

Bob Jones May 25 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE MAY 25, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠8763 ♥954 ♦K6 ♣KQJ3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ X ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠KQ9763 ♥J ♦T63 ♣AT7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

3♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠AT4 ♥J98 ♦AK75 ♣AJ8

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

3♣ Pass Pass ?

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Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠QJ874 ♥K9 ♦J754 ♣A7

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1♦ 1♥ 1NT ?

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Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠KJ5 ♥KJT853 ♦8753 ♣Void

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 3♣* ?

*pre-emptive

What call would you make?

Q 6 – Both vulnerable

♠AKT7643 ♥8 ♦9 ♣Q865

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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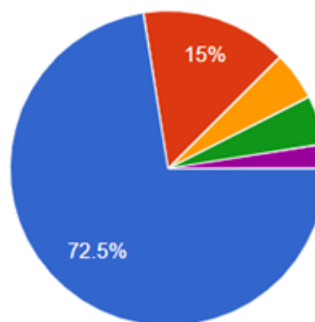
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Question 1

40 responses

- 1S
- Pass
- Redouble
- 1NT
- 2C



Bob Jones **1♠** When your natural response is at the one level, ignore the double and make your normal bid. Bid **1♠**.

Steve Vogel **1♠** In these situations, I tend to bid as if the opponents had not doubled, with a few exceptions.

Joe Muenks **1♠** What else? I kinda wonder what is another consideration.

Bob Fisk **1♠** 4+ spades, 7-9 HCP. Nailed it! Redouble is tempting, but I'm a bit light (in strength, not in body mass).

Steve Moese **1♠** Same bid as without the double.

Mike Ma **1♠** Your S suit is not pretty. But you have too much to pass, and not enough to XX. XX would say you are interested in penalizing them. Do you really want to double a 1 level contract with both sides ~20 pts and those M cards? Bid **1♠** and get it out of your system.

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Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

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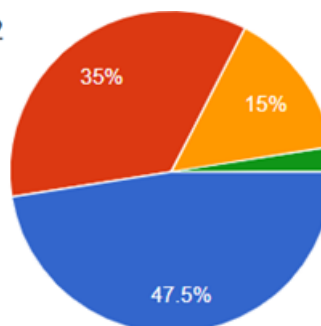
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Bob Fisk X I like double here to be Snapdragon-ish—tolerance for partner (often honor doubleton) with five cards in an unbid suit (often other major). Nailed it again! I'm on a roll.

Steve Moese 2♠ We have values to compete and a nice 5-card spade suit. If your agreement is that double shows Hx in hearts, do that.

Mike Ma X Assuming East knows what she is doing, Penalty X is not possible. The more you have, the less your partner will have. X should therefore be negative. If partner bids 2♣, you will take her back to 2♥, and she knows you have S. If partner somehow bids S, you struck gold. What you do then depends on how greedy and lucky you are.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

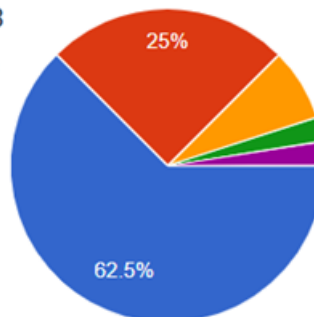
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NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	?	

Question 3

40 responses

- 3S
- 4H
- 3NT
- Pass
- 4C



Bob Jones **3♠** Bid 3♠. This forcing. If you did not want to be in game you would have passed 3♥.

Steve Vogel **3♠** Any bid over partner's jump rebid is forcing to game. My 3♠ rebid shows 5+ good spades (usually 6+) and no fit for partner.

Joe Muenks **3♠** I'm not afraid to raise partner on such auctions with a singleton honor in partner's suit, but I've only shown 4 spades so far, so we'll bid 3♠ (forcing to game) this round. Third easy one in row.

Bob Fisk **3♠** Natural and forcing. Is there any reason partner can't hold Jx AQTxxx Ax KQx? Don't answer that—of course there isn't. If partner bids 3NT showing a stiff heart, you can pass or bid 4♥, your choice.

Steve Moese **3♠** This bid is forcing at least one round. We will pass 3NT or 4♥, and choose between 4 of a Major if partner rebids a minor. (Without an agreed suit, 4NT is to play).

Mike Ma **3♠** You have enough for game opposite 3♥ in spite of the singleton, and a good S suit. 3♠ is forcing. The real problem is 3♠ only promises 5, so the real decision is if partner now bids 3NT.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠ K J 5 ♥ K J T 8 5 3 ♦ 8 7 5 3 ♣ –

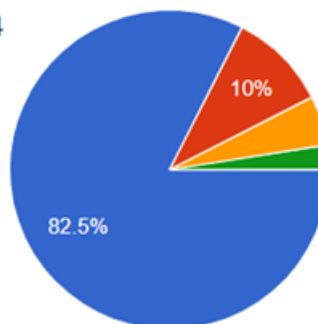
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1♣ 3♣ ?

Question 4

40 responses

- 3H
- Pass
- Double
- 4H



Bob Jones 3♥ You don't really have the values to bid a new suit at the three level, but how can you pass? Bid 3♥.

Steve Vogel 3♥ Perhaps I am a bit short on high cards, but the opponent's preempt increases the offensive value of my hand, and increases the likelihood of a fit. My 3♥ bid is forcing.

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Steve Moese 3♥ But just barely. I prefer treating all responder's actions at the 3 level as GF. The heart length and club void are assets that make game likely.

Mike Ma 3♥ We assume E is sane. X by you is TO/negative, but you really don't want partner to sit the X with your void and 6 H. 3♥ should be GF, and your hand is not strong enough for that, so it is dangerous, but passing is more dangerous. You know partner does not have short C, so will pass without a good hand. If she has good hand, 3♥ won't hurt. If not, your pass is selling out. Preempt in opener's m suit is very effective. Just bid 3♥ and hope.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠ A T 4 ♥ J 9 8 ♦ A K 7 5 ♣ A J 8

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

3♣ Pass Pass ?

Question 5

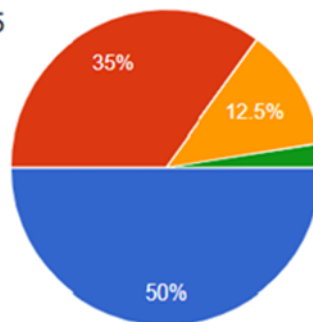
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● Double

● 3NT

● Pass

● 3D



Bob Jones **3NT** It's risky, but you have to be aggressive in these situations or the opponents will steal your shorts. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **3NT** My only reasonable alternative bids are double or 3NT. With only 6 cards in the majors and a possible double stopper in clubs, I would choose 3NT.

Joe Muenks **3NT** Phew, back to an easy one. It is almost certain you have 2 club stoppers and partner is marked with some share of the missing values, so maybe I'll take 9 tricks.

Bob Fisk **3NT** 100%. I'm guessing yes, although I'm never right when I do this.

Steve Moese **X** (Damn preempts. I only like them when I bid them. The nerve!). Double is the most flexible action. We do have support for the unbid suits but our shape is undesirable for a suit contract. 3NT is a bit unilateral. Give opener 5-7, we account for 20-22 HCP. That leaves 18-20 to be split between partner and RHO. That RHO did not raise suggests no fit for the opponents. Strain before game. Let's get partner's help.

Mike Ma **3NT** Hamman's Rule*. 'Nuff said. Your partner likely has short H, and would strain to bid over 3♣. But she certainly can have 10 points or even more with her P. Given opener 7 points, partner has 8 on the average, enough for game on point count.

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Question 6

Q 6 – Both vulnerable

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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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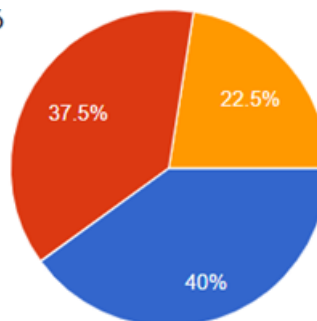
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● 3S

● 1S

● 4S



Bob Jones **4♠** You could justify a 1♠ opening with this hand, but why make life so easy for the opponents. Bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel **4♠** There are several alternative bids for this hand: 1♠, 3♠ or 4♠. I view this hand as too strong for 3♠, which brings it down to 1♠ or 4♠. Given my offensively oriented 7-1-1-4 shape, I would choose 4♠.

Joe Muenks **1♠** This is a legal opener. It passes the rule of 20/22. And if partner raises we'll apply the Losing Trick Count, which everyone used to use but seems covid chased it away, to determine if we have game. In other words, this is not only an opener, it is not a minimum opener (makes 4 most days if partner has xxx, xxxx, xxxx, Kx, or the optimal 3 HCP)

Bob Fisk **4♠** 100%? See previous caveat.

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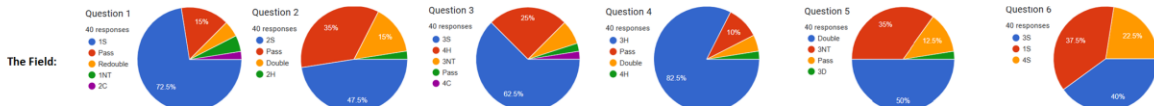
5/25/2024						
7 months until Christmas	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	1♠	X	3♠	3♥	3NT	4♠
Steve Vogel	1♠	X	3♠	3♥	3NT	4♠
Joe Muenks	1♠	2♠	3♠	X	3NT	1♠
Bob Fisk	1♠	X	3♠	3♥	3NT	4♠
Steve Moese	1♠	2♠	3♠	3♥	X	4♠
Mike Ma	1♠	X	3♠	3♥	3NT	4♠

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AnnR	Pass	Pass	4♥	3♥	X	1♠
Carl Willig	1♠	2♥	3♠	3♥	X	3♠
Carol Wilson	1♠	2♠	3NT	3♥	3NT	1♠
Dave	1♠	2♠	3♠	3♥	X	3♠
Dean Congbalay	1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT	3♠
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Sue	1♠	2♠	3♠	3♥	3NT	4♠
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Sue	1 ♠	2 ♠	3 ♠	3 ♥	3NT	4 ♠
Vijay	XX	2 ♠	3 ♠	3 ♥	X	3 ♠
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