

Bob Jones November 4 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠Void ♥K 9 6 3 ♦K Q 7 5 4 ♣A K 6 2

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♠* P ?

*Weak

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠J 9 3 ♥T 7 ♦A K 7 6 4 ♣A K 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

2♦ Pass 4NT Pass

?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠8 7 5 ♥A Q J 7 5 ♦K ♣9 8 6 5

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ 2♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠K Q T 9 ♥K 7 3 ♦Q 8 6 5 3 ♣7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ 3♣ ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A K T 9 7 5 4 ♥7 5 ♦8 3 ♣J 5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 1♥ 1♠ 2♥

Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠Q J 8 7 ♥J 6 ♦T 7 4 ♣A T 7 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Dbl Pass 1♠

Pass 2♥ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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Question 1

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

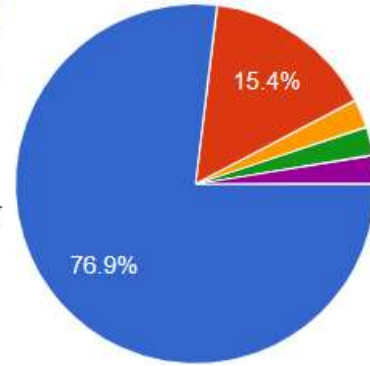
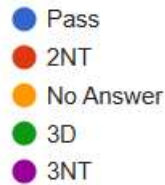
♠- ♥ K 9 6 3 ♦ K Q 7 5 4 ♣ A K 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2♠ P ?

Question 1

39 responses



Bob Jones **Pass** Pass, quickly, and hope they bid something. Should they double for penalties, then you can run out.

Steve Vogel **Pass** My partners and I play that a minor suit response to a weak two bid is not forcing, so there is some temptation to bid 3♦ and hope for a better landing spot. That might work, but on this hand, I prefer to stick to the adage of bailing out on a misfit as low as possible.

Joe Muenks **Pass** Partner is likely making 2♠ with my fine assortment, but I play any bid I make is forcing, and I'm not sure there is a plus at any other (much) higher contract.

Bob Fisk **Pass** Ick. Hopefully my LHO will come soaring in the auction with 4♥ (or better yet, 4NT - pick a minor). Heh.

Steve Moese **Pass** Golden rule of bidding: when you are in a hole, stop digging.

Mike Ma **Pass** The question is what to do when West doubles and it passes back to you.

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠KQT9 ♥K73 ♦Q8653 ♣7

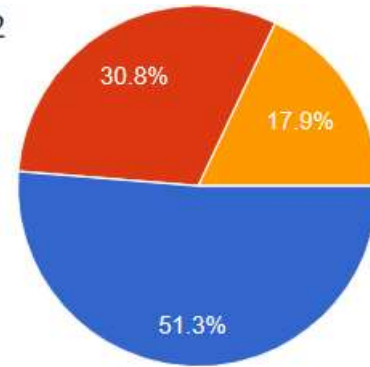
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ 3♣ ?

Question 2

39 responses

- 4S
- 4C
- 3S



Bob Jones 4♠ 4♣ or 4♠? 4♣, showing a strong raise, would say you own the hand and would be an overbid. Bid 4♠.

Steve Vogel 4♣ I could choose to bid 4♠, but I prefer to show partner my overall strength by cue bidding 4♣. I have just enough for this game forcing bid.

Joe Muenks 4♣ With shortness points in the opponent's suit I'm fine forcing game. I cue bid to show a good raise whereas 4♠ directly would be long spades without any useful defense.

Bob Fisk 4♠ This is strong over a preempt, but not strong enough to cuebid 4♣. If partner bids on, I won't be embarrassed by my hand.

Steve Moese 4♠ Expecting to make. Not quite enough for 4♣.

Mike Ma 4♠ The 3♣ bid robbed you of the space to show a limit-raise, so you either upgrade to game or downgrade to a raise. The trump suit, singleton club, 5-card diamond suit (albeit headed by ♦Q) all point to upgrading in spite of no ace. The hand is not close to bidding 4♣.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠J93 ♥T7 ♦AK764 ♣AK5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

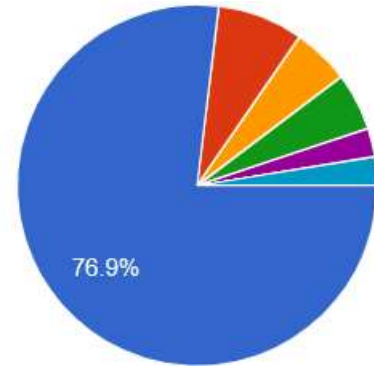
2♦ Pass 4NT Pass

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Question 3

39 responses

- Pass
- 6D
- 6NT
- 5H
- 5D
- 5C



Bob Jones **Pass** 4NT is not Blackwood. It is a quantitative bid inviting you to go on with a maximum. You have a minimum, so pass.

Steve Vogel **6♦** This is a close one. I have a minimum number of high card points, but I have 2 sets AK's and one set heads a 5-card suit. As we know, Aces and Kings tend to be undervalued by the 4-3-2-1 high card point system. I would choose to accept the invitation by bidding 6♦, which shows a good 5-card suit. Partner can decide to play there or take us to 6NT.

Joe Muenks **Pass** It might make 6NT or 6♦, a contract you should recommend along the way (by bidding 5♦ now), but despite the 5-card suit, you are lacking any intermediates in diamonds or real help in the majors so I'd take the plus.

Bob Fisk **6♦** I'm accepting 6NT, but giving partner a choice of slams showing a 5-card diamond suit. Picture partner with KQ AJxx QJx QJxx.

Steve Moese **6♦** This hand is just better enough than a minimum to accept. However we will suggest diamonds as we will be a bit light in HCP - play in a suit. 6♦ shows a 5-card suit.

Mike Ma **5♦** In spite of no fit with partner's majors, I will upgrade and accept. With my two AK, there is no chance we are missing two aces, so I won't worry about that. When stretching for slam, I try for a suit contract, and the way I do it with 5 good diamonds is bid 5♦ and then 6♦. Partner knows I don't have 4M, so she won't bid 5M without a good reason. If she bids 5♠ over 5♦, I will consider playing the Moysian 6♠.

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Question 4

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠AKT9754 ♥75 ♦83 ♣J5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 1♥ 1♠ 2♥

Pass Pass ?

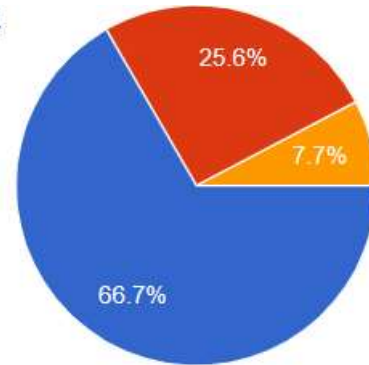
Question 4

39 responses

● 2S

● 3S

● 4S



Bob Jones **2♠** Don't get too excited. 3♠ would be an overbid. Just bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel **2♠** My top choices are to invite game with 3♠ or bid 2♠. Partner has at most two spades and a minimum hand. I can certainly construct hands where game is likely (for example Qx xxx KQxx AKxx), however, there are more hands, where we might struggle to make 3♠. Overall, I believe it is best to be conservative and go for the plus at matchpoints.

Joe Muenks **2♠** I'm willing to bid up to 3♠ but I like to walk the dog and step up only as high as I need to since often 2♠ wins the battle of the partials.

Bob Fisk **3♠** Not quite strong enough to bid game opposite partner's singleton or doubleton spade (i.e., no support double).

Steve Moese **3♠** Let's invite game.

Mike Ma **4♠** With 6 likely tricks in my hand, I only need 4 from opener to make game. Alternatively, I have 7 losers, so I should be in 4 if opener has 7-. I can be conservative and invite with 3♠, but there is no way partner will take you for that spade suit. Don't torture partner with nebulous invite.

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Question 5

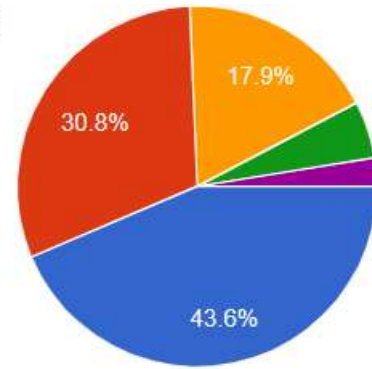
Q 5 – North-South vulnerable
♠875 ♥AQJ75 ♦K ♣9865

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♠ 2♥ Pass ?

Question 5

39 responses

- 4H
- 2S
- 3H
- Pass
- 4D



Bob Jones **2♠** Just describe your hand. Bid 2♠, showing a heart fit with at least invitational values. Should he sign off, respect it.

Steve Vogel **2♠** My 3 small spades are big warning sign given that East did not support partner's 1♠ opener. Still, I have a good hand (with some wasted points in hearts), and to conceal this from partner would hurt us more often than not. I would go with a 2♠ cue bid, although I do have concerns it could get us too high.

Joe Muenks **2♠** Vulnerable partner has a lot of values outside hearts. As in the prior question, we jump to game with long trump and weakness but we cue with a better raise of 10+ support points, like here.

Bob Fisk **4♥** I don't want to leave room for West to bid any amount of diamonds.

Steve Moese **4♥** With such weak hearts, partner will have an opening hand. The risk we take bidding 4 is that we have 3 small spades and they don't have a fit. Give them the last guess.

Mike Ma **4♥** Assuming partner is not crazy enough to overcall 2♥ with 5 headed by at most KT, I can count 6 heart tricks, I hope for 2 diamond ruffs and two more tricks from partner to get to 10. If partner has ♠K and ♦A, I can use the ♦A to discard a spade. Sure, 4♥ may have no play, e.g. partner has xxx, KTxxx, AQx, Ax, but why be so pessimistic. As in question 4, don't torture partner with a nebulous invite.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠QJ87 ♥J6 ♦T74 ♣AT72

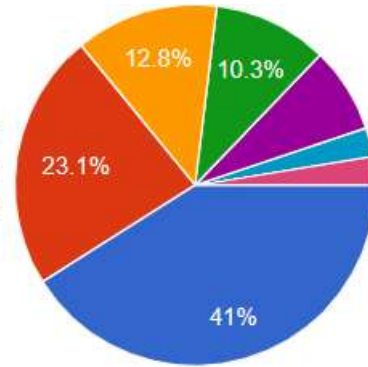
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Dbl Pass 1♠
Pass 2♥ Pass ?

Question 6

39 responses

● 2NT ● 3C
● 3NT ● 2S
● Pas ● 4H
● 3H



Bob Jones **3NT** Partner has shown hearts and a hand too good to overcall. Your hand is pretty good. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **3NT** Partner is showing a strong hand, typically with 17+ points, so we belong in game. Hearts might be right, but I do not like to raise on a Jack doubleton. 3NT seems right with my 1+ stoppers in clubs.

Joe Muenks **3♣** 1- you have plenty of values for game, 2- your hearts are plenty good to know those are trump, 3- your non-jump limited your hand so you are max, 4- you should pre-cue control of the opponent's suit now in case partner wants to know about that opposite, say, a singleton. (It's a "pre-cue" since you'll bid 4♥ next to finish painting the picture.)

Bob Fisk **2NT** Showing pretty much this exact hand--eight HCP (maximum for my 1♠ bid), a doubleton in partner's suit, and a club stopper. If partner bids 3♥, it should be "Hey, I stretched a bit for my rebid."

Steve Moese **3♣** Show partner our values and hint we only have 4 spade cards. Partner has shown 17-19 or so, so game is nearby. The only question is strain

Mike Ma **3NT** Having bid a conservative 1♠ before, what else?

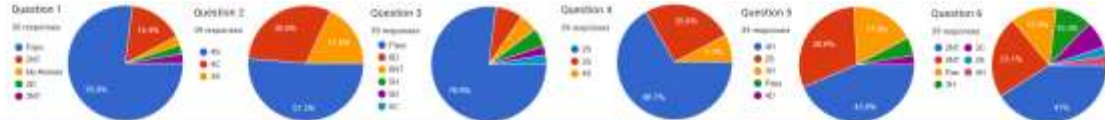
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Bob Jones	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	3NT
Steve Vogel	Pass	4♣	6♦	2♠	2♠	3NT
Joe Muenks	Pass	4♣	Pass	2♠	2♠	3♣
Bob Fisk	Pass	4♠	6♦	3♠	4♥	2NT
Steve Moese	Pass	4♠	6♦	3♠	4♥	3♣

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

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The Field:



11/04/23	Q1 - North vulnerable ♠7 9 6 5 ♣Q 7 5 ♦A K 6 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 3♠ 1♥ 1	Q2 - North-South vulnerable ♠Q 1 9 8 7 3 ♣Q 8 5 3 2 ♠A 7 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 3♠ 3♥ 2	Q3 - East-West vulnerable ♠9 8 7 7 ♠A K 7 6 ♦A 8 5 NORTH WEST NORTH EAST 1NT Pass 2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT Pass	Q4 - Both vulnerable ♠A K 7 5 2 ♣7 5 1 8 3 ♦A 6 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1♠ 2♥ 1♠ 2♠ Pass Pass 2	Q5 - North-South vulnerable ♠A 7 5 ♣A Q 1 7 5 3 2 ♠A 8 5 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 3♠ 2♥ Pass 1	Q6 - East-West vulnerable ♠Q 1 6 7 ♣7 6 1 1 4 ♦A 7 2 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 3♠ 2♥ Pass 2
Bob Jones	Pass, quickly and hope they bid something, should they decide for penalties, then you can run out.	4♠ or 4NT 4♠, showing a strong hand, would say you own the hand and should be an overbid (5♠ 4♠).	4NT is not threatened, it is a qualitative bid inviting you to go on with a maximum. You have a minimum, so pass.	Don't get too excited, 3♠ should be an overbid. Just bid 2♠.	Just describe your hand, Bid 2♠, showing a heart fit with an exact invitational value. Should be sign off, respect it.	Partner has shown hearts and a hand too good to overbid. Your hand is pretty good, bid 2NT.
Steve Vogel	My partner and I play that a minor suit response to a weak two bid is not forcing, so there is some temptation to bid 3♥ and hope for a better landing spot. That might work, but on the hand, I prefer to stick to the advice of bidding out on a strength you are possible.	I would choose to bid 4♠, but I prefer to show partner my overall strength by cue bidding 4♠. I have just enough for this game forcing bid.	This is a close one. I have a minimum number of high card points, but I have 3 aces and one ace-king 5-card suit. As we know, Ace and King tend to be undervalued by the 4-3-2-1 high card point system. I would choose to accept the invitation by bidding 5♠, which shows a good 5-card suit. Partner can decide to play there or take us to 4NT.	My top choices are to invite game with 2♠ or bid 2♠. Partner has at most ten spades and a minor hand. I am certainly convinced hearts where game is likely (for example Qx vs Qxx AKxx), however, there are more hearts, where we might struggle to make 2♠. Overall, I believe it is best to be conservative and go for the plus at next points.	My 3 small spades are big warning sign given that East did not support partner's 1♠ opening bid. I have a good hand (with some added points in hearts), and I cannot see how partner would bid us more often than bid. I would go with a 2♠ cue bid, although I do have concerns it could get us too high.	Partner is showing a strong hand, typically with 17+ points, so we need to be careful. Hearts might be right, but I do not like to base on a Jack doubler. 2NT seems right with my 14 stoppers in clubs.
Joe Marks	Partner is likely making 2♠ with my line agreement, but I play any bid I make is forcing, and I'm not sure there is a bid at any other strength higher contract.	West's shortest cards is in the opponents' suit in the forcing game. I can bid to show a good hand whereas 4♠ directly would be long spades without any useful defense.	If right, make 4NT or 4♥, a contract you should recommend along the way (by bidding 5♥ now), but despite the 5 card suit, you are lacking anything immediate in diamonds or real help in the majors so to take the picture.	He's willing to bid up to 3♠ but like to walk the dog and step up only as high as I need to since other 2♠ wins the battle of the parties.	Humorous partner has a lot of values outside hearts. As in the prior question, we jump to game with long trump and maintain bid we care with a better raise of 4♥ (at least support points, he has).	1- you have plenty of values for game. 2- your hearts are pretty good to know those are trump. 3- your hand/ump limited your hand so you are max. 4- you should have control of the opponents suit now if your partner wants to know about that. Opposite, say, a singleton. 5- a 'low cue' since you'll bid 4♥ next to finish painting the picture.
Bob Tib	Oh, hopefully my LHO will come looking in the auction with 2♥ for better yet, 4NT - pick a minor, then.	This is strongly over a preempt, but not strong enough to cuebid 4♠. If partner bids on, I won't be embarrassed by my hand.	The accepting 4NT, but giving partner a choice of where showing a 5-card diamond suit. Please partner with KD Ace Qxx Qxx.	Not quite strong enough to bid game opposite partner's singleton or doubleton spade (i.e., no support visible).	I don't want to leave room for West to bid any amount of diamonds.	Showing pretty much the exact hand - right HCP (maximum for my 14 bid), a singleton in partner's suit, and a club stopper. If partner bids 3♠, it should be "hey, I checked a bid for my suit."
Steve Morse	Broken rule of bidding when you are in a hand, stop bidding.	Expecting to make, not quite enough for 4♠.	This hand is just better than a minimum to accept, however we will suggest diamonds as we will be a bit high in HCP - play in a suit an shows a suited suit.	LHO's invite game.	With such weak hearts, partner will have an opening bid. This has us take bidding it is that we have 2 small spades and they don't have a fit. Give them the last guess.	Given partner our values and bid we only have 4 spade cards. Partner has about 17-18 or so, so 4♠ game is ready. The only question is strain.
Al Weena	2NT	4♠	4NT	3♠	3♥	3NT
Bob S	2NT	4♠	4NT	2♠	2♠	2NT
Carl Wilby	Pass	3♠	Pass	3♠	3♥	4♥
David Wilson	Pass	3♠	Pass	3♠	3♥	2NT
Chuck	2NT	4♠	4♠ (4433)	4♠	4♥	2NT
Dave	2NT	3♠	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Dawn Conroy	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	4♥	3NT
Doug Edwards	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	Pass
Ed	2NT	3♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	Pass
Gary Harrington	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	4♥	Pass
Gene	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	3NT
James D.	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	4♥	3NT
James Jacobson	Pass	3♠	Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Jan	2NT	4♠	Pass	3♠	2♠	3♠
Jan Sahr	Pass	3♠	Pass	3♠	4♥	2♥
John McG	Pass	3♠	Pass	2♠	3♥	2NT
Jim Reed	2NT	4♠	Pass	3♠	3♥	3♥
Kevin C.	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	2NT
Kevin H.	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♠	4♥	3♥
Larry	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	3NT
Irish	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	4♥	3NT
Mike Berra	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	3♥	2NT
Mike M.	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	3NT
Milton	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	4♥	3NT
Ned Mikulasek	3♠	4♠	5♥	2♠	4♥	3NT
Pam Campbell	Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠	3♥	3NT
Pete Skovatt	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	3♥	3NT
Phyllis	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	4♥	2NT
Rob Reed	Pass	3♠	5♥	2♠	4♥	3♥
Rob	Pass	2♠	Pass	2♠	4♥	3♠
Sam	2NT	4♠	Pass	2♠	4♥	2NT
Wes	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	2NT
Wesley P.	Pass	3♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	2NT
Wesley P.	Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠	2♠	Pass