

Bob Jones March 11 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE MARCH 11, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠QJ ♥9 7 5 ♦QJ 6 4 ♣A T 7 6

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

3♥ 3♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠KT 9 7 5 4 ♥7 ♦Q ♣A 8 7 5 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠KQJ 7 6 ♥T 6 ♦A T 7 5 3 ♣6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 1NT 3♣

Pass Pass Dbl Pass

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What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠7 4 ♥A Q 4 ♦A Q 8 7 5 ♣J 7 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠

?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠Q 8 7 5 ♥Q J T 6 ♦5 ♣A T 9 2

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

2♦ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A J 8 3 ♥A K ♦Q 8 7 4 ♣Q T 6

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ Pass 1♥ ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠QJ♥975♦QJ64♣AT76

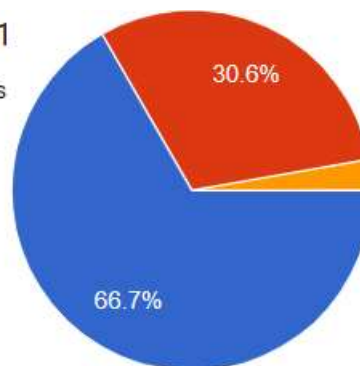
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

3♥ 3♠ Pass ?

Question 1

36 responses

● 4S
● Pass
● 4H



Bob Jones **4♠** Too strong to pass. Bid 4♠. What else?

Steve Vogel **4♠** Give partner AK of spades, 2 Kings in the minors and even a doubleton in hearts, and we have a play for 4♠. And partner may have more. I can't leave partner in 3♠ when so many possible holdings will produce game.

Joe Muenks **4♠** Recall, partner in the direct seat will deliver full values for their bid, so given the wide range of the call, I'd take out insurance that it makes.

Bob Fisk **Pass** When I overcall 3♠ after my RHO opens 3♥, I'm counting on my partner for half of the remaining Spades and half of the remaining points. If I give righty 2-7-2-2 shape and an eight HCP (reasonable) and I have 6-1-3-3 shape and 14 HCP, that leaves the average remaining hand holding nine HCP, 2.5 Spades, 2.5 Hearts, and 4-4 in the minors. The hand shown above is almost exactly that (1/2 too few Spades and one extra point). With that hand, I want partner to pass my 3♠. Is it possible that this hand is enough for partner to make 4♠? Of course it is. Could 3♠ be down one? Of course it could.

Steve Moese **Pass** I am on the fence here. Partner should have a sound opening hand for a 3♠ overcall. I have a good 10 HCP, but my shape is poor. 3 small hearts and East's pass suggest we could have 2 losers in this suit. AKxxx xx Kxx Kxx is a certain overcall, but 4♠ is far from certain with my hand. Note this hand has 9 losers. That means partner needs a 6 card Spade suit and only 5 losers to make game our way. A club finesse rates to work and a diamond finesse rates to fail. I pass at matchpoint pairs but bid game at IMPs.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠7 4 ♥A Q 4 ♦A Q 8 7 5 ♣J 7 6

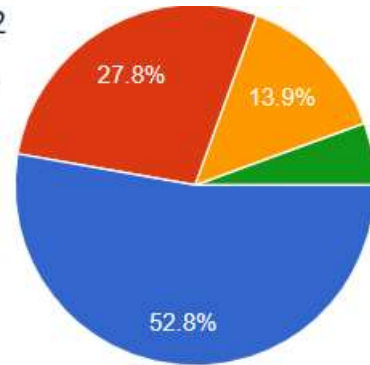
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠
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Question 2

36 responses

● Double
● 2H
● 2D
● 3H



Bob Jones 2♥ If you do not play support doubles, don't worry about the lack of a fourth heart. Bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel X My partners and I play support doubles, and this is a classic case. If we did not play support doubles, I would instead raise to 2♥ rather than passing or rebidding diamonds.

Joe Muenks X Most play that this shows 3 hearts and any strength, a support double. If I were not playing support doubles, I pass since partner will bid on with most hands.

Bob Fisk X Support double showing exactly three Hearts. Bridge has never been easier!

Steve Moese X The support double was made for these situations so I use it. No support double? Then if your partnership allows for a raise on 3 card support, try that here. If not, pass shows an original weak NT type hand (minimum balanced shape) which is what we have. When do you raise on 3 cards? See Steve Weinstein's post on Bridgewinners: <https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/1m-1m-now-what/>

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

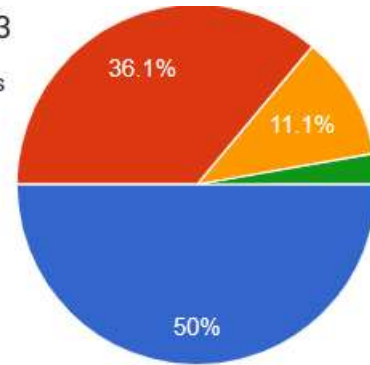
♠KT9754 ♥7 ♦Q ♣A8752

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
?

Question 3

36 responses

- 2S
- 1S
- Pass
- 3S



Bob Jones **2♠** 1♠ or 2♠? We like 2♠. If the queen of diamonds was a spade or a club, then 1♠.

Steve Vogel **Pass** They say “6-5, come alive” and I plan to do so, just later in the auction. I do not feel that my hand is worth an opening bid of 1♠ (although I know others would do so). Opening 2♠ risks getting left there when game can often be on. I also feel that this hand is not right for either 3♠ or 4♠. Given that I have spades (the master suit), I do not think I can be shut out of the bidding, and I will be able to come in later and hopefully do justice to this hand.

Joe Muenks **2♠** I might later bid some clubs since this hand is offensive oriented, but let's see the next 3 bids so I can judge whether that makes any sense.

Bob Fisk **2♠** If the auction goes 2♠-(Double)-Pass-(3♥), I'll rebid 4♣. We love being not so vulnerable against very vulnerable. Heh.

Steve Moese **1♠** 6-5 come alive!

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠Q 8 7 5 ♥Q J T 6 ♦5 ♣A T 9 2

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

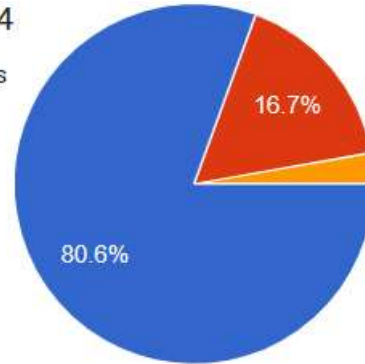
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

2♦ Pass ?

Question 4

36 responses

● 2NT
● 3NT
● 3C



Bob Jones **3NT** The great intermediate cards make this hand worth a game force. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **3NT** The question is whether to upgrade this hand based on the great intermediates. I would unquestionably rebid 3NT in imps, but it is a closer call in matchpoints. Still, I think 3NT should have decent play (subject to a bad diamond situation), and I would go ahead and bid it.

Joe Muenks **2NT** You like your T9 and solid heart run but have 5 pts tied up in q-jacks and shortness in diamonds is not an asset (if partner has good diamonds that leaves her fewer pts to set up your 4 card suits).

Bob Fisk **2NT** I have an invitational hand after a 15-17 1NT opening. Nuff said.

Steve Moese **3NT** A more conservative 2NT might pay off, however IMP odds favor being in game when vulnerable. You are in a 36% game opposite 15 HCP - the breakeven point for bidding it in IMPs. The odds swing well above 50% opposite 16 and 17 HCP. Inviting with 2NT might be prudent at Matchpoints, but you will miss many game bonuses when partner demurs. For more on Optimal IMP Strategy, I recommend the study by Richard Pavlicek at <http://www.rpbridge.net/8j25.htm#1> (Warning - lots of double dummy detail). From R. Pavlicek and the frequency of 15, 16, and 17 HCP hands a 3NT bid here is 50% likely to succeed. Turns out that 15 HCP occur 4.4% and succeed 36%. 16 HCP occur 3.3% and succeed 54%. 17 HCP occur 2.2% and succeed 70%. (Declarer play can be better than DD analysis. Defending is hard.).

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠K Q J 7 6 ♥T 6 ♦A T 7 5 3 ♣6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 1NT 3♣

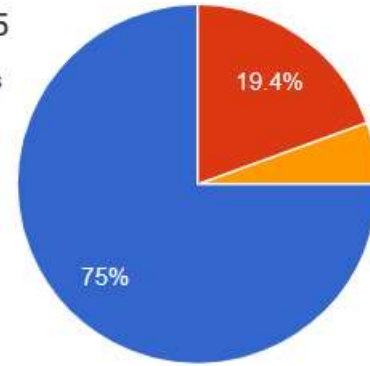
Pass Pass Dbl Pass

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Question 5

36 responses

● 3D
● Pass
● 4D



Bob Jones 3♦ The double announces that partner is too good to pass and defend undoubled. It asks you to do something intelligent. 3♦ looks intelligent to us.

Steve Vogel 3♦ Given my 5-5 shape and less HCP than partner will expect, I believe the prudent action is go on offense with a 3♦ bid.

Joe Muenks Pass I'm leading the ♠K about now. This is penalty when 1NT is 6-9 as partner has 4 clubs and something on the outside, but this is definitely penalty when playing 1nt forcing as partner may not have good clubs but can also have any 11+ with short spades.

Bob Fisk 3♦ Partner's double isn't for penalty--it's for takeout. Picture partner with 2-4-5-2 shape and nine HCP. If you have a partner that doubles 3♣ because "I thought I could beat it partner," get a new partner. If partner has that hand, partner should have bid 3NT (vulnerable vs. not).

Steve Moese 3♦ Partner's double is takeout (for the red suits). With long clubs they pass. Note please that a double by opener immediately over 3♣ is takeout or a very strong balanced hand (18-19).

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A J 8 3 ♥A K ♦Q 8 7 4 ♣Q T 6

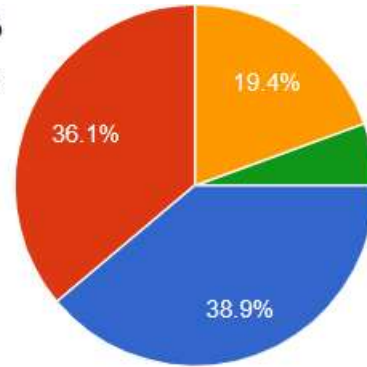
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ Pass 1♥ ?

Question 6

36 responses

- 1NT
- Double
- Pass
- 1S



Bob Jones **1NT** After they bid 2 suits, a double promises at least 4 cards in each of the unbid suits. Your clubs are short. Bid 1NT

Steve Vogel **1NT** My partners and I play that a 1NT overcall by an unpassed hand in this auction shows a strong NT, so that is a possible bid. With an opponent's vulnerable opening bid and response, the chances of game are small, so we are fighting for a part score. Is a double or 1NT overcall better suited for that goal? I am not sure, and a 1NT overcall is riskier. Given the vulnerability, I am willing to take that risk to better describe my hand.

Joe Muenks **Pass** With most partners I'm going to have to pass as everything else has other meanings. Playing standard we bid 1NT showing 15-18 with their suits stopped, which also sets up any double by partner to be penalty.

Bob Fisk **Pass** I don't play that a 1NT bid in "sandwich position" shows a 1NT opener, rather I play it as a weakish takeout double for the unbid suits (picture AJxx xx xx KQxxx).

Steve Moese **1NT** No sandwich NT for me. I have about half my hand in their suits. Partner might be broke.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	4♠	2♥	2♠	3NT	3♦	1NT
Steve Vogel	4♠	X	Pass	3NT	3♦	1NT

Joe Muenks	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	Pass	Pass
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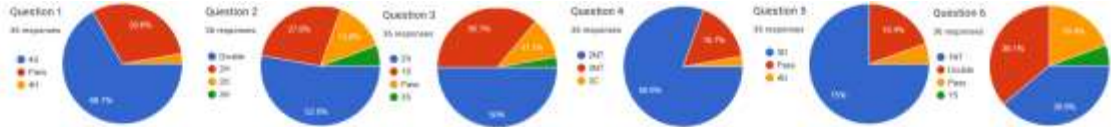
Bob Fisk	Pass	X	2♠	2NT	3♦	Pass
Steve Moese	Pass	X	1♠	3NT	3♦	1NT

SM: This was one of the tougher sets in a long time. Be sure to get a team for the D11 GNT Finals April 15 & 16 at the CBC.

Al Venosa	4♠	2♥	1♠	2NT	3♦	X
AnnR	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	Pass	1NT
Bob K	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♦	1NT
Carl Willig	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♦	Pass
Carol Wilson	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♦	X
Chuck	Pass	2♦	2♠	2NT	3♦	1NT
Dave	4♠	X	1♠	2NT	3♦	1NT
Dean Congbalay	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	Pass	Pass
Doug Edwards	Pass	2♥	1♠	2NT	Pass	X
Ed	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♦	X
Greg	Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT	3♦	1NT
James Jacobson	4♠	2♦	2♠	2NT	3♦	X
Jay Gala	4♠	X	1♠	3NT	3♦	X
JohnMcQ	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♦	1NT
Kevin C.	Pass	X	2♠	2NT	Pass	Pass
Kevin H.	4♠	X	1♠	3NT	3♦	1NT
Linda	Pass	X	1♠	2NT	3♦	X
Liz	Pass	2♦	1♠	3♣	Pass	X
Martha	4♠	X	1♠	2NT	3♦	Pass
Mike Burns	Pass	X	2♠	2NT	3♦	1♠
Mónica	4♠	X	1♠	2NT	3♦	X
Nell Wickstrom	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	4♦	X
Pam Campbell	4♥	X	1♠	2NT	3♦	X
Pete Outcalt	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	3♦	Pass
Phyllis	Pass	X	2♠	2NT	3♦	1NT
Reeta B	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	3♦	X
Rick Read	4♠	3♥	1♠	2NT	3♦	X
Rod	4♠	2♥	1♠	3NT	4♦	1NT
Zigang Pan	4♠	2♦	Pass	2NT	3♦	1NT
	4♠	X	3♠	2NT	3♦	1NT
	Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠

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The Field:



Question	1	2	3	4	5	6
03/31/23	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	2♠	1NT
Tanya Vogel	4♠	X	Pass	2NT	3♠	1NT
Joe Mariani	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	Pass	Pass
Bob Fish	Pass	X	2♠	2NT	3♠	Pass
Steve Moore	Pass	X	1♠	2NT	3♠	1NT

Al Weiss	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♠	X
Ann	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	Pass	1NT
Bob K.	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♠	1NT
Carl Wilby	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♠	Pass
Carol Wilcox	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♠	X
Cheryl	Pass	X	2♠	2NT	3♠	1NT
Dave	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	3♠	1NT
Dean Combs	4♠	X	Support	2NT	Pass	Pass
Shag Edwards	Pass	2♥	2♠	2NT	Pass	X
Ed	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♠	X
Greg	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	3♠	1NT
James Isomason	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♠	X
Jay Cole	4♠	X	1♠	2NT	3♠	X
Jude McCoy	4♠	2♥	2♠	2NT	3♠	1NT
Kevin C.	Pass	X	2♠	2NT	Pass	Pass
Kevin H.	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	3♠	1NT
Linda	Pass	X	Support	2NT	3♠	X
Liz	Pass	2♥	1♠	2♠	Pass	X
Martha	4♠	X	1♠	2NT	3♠	Pass
Mike Ryan	Pass	X	Support	2♥	3♠	1♠
Minnie	4♠	X	Support	1♠	3♠	1♠
Neil Buchanan	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	3♠	X
Tom Campbell	4♥	X	1♠	2NT	3♠	X
Steve Dwyer	4♠	X	Support	2♠	2NT	Pass
Phyllis	Pass	X	2♠	2NT	3♠	1NT
Steve B.	4♠	X	Support	2♠	3♠	X
Bob Reed	4♠	2♥	1♠	2NT	3♠	X
Bob	4♠	2♥	1♠	2NT	4♠	1NT
Young Fan	4♠	2♥	Pass	2NT	3♠	1NT
4♠	4♠	X	2♠	2NT	3♠	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠	1♠

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