

Bob Jones May 13 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE MAY 13, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠K 3 2 ♥K Q J T 7 ♦6 5 3 2 ♣7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠A J 8 ♥4 ♦7 6 3 ♣A Q T 9 7 5

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

3♥ ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠9 8 6 5 3 2 ♥K J ♦Q 9 5 3 ♣A

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K Q 9 7 ♥A 9 7 ♦K Q T 6 ♣9 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

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What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠8 7 ♥A K 7 5 ♦5 4 ♣A K 8 6 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

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What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A 4 ♥A 4 2 ♦K J T 7 ♣J 9 6 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

1NT Pass 2♥ Pass

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What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

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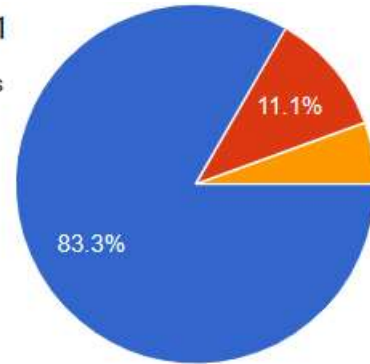
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Question 1

36 responses

● Pass
● 2H
● 1H



Bob Jones **2♥** This looks like a Weak-2 bid to us. Open 2♥. 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♥ 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♥ 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 2♠ over your 2♥ 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♥ 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

♠K Q 9 7 ♥A 9 7 ♦K Q T 6 ♣9 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

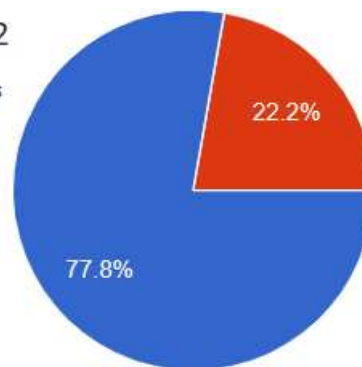
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Question 2

36 responses

● 2S

● 3S



Bob Jones **3♠** This hand is worth 15-16 points in support of spades. Bid 3♠.

Steve Vogel **3♠** This hand straddles the line between a raise to 2♠ and a jump raise to 3♠ (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 **2♠** I always teach bidding 2♠ here is 12-14 and bidding 3♠ 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 **2♠** Playing Spiral, I have the world's easiest 3♠ response when partner bids 2NT to inquire about the quality of my hand/raise. Bridge is easy! 100%?

Steve Moese **3♠** 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

♠A J 8 ♥4 ♦7 6 3 ♣A Q T 9 7 5

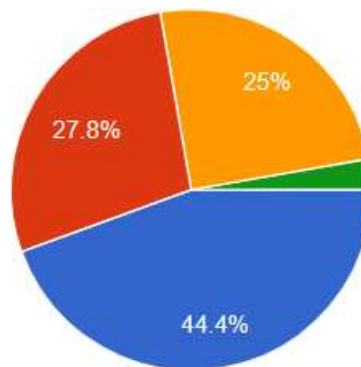
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

3♥ ?

Question 3

36 responses

- Pass
- Double
- 4C
- 5C



Bob Jones **4♣** Overcall at the four level with only 11 points? With this suit, you betcha! Bid 4♣.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Any bid (double or 4♣) 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 **4♣** 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 **X** Passing (my second choice) is a bit timid. Bidding 4♣ is wrong, since you never want to bid past 3NT until you know it's right. Double it is! If partner bids 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

♠8 7 ♥A K 7 5 ♦5 4 ♣A K 8 6 4

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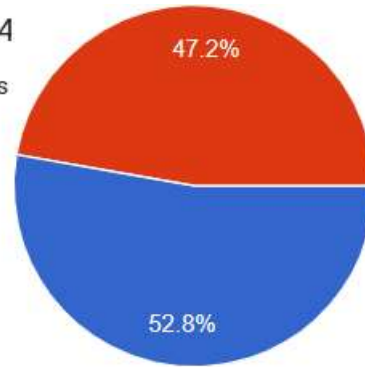
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

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Question 4

36 responses

● 3H
● 2H



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

Steve Vogel 3♥ Like #2 above, this hand straddles the line between a raise to 2♥ and a jump raise to 3♥. 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 Q♣.

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

Bob Fisk 3♥ If I bid 2♥, partner will pass holding xxx Qxxxx Kxx Qx. I don't want that to happen. We can make 3♥ with partner holding xxx Qxxx xxx JTx if the Q♣ is onside.

Steve Moese 3♥ This hand is even better than the one we stretched to raise to 3♠ earlier in this set. While there appear to be 6 losers, the purity of the values make this closer to a 5-loser hand.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠9 8 6 5 3 2 ♥K J ♦Q 9 5 3 ♣A

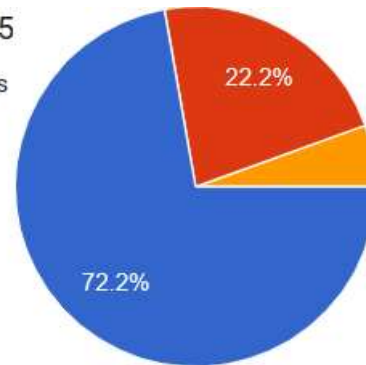
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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Question 5

36 responses

● Pass
● 1S
● 2S



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 **1♠** 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.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A 4 ♥A 4 2 ♦K J T 7 ♣J 9 6 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

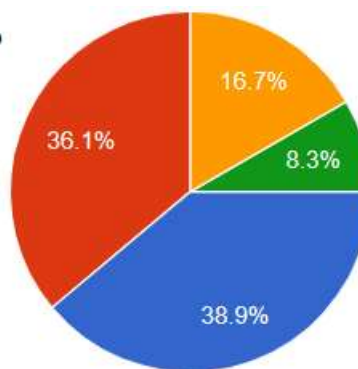
1NT Pass 2♥ Pass

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Question 6

36 responses

- Pass
- 2NT
- 3H
- 2S



Bob Jones **Pass** Discuss with partner whether or not this sequence is forcing. Pass if it isn't and bid 2♠ if it is.

Steve Vogel **Pass** For those who play either XYZ or just simple new minor forcing, partner's 2♥ 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♠ over 1NT). So, the choice comes down to deciding whether to play 2♥ or 2♠. If partner is 5-4 in the majors, 2♠ may play better than 2♥. But the chance that partner may have 5 hearts leads me to pass 2♥ and not correct to 2♠.

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 2♠, 3♥ 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♥ (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♥ as natural and nonforcing. Meckstroth Rodwell play this auction to 2♥ 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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	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	2♥	3♠	4♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
Steve Vogel	Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass

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

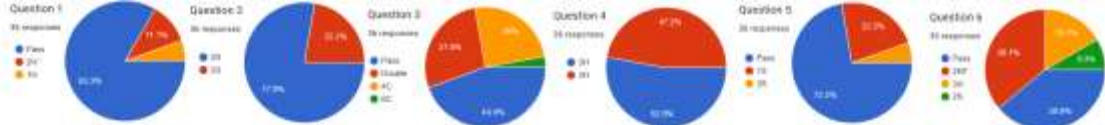
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Al Venosa	2♥	2♠	5♣	3♥	1♠	2NT
AnnR	Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
Carl Willig	Pass	2♠	X	3♥	Pass	3♥
Carol Wilson	Pass	3♠	4♣	3♥	Pass	2♠
Cecilia	2♥	2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Chuck	Pass	2♠	4♣	2♥	1♠	2NT
Dean Congbalay	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥	1♠	Pass
Doug Edwards	Pass	2♠	X	3♥	Pass	2♠
Ed	Pass	3♠	4♣	3♥	Pass	2NT
Gary Busch	2♥	2♠	X	3♥	2♠	Pass
James D	Pass	2♠	X	2♥	Pass	Pass
James Jacobson	Pass	2♠	4♣	2♥	1♠	2NT
Jay Gala	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Jim Barrett	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
JohnMcQ	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥	1♠	3♥
Jon Hoak	Pass	3♠	4♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
Kevin C.	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Kevin H.	Pass	2♠	X	2♥	Pass	Pass
Lanny	1♥	2♠	X	3♥	1♠	2NT
Martha	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Mike Burns	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Mónica	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥	1♠	2NT
Nell Wickstrom	Pass	2♠	X	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pam Campbell	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pete Outcalt	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Phyllis	Pass	2♠	X	2♥	Pass	2NT
Rick Read	Pass	2♠	X	3♥	Pass	3♥
Rod	1♥	2♠	4♣	2♥	Pass	3♥
Sue	Pass	2♠	4♣	2♥	Pass	Pass
Zigang Pan	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
	Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥	2♠	2NT

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The Field:



Player	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
05/13/23	1	2	3	4	5	6
Solo Jones	2F	3F	3F	2F	Pass	Pass
Steve Vogel	Pass	3F	Pass	2F	Pass	Pass
Joe Marcks	Pass	3F	4F	2F	Pass	Pass
Solo Fish	Pass	3F	X	2F	1F	Pass
Steve Myron	Pass	3F	Pass	2F	Pass	2NT
Al Verona	2F	3F	3F	2F	1F	2NT
Ann B	Pass	3F	Pass	2F	Pass	2F
Carl Webb	Pass	3F	X	2F	Pass	2F
Carol Wilson	Pass	3F	4F	2F	Pass	2F
Carole	2F	2F	Pass	2F	Pass	2F
Chuck	Pass	2F	3F	2F	1F	2NT
Dean Congdon	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	1F	Pass
Deag Edwards	Pass	2F	X	2F	2F	2F
Ell	Pass	3F	4F	3F	Pass	2NT
Harry Booth	2F	2F	X	3F	2F	Pass
James D	Pass	2F	X	2F	Pass	Pass NVZ
James Swanson	Pass	2F	4F	2F	1F	2NT
Jay Galt	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	Pass	Pass
Jim Bennett	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	Pass	2NT
John MUI	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	1F	2F
Jon Husak	Pass	2F	4F	2F	Pass	Pass
Kevin C.	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	Pass	Pass
Kevin H.	Pass	2F	X	2F	Pass	Pass
Larry	1F	2F	X	2F	1F	2NT
Martha	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	Pass	Pass
Mike Burns	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	Pass	2F
Monica	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	1F	2NT
Ned Wickham	Pass	2F	X	2F	Pass	2NT
Paul Campbell	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	Pass	2NT
Pete Duback	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	Pass	Pass NVZ
Phyllis	Pass	2F	X	2F	Pass	2NT
Rick Reed	Pass	2F	X	2F	Pass	2F
Rud	1F	2F	Then West 2NT	4F	2F	2F
Sue	Pass	2F	4F	2F	Pass	Pass
Theresa	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	Pass	2NT
Wanda	Pass	2F	Pass	2F	2F	2NT

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JM: Nancy McKinley doc