bids 4♦ denying S stopper and still bidding negatively, I will pass.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠ A K T 9 8 ♥ A T ♦ K 7 5 ♣ A K 2

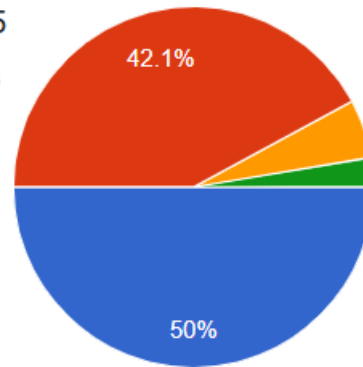
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Question 5

38 responses

- 2NT
- 2C
- 1S
- Pass



Bob Jones 2♣ This hand is worth at least 22 points. Open 2♣, planning to rebid 2NT.

Steve Vogel 2♣ 21 HCP and a 5-card suit translates to 22 points. My plan is to rebid 2NT (and not 2♠) with this balanced hand.

Joe Muenks 2♣ I'll open 2♣ and rebid 2NT. Playing Kokish this is narrowly defined so we'll have easy continuations. The 5 spades do not detract from this being a NT hand.

Bob Fisk 2♣ This hand behaves like a 22-point hand, so treat it that way. Aces and Kings are undervalued in the point-count system. Compare this hand to AQ QJxx AQJ AQxx (which would you rather have?).

Steve Moese 2♣ I'm going to treat this as a 22-23 HCP balanced hand. With 9 controls, we are a king away from slam if we find a good trump fit.

Mike Ma 2♣ Your hand is too good for opening 2NT and it is suit oriented anyway. I open 2♣ and rebid 2♠ rather than 2NT

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ J 7 6 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K T 6 3 ♣ A 7 4

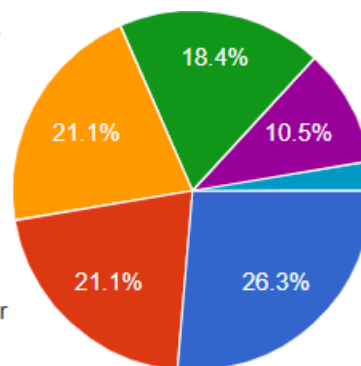
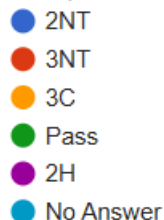
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2 ♣ Pass ?

Question 6

38 responses



Bob Jones **2♥** The club fit means that there are a lot of potential club tricks in a no-trump contract. Bid 2♥ and see if partner can bid 2NT. Remember that he has denied a 4-card major with his 2♣ rebid.

Steve Vogel **2NT** (under duress) I would have bid 2NT at my first pass, not 1♦ with this 3-3-4-3, 12 HCP hand. Given the sequence in the problem, bidding 2♥ shows a hand with 4+ hearts and more diamonds. My only real choices are 2NT, 3NT or 3♣, and I am not enamored with any of them.

Joe Muenks **2♥** I really want any spade lead going into partner, so I'll bid time bidding my values to get the declarer direction correct. Often the opponents will attack my "strength" and lead a heart. If partner has Qx or Qxx, this now guarantees 2 stoppers, woot woot.

Bob Fisk **3NT** I have a full opener opposite a partner who opened the bidding. Who cares if 3NT goes down? Picture partner with Qx xxx Ax KQxxxx.

Steve Moese **2NT** A balanced hand invite. Partner should move if they hold 13-14 HCP.

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Bob Jones	Pass	3NT	2♥	3♠	2♣	2♥
Steve Vogel	Pass	3NT	3♥	Pass	2♣	2NT
Joe Muenks	Pass	3NT	2♥	3♠	2♣	2♥
Bob Fisk	3NT	3NT	3♥	3♠	2♣	3NT
Steve Moese	Pass	3NT	3♥	Pass	2♣	2NT
Mike Ma	Pass	3NT	2♥	3♠	2♣	3NT

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AnnR	3NT	X	1NT	Pass	Pass	2NT
Bob K	2NT	3NT	3♥	3♠	2NT	Pass
Carl Willig	2NT	X	2♥	Pass	2NT	3♣
Chuck	3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
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JohnMcQ	2NT	3NT	2♥	3♥	2NT	3♣
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Kevin C.	Pass	X	3♥	3♠	2NT	3NT
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Lanny	Pass	Pass	3♥	3♥	2♣	3NT
Linda	Pass	X	3♥	Pass	2NT	2NT
Lyn	Pass	Pass	2♥	5♦	2NT	3♣
Martha	2NT	X	Pass	3NT	2♣	2NT
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Mónica	Pass	3NT	3♥	Pass	2NT	N/A
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Rod	3NT	3NT	Pass	Pass	2NT	3NT
Sue	2NT	3NT	Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
Vijay	X	X	2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
Zigang Pan	2NT	3NT	2♥	Pass	2♣	2NT

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The Field:		Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6
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Carl Willig	2NT	X	2♥	3♥	2NT	3♣	
Chuck	3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass	
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Lanny	Pass	Pass	3♥ Bergen	3♥ control bid	2♣	3NT	
Linda	Pass	X	3♥ reverse Bergen	Pass	2NT	2NT	
Lyn	Pass	Pass	2♥	5♦	2NT	3♣	
Martha	2NT	X	Pass	3NT	2♣	2NT	
Mike Burns	2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣	3NT	
Monica	Pass	3NT	3♥	Pass	2NT	N/A	
Nail Wickstrom	2NT	X	3♥	Pass	2NT	2NT	
Pam Campbell	3♣	X	3♥	3♣	2NT	2NT	
Pete Outault	2NT	Lebensoh!	3♥	3♣	Ask for spade stopper	2NT	
Rick Read	2NT	X	2♥	5♦	2♣	3♣	
Robert N.	2NT	Relay to 3C	3NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	
Rod	3NT	3NT	Pass	Pass	2NT	3NT	
Sue	2NT	3NT	Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass	
Vijay	X	X	2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass	
Zigang Pan	2NT	3NT	2♥	Pass	2♣	2NT	