

## Bob Jones May 6 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE MAY 6, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠K 8 5 ♥K 8 ♦A K T 7 5 ♣K J T

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠J 8 3 ♥K Q J T 6 ♦K 8 ♣7 6 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass ?

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♠K T 8 5 ♥A Q J 9 3 ♦9 8 6 4 ♣Void

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1♣ ?

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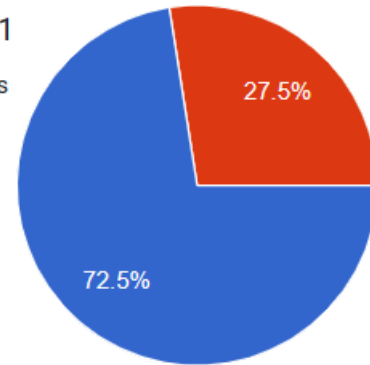
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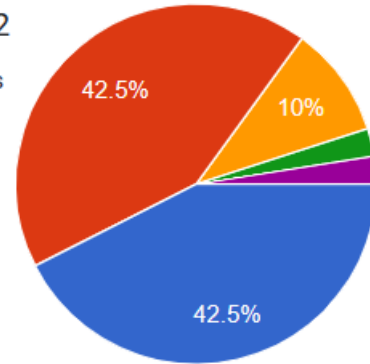
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1NT P ?

### Question 2

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- 2NT
- Pass
- 2S
- 3C
- 2C



Bob Jones **2NT** This hand will probably play at least 3 tricks better in diamonds than in no trump. Use whatever method you have to sign off in diamonds. For us, it is 2NT – a transfer to diamonds.

Steve Vogel **2NT** (Diamonds) This is a close call. We may be better off in a 1NT contract versus a 3-level diamond contract, but I believe the odds favor the higher level diamond contract, given my lack of help in all other suits. Inimps, I might be more inclined to pass 1NT, and hope partner has a decent source of tricks.

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Bob Fisk **2NT** (Diamonds). I play this as a transfer to Diamonds. If partner bids 3♦, I'll pass. If partner bids 3♣ (i.e., partner is allergic to Diamonds), I'll bid 3♦. Bridge is easy!

Steve Moese **Pass** 7 tricks will be hard, but 9 tricks will be even tougher. Since we have no way to stop in 2♦, I will pass and hope they reopen. The vulnerability stops me from transferring to 3♦.

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Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

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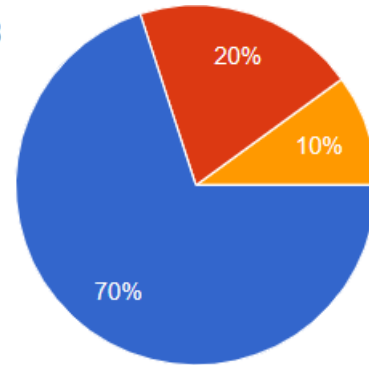
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Pass Pass ?

### Question 3

40 responses

- 1H
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Bob Fisk 1♥ Light 3<sup>rd</sup>-seat opener. I'd open 2♥ if you took away my ♦K.

Steve Moese 1♥ 3<sup>rd</sup> seat this is a fine 1-level opening.

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### Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠KJ86 ♥53 ♦AKQJ ♣875

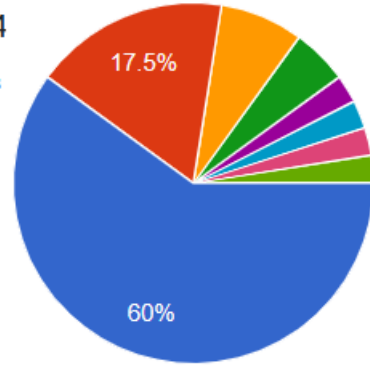
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2♠ Pass ?

### Question 4

40 responses



Bob Jones **4♠** This hand is not quite worth a slam try. Just bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel **4♠** Another close call. Based on the bidding (partner did not bid 2♥ over Stayman), I expect partner to have 4 spades, 2-3 hearts and, therefore, 6-7 cards in the minors. My 3 small clubs are a big liability, making slam unlikely. Yes, partner could have the perfect hand for slam, but if I invite (by bidding 3♥ in our system), we will get to an unmakeable slam too often. If I had the ♠Q instead of the Jack, I would invite slam.

Joe Muenks **5♠** You might play this differently with different partners, but you are on the cusp of slam points, your off suit is phenomenal but you cannot ask aces with 2 quick losers in even ONE suit, and we have 2 wretched suits, so we'll offer a general spade slam try and announce our 2 quick loser problem.

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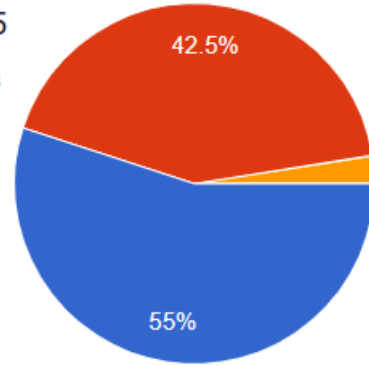
Q 5 – North-South vulnerable  
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EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH  
1♣ ?

### Question 5

40 responses

● 1H  
● Double  
● 2C



Bob Jones 1♥ Bid 1♥. Should they persist in clubs, you can double at your next turn without showing extra values.

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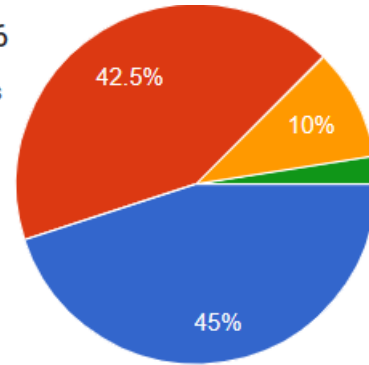
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Steve Vogel	1♦	2NT	1♥	4♠	X	2♠
Joe Muenks	1♦	2NT	Pass	5♠	1♥	2♥
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The Field:

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40 responses



Question 2

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Question 6

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