

# Bob Jones May 18 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE MAY 18, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A 8 5 ♥T 6 ♦A 6 4 ♣A 9 8 5 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

2♠ Pass 3♣ Pass

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K J T 8 6 4 ♥8 6 ♦K 9 7 ♣5 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

2♠ Dbl 2NT Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q ♥Q 7 4 ♦T 8 3 ♣A 9 8 6 4 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 1♥ ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠J T 9 6 4 ♥J T 7 6 2 ♦Q 9 8 ♣Void

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT\* P ?

\*15-17

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A ♥8 7 4 ♦J 6 4 2 ♣A Q 8 5 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q 9 8 4 ♥K J 5 4 2 ♦J T 8 ♣7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

ANSWERS ON MONDAY

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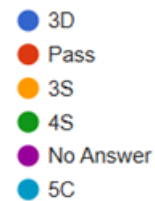
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2♠ Pass 3♣ Pass

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### Question 1

39 responses



Bob Jones **3♦** Partner's bid is forcing. Despite a minimum, you should not bid 3♠ after raising on 3-card support. Bid 3♦ instead.

Steve Vogel **3♠** My partners and I have other ways to find out if partner's spade support is 3 or 4 cards and whether partner is minimum or maximum (Spiral or Wold 2NT). Accordingly, I would take partner's 3♣ bid as a slam try. Although I am minimum, I have 3 Aces, so I will not jump to game, but will bid 3♠, allowing partner to make the next move.

Joe Muenks **3♦** Spades is trump, so other bids are forward-going. Partner has club shortness as control, or many would play she has the king. Though 12 HCP feels like a minimum, aces are exactly what slams require. Cue bid back your control and await developments.

Bob Fisk **N/A** I would have bid 1NT over 1♠, and I play Spiral, so 3♣ on this auction doesn't even exist (i.e., partner would bid 2NT to check to see if I had three or four spades and whether I had a minimum or maximum hand given the auction). 3♣ is definitely forcing on the auction shown above, but I don't really have a reasonable response to it. Sigh.

Steve Moese **Pass** Partner says they have 4 spades and an invite. We are happy to play in clubs at the 3 level. We use 2NT for invites (spiral or Wold).

Mike Ma **3♦** In general, we do not try to "improve" a partial from 2M to 3m even if the M fit may only be Moysian, so I take 3♣ as forcing and at least inviting. C was my opening bid, so partner's bid should be showing values there. If partner wants to know if I have 3 or 4 S, she would have bid Spiral, so she should have 5+ S. I am "accepting" the invite of course. En route I am giving her a "courtesy" cue of 3♦. Hopefully we are on the same page. :-)

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠JT964 ♥JT762 ♦Q98 ♣–

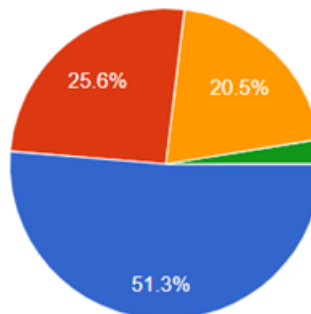
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT P ?

### Question 2

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- 2C
- 2H
- 2D
- Pass



Bob Jones 2♣ Start with 2♣. Should partner bid the dreaded 2♦, your agreed methods will dictate whether you should pass or bid 2♥.

Steve Vogel 2♣ My plan is to settle in 2 of a major suit. If partner rebids 2♦, I will rebid 2♥, which asks partner to pass or correct to 2♠.

Joe Muenks 2♣ One way to play a weak 5-5 is to guess a suit and transfer into it. Some other ways might get you to the 3 level. I like to play that 1NT-2♣-2♦-2♥ shows a weak hand with 5 hearts and 4 or 5 spades, partner will pass or correct to 2♠ with 3 spades and 2 hearts.

Bob Fisk 2♣ I'll pass partner's 2♥ or 2♠ bid, and I'll "crawl" up to 2♥ if partner bids 2♦. Playing Crawling Stayman, partner will correct 2♥ to 2♠ with a doubleton heart. Good job, me!

Steve Moese 2♣ Time to trot out Crawling Stayman. We will pass either Major response, and bid 2♥ over partner's 2♦. Partner will correct to their 3-card Major. If partner is 2=2=(45), we'll play in a 7-card fit of partner's choosing at the 2-level.

Mike Ma 2♣ Every partnership should have agreement on how to bid various hands with both M in response to 1NT. I have a hand I want to play in 2M. I begin with 2♣ and pass 2M reply. If partner bids 2♦, I bid 2♥, which is drop dead with 44M, 4=5, or 55, but never 5=4. Partner passes unless 3=2 M, where she will correct to 2♠, and will be quite happy when dummy comes down.

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### Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠K J T 8 6 4 ♥8 6 ♦K 9 7 ♣5 3

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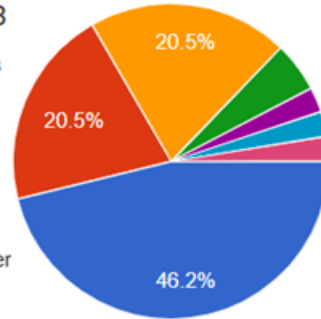
2♠ Dbl 2NT Pass

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### Question 3

39 responses

● 3D  
● 3C  
● 3S  
● Pass  
● 3H  
● No Answer  
● 3NT



Bob Jones **3♠** Partner's bid carries the same meaning as always, even in competition. Bid 3♠ to show a minimum.

Steve Vogel **3♦** My partners I play that a redouble in this auction is the OGUST ask, and that 2NT is Lebensohl, asking opener to bid 3♣. I would guess that most do not play that way, so I will answer as if 2NT is the OGUST ask. I play that a good suit is 2 out of the top 3 honors or 3 out of the top 5 (including the Ace or King). Accordingly, I would bid 3♦ showing good suit, bad hand (although I am close to a good hand).

Joe Muenks **3♦** This is an "ignore the double" auction. Partner has spade support and an invitational hand, so we answer that we have a good suit but minimal hand. Playing feature, I show the diamond card, purely coincidentally, since we have 9 playing points.

Bob Fisk **3♦** I believe the default interpretation of 2NT when no explanation is given is "Hey, bid a feature, stupid!" I did.

Steve Moese **3♦** OGUST (good suit bad hand) If playing feature, I rebid 3♠. Too weak to show the ♦K.

Mike Ma **N/A** Can't answer without knowing what 2NT is.

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A ♥874 ♦J642 ♣AQ853

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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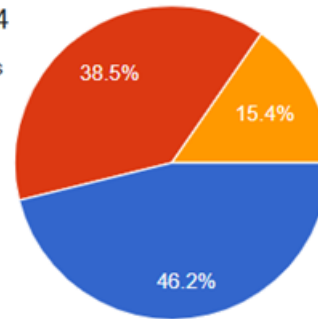
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● Pass

● 1C

● 1D



**Bob Jones** Pass This is a minimum opening bid with potentially serious rebid problems. Why take on problems with a dead minimum? Pass.

**Steve Vogel** 1♣ Yes, I do not like my expected rebid issue if I open this hand, but with 2 Aces and a decent 5-card suit, I would choose to open 1♣.

**Joe Muenks** 1♦ We pass the rule of 20/22, so we'll open. I'm one of the folks who open 1♦ and rebid 2♣ with these kinds of hands. The opponents are likely to be bidding a buncha spades, so we'll try to get both minors mentioned hoping partner matches one of them.

**Bob Fisk** Pass Where do I start? I have only 11 HCP, I have a stiff ♠A which will gobble up the two and three from the opponents, I have no rebid when I open 1♣ and partner bids 1♠, I'm not about to open 1♦ (Jxxx) and rebid 2♣ (AQxxx) and play in 2♦ opposite 753 when partner also has Kxx of clubs. Need I go on? I need not.

**Steve Moese** 1♣ Exceeds the Rule of 20 (or 22) so we open. If partner responds 1♥ we raise hearts. If partner responds 1♠, we rebid 2♣. (Do NOT rebid 2♦ - that's a reverse showing 16/17+ HCP).

**Mike Ma** 1♣ Always nice to see a Rule of 20/22 hand for Joe. The one drawback of this hand is the M holding. It used to be said that when you open, you make it easier for them to come in (with the M in this case). But nowadays we appreciate that if you open, bidding is much easier for your side and harder for them. You want to C lead from partner if you end up defending don't you? If you pass, and it goes (1M) - P - (2M) - ? How would you feel?

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### Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

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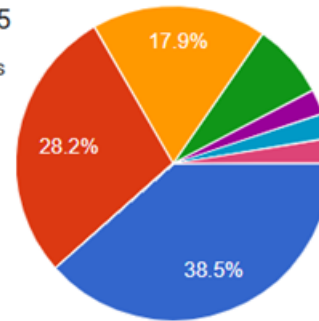
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 1♥ ?

### Question 5

39 responses

● 2C  
● Pass  
● 1NT  
● 2D  
● 1S  
● 3C  
● Double



Bob Jones **1NT** Even after the overcall, you still need 10 points to bid 2♣. You have enough to bid, however, and you have a likely heart stopper. Bid 1NT.

Steve Vogel **Pass** I view that my best alternative to a pass is 1NT. I do not like bidding notrump with an unbalanced hand, a tenuous stopper in the opponent's suit and a near-minimum hand. I also do not like raising partner's suit to 2♦ with only 3 (especially vulnerable). Best to pass for now.

Joe Muenks **2♦** This looks like a fun hand since West is ready to bid spades. 2♦ now forces him up a level. Note that later in the auction we'll bid clubs, showing 6+ but still the 6-9 pt hand that 2♦ showed.

Bob Fisk **1NT** I can't bid 2♣--that shows 5+ clubs and 10+ HCP, and passing is silly. 1NT it is!

Steve Moese **Pass** This hand has an Ace but a poor club suit, so a weak jump shift is out of the question.

Mike Ma **1♠** Another advertisement for playing X = 4+ S and 1♠ = 3 or less. You have the ♥Q, so if push comes to shove, you can bid 1NT. But your hand hardly looks like a NT hand. 1♠ should give your partner a good idea of your hand, 3 or less S, likely < 4 D, H not good for 1NT etc.

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### Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ Q 9 8 4 ♥ K J 5 4 2 ♦ J T 8 ♣ 7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

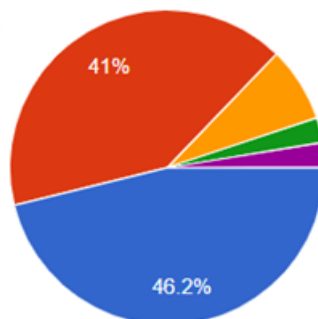
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

1NT Pass ?

### Question 6

39 responses

● Pass  
● 2H  
● 2D  
● 2S  
● 2C



Bob Jones 2♦ Bid 2♦ if that is natural in your methods. Pass otherwise.

Steve Vogel 2♥ Partner has either 2 or 3 hearts. Given my shape, we will normally do better playing in hearts than notrump. With only 3-card support in diamonds, I would choose the major over the minor.

Joe Muenks 2♥ Normally we want 6 hearts to rebid them, but when partner shows 2-3, it is ok to drop dead with 5 and a singleton or void since our hand will take 2-3 more tricks in hearts frequently if the opponents hold the ♥A and prevent you from running them in NT.

Bob Fisk 2♥ If partner opened a weak notrump (12-14), I would have bid 2♣ asking for a 4-card major. Partner doesn't have one, so I would have crawled up to 2♥. All roads. By the way, this hand is why I always rebid a 4-card spade suit after 1m-1♥. Nuff said.

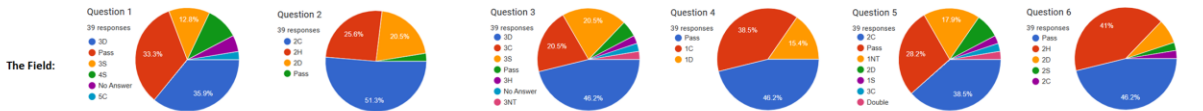
Steve Moese 2♥ Would not fault a pass. Anything else is too rich for this hand. Partner will have 3 hearts often enough to make this rebid worthwhile. Partner might have rebid 1♠ with a good spade suit.

Mike Ma 2♥ There is no hand where opener will rebid 1NT with singleton H (compared to if you had replied 1♠, in which case it depends on your agreement if 1NT may have singleton S), so you are sure of at least 5-2 fit. This hand is an example of why it is NOT a good idea for opener to bypass 4 S and rebid 1NT with balanced hand.

05/18/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	3♦	2♣	3♠	Pass	1NT	2♦
Steve Vogel	3♠	2♣	3♦	1♣	Pass	2♥
Joe Muenks	3♦	2♣	3♦	1♦	2♦	2♥
Bob Fisk	N/A	2♣	3♦	Pass	1NT	2♥
Steve Moese	Pass	2♣	3♦	1♣	Pass	2♥
Mike Ma	3♦	2♣	N/A	1♣	1♠	2♥
Anne Cobb	Pass	2♥	3♠	1♣	2♣	2♠
AnnR	Pass	2♦	3♠	1♣	Pass	Pass
Bob K	3♦	2♥	3♦	Pass	2♣	2♥
Carl Willig	4♠	2♣	3♦	1♦	2♦	2♣
Carol Wilson	3♦	Pass	3♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
Chuck	Pass	2♣	Pass	1♣	2♣	Pass
Dave	3♠	2♣	3♠	1♣	2♣	Pass
Dean Congbalay	3♦	2♦	Pass	Pass	1NT	2♥
Doug Edwards	3♠	2♦	3♦	1♦	Pass	Pass
Ed	Pass	2♦	3♦	1♣	Pass	Pass
Gary Busch	Pass	2♣	3♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
Gary Herrington	3♦	2♣	3♣	1♣	Pass	Pass
Greg	3♦	2♥	3♠	1♦	1NT	Pass
James D	N/A	2♣	3♦	Pass	2♣	2♥
James Jacobson	Pass	2♥	3♠	1♣	Pass	Pass
Jay Gala	3♠	2♥	3♣	Pass	3♣	2♥
JohnMcQ	3♦	2♣	3♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
Jon Hoak	3♦	2♦	3♦	1♣	Pass	Pass
Kevin C.	3♦	2♣	3♣	Pass	2♣	2♥
Kevin H.	Pass	2♣	3♦	Pass	1NT	2♥
Lanny	4♠	2♦	3♦	1♣	1NT	Pass
Linda	Pass	2♦	3♣	1♦	Pass	2♥
Mike Burns	3♦	2♥	3♣	1♣	X	Pass
Mónica	4♠	2♣	3♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
Nell Wickstrom	3♦	2♣	3♦	Pass	2♣	2♥
Pam Campbell	3♠	2♥	3♥	Pass	1NT	2♥
Pan	4♠	2♣	3♠	Pass	2♣	2♥
Rick Read	5♣	2♥	3NT	1♣	2♣	Pass
Robert Nowacki	3♦	2♥	3♦	Pass	2♣	2♦
Rod	Pass	2♦	3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Sue	Pass	2♥	3♦	1♣	2♣	2♥
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Date	Question	Hand	Player	Response	Correct Answer	Notes
05/18/24	Q1	Neither vulnerable ♠A 5 ♥T 4 A 6 4 ♠A 9 8 5 2 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1♣ Pass 1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass 3♣ Pass	Bob Jones	3♣	2♣	Partner's bid is forcing. Despite a minimum, you should not bid 3♣ after raising on 3-card support. Bid 3♣ instead.
	Q2	North-South vulnerable ♠J T 9 6 4 ♥T 7 6 2 ♠Q 9 8 4 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1NT P ?	Steve Vogel	3♣	2♣	My plan is to settle in 2 of a major suit. If partner rebids 2♣, I will rebid 2♥ which asks partner to pass or correct to 2♣.
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	Q5	North-South vulnerable ♠Q 7 4 ♥T 8 3 ♠A 9 8 6 4 3 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1♣ 1♥ ?	Bob Jones	1NT	1NT	Even after the overall, you still need 10 points to bid 2♥. You have enough to bid, however, and you have a likely heart stopper. Bid 1NT.
	Q6	East-West vulnerable ♠Q 9 8 4 ♥K J 5 4 2 ♠J T 8 7 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT Pass ?	Steve Vogel	2♥	2♥	Partner has either 2 or 3 hearts. Given my shape, we will normally do better playing hearts than notrump. With only 3-card support in diamonds, I would choose the major over the minor.
05/18/24	Q7	Spades is trump, so other bids are forward-going. Partner has club shortness as control, or many would play she has the king. Though 12 HCP feels like a minimum, Aces are exactly what slams require. Cue bid back your control and await developments.	Joe Muenks	3♣	2♣	
	Q8	One way to play a weak 5-5 is to guess a suit and transfer into it. Some other ways might get you to the 3 level. I like to play that 1NT-2♣-2♥ shows a weak hand with 5 hearts and 4 or 5 spades, partner will pass or correct to 2♥ with 3 spades and 2 hearts.	Bob Fisk	N/A	2♥	I believe the default interpretation of 2NT when no explanation is given is "hey, bid a feature, stupid!" I did.
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05/18/24	Q11	Partner says they have 4 spades and an invite. We are happy to play in clubs at the 3 level. We use 2NT for invites (spiral or Woid).	Steve Moose	Pass	2♣	
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05/18/24	Q15	This hand has an Ace but a poor club suit, so a weak jump shift is out of the question.	Steve Moose	Pass	2♣	
	Q16	Wouldn't fault a pass. Anything else is too rich for this hand. Partner will have 3 hearts often enough to make this rebid worthwhile. Partner might have rebid 1♥ with a good spade suit.	Mike Ma	2♥	2♥	There is no hand where opener will rebid 1NT with singleton H (compared to if you had replied 1♣, in which case it depends on your agreement if 1NT may give singleton S), so you are sure of at least 5-2 fit. This hand is an example of why it is NOT a good idea for opener to bypass 4 S and rebid 1NT with balanced hand.
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	Q18	Hearts	Anr	Pass	2♥	
05/18/24	Q19	OGUST	Bob K	3♣	3♣	
	Q20	OGUST	Carl Willig	4♣	3♣	
05/18/24	Q21	OGUST	Carl Wilson	3♣	3♣	
	Q22	OGUST	Chuck	Pass	3♣	
05/18/24	Q23	OGUST	Dave	3♣	3♣	
	Q24	OGUST	Dean Congbalay	3♣	3♣	
05/18/24	Q25	OGUST	Doug Edwards	3♣	3♣	
	Q26	OGUST	Ed	Pass	3♣	
05/18/24	Q27	OGUST	Gary Busch	Pass	3♣	
	Q28	OGUST	Gary Herrington	3♣	3♣	
05/18/24	Q29	OGUST	Greg	3♣	3♣	
	Q30	OGUST	James D	N/A	3♣	
05/18/24	Q31	OGUST	James Jacobson	Pass	3♣	
	Q32	OGUST	Jay Gala	3♣	3♣	
05/18/24	Q33	OGUST	JohnMcCl	3♣	3♣	
	Q34	OGUST	Jon Hoak	3♣	3♣	
05/18/24	Q35	OGUST	Kevin C.	3♣	3♣	
	Q36	OGUST	Kevin H.	Pass	3♣	
05/18/24	Q37	OGUST	Lanny	4♣	3♣	
	Q38	OGUST	Linda	Pass	3♣	
05/18/24	Q39	OGUST	Mike Burns	3♣	3♣	
	Q40	OGUST	Mónica	4♣	3♣	
05/18/24	Q41	OGUST	Nell Wickstrom	3♣	3♣	
	Q42	OGUST	Pam Campbell	3♣	3♣	
05/18/24	Q43	OGUST	Pan	4♣	3♣	
	Q44	OGUST	Rick Read	5♣	3♣	
05/18/24	Q45	OGUST	Robert Nowacki	3♣	3♣	
	Q46	OGUST	Rod	Pass	3♣	
05/18/24	Q47	OGUST	Sue	Pass	3♣	
	Q48	OGUST	Pass	Pass	3♣	
05/18/24	Q49	OGUST	Pass	Pass	3♣	