Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz GOREN BRIDGE MARCH 4, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠K Q 8 6 2 **♥**Void **♦**K 9 7 **♣**Q 8 7 6 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH 1NT* ? *15-17

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable •Void •9 8 6 3 •7 6 4 •A J 9 8 6 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1♠ P ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable $\triangle A$ 4 2 \forall 9 8 \Diamond K 7 5 \triangle Q 7 6 4 2

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Q 2 – North-South vulnerable ♠K J T 7 6 3 ♥K 7 5 ♦Q J ♣A 2

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What call would you make?

Q4 – Both vulnerable

♠9 8 6 5 3 **∀**K 6 **♦**Q **♣**T 9 7 6 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1 ◆ 1 ◆ Dbl* ?

*Negative

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable \triangle A K T 4 \forall 7 5 4 \diamond 9 7 5 \triangle A 9 8

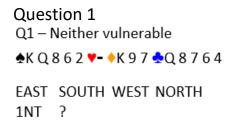
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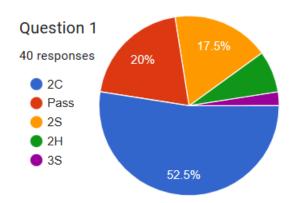
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass

Pass ?

What call would you make?

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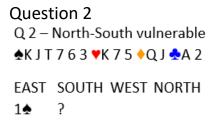
Bob Jones $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Do not bid $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ just to show spades. Should you have a way to show a 2-suited hand, this would be a decent hand to bid with. Otherwise, pass. (I picked $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ to pad my choice)

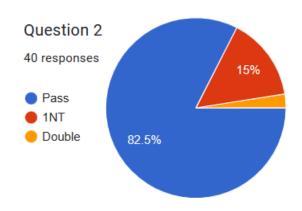
Steve Vogel 2 So many of us bridge players want to know what the best bid is for any particular situation. This hand is a prime example of one where various bids could be "best", and most of us are not walking computers to be able to compute the success probabilities of each one. My partners and I play DONT, so a 2 bid would show clubs and a higher suit. This could be right because it gives us two chances to find a fit. The problem with this bid is that it allows my left hand opponent an easy opportunity to bid hearts. Overcalling 2 has more preemptive power over a possible opponents' heart fit, but it shuts out clubs as a possible fit for our side. Which one is best? My gut says to go with the major and hope for the best (but I wouldn't argue with others who choose differently).

Joe Muenks 2^{\bullet} I'd make your 2 suited overcall that shows spades and clubs or bid 2^{\bullet} if not playing any. Playing revised Cappelletti, we relay to 2^{\bullet} and bid 2^{\bullet} for spades and a minor; playing Meckwell we bid 2^{\bullet} showing clubs and a major.

Bob Fisk 2 (Clubs and Higher playing DONT). I can't imagine passing, so whatever system you play that can show Clubs and Spades, do that. If you play natural bidding over 1NT, then I suppose you're forced to either pass or go down three in 2 when partner has a small singleton. Heh.

Steve Moese $\underline{2}$ Or any call that shows a M&m 2-suited hand. X, 2, or whatever your method over 1NT calls for works here.





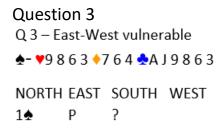
Bob Jones <u>Pass</u> It is almost always right to pass when an opponent opens in your longest suit. This hand is no exception. Pass.

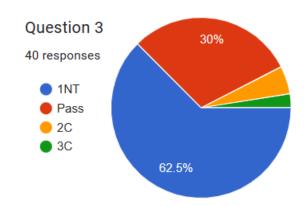
Steve Vogel Pass My right hand opponent bid my suit, and unless my partner has decent values, we are unlikely to go positive offensively. I believe the best plan is to pass for now to assess which side has the balance of power and act accordingly later. I would be thrilled if the bidding went 1\(\begin{align*} -P-P-Double; then I would happily show my values and shape by passing.

Joe Muenks <u>1NT</u> Sure you're a point shy but I'd try it. If you pass you should pass hereafter, too, and just plan to defend. West might send you for a number but that's not easy to judge looking at a singleton or void in spades.

Bob Fisk Pass Before you pass, make sure you point at East's 1♠ bid and ask "Would your partner open 1♠ missing lemme see um, the King, Jack, Ten, Seven, Six, and Three?"

Steve Moese <u>Pass</u> This one should be unanimous but won't be. Passing is the ONLY option. We are not strong enough for 1NT and even if we were I would not choose that call. We do NOT have a source of tricks for that contract. Pass and hope partner reopens with a double. Don't salivate until the final trick is played.





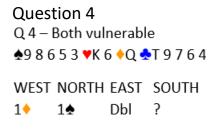
Bob Jones <u>1NT</u> This hand is just barely worth a response. It looks silly with this distribution, but the only acceptable bid is 1NT, even if you play a 3♣ bid as weak.

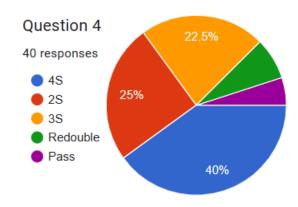
Steve Vogel <u>1NT</u> I would obviously prefer to play in any other suit besides spades. The potential problem is that partner may rebid $2 \frac{1}{2}$, and now we have dug a deeper hole. Still, I think it is best to take the chance that partner has a second suit. Should partner rebid $2 \frac{1}{2}$, I will face the decision of whether to take out to $3 \frac{1}{2}$, which would be a signoff bid.

Joe Muenks Pass Whereas it seems bidding a forcing no trump then 3c is called for with a long suit and that ace, partner will bid 3♣ or 3♦ next every day of the week. Ack. Perhaps after pass we'll bid 2♣ or 3♣ later showing this hand.

Bob Fisk 1NT (Forcing). I'll rebid 3♣ over anything partner bids that doesn't look like 2♥. The tricky one, of course, will be partner's 2NT rebid. Since I'm playing the hand, I'll raise that to 3NT. If partner were playing the hand, I'd try rebidding 1NT.

Steve Moese <u>1NT</u> We have an Ace. Michael Rosenberg says "If I have an Ace I must respond." See the Top 20 Rules for Responding: https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/top-20-rules-for-responding/ We will pass 2 red and raise 2♣. We will bid 3♣ over 2♠ in the hopes our hand can contribute tricks.





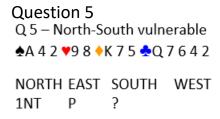
Bob Jones 4♠ Anything less than 4♠ is cowardly. Bid 4♠.

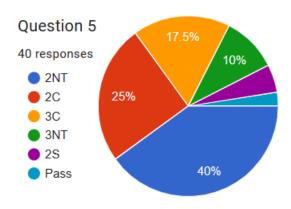
Steve Vogel 4 - 1 I have 5 spades and a side 5-card suit (which means great distribution). This seems like a classic raise to 4 - 1 to me.

Joe Muenks 4♠ The little devil on your shoulder says "do it," the angel on the other says "what if they can't make anything, what if partner gets doubled, what if..." The law of total tricks tells me to bid 4 and bid it now (never bid 3 then 4 or the opponents will know what to do). If you're West or East you're under extreme duress to decide your next move.

Bob Fisk 4 Picture partner with KQxxx Qxx xxxx x, down one. The opponents make 4NT if that's partner's hand.

Steve Moese 4 Partner made a vulnerable overcall. Either we have a good sacrifice or game in hand. Put pressure on the opponents to make the last guess.



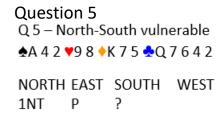


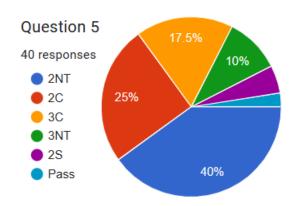
Bob Jones <u>3NT</u> 9 points and a 5-card suit is worth a game force. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel 2. (matchpoints), 3NT (imps). At imps, this is unquestionably a raise to 3NT (9 HCP, a 5-card suit and we are vulnerable). At matchpoints, the decision is much closer. If my club suit had better intermediates, I would bid 3NT at matchpoints too, but with this motheaten suit, the conservative side of me would choose to invite by starting with 2. (because we play that 2NT is a transfer to diamonds).

Joe Muenks 2 Or 2NT for standard players. With 9 and a 5 card suit I want to invite, not insist on game, since that club suit is really ratty.

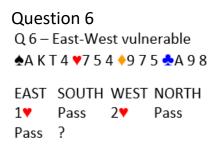
Bob Fisk 2. This hand is very close between invitational and game-going, but the lack of good spot cards, especially in Clubs, make me go low. I'll rebid 2NT after any response partner makes to show an invitational hand in notrump (i.e., I can't bid 2NT directly playing 4-Suit Transfers).

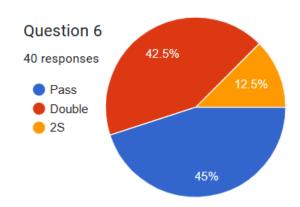




Steve Moese 2♠ This is a trick answer to share one of my favorite conventions. Whatever approach we use to invite works here. Indeed, in a team game a jump to 3NT has much going for it. Back to 2♠. Some play this as minor suit Stayman, some as a transfer to clubs. The "new" treatment is a range ask - partner can respond only 2NT with a minimum, or 3♣ with a maximum. Responder corrects to 3♣ with a club preempt (or pass 3♣ if appropriate), bid a new suit at the 3-level with a club game force (denies a 4-card major generally), or bid 3NT with:

- 1) a balanced long club hand over 2NT (some slam interest) or
- 2) a standard balanced invite with no 4-card major over a 3♣ reply. Benefit:
- 1) All 2 Stayman calls have at least one 4-card major.
- 2) Can invite immediately (not need a Stayman auction which could be interrupted).
- 3) We can still keep our 4-suit transfer approach over 1NT largely intact. Negatives:
- 1) We lose the Club super-accept by opener. (This is possible to overcome by opener's judgment), and
- 2) We give the opponents a 2♠ response to double (so we have to be prepared with counter measures when they do).





Bob Jones X You will get a poor score if you pass. Bidding might not work out well, but at least you are trying. Double. Pass is reasonable at rubber bridge.

Steve Vogel 2♠ Partner should be short in hearts, so that even if he/she has only 3 spades, 2♠ should be a playable contract.

Joe Muenks 2 Partner is marked with some points so we should balance. We'd prefer more shape, but partner's doubleton heart means 1 ruff out there in the short trump hand anyway, usually. We don't double because the 3 level is unsafe even if partner started with a 5-card minor since they have to ruff that heart (now in the long trump hand).

Bob Fisk \underline{X} Partner has a doubleton Heart, so we have a fit somewhere. Switch the vulnerability, and I might stay quiet (not sure about that, though). Picture partner with Qxxx xx xx xxxxx, making two. Sweet.

Steve Moese \underline{X} We have support for 3 suits and do not want a vulnerable pair to play comfortably at the 2-level. No ma'am.

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Bob Jones	2 😓	Pass	1NT	4♠	3NT	Χ
Steve Vogel	2♠	Pass	1NT	4♠	2 😓	2♠
Joe Muenks	2 😓	1NT	Pass	4♠	2 💠	2♠
Bob Fisk	2 😓	Pass	1NT	4♠	2 😓	Χ
Steve Moese	2♠	Pass	1NT	4♠	2♠	Х
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Al Venosa	2♠	Pass	1NT	XX	2NT	2♠
Bob K	2 😓	Pass	1NT	3♠	3😓	Pass
Carl Willig	2 😓	Pass	1NT	2♠	2NT	Χ
Carol Wilson	2 😓	Pass	Pass	XX	2 😓	Χ
Cathy W	2♠	Pass	Pass	4♠	2NT	Χ
Cecilia	2 😓	Pass	Pass	3♠	3😓	Pass
Chuck	2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dave	2 💠	Pass	1NT	4♠	2NT	Pass
Dean Congbalay	2 😓	Pass	1NT	4♠	3NT	Χ
Doug Edwards	Pass	Pass	1NT	4♠	2NT	Χ
Ed	Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠	3NT	Pass
Gary Busch	2 😓	1NT	1NT	2♠	2NT	Χ
Gary Herrington	2 😓	Pass	Pass	2♠	200	Pass
Greg	Pass	Pass	1NT	3♠	2NT	Pass
James D	2 😓	Pass	3♣	4♠	2.	Χ
James Jacobson	Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
Jay Gala	2 💠	Pass	1NT	3♠	3😓	Χ
JohnMcQ	2 😓	Pass	1NT	4♠	2NT	Pass
Jon Hoak	2 💠	1NT	Pass	3♠	2NT	Χ
Jusie Clendening	Pass	Pass	Pass	XX	2NT	Χ
Kevin C.	2 😓	Pass	1NT	4♠	2 😓	Pass
Kevin H.	2♠	Pass	1NT	4♠	3😓	2♠
Linda	2 😓	Pass	1NT	3♠	3😓	Pass
Martha	Pass	Pass	1NT	4♠	3NT	Х
Mike Burns	2 😓	Pass	Pass	3♠	2 😓	2♠
Mónica	2♥	1NT	1NT	2♠	2 😓	Pass
Nell Wickstrom	2♥	Pass	1NT	3♠	3😓	Pass
Reeta B	2 😓	Pass	1NT	Pass	2 😓	Х
Rick Read	Pass	Х	2 😓	2♠	2♠	Pass
Rod	2♣	Pass	1NT	3♠	3😓	Pass
Sue	2♠	Pass	1NT	2♠	2NT	Χ
Zigang Pan	Pass	Pass	Pass	2♠	2NT	Χ
	2♠	Pass	1NT	4♠	2NT	Pass
	2♣	1NT	Pass	4♠	2NT	Pass
	3♠	Pass	2 😓	2♠	2NT	Pass

