Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz GOREN BRIDGE SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 Q1 – Neither vulnerable ♠A ♥K 7 6 4 ♦J 7 ♣J 9 8 7 5 3 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

What call would you make?

1♠

1♥

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Q 3 − East-West vulnerable ♠Q J 7 ♥J 7 5 2 ♦8 ♠ Q 7 6 4 3 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1♠ X ?

What call would you make?

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable ♠J 8 6 ♥ K 9 7 6 ♠ Q 5 ♠ A J 8 6 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1♠ P ? What call would you make? Q 2 - North-South vulnerable

A K Q 4 ♥ K 5 ↑ A 8 7 ♣ T 9 8 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 2 ♥ \* Pass

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\*Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A Q 8 6 ♥A J 9 7 5 ♦7 ♠A J 6

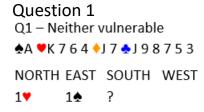
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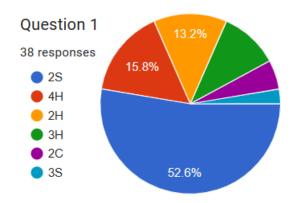
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
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What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable ♠K 8 4 ♥Q 6 5 3 ♦A Q 4 ♣J 6 2 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ?

What call would you make? Look for answers on Monday





Steve Vogel 2 This bid shows a limit+ raise of hearts, which is what I have. It's not a perfect bid, as it suggests more defense than I actually have, but I think it is the best bid overall.

Joe Muenks 2 EPLS. A cue bid here shows 10+ support points and we have much more than that.

Steve Moese 2 This hand is a textbook mixed raise - 2 cover cards, 4 trumps and useful shortness. Some aggressive players might treat this like a limit raise, but with only 2 cover cards I settle for 2 now. Will compete freely to 3 if necessary.



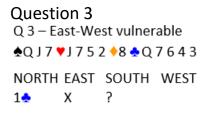
Bob Jones 3♠ This hand is worth more than 17 points in support of spades. Bid 3♠.

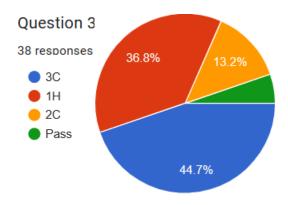
Steve Vogel  $3 \triangleq$  This hand values out to a super-accept, despite the possibly wasted value of the  $\triangle Q$ . My partners and I play doubleton super-accepts, and the bid of  $3 \triangleq$  shows a doubleton in hearts.

Joe Muenks <u>3♠</u> With most partners a jump accept here shows a max, which we have, and 4 trump. With some partners I super-accept by bidding a useless doubleton if I have one so 3♠ here since Kx is not useless. With 1 partner I bid any doubleton so I would bid 3♥, which is great if we're driving to slam but wrong-sides the contract if partner is broke.

Bob Fisk <u>3♠</u> Whether you play a fancy system of super-accepting where 3♠ shows a doubleton Heart (you rock) or you play a simple system of super-accepting where 3♠ shows 4+ Spades, a maximum, and good trumps, 3♠ is your bid. Well done!

Steve Moese <u>3♠</u> Super accept. We need a maximum (check) and not 4333 shape (check) we also have half of the aces and kings. Bid!





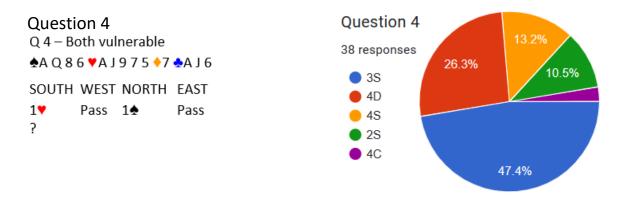
Bob Jones  $3 \stackrel{•}{\sim}$  At this vulnerability, we would raise partner rather than showing our major. Bid  $3 \stackrel{•}{\sim}$ , pre-emptive.

Steve Vogel 3.2 This is a close call between bidding 1.7 and a preemptive bid of 3.2 (or 2NT for those who reverse the weak and limit+ bids). With a holding of queens and jacks, I believe it is best to preempt and make it harder for the opponents.

Joe Muenks 19 We ignore the double this round. We'll compete in clubs later if possible.

Bob Fisk We like to ignore the double on auctions such as this one. If you're able to bid some amount of Clubs at your second turn, please do so. Raising partner's Clubs with your first call denies a 4-card major.

Steve Moese 1 The bid I would have made without the double. By the way, a preemptive jump to 3 hould deny a 4-card Major and have a hand that can make 3NT if partner has the 18-19 HCP balanced hand opposite. Just sayin'.

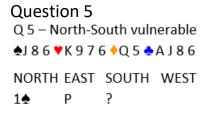


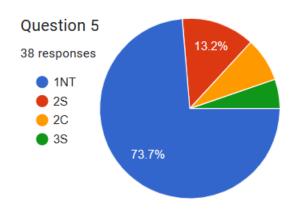
Bob Jones 4 This hand is worth a game force. Show that your power is partly in playing strength by making a splinter bid. Bid 4.

Steve Vogel 4 ↑ This hand with 16 good HCP (mostly Aces) and a singleton diamond values out at a game raise in spades even opposite a minimum hand. My 4 ↑ bid might get us to slam if partner has an appropriate hand with high cards in the other suits.

Joe Muenks 4 I am pretty strict on the criteria for my splinters but this fits the bill perfectly: 4 trump, game forcing values, a singleton or void, control rich hand with a good control in each of the other 2 suits like A or KQ(x). Since I am so strict, my partners can often drive to the low HCP slam with great confidence what I'll deliver.

Bob Fisk 3♠ You would have opened 2♦ (Flannery) with 11-15 HCP, but you were too strong for that. If you were too strong to do that, you must be strong enough to give partner a double raise now.





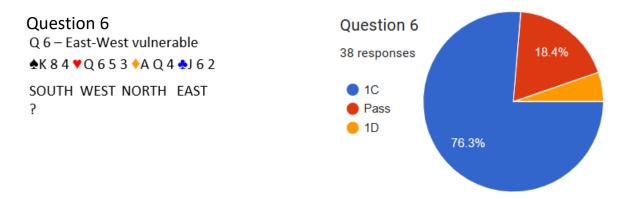
Bob Jones <u>1NT/2</u> Charles Goren would have bid 2 and raised spades later. Modern experts would bid 1NT, forcing, and jump in spades next to show an invitation with exactly 3 trumps. Neither is wrong.

Steve Vogel <u>1NT</u> (forcing) Having 11 HCP and 3-card support, I will bid 1NT on my way to showing a 3-card limit raise in spades.

Joe Muenks  $\underline{1NT}$  With most partners I bid a forcing no trump and then jump in spades with 10-12 support points and 3 trump (I'd jump to  $4^{\blacktriangledown}$  here if partner rebids  $2^{\blacktriangledown}$ , though). Standard players bid  $2^{\clubsuit}$  then jump in spades.

Bob Fisk 1NT You'll rebid 3♠ to show a 3-card limit raise. If partner bids 2♠, your rebid is 4♠ showing the same thing (i.e., 3♠ after 1♠-1NT; 2♠ shows a 2-card limit raise). By the way, this is as bad as your 3-card limit raises will get. Ick.

Steve Moese 1NT (Forcing) - assuming 2/1. In Standard American we try  $2^{4}$ . We intend to jump to  $3^{4}$  over partner's simple rebid to show our three card limit raise in 2/1 Game Forcing.



Bob Jones <u>Pass</u> Hands with 4-3-3-3 distribution should be devalued. Pass. Have some standards. There are many with lower standards, or playing a different system, who would disagree.

Steve Vogel Pass These days, most people open any 12-point hand. I don't fall into that group. I don't like opening 1 with this 4-3-3-3 hand with no spot cards, only one Ace and a bad club holding. I should get another opportunity to enter the auction even if I do not open at this point.

Joe Muenks 1 Whereas this fails the rule of 20/22, if you pass this you have no field protection because everyone else is opening a decent 12 HCP hand and you can never catch up. Having opened if the opponents overcall spades partner can negative double; if you pass and partner has hearts and only moderate points you'll never find that fit.

Bob Fisk \_\_\_\_\_ Don't start eying that Diamond suit and thinking "Wow, you're an incredible suit. I think I'll open you!" When you have a balanced hand with 3-3 in the minors, open 1. Nuff said.

Steve Moese 12 HCP and a balanced hand. Weak No Trumpers will open this 1NT without any reservation. The old tendency to want more quick tricks has faded. Now any 12 opens. For those who pass here, I invite you to my table.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Dala La con		- 1			1NT	0
Bob Jones	2♠	3♠	3♣	4	2 😓	Pass
Steve Vogel	2♠	3♠	3😓	4	1NT	Pass
Joe Muenks	2♠	3♠	1♥	4	1NT	1 💠
Bob Fisk	4♥	3♠	1♥	3♠	1NT	1♣
Steve Moese	2♥	3♠	1♥	4	1NT	1♣
SM: Are you ready for the D11 NAP Finals Oct 14&15?						
Al Venosa	2 😓	2♠	2 😓	4	2♠	Pass
AnnR	2♠	2♠	3♣	3♠	1NT	1💠
Bob K	2♠	3♠	1♥	3♠	1NT	1♣
Carl Willig	2♠	3♠	3♣	3♠	2♠	1😓
Carol Wilson	2♠	3♠	2 😓	3♠	1NT	1😓
Cathy W	2♠	2♠	3😓	4♠	1NT	1😓
Dave	2♠	3♠	3😓	4♠	1NT	1😓
Dean Congbalay	2♥	3♠	1♥	4♠	1NT	1😓
Doug Edwards	<b>4</b> ♥	2♠	3🈓	4♠	3♠	1😓
Ed	2 😓	3♠	Pass	4 😓	2♠	Pass
Gary Busch	4 <b>Y</b>	3♠	3😓	3♠	1NT	1😓
Greg	3♥	3♠	1♥	3♠	2 😓	Pass
James D	2♠	2♠	1♥	3♠	1NT	1😓
James Jacobson	2♥	3♠	2 😓	3♠	3♠	1😓
Jay Gala	2♠	3♠	1♥	3♠	1NT	1😓
JohnMcQ	3♥	3♠	1♥	2♠	1NT	1😓
Judy L	2♠	3♠	3😓	3♠	1NT	1😓
Kevin C.	2♠	3♠	3	4	1NT	1😓
Kevin H	2♥	3♠	1♥	3♠	1NT	1😓
Lanny	4 <b>Y</b>	3♠	3😓	4	1NT	1 🔷
Linda	2♠	2♠	1♥	3♠	1NT	1😓
Lyn	3♥	3♠	2 😓	2♠	2 😓	1😓
Martha	2♠	3♠	1♥	4♠	1NT	1💠
Mike	4♥	3♠	3♣	4	2♠	1😓
Mike Burns	4♥	3♠	3♣	3♠	1NT	1💠
Pam Campbell	2♠	2♠	1♥	3♠	1NT	1💠
Pete Outcalt	2♠	3♠	3♣	3♠	1NT	Pass
Rick Read	2♥	3♠	2 😓	2♠	2♠	Pass
Rod	3♠	3♠	3😓	3♠	1NT	1💠
Vijay Doshi	2♠	3♠	3😓	4	1NT	1😓
Zigang Pan	3♥	2♠	Pass	4	2 💠	1 💠
	2♠	2♠	3😓	3♠	1NT	1😓

