

Bob Jones November 11 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz
GOREN BRIDGE NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A 7 3 ♥K 9 8 5 ♦9 ♣K T 8 7 5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 2♠ Dbl* Pass

3♦ Pass ?

*Negative

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠Void ♥K J 6 5 3 ♦A 7 ♣9 8 7 6 4 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ 2NT* 4♣** ?

*Both minors, at least 5-5

**Spade fit, shortness in clubs

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠A K 8 6 ♥A ♦Q 8 7 5 3 ♣9 8 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ 2♥ 3♣ Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A 9 7 2 ♥9 8 5 ♦A J T 9 7 6 ♣Void

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A K Q ♥A J 7 5 ♦T 8 ♣T 8 7 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ 2♠ Dbl* Pass

?

*Negative

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠A K T 5 ♥A Q 9 4 ♦A 3 ♣9 7 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 3NT Pass

?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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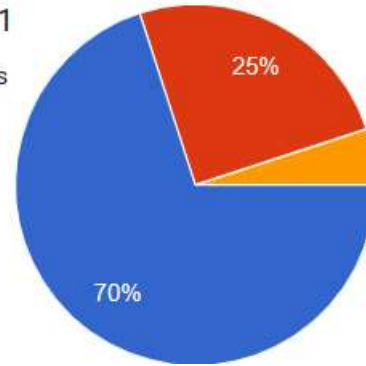
1♦ 2♠ Dbl Pass

3♦ Pass ?

Question 1

40 responses

● Pass
● 3NT
● 3S



Bob Jones **Pass** You hate it, but you have to pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** My negative double (forcing to the 3-level) showed the full value of my hand. Given we have no fit, and partner showed no more than a minimum, my best choice is to pass.

Joe Muenks **3NT** Pass may be prudent on this mismatch, but i go for the gusto. Nonvulnerable opponents are so frisky nowadays with their preempts and west's failure to raise to 3♠ marks partner with some length there and hopefully strength. Playing in an established partnership I bid 3♠ and partner bids 3NT with a half stop in spades.

Bob Fisk **Pass** If I held Kxx in diamonds, I'd bid 3NT, but you know what? I don't hold that. I've already shown 10 HCP and four hearts with my double.

Steve Moese **Pass** Partner says they can't pass for penalties, and do not have at least four cards in hearts or clubs. When you find out you are in a hole, stop digging. Now.

Mike Ma **Pass** What South does depends on what the negative double forces to. If it is 3♣/♦/♥, then you need to pass now with a minimum negative X. If opener has a hand that can make game opposite 10 points, she needs to make a stronger bid.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A972 ♥985 ♦AJT976 ♣–

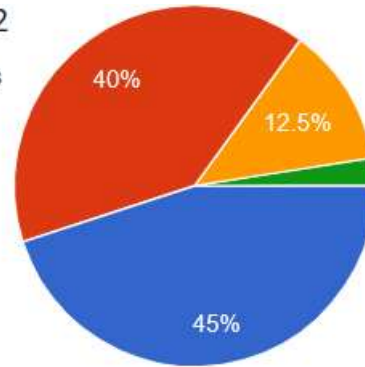
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

Question 2

40 responses

- Pass
- 1D
- 2D
- 3D



Bob Jones 1♦ We imagine a panel of experts would split evenly between pass, 1♦, and 2♦. We like 1♦.

Steve Vogel 1♦ A really close one. Many would not consider opening a hand vulnerable with only 9HCP. And those who stick to the rule of 20 will pass with this hand. I like my aces, spot cards (particularly in diamonds) and 6-4 shape, and I have an easy rebid over any response by partner. On some days of the week, I would pass, but on today, Saturday, I would choose to open 1♦.

Joe Muenks 1♦ You could pass and try to make up mileage later in the auction but I say I'll stretch now and then try to hold back partner.

Bob Fisk 1♦ When you're 6-4, you should add a King to your hand and bid accordingly. Picture partner with KQxx xx Kx xxxxx. Heh.

Steve Moese 1♦ This hand has great playing strength and two aces to boot. If you don't open these hands you are not getting out enough. Don't think about a weak two here: 1) we have 4 spades, 2) we have two aces, and 3) we have a side void. One flaw is ok, but 3? Nope.

Mike Ma 1♦ If the ♠A and ♥9 are interchanged, I would open a super max 2♦. But holding ♠A972, I cannot preempt (although these days at our club, a side 4 Major does not seem to matter). So it is Pass or 1♦. This hand does not satisfy Joe's famous Role of 20/22, but surely it is better than A972, Qxx, Axxxxx, –, which does.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠ – ♥ K J 6 5 3 ♦ A 7 ♣ 9 8 7 6 4 3

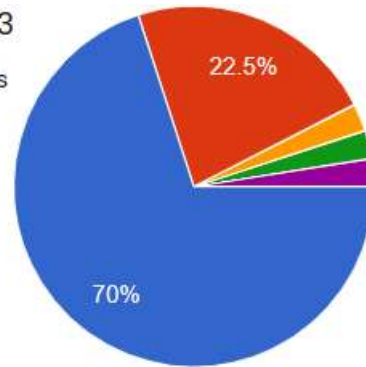
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ 2NT 4♣ ?

Question 3

40 responses

- 5C
- 6C
- Double
- 4H
- 4S



Bob Jones **6♣** You are probably not sacrificing against them. This might well be your hand. Bid **6♣**, hoping to make. If you don't, it might be a good sacrifice.

Steve Vogel **4♠** There are questions of both offense and defense with this hand. On the offensive side, if partner is 3-0-5-5, we might make slam in clubs. Given the bidding, it is likely partner has a weak distributional hand, but it wouldn't take much to make a lot of clubs (think ♣A, ♦K and nothing else and we might make 7♣). To give partner a view of my hand, I like cue bidding 4♠. On the defensive side, I have a reasonable expectation of 2 tricks and if partner can produce one more, our opponents will not make 5♠. After my 4♠ cue bid, I will leave it to partner to place the contract.

Joe Muenks **6♣** I think I might get a heart and a diamond against 5♠ or 6♠, so let's let the opponents guess to double or bid on, a very difficult 6 level decision.

Bob Fisk **6♣** I want to make the opponents make the last decision. Picture partner with xx x Kxxxx Axxxx. If clubs are 1-1, we make six. If clubs are 2-0, they make five, so **6♣**, down one doubled, is a good sacrifice. That's the worst case scenario. It's more likely that partner is 3-0-5-5, and we might be missing out on a grand (not \$1,000.....a grand slam).

Steve Moese **6♣** And I hope it's enough to make them guess last. Wouldn't disparage an enterprising 7♣.

Mike Ma **6♣** Who knows what either side can make? As little as xx, x, Kxxxx, Axxxx, and **6♣** is on if clubs breaks 1-1 and no first round diamond ruff. If they bid 6♠ over **6♣**, I will pass showing 1st round control in spades, and let partner decide whether sacrifice/bid to make 7♣. With not much strength but great distribution, there does not seem much point in doing any cue bidding. If there is a way to bid diamond for lead but not have partner think it is real I would. I also don't know how to make them let us play **6♣**.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠AKQ ♥AJ75 ♦T8 ♣T875

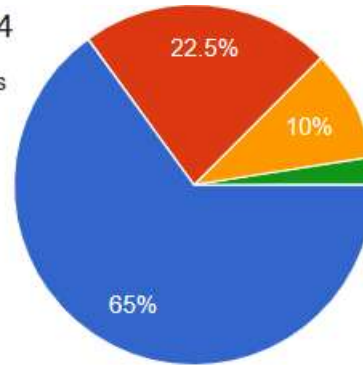
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ 2♠ Dbl Pass
?

Question 4

40 responses

- 3H
- 4H
- Pass
- 3NT



Bob Jones 4♥ The concentration in spades is a worry, but the hand is still worth 4♥.

Steve Vogel 4♥ Partner's double, which is forcing to the 3-level, shows a hand which values out to 10+ points. With my 14+ points, I would choose to bid game in hearts as 3♥ would show a minimum hand.

Joe Muenks 4♥ I think game has good play if partner has 10 pts as expected. We're almost definitely getting at least 1 ruff in each heart hand, hopefully 2 in one of them, so a suit is much better than nt even with great spades.

Bob Fisk 3NT It's likely that we're getting bad breaks, and I don't want the opponents to get a spade ruff. This might work out extremely badly if partner holds x KQxx xx KQxxxx, but if partner has that hand, I'd expect partner to bid 4♣ over 3NT to say "You think I don't hold x KQxx xx KQxxxx, but I do, so there!"

Steve Moese 4♥ This is not without risk. However partner's double should be an opening hand. Our spade holding strongly recommends defending. Put partner on x KQ10x KQ10xx Jxx and 3♥ is the limit. But x KQ10x Jxx KQ9xx and we will make 10 tricks on a spade lead. Passing could yield 200 or 500 our way, but not 620.

Mike Ma Pass I have 4 tricks in my hand, 2 from partner will set it. It is not as certain as one would think. Consider if North has a hand like #1 above with the suits rearranged to fit your hand (singleton spade). If West has 7 spades (not unreasonable for bidding 2♠ missing AKQ vul) and singleton heart. With better hand with North, you should set 2♠, but you need to set 4 to beat game score if you have game. Still, I would pass because I can win by either setting them and we not making game, or setting them more than game. In IMPs I would not pass, if 2♠X makes, and we make 4♥ or 3NT, then it would be a disaster. Slam is too far fetched for me to worry about in my consideration of passing or not.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

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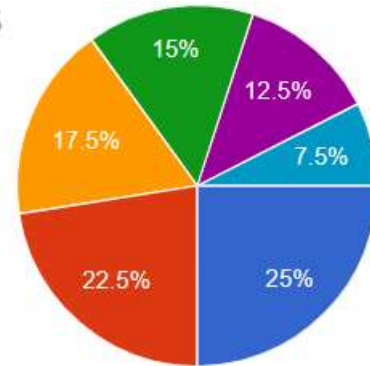
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ 2♥ 3♣ Pass
?

Question 5

40 responses

- 3S
- 3H
- 4C
- Pass
- 3NT
- 5C



Bob Jones **3♠** Continue to describe your hand by bidding 3♠. Should partner not bid 3NT, you might have a slam.

Steve Vogel **3♥** Partner's bid is forcing so I must take another bid. Partner's 3♣ bid pretty much denies spades (no negative double), so a spade contract is out. 3NT could be best if partner has a heart stopper, as I would not normally want to play in 3NT with the only stopper being a singleton Ace (unless partner has a running club suit which I am not going to count on).

Joe Muenks **3♠** Just because partner forces you to new levels, you are still forced to bid your hand. Here I have 4 spades so I'll bid those rather than raise clubs or rebid diamonds, which are both fine alternatives if I didn't have 4 spades.

Bob Fisk **3♠** I'm not anxious to bid 3NT with a stiff ♥A, although I would if I held Kxx in clubs, since our clubs might be running.

Steve Moese **3♥** Asking partner for a heart stopper for NT. You don't think a stiff Ace is a stopper do you? If partner shows a stop we can pass in 3NT. If not we go on to 5♣ EPLS. If partner introduces 3♠ we have some slamming to do.

Mike Ma **3♠** With a single heart stopper that cannot be held up, I can't bid 3NT. 4♣ bypasses 3NT. I can bid 3♥ for Western cue, so 3♠ should be for real. Even if 3♣ 100% denies 4 spades, maybe the Moysian can still be right? With a heart stopper, partner can try 3NT over 3♠.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ A K T 5 ♥ A Q 9 4 ♦ A 3 ♣ 9 7 6

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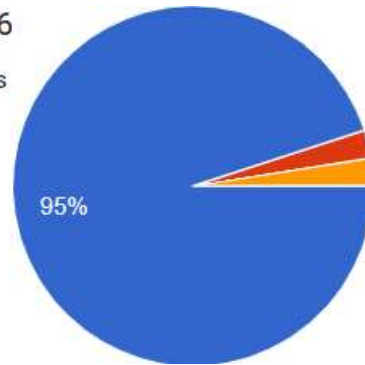
1NT Pass 3NT Pass

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Question 6

40 responses

● Pass
● 4C
● 4NT



Bob Jones **Pass** This is a super maximum, but don't even think about bidding. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Am I missing something here? I chose to open 1NT (although some may have upgraded this hand to 18 points and opened 1♣), and partner placed the final contract. Nothing more to do.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Is there a question here or you just needed to fill space with a #6???

Bob Fisk **Pass** What else? Partner did ask for my input.

Steve Moese **Pass** The time to upgrade is before you open, not after. Besides this hand is not the equivalent of 18 HCP. It's just a touch over 17. Yep we have 2 nice 4-card Major. Partner said they don't care. Check out the hand evaluator on Richard Pavlicek's site: <http://rpbridge.net/cgi-bin/xhe1.pl>

		♠ A-K-10-5	♥ A-Q-9-4	♦ A-3	♣ 9-7-6	
Evaluation	Hand	♠	♥	♦	♣	Adj
High-card points	17	7	6	4	0	
Controls	7	3	2	2	0	
Guards	5	2	2	1	0	
Playing tricks	6.5	3	2.5	1	0	
Losing tricks	6	1	1	1	3	
Defensive tricks	4.5	2	1.5	1	0	
Freakness	1	0	0	1	0	
Pavlicek points	19	7	6	5	0	1
Goren points	18	7	6	5	0	
Karpin points	17	7	6	4	0	
Bissell points	19	8	8	3	0	
Zar points (halved)	17.5	10	8	6	0	11
Kaplan-Rubens	18.85	8.45	6.6	4.8	0	-1
True Points	17.08	7.07	6.07	3.74	0.2	

Mike Ma **Pass** Is this a joke question?

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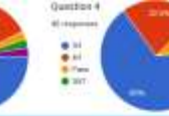
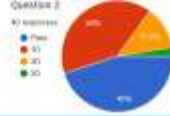
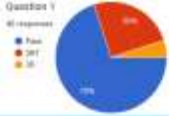
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	Pass	1♦	6♣	4♥	3♠	Pass
Steve Vogel	Pass	1♦	4♠	4♥	3♥	Pass
Joe Muenks	3NT	1♦	6♣	4♥	3♠	Pass
Bob Fisk	Pass	1♦	6♣	3NT	3♠	Pass
Steve Moese	Pass	1♦	6♣	4♥	3♥	Pass

SM: Just back from the LouLex Regional. Great tournament (418.5 tables) and a better venue (the Louisville Bridge club). Indianapolis is coming up in January. Don't miss the Royal STaC in December.

Al Venosa	Pass	1♦	6♣	4♥	3NT	Pass
Bob K	3NT	2♦	5♣	3♥	3NT	Pass
Carl Willig	Pass	1♦	5♣	4♥	4♣	Pass
Carol Wilson	Pass	Pass	5♣	3♥	3NT	Pass
Chuck	Pass	1♦	5♣	3♥	3NT	4♣
Dave	Pass	1♦	5♣	4♥	5♣	Pass
Dean Congbalay	Pass	Pass	5♣	3♥	3♥	Pass
Doug Edwards	Pass	1♦	5♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
Ed	3NT	2♦	5♣	3♥	4♣	Pass
Gary Herrington	Pass	Pass	5♣	3♥	3♥	Pass
Greg	3NT	2♦	5♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
James D	Pass	2♦	5♣	3♥	3♠	Pass
Jan	Pass	Pass	5♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
Jay Gala	Pass	1♦	5♣	3♥	5♣	Pass
JohnMcQ	Pass	1♦	5♣	3♥	3♠	Pass
Jon Hoak	3♠	Pass	X	3♥	4♣	Pass
Jusie Clenndening	Pass	Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Kevin C.	Pass	Pass	5♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
Kevin H	Pass	Pass	4♥	3♥	3♠	Pass
Lanny	3NT	1♦	6♣	4♥	5♣	Pass
Linda	3NT	Pass	5♣	3♥	3♥	Pass
Martha	3NT	2♦	5♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
Mike Burns	Pass	Pass	5♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
Mike Ma	Pass	1♦	6♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
Monica	3♠	Pass	5♣	3♥	3♥	Pass
Nell Wickstrom	Pass	Pass	6♣	3♥	4♣	Pass
Pam Campbell	3NT	Pass	5♣	3♥	3♥	Pass
Pete Outcalt	Pass	Pass	5♣	3♥	4♣	Pass
Rick Read	Pass	1♦	5♣	Pass	4♣	4NT
Rod	Pass	1♦	5♣	3♥	3♥	Pass
Sue	3NT	Pass	5♣	3♥	3NT	Pass
Vijay	Pass	Pass	5♣	3♥	3♠	Pass
Zigang Pan	Pass	Pass	5♣	3♥	3♥	Pass
	Pass	Pass	6♣	3♥	4♣	Pass
	3NT	3♦	5♣	3♥	3♠	Pass

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The Field:



11/11/23	Q1 - North vulnerable	Q2 - North South vulnerable	Q3 - East West vulnerable	Q4 - Both vulnerable	Q5 - North South vulnerable	Q6 - East West vulnerable
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Sub-issues	You take 4, but you have to pass.	We imagine a panel of experts would suit evenly between pass 1, and 2: We like 1.	You are probably not asserting against them. This might well be your hand. Or 4: hoping to make if you can't, it might be a good sacrifice.	The concentration is spades is a worry, but the hand is still work 4P.	Continue to describe your hand by bidding 3E. Should partner not bid 3NT, you might have a shot.	This is a super westerm, but isn't even that about bidding Pass.
Steve Vogel	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Joe Marzillo	3NT	11	64	2P	34	Pass
Bob Fisk	Pass	11	64	3NT	34	Pass
Steve Mosen	Pass	11	64	2P	3P	Pass
All Pass from the quiz is impressive. Great tournament (11/11/23) with a better prize (200 Louisville Bridge Club). Sponsorship is coming up in January. Can't wait for the next one in February.						
Al Varona	Pass	11	64	2P	3NT	Pass
Alvin	3NT	21	54	2P	3NT	Pass
Carl Wilby	Pass	11	54	2P	3NT	Pass
Carol Wilson	Pass	11	54	2P	3NT	Pass
Cheryl	Pass	11	54	2P	3NT	64
Dale	Pass	11	54	2P	3P	Pass
Dean Campbell	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Doug Edwards	Pass	11	54	2P	3P	Pass
Ed	3NT	21	54	2P	3P	Pass
Gary Neerington	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Greg	3NT	21	54	2P	3P	Pass
Heidi H.	Pass	21	54	2P	3P	Pass
Ira	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Ivy Gals	Pass	11	54	2P	3P	Pass
JohnnieG	Pass	11	54	2P	3P	Pass
Joe Frank	2P	Western Cue	Pass	2P	3P	Pass
Julie Charnotkin	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Kevin C.	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Kevin H.	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Larry	3NT	11	54	2P	3P	Pass
Linda	3NT	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Martha	3NT	21	54	2P	3P	Pass
Mike Berns	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Mike Ma.	Pass	11	54	2P	3P	Pass
Melissa	2P	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Neil Robinson	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Paul Campbell	3NT	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Paul Duvall	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Rich Reed	Pass	11	54	2P	3P	Pass
Rob	Pass	11	54	2P	3P	Pass
Sam	3NT	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Steve	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Tanya Fox	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Tina	Pass	Pass	54	2P	3P	Pass
Tony	3NT	31	54	2P	3P	Pass