

Bob Jones October 14 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

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Q1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A Q 7 6 4 2 ♥T ♦Q J 8 ♣Q J 7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

2NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠6 5 4 2 ♥7 5 ♦6 ♣A Q J 9 7 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

2NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q T 7 ♥A Q J 7 5 ♦9 ♣K Q J 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass

3♣ Pass 3♦ Pass

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What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠A K Q T 5 ♥9 ♦A K 3 ♣A 9 6 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ P 2♣ P

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What call would you make?

Q 4 – East-West vulnerable

♠J 9 2 ♥Q J 7 ♦K 7 5 ♣K T 7 6

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Dbl Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 3 2 ♥6 5 3 ♦A 7 ♣9 8 6 5 3

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♥ Pass 2♥ 2♠

Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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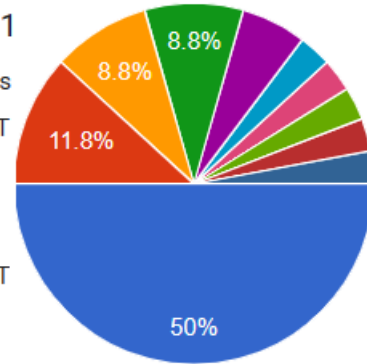
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

2NT Pass ?

Question 1

34 responses

3S 6NT
 4S 6S
 3H 5S
 3N 4C
 3D 4NT



Bob Jones **3♠** If 3♠ is forcing, that's your bid, but many play that bid as non-forcing. If you're in that camp, bid 3♣ and follow with 4♠ over anything but 3♠. That will show some slam interest.

Steve Vogel **3♠** My partners and I play that 3♦ that asks for 3-card support of spades, and 3♣ is the beginning of a signoff sequence in a suit. Accordingly, 3♠ shows a 6-card suit and is forcing to game. With decent spade support, partner should cue-bid a side suit. Otherwise, partner should bid game in spades, which I would pass.

Joe Muenks **6♠** Our values are slow, but even if we could set trump and cue bid we'd let the opponents know what to lead. We have the suit and values for slam, so let's bid it. (During play, ruff a heart at trick 3 usually since if they split 4-3 there'll be a long one for a pitch if we get started setting it up early.)

Bob Fisk **3♥** (Transfer to spades). This question totally depends on your agreement with partner. I like playing all 3-level bids after 1x-1y; 2NT as relays to the next higher suit for a variety of purposes. Here, I'll transfer to 3♠ and then bid 4♠ to show minor slam interest in spades. Obviously I need partner to hold something like KJ Axxxx AKx Kxx for slam to make, and we don't play partner for perfect cards. As nice as my hand looks, I have only two controls (Ace=Two, King=One), so I need partner to have eight of the suckers for a small slam. Ugh.

Steve Moese **3♠** After partner's 2NT jump rebid (18-19 balanced) we need tools. The Wolff Signoff is popular. Using that tool, 3♣ now puppets to 3♦ where responder will pass or correct to a 3-level contract to play. (3♦ is always "new" minor forcing, where responder suggests playing in their M, opener's m, or NT). So a rebid by responder 3♥ and above is game forcing and possibly slammish. (There is an extension of the Signoff called the Wolff Relay. This approach allows responder to differentiate not only between weak hands and strong hands, but also weak suits and strong suits in strong hands). Here is an excellent write up from MIT's Draper Labs Bridge Club discussing many different approaches over the 2NT jump rebid:

https://3nt.xyz/bridge/articles/Opener_Rebids_2NT.pdf

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Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠ A K Q T 5 ♥ 9 ♦ A K 3 ♣ A 9 6 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

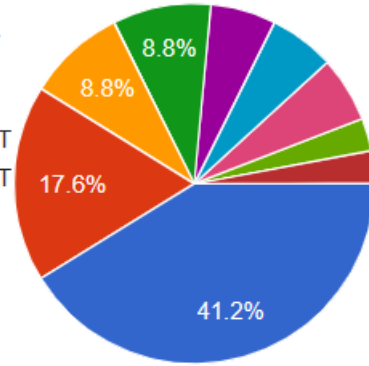
1♠ P 2♣ P

?

Question 2

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3C 4NT
3H 2NT
3D 4D
2D 6C
4C



Bob Jones **3♣** Just bid **3♣**, which is forcing. Try not to waste bidding space on a hand with slam or grand slam potential.

Steve Vogel **3♣** With this 20 HCP hand plus distribution, we are almost certainly on our way to slam - either small or grand. I want to take it slow to allow as much room for exploration. I could rebid **3♥** which shows good 4+ club support with shortness in hearts, but that eats up a lot of room and it somewhat transfers auction control to partner. I barely prefer **3♣** to allow partner to further describe his/her hand (including delayed spade support).

Joe Muenks **3♥** We're getting to **7♣** or **7♠** this hand almost every time, unless partner is off the ♥A. Let's splinter in support of clubs so partner can picture our hand.

Bob Fisk **3♥** (Splinter). My **3♥** bid shows 4+ clubs and heart shortness. Nailed it! Hopefully partner holds something like xx Axx xxx KQxxx, and we're cold for **7♣** (or **7NT** on a good day). Heh. We make **6♣** if partner holds as little as xx xxx xxx KQxxx (i.e., a five count). If partner's next bid is **3♠** (i.e., they were 3-3-3-4 perhaps), I'll bid **4NT** (keycard for spades).

Steve Moese **3♥** One of my favorite conventions is the J/S splinter raise over partner's 2/1 GF bid. While this hand is super strong (we are in a slam drive) we still have to settle on strain.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠6 5 4 2 ♥7 5 ♦6 ♣A Q J 9 7 6

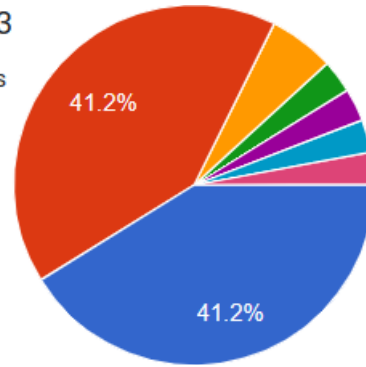
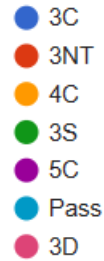
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

2NT Pass ?

Question 3

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Bob Jones **3♣** Slam is not likely, but partner will never talk to us again if we don't raise with this support. Bid 3♣, forcing.

Steve Vogel **3NT** This is the most likely game for us, as long as clubs come in.

Joe Muenks **3NT** Epls. There is a remote chance 3NT goes down while 5♣ makes, but in any kind of scoring 3NT is the bid (5♣ may leave partner with a heart and 2 spade losers much more often than she'll have ♥AQ, ♦A, ♣K or ♥A, ♦AQ, ♣K and have 9 tricks off the top after the lead.)

Bob Fisk **3♠** (Slam interest in clubs). Similarly to question #1, I play all 3-level bids by responder after 1x-1y; 2NT as transfers to the next higher suit with 3♠ showing slam interest in clubs. On this auction, opener can bid 3NT so say "I have no slam interest in clubs, stop it you nutjob!" or bid 4♣ as Minorwood (keycard for clubs). Picture partner with Ax AKx Axx Kxxx. Sweet! I might bid 4♣ as Minorwood even if partner tries to sign off with 3NT (How dare he call me a nutjob!).

Steve Moese **3NT** Right on values. Partner knows we do not have 5+ spades here because we would use New Minor Forcing with 5 and rebid spades naturally with 6. Slam is a bridge too far...

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Question 4

Q 4 – East-West vulnerable

♠J92 ♥QJ7 ♦K75 ♣KT76

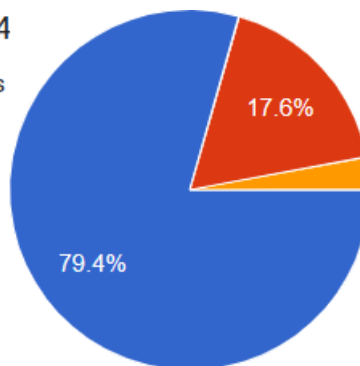
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Dbl Pass ?

Question 4

34 responses

● 1NT
● 2NT
● 2H



Bob Jones **1NT** Don't even think about passing at this low level. 1NT over a double shows 7-10, maybe a bad 11. That's your bid.

Steve Vogel **1NT** This bid shows 8-10 points with a stopper in clubs and no major- just what I have.

Joe Muenks **1NT** Epls. This bid shows 9-11 HCP, rarely the right 8, no 4 card major, and clubs stopped. Ta-da.

Bob Fisk **1NT** Showing 7-10 HCP w/ no 4-card major. I rock! Passing here doesn't make a ton of sense.

Steve Moese **1NT** I strongly recommend 1NT here be 8-11, and not 6-10. You will thank me.

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Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q T 7 ♥A Q J 7 5 ♦9 ♣K Q J 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass

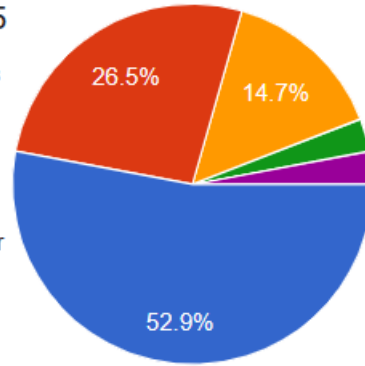
3♣ Pass 3♦ Pass

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Question 5

34 responses

- 4H
- 3H
- 3NT
- No Answer
- 4D



Bob Jones 3♥ Diamond values won't help you very much. Bid 3♥. Partner can bid on if he wants.

Steve Vogel 3♥ I am not sure why South would bid 3♣. Most partnerships play some kind of help suit game try, and no help is needed in clubs. Help is needed in spades, and there is no way to find that out after bidding 3♣. Partner's 3♦ bid is useful only if it shows the Ace, which is not necessarily so (it could be the King). Based on the given auction, I would rebid 3♥ at this point.

Joe Muenks 3♥ You tried for game and partner shows interest and values in diamonds. If it's KJxx you start with at least 1 spade, 1 club and 1 diamond loser, ack. If partner's cards are prime A's and K's and have 8 or 9 they should just bid game on any try even without a match (clubs here). Good luck in 3.

Bob Fisk 3♥ I'm not a fan of this type of game try. I would have bid 3♦ after 1♥-2♥ to show short diamonds and ask how that affects partner's hand (Kokish game try). On this auction, at least partner is aware that their diamond help didn't improve my hand, so I suppose I got my message across with my 3♥ bid.

Steve Moese 3NT Partner shows game interest with no help in clubs but values in diamonds. 3NT is an offer to play and choice of games. Partner always makes the smart choice.

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Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠K 3 2 ♥6 5 3 ♦A 7 ♣9 8 6 5 3

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

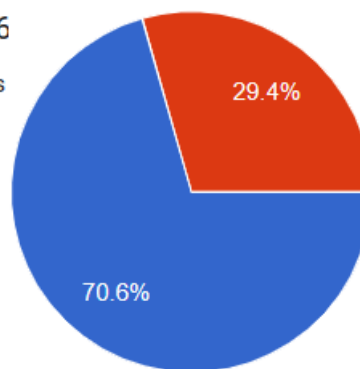
1♥ Pass 2♥ 2♠

Pass ?

Question 6

34 responses

● Pass
● 3S



Bob Jones **3♠** Partner should have a decent hand to come into a live auction. This hand is worth a raise. Bid 3♠.

Steve Vogel **3♠** I have only 7 HCP and something for the doubleton diamond, but they are well-placed and useful points. I would show partner support by raising to 3♠.

Joe Muenks **Pass** We can bid a competitive 3♠ here, 3♥ being a 10+ raise, but we'd only do that to prevent W from bidding 3♥. We don't have game and W might pass, so let's try to win this at 2♠.

Bob Fisk **3♠** Passing seems a bit too cautious, and 3♥ would be a gross overbid. 3♠ it is! Picture partner with AQxxxx x Kxx Axx.

Steve Moese **3♠** No, we aren't inviting partner to game. We are getting in opponent's way so they have to make the last guess. While trumps might be 8 vs 8, bidding now is attractive because of the vulnerability. How do we make a game try here. Why, we bid game and let partner try to make it. Not on this hand though.

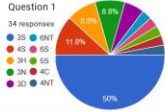
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| Steve Vogel | 3♠ | 3♣ | 3NT | 1NT | 3♥ | 3♠ |
| Joe Muenks | 6♠ | 3♥ | 3NT | 1NT | 3♥ | Pass |
| Bob Fisk | 3♥ | 3♥ | 3♠ | 1NT | 3♥ | 3♠ |
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| Chuck | 3NT | 6♣ | 3♣ | 2NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Dean Congbalay | 4♠ | 3♣ | 3NT | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Doug Edwards | 3♠ | 2♦ | 3♣ | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Ed | 3♠ | 3♦ | 3♣ | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| George Kent | 4♠ | 3♦ | 4♣ | 2NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Greg | 3♠ | 3♦ | 3♦ | 2♥ | 4♥ | 3♠ |
| James D | 3♠ | 3♥ | 3♣ | 1NT | 4♥ | 3♠ |
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| Jay Gala | 3♠ | 3♣ | 3NT | 2NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Jon Hoak | 4♠ | 3♣ | 3♣ | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Jusie Clendening | 4NT | 2♦ | 5♣ | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Kevin C. | 3♥ | 3♥ | 3NT | 1NT | 3♥ | Pass |
| Lanny | 6NT | 4♣ | 3NT | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Linda | 4♣ | 3♣ | 3NT | 1NT | 4♥ | 3♠ |
| Martha | 3♠ | 3♥ | 3♣ | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Mike Burns | 3♠ | 3♣ | 3NT | 1NT | NA | Pass |
| Mike Ma | 3♠ | 4♦ | 3♣ | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Mónica | 3♠ | 3♣ | 3NT | 1NT | 3♥ | Pass |
| Pam Campbell | 3♥ | 3♣ | 4♣ | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Pete Outcalt | 3♦ | 3♣ | 3NT | 2NT | 3♥ | 3♠ |
| Phyllis | 4♠ | 3♣ | 3♣ | 1NT | 3♥ | Pass |
| Rick Read | 3NT | 4NT | Pass | 1NT | 3NT | Pass |
| Sue | 3♦ | 2♦ | 3♣ | 1NT | 3NT | Pass |
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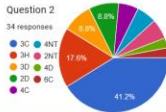
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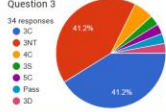
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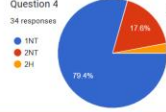
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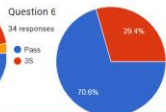
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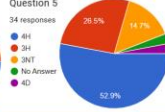
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| Justie Clendenning | 4NT | 2♥ | 5♠ | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Kevin C. | 3♥ | 3♥ Splinter | 3NT | 1NT | 3♥ | Pass |
| Lanny | 6NT | 4♠ | 3NT | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
| Linda | 4♠ Gerber | 3♠ | 3NT | 1NT | 4♥ | 3♠ |
| Marilyn | 3♠ | 3♥ | 3♠ | 1NT | 4♥ | Pass |
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| Pete Outcalt | 3♥ Check back Stayman | 3♠ | 3NT | 2NT | 3♥ | 3♠ |
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