

# Bob Jones May 11 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

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Q 1 – Neither vulnerable,

♠ A T 6 3 ♥ Q 6 5 2 ♦ Q 8 ♣ A Q 8

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass 2NT\* Pass

3♣\*\* Pass ?

\*Game-forcing spade raise, at least 4 spades

\*\*Shortness in clubs

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠ Void ♥ Q J T 7 5 ♦ A Q J 6 4 ♣ J 9 7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♠\* P ?

\*Weak

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠ A Q T 9 7 ♥ T 7 ♦ Q 8 6 5 ♣ K J

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass

2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠ A 3 ♥ Q 7 6 4 ♦ K J 8 5 ♣ J 8 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠ A Q T 6 4 ♥ K 3 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A 8 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

2♠\* ?

\*Weak

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ A K Q 9 ♥ J ♦ J 7 5 ♣ K Q 8 6 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

?

What call would you make?

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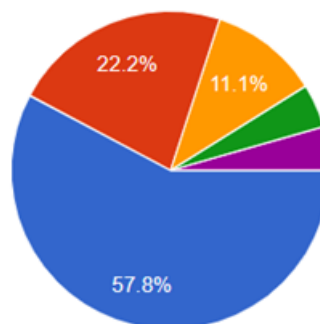
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1♠ Pass 2NT Pass

3♣ Pass ?

### Question 1

45 responses



Bob Jones **4♠** The ♣Q has lost value opposite partner's shortness. Bid 4S to show a minimum.

Steve Vogel **4♣** I have no controls in the red suits and my ♣Q is likely wasted, BUT I do have the ♣A, great trumps and partner is unlimited. Over partner's 4♦ or 4♥ bid, I will bid 4♠ to show I have no more controls more to offer.

Joe Muenks **4♣** The ♣Q is now useless, but partner might still have a good hand. With most of my partners I play this is the ♣A denying a red ace. This bid is even easier for those showing aces or kings, as it says exactly, "this is all the help I've got partner, slam is all on you."

Bob Fisk **3NT** I'll let partner know that I have wasted values in clubs, but 3NT from my side might also generate 10 tricks. If partner really wants to be in spades, partner is welcome to bid 4♠. Although I agreed to answer this question based on the fact that I did so, my preference is to play Jacoby 2NT as 16+ HCP rather than simply a game-forcing spade raise. So there.

Steve Moese **4♠** Shortness opposite our clubs devalues our hand by at least a Q. Bid 4♠. If partner has KQ876 AK3 AK42 3 they will continue toward slam. Our 4♠ should say we have a minimum balanced hand that wasn't improved by partner's club shortness.

Mike Ma **3♠** In former days, 3♠ now would show much more than this hand, especially with the wasted values in C, and people would jump to 4♠ fast arrival. But if opener has as little as KQxxx, AJT, Kxxx, x, 6♠ is on a H finesse, and there is no way she can make a move over 4♠. More modern way is to bid 3♠, which just means NOT hopeless. To account for that responder is still wide ranging, people use frivolous or serious 3NT as to way to distinguish mild vs serious slam try by opener.

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠ A 3 ♥ Q 7 6 4 ♦ K J 8 5 ♣ J 8 3

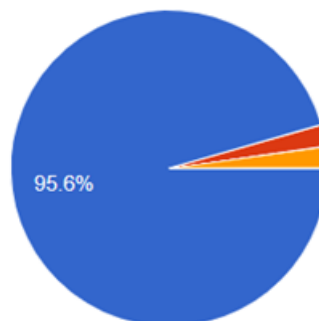
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass ?

### Question 2

45 responses

- 1NT
- Pass
- 2D



Bob Jones **1NT** Bid 1NT. Bidding 2♦ with this hand is how the old timers got in trouble.

Steve Vogel **1NT** (forcing) 11 HCP without spade support equals a 1NT response. I plan to make another forward-going call on my next bid to show invitational values, depending upon partner's rebid.

Joe Muenks **1NT** This is an easy bid in 2/1, where 1NT is forcing 1 round. We'll probably bid 2NT next round depending on developments. If playing Standard American, bid 2♦ now to start.

Bob Fisk **1NT** (Forcing). 100%? No other bid occurs to me.

Steve Moese **1NT** Playing 2/1 GF, this bid is forcing one round. We intend to invite Game next by bidding 2NT over partner's non-spade rebid and 3♠ over a 2♠ rebid. If partner jumps to 3♠ we will bid the spade game. If partner makes a strong jump shift we will raise a red suit but bid 3NT over their 3♣.

Mike Ma **1NT** Not sure what the catch is assuming we play 2/1 and Jacoby 2NT. What else can you do?

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### Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

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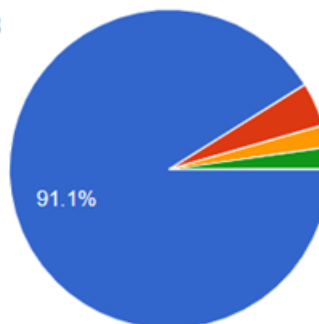
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2♠ P ?

### Question 3

45 responses

● Pass  
● 3D  
● 3H  
● 2NT



Bob Jones **Pass** Pass, quickly, and hope left-hand opponent bids a suit.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Partner may have support for one of my red suits, but that is a gamble. Best to pass and hope for the best.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Easy peasy. Will this be 95%. With a mismatch everyone knows to stop bidding, right?

Bob Fisk **Pass** Do I really think I can improve the contract? If I bid 3♥ (forcing), I've overbid my hand by two tricks. If I bid 3♦ (non-forcing with my partners), partner will hit with 6-2-1-4 shape (serves me right). If I'm really lucky, West is about to double for takeout, and if it goes Pass-Pass after that, I can redouble (for rescue) to get to a red suit. Heh.

Steve Moese **Pass** In tempo please. You hope lefty will bid one of your suits. Hint: when in a hole, stop digging. Do not try to rescue partner. If they double we will run to a red suit.

Mike Ma **Pass** I play new suit force over weak 2, but what else can you do even if you don't? Your decision comes if and when W balances with a X and E passes.

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A Q T 6 4 ♥K 3 ♦A Q 7 ♣A 8 4

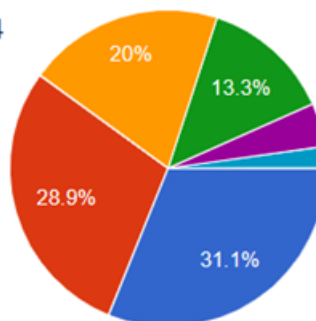
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

2♠ ?

### Question 4

45 responses

- Double
- 2NT
- 3NT
- Pass
- 4S
- 3S



Bob Jones **3NT** It is too dangerous to trap pass. You might defend undoubled and miss a game. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **Pass** If we are to make game, partner is going to need a good suit, and probably a side entry as well. We might possibly make game in notrump or partner's long suit, but it is just as possible that we may go down. On defense, we are just about certain to defeat 2♠ and most likely by multiple tricks. In matchpoints, I would choose to pass.

Joe Muenks **2NT** While we overcall 1♠ with 1NT with 15-18, we allow 19 when we overcall 2♠ with NT and 20 when we overcall 3♠ with NT. Note that the spade suit might become frozen quickly which might devalue the ♠Q, since that is unlikely to be the lead (W might be void). [A frozen suit is one where whoever leads it loses a trick or an extra trick.]

Bob Fisk **3NT** If the auction goes (2♠)-Pass-(Pass)-?? do you really think your partner is going to balance with a takeout double and six HCP? Um, nope. If you let the opponents play in 2♠, are you going to beat it seven tricks for +700 to get equity. Um, nope. Your best chance at a good score is to bid 3NT and hope for the best.

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Steve Moese **X** With an honest weak 2 to our right, there are only two spade cards and about 13 HCP in the two remaining hands. If partner is weak with a long suit we play there. If they have values we will try Game, preferably in their long suit. Bidding 3NT seems wrong because we lack a source of tricks. We are likely to have only 2 spade tricks with this holding. Passing is too deep a position when both vulnerable. With only 13 HCP likely unaccounted for it is unlikely partner will reopen.

Mike Ma **Pass** You have 3 tricks in S for sure defending 2♠, likely 4. If you declare in NT, you will have mucho S stoppers, but you have maybe 2 S tricks playing the suit, and you have no source of tricks. Partner probably would not be nice enough to balance with a X, so the final contract is likely 2♠ undoubled. But that is better than shooting out 3NT and going down, maybe a lot.

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### Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A Q T 9 7 ♥T 7 ♦Q 8 6 5 ♣K J

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

### Question 5

45 responses

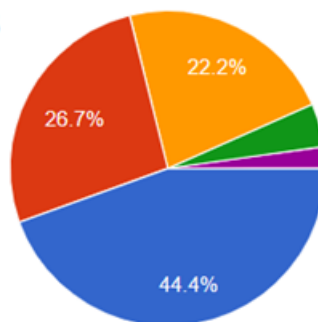
● 2NT

● 2S

● 3NT

● 3C

● 3H



Bob Jones **2♠** Partner's bid is the fourth suit. It does not show hearts and you must have a stopper in that suit to bid 2NT. Bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel **2♠** Partner's 2♥ is an artificial force to game, and I cannot bid 2NT without a heart stopper, nor can I support clubs with only two. My only choice is to rebid 2♠.

Joe Muenks **3♣** 2♥ is partner's best way to bid time whether that is 4th suit forcing in Standard American or if 2♣ was game forcing. Do not bid 2♠ without a heart stopper or suit you want lead to you (Qx). You have fine clubs since partner's suit is real, so show that 3<sup>rd</sup> suit, implying heart shortness and weakness.

Bob Fisk **2♠** Partner's 2♥ bid is "Hey, I don't have a heart stopper for notrump, or I do and I'm just messing with you. Heh." Since I don't have a heart stopper, a third club, or a fifth diamond, I'll tread water by bidding 2♠. If partner puts us in 4♠ with a small doubleton, I've got a 75% chance to bring the suit in for one loser (i.e., finesse for both the King and Jack).

Steve Moese **2♠** There is a priority order when responding to a 4<sup>th</sup> suit game force auction:

- 1) support partner's first bid suit with 3 cards if a Major and 4 cards if a minor.
- 2) rebid your shape (6+ card suit, 5-5 pattern)
- 3) rebid minimum NT with the 4<sup>th</sup> suit stopped and 12-14 or 18-19
- 4) raise the 4<sup>th</sup> suit with 4-card support
- 5) MAKE THE LOWest RANKING REBID WITH NONE OF THE ABOVE."

Mike Ma **2♠** You need to have an agreement for what is the punt bid here. I prefer 3♦ to show a 5th D, 3♣ to show 3+, 2NT to show H stopper, so 2♠ it is for me.

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### Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ A K Q 9 ♥ J ♦ J 7 5 ♣ K Q 8 6 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

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### Question 6

45 responses

● Pass

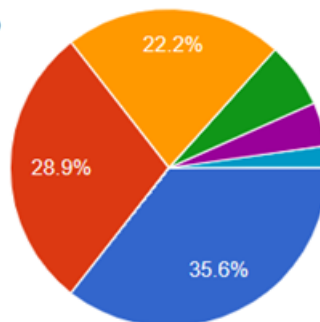
● 2C

● 2NT

● 3NT

● 2D

● 3C



Bob Jones **2NT** Bid 2NT. This shows the values for a 1NT opening but not balanced enough to have made that call.

Steve Vogel **2♣** Partner's 1NT rebid does not promise a balanced hand. It merely states that he/she cannot support spades and has no better bid. My top alternatives are to pass or correct to 2♣. This is a close decision, but given the concentration of high card points in my 2 suits, I would choose to bid 2♣, expecting that partner has at least 2 clubs and often 3.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Matchpoints score well in making NT contracts. If I had 1 more HCP I'd try 2NT, which shows 17 HCP and a singleton heart. (Note we jump to 2NT over 1♥ despite 4 spades with 18-19, so 2NT now does not show that hand.)

Bob Fisk **2♦** I have extras, so I'll bid out my shape and see what happens. I was close to reversing to 2♠ with my second bid, but my hand wasn't quite good enough. If I held AKQJ xxx KQJTx, I would have reversed.

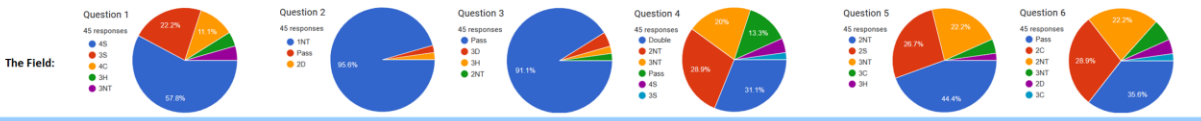
Steve Moese **2NT** Just barely enough to invite Game. Partner's 9 or bad 10 should be enough. Reserve 3♦ for a better diamond suit and a slightly stronger hand (QJ7 of diamonds in this hand would be enough).

Mike Ma **2NT** Partner did not invite, so should be <11. You have 16, but worth more with those black suits. But bidding 3NT is too much. P is too pessimistic, so 2NT is what I would do.

05/11/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	4♠	1NT	Pass	3NT	2♠	2NT
Steve Vogel	4♣	1NT	Pass	Pass	2♠	2♣
Joe Muenks	4♣	1NT	Pass	2NT	3♣	Pass
Bob Fisk	3NT	1NT	Pass	3NT	2♠	2♦
Steve Moese	4♠	1NT	Pass	X	2♠	2NT
Mike Ma	3♠	1NT	Pass	Pass	2♠	2NT
Al Venosa	3♠	1NT	3♥	3NT	2NT	3NT
Anne Cobb	3NT	Pass	3♦	3♠	3NT	2♣
AnnR	4♠	1NT	Pass	X	2NT	2♦
Bob K	4♠	1NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	Pass
Carl Willig	4♠	1NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	2♣
Carol Wilson	4♠	1NT	Pass	X	2♠	Pass
Dave	4♠	1NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	Pass
Dave D	3♠	1NT	Pass	3NT	2♠	2♣
Dean Congbalay	4♠	1NT	Pass	Pass	3♥	2NT
Doug Edwards	3♠	1NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	2♣
Ed	4♣	1NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	3♣
Greg	4♠	1NT	Pass	X	3♣	2♣
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Jay Gala	3♠	1NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	2♣
JohnMcQ	4♣	1NT	Pass	2NT	3NT	Pass
Jon Hoak	4♠	1NT	Pass	3NT	3NT	Pass
Kevin C.	4♠	1NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	2NT
Kevin H.	4♠	1NT	Pass	2NT	2♠	Pass
Lanny	4♠	1NT	Pass	3NT	3NT	3NT
Linda	4♠	1NT	Pass	X	2NT	Pass
Melissa	3♥	1NT	3♦	2NT	2NT	2♣
Mike Burns	4♠	1NT	Pass	Pass	3NT	2♣
Nell Wickstrom	3♠	1NT	Pass	X	2NT	2NT
Pam Campbell	4♠	1NT	Pass	X	2NT	Pass
Pete Outcalt	4♠	1NT	Pass	2NT	2NT	Pass
Phyllis	4♠	1NT	Pass	4♠	2♠	Pass
Rick Read	4♠	1NT	Pass	X	3NT	2NT
Robert N.	4♠	1NT	Pass	3NT	3NT	2NT
Rod	4♠	1NT	Pass	3NT	3NT	Pass
Sally	4♠	1NT	Pass	X	3NT	2NT
Sue	3♠	1NT	Pass	3NT	2♠	3NT
Terri Mackey	3♠	1NT	Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
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Anne Cobb	3NT	2NT	4NT	3NT	3NT	3NT	2NT	2♣
AnnR	4♣	1NT	play 12-15 is 2nt gf	Pass	3♣	X	2NT	2♣
Bob K	4♣	1NT		Pass	2NT	2NT	2NT	Pass
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