## Bob Jones May 13 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE MAY 13, 2023
Q1 - Neither vulnerable

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ?

What call would you make?
Q 3 - East-West vulnerable


EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH 3\% ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable


SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable

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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1* Pass 14 Pass
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What call would you make?

Q 4 - Both vulnerable

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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What call would you make?

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable
-A 4 vA 42 KJT 7 \& 963
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1* Pass 14 Pass
1NT Pass 2v Pass
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What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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## Question 1

Q1 - Neither vulnerable
\&K 32 VK Q J T 7 \& 6532 7
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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Bob Jones $\quad \mathbf{2 V}$ This looks like a Weak-2 bid to us. Open 2V. In the unlikely event you become dummy, slide a low diamond in with your hearts and hope nobody notices.

Steve Vogel Pass The strength of the heart suit is tempting in considering a $2 \vee$ bid, but I will not make such a bid in first seat with good support for spades.

Joe Muenks Pass Await developments. If you act now there's a good chance you'll be in a really bad slam as partner tries to work out your points if she has $20+$ pts. We'll bid next round, almost surely.

Bob Fisk Pass Opening $2 \downarrow$ would be perfectly fine if partner was a passed hand, but partner isn't. Picture partner with AQxxx xx KQJ xxx. Are they going to bid 24 over your $2 \varphi$ opener? Um, nope. Do you notice that you're cold for 4 opposite that hand if trump behave? Um, yup.

Steve Moese Pass Some might consider a 5-card Weak-2 bid, but I demur given good support for spades. Weak-2's in first seat need to hew closely to their disciplined form. Third seat this would be an auto Weak-2. For those pondering a 1 V opening bid, the ACBL convention chart might disallow it! The Basic Chart requires any natural bid that shows at least average strength. The definition of average strength is 10+ HCP or Rule of 19 (Sum of HCP plus number of cards in two longest suits). This hand is 18 or one shy. Basic + relaxes the requirement to near average, defined as $8+$ HCP or Rule of 17 (This hand qualifies).
If your partnership is not prepared to handle very light opening bids or 5-card weak two bids, better to pass than bid.

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## Question 2

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable
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| 1* | Pass 10 | Pass |  |
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Bob Jones 34 This hand is worth 15-16 points in support of spades. Bid $3 \boldsymbol{4}$.

Steve Vogel 39 This hand straddles the line between a raise to $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ and a jump raise to 34 (which I play as showing 15-17 points). All of my points are supported honors as well as an Ace and I have great intermediates. With this holding, I would lean towards going higher than lower.

Joe Muenks 24 I always teach bidding 24 here is 12-14 and bidding 3s is $16-18$. There's no 15 , either value it to 14 or 16 . With our doubleton club we have 15 support points but our stale distribution means this will play more like 14 than 16. If partner cannot invite game there won't be one.

Bob Fisk 29 Playing Spiral, I have the world's easiest 3s response when partner bids 2NT to inquire about the quality of my hand/raise. Bridge is easy! 100\%?

Steve Moese 34 Yes, a jump raise is 15-17 HCP (according to Max Hardy, documenter of 2/1 Bergen Style). This hand is enough. Consider that a 6 loser wants to invite partner to game if they have 3 cover cards.

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## Question 3

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable
\& J 8 4 4 463 \& Q T 975
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH 3v ?


Bob Jones $\quad$ 4erercall at the four level with only 11 points? With this suit, you betcha! Bid 4*.

Steve Vogel Pass Any bid (double or 4e) is fraught with danger. I don't have the expected strength of a takeout double, and partner will take action based on expecting more. If the opponents have honors in spades and clubs, they are likely behind me. If I pass, partner still has the opportunity to compete, which he/she will strive to do.

Joe Muenks 4e We cannot yet tell who is zooming who, but we have a good 6 card suit, spade support and shortness in hearts. The risk of us pushing them to a game they would otherwise not bid is less than the chances we win by our action (making some clubs or spades or going down less than their 140).

Bob Fisk $\quad \underline{X} \quad$ Passing (my second choice) is a bit timid. Bidding 4e is wrong, since you never want to bid past 3NT until you know it's right. Double it is! If partner bids 4 $\boldsymbol{4}$ and goes down, get a better partner.

Steve Moese Pass Not enough here to act. Were I to make a call other than pass it would be double - not because I am strong but because I can support any of three suits. 4\& makes finding a good spade fit hard and playing in 3NT even harder (Duh!)

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## Question 4

Q 4 - Both vulnerable

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1\& Pass $1 \%$
? Pass


Bob Jones 3才 Don't be shy. This hand is worth it. Bid 3ヶ.

Steve Vogel 3V Like \#2 above, this hand straddles the line between a raise to $2 \vee$ and a jump raise to $3 \vee$. I believe the case for the jump raise is even a little stronger with this hand than the one in \#2. All my points are Ace/Kings and my club suit will likely provide discards for side suit losers in partner's hand, particularly if partner has the Qe.

Joe Muenks 3-Wow, above we had the lesson, now apply it. We have 16 support points, so bid $3 \vee$ to offer game to the 8 or 9 point responder hand.

Bob Fisk 3- If I bid 2v, partner will pass holding xxx Qxxxx Kxx Qx. I don't want that to happen. We can make $3 \uparrow$ with partner holding xxx Qxxx xxx JTx if the Qe is onside.

Steve Moese 3 This hand is even better than the one we stretched to raise to $3 \boldsymbol{1 4}$ earlier in this set. While there appear to be 6 losers, the purity of the values make this closer to a 5loser hand.

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## Question 5

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable
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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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Bob Jones Pass Very weak spades and most of the values in the short suits make this hand a pass.

Steve Vogel Pass When all my points are in my short suits, I will not stretch to apply the "rule of 20" in deciding whether to open.

Joe Muenks Pass I've heard people say they can count to 6 and have 6 spades, so they must preempt. Haha. Our hand screams defense, "do not lead a spade partner" and after 3 bids I'll know what to do, so just pass and await developments.

Bob Fisk 14 As they say, "6-4 come alive!" 6-4 hands are worth about a King more than you think they are. Obviously that depends on who "you" is in that sentence, since "you" might think they're worth 37 points.

Steve Moese Pass Yes we have 6 spades and 10 HCP. However the quality of the spade suit is so suspect it looks more like a 4-card suit! Patience grasshopper. We can always enter later. Balancing is a fine art.

Question 6
Q 6 - East-West vulnerable


| SOUTH WEST NORTH | EAST |  |  |
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| 1* | Pass | 1 | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{*}$ | Pass |



Bob Jones Pass Discuss with partner whether or not this sequence is forcing. Pass if it isn't and bid $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ if it is.

Steve Vogel Pass For those who play either XYZ or just simple new minor forcing, partner's $2 \downarrow$ bid is non-forcing, showing 5 spades and 4+ hearts (if partner has a weakish hand with 6 spades and 4 hearts, he/she should ignore the hearts and rebid $2 \boldsymbol{A}$ over 1NT). So, the choice comes down to deciding whether to play $2 \vee$ or $2 \boldsymbol{4}$. If partner is $5-4$ in the majors, 2 may play better than $2 \downarrow$. But the chance that partner may have 5 hearts leads me to pass $2 \downarrow$ and not correct to 24 .

Joe Muenks Pass This truly depends on system. Playing XYZ, pass this non-forcing bid normally made with a terrible distributional hand since you're unlikely to make anything higher. Playing standard, bid 3NT, specifically showing 24, $3 \vee$ and 14 HCP since you've already limited your hand. Even bidding 2NT is acceptable and partner will place the contract or bid 3\& (real or artificial) to elicit a $3>$ heart reply by you.

Bob Fisk Pass Hopefully there's nobody left taking this quiz that doesn't know that $2 \boldsymbol{}$ (on this auction) is to play. If so, please read anything you can find on XYZ or New-Minor Forcing. If you play all the cool-kid conventions, you'll know that partner has a weak hand with 5-5 in the majors. How 'bout that?

Steve Moese 2NT Absent other agreements, a new suit by responder is forcing one round. Here we temporize in 2NT, awaiting to see if partner wants to stop or rebid a major. If they rebid a major we bid game in that strain.
Playing XYZ or 2/1 Game Force (or Reverse Flannery) some choose to play this auction to $2 \vee$ as natural and nonforcing. Meckstroth Rodwell play this auction to $2 \vee$ as natural and game forcing in the methods they play with clients - the idea is to save space for further exploration.
Note - when it comes to bids, there is often no one right answer except to have an agreement with partner and stick to it.

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JM: Happy Mother's day

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| Carol Wilson | Pass | 34 | 4\% | $3 \vee$ | Pass | 2 |
| Cecilia | $2 \downarrow$ | 2 | Pass | $2 \vee$ | Pass | 3 |
| Chuck | Pass | 2 | 4\% | $2 \vee$ | 19 | 2NT |
| Dean Congbalay | Pass | 2 | Pass | $2 \vee$ | 14 | Pass |
| Doug Edwards | Pass | 2 | X | $3 \vee$ | Pass | 24 |
| Ed | Pass | 34 | 4. | $3 \vee$ | Pass | 2NT |
| Gary Busch | $2 \downarrow$ | 2 | X | $3 \vee$ | 24 | Pass |
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