## Bob Jones September 16 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz GOREN BRIDGE SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
Q1 - Neither vulnerable

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1v 14 ?
What call would you make?
Q 3 - East-West vulnerable

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1* X ?
What call would you make?

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
14 P ?
What call would you make?

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable
\&AK Q 4 ҮK 5 *A 87 \$T 986
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1NT Pass 2v* Pass
?
*Transfer to spades
What call would you make?
Q 4 - Both vulnerable
\&A Q 86 VAJ 975 * 7 \& J 6
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1\% Pass 14 Pass ?

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Q 6 - East-West vulnerable

- K 84 Q 653 -A Q 4 * 62

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ?

What call would you make?
Look for answers on Monday

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Bob Jones 2上 This is a good hand in support of hearts. Bid $2 \boldsymbol{A}$, showing an invitational raise or better.

Steve Vogel 24 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 24 EPLS. A cue bid here shows 10+ support points and we have much more than that.

Bob Fisk 4V I can't imagine not eventually getting to $4 V$ at the end of the auction, but I don't see a strong reason to cuebid Spades on the way and let West get in the bidding. Picture partner with xxx AQxxx Axx QT. Sweet!

Steve Moese 2V 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 $2 \boldsymbol{}$ now. Will compete freely to $3 \boldsymbol{i}$ if necessary.

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## Question 2

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable


## SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 2v Pass
?


Bob Jones 34 This hand is worth more than 17 points in support of spades. Bid 34.

Steve Vogel 3h This hand values out to a super-accept, despite the possibly wasted value of the $\mathbf{L}$. My partners and I play doubleton super-accepts, and the bid of $3 \boldsymbol{4}$ shows a doubleton in hearts.

Joe Muenks 34 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 $3 \boldsymbol{A}$ here since $K x$ is not useless. With 1 partner I bid any doubleton so I would bid $3 \vee$, which is great if we're driving to slam but wrong-sides the contract if partner is broke.

Bob Fisk 39 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, $3 \boldsymbol{\perp}$ is your bid. Well done!

Steve Moese 34 Super accept. We need a maximum (check) and not 4333 shape (check) we also have half of the aces and kings. Bid!

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Bob Jones 3e At this vulnerability, we would raise partner rather than showing our major. Bid 3\&, pre-emptive.

Steve Vogel $\quad \mathbf{3 0}$ This is a close call between bidding $1 \boldsymbol{V}$ and a preemptive bid of $3 \boldsymbol{*}$ (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 1V 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 should 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'.

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Question 4
Q 4 - Both vulnerable
ゅA Q 86 * AJ 975 * 7 」 J 6

| SOUTH WEST NORTH | EAST |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1v | Pass $1 \mathbf{1 4}$ | Pass |  |
| $?$ |  |  |  |



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

Joe Muenks 4- Iam 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 $\mathrm{KQ}(\mathrm{x})$. Since I am so strict, my partners can often drive to the low HCP slam with great confidence what I'II deliver.

Bob Fisk 30 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.

Steve Moese 4- A splinter raise of spades. Slam is possible if partners values are working in the other three suits.

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Question 5
Q 5 - North-South vulnerable

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1. P ?


Bob Jones 1NT/2\% 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 1NT (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 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 $4 \checkmark$ here if partner rebids $2 \vartheta$, though). Standard players bid $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ then jump in spades.

Bob Fisk 1NT You'll rebid 34 to show a 3-card limit raise. If partner bids 2a, your rebid is 4^ showing the same thing (i.e., 3 after 1ヵ-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\%. We intend to jump to 34 over partner's simple rebid to show our three card limit raise in 2/1 Game Forcing.

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Question 6<br>Q 6 - East-West vulnerable<br>- K 8 4 Q 653 *A Q 4 * 62<br>SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST<br>?

Bob Jones Pass 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 10 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 19 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 19 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 19. Nuff said.

Steve Moese 12 We have 12 HCP and a balanced hand. Weak No Trumpers will open this 1 NT 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.

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|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| Bob Jones | 24 | 34 | 3\% | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{NT} \\ & 29 \end{aligned}$ | Pass |
| Steve Vogel | 24 | 34 | 3\% | 4 | 1NT | Pass |
| Joe Muenks | 24 | 34 | 19 | 4 | 1NT | 19 |
| Bob Fisk | 4 | 34 | 19 | 34 | 1NT | 19 |
| Steve Moese | $2 \vee$ | 34 | 19 | 4 | 1NT | 19 |

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| Al Venosa | 20 | 24 | 2\% | 4 | 24 | Pass |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AnnR | 24 | 2 | 3\% | 31 | 1NT | 19 |
| Bob K | 2 | 34 | $1{ }^{19}$ | 34 | 1NT | 120 |
| Carl Willig | 24 | 34 | 3\% | 34 | 24 | 1\% |
| Carol Wilson | 24 | 34 | 2\% | 34 | 1NT | 120 |
| Cathy W | 24 | 24 | $3{ }^{2}$ | 49 | 1NT | 120 |
| Dave | 24 | 34 | 3\% | 40 | 1NT | 19 |
| Dean Congbalay | $2 \vee$ | 34 | 19 | 4 | 1NT | 1\% |
| Doug Edwards | $4 \stackrel{ }{ }$ | 2 | 32 | 49 | 34 | 120 |
| Ed | 29 | 34 | Pass | 40 | 24 | Pass |
| Gary Busch | 4 | 31 | 3\% | 31 | 1NT | 19 |
| Greg | $3 \vee$ | 34 | $1{ }^{1}$ | 34 | 29 | Pass |
| James D | 24 | 2 | 19 | 31 | 1NT | 120 |
| James Jacobson | $2 v$ | 34 | 2\% | 34 | 34 | 1\% |
| Jay Gala | 24 | 34 | 18 | 34 | 1NT | 1\% |
| JohnMcQ | 37 | 34 | $1 \checkmark$ | 2 | 1NT | 1\% |
| Judy L | 24 | 31 | 3\% | 34 | 1NT | 19 |
| Kevin C. | 24 | 34 | 3\% | 4 | 1NT | 1\% |
| Kevin H | $2 \vee$ | 34 | 1 | 34 | 1NT | 120 |
| Lanny | 4 | 31 | 3\% | 4 | 1NT | 1 |
| Linda | 24 | 2 | 18 | 34 | 1NT | 1\% |
| Lyn | 34 | 34 | 29 | 2 | 29 | 19 |
| Martha | 24 | 34 | $1{ }^{4}$ | 419 | 1NT | 1\% |
| Mike | 4 | 34 | 3\% | 4 | 24 | 120 |
| Mike Burns | 4 | 34 | 3\% | 34 | 1NT | 1\% |
| Pam Campbell | 24 | 2 | $1{ }^{4}$ | 34 | 1NT | 120 |
| Pete Outcalt | 2 | 31 | $3{ }^{2}$ | 34 | 1NT | Pass |
| Rick Read | $2 \vee$ | 34 | 2\% | 2 | 24 | Pass |
| Rod | 34 | 31 | 3\% | 34 | 1NT | 19 |
| Vijay Doshi | 24 | 34 | 3\% | 4 | 1NT | 120 |
| Zigang Pan | $3 \vee$ | 2 | Pass | 4 | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | 24 | 2 | 3\% | 34 | 1NT | 1\% |

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The Field:



| 09/16/23 | 1 |  | 2 | Q2-North-South vulnerable *AKQ4 VK 5 *A 87 \&T 986 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1NT Pass 2\% Pass ? | 3 | Q3 - East-West vulnerable <br>  NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST | 4 | Q 4 - Both vulnerable \&AQ86*AJ975 47 *AJ6 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1v Pass 1* Pass ? | 5 | Q5-North-South vulnerable <br>  NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 14. $\square$ | 6 | Q6-East-West vulnerable *K84 WQ 653 *A Q 4 \& 62 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ? |
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| AnnR | 2 |  | 24 |  | 3* | Weak | 3 |  | 1 NT |  | 12 |  |
| Bob K | 2. |  | 3. | Superaccept | 1 |  | 3. |  | 1 NT |  | 14 |  |
| Carl Willig | 2. |  | 3. |  | 3 |  | 3 |  | 2 |  | 12 |  |
| Carol Wilson | $2 *$ |  | 34. |  | 2 |  | 3 |  | 1 NT |  | 14. |  |
| Cathy w | 2 |  | 2 |  | 3 |  | 4 |  | 1 NT |  | 14 |  |
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| Gary Busch | 4 V |  | 3* |  | 3* |  | 3 |  | 1 NT |  | 14. |  |
| Greg | 3 V |  | 3. |  | 1 V |  | 3. |  | 2 |  | Pass |  |
| James D | 2 |  | 2. |  | 1 V |  | 3 |  | 1 NT |  | 12 |  |
| James Jacobson | 2 |  | 3. |  | 2* |  | 3 |  | 34 |  | 12 |  |
| Jay Gala | 2. |  | 3. |  | 1 V |  | 3 |  | ${ }^{1 N T}$ |  | 12 |  |
| JohnMca | $3 \vee$ |  | $3 *$ |  | 17 |  | 2 |  | 1 NT |  | 12 |  |
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| Lanny | 4 V |  | 3. |  | 30 | weak | 4. | Splinter | 1 NT | Forcing | 14 |  |
| Linda | 2. |  | 2. |  | 1 |  | 3 |  | 1 NT | Forcing | 12 |  |
| Lyn | $3{ }^{*}$ |  | 3. |  | 2* |  | 2 |  | 2 |  | 12 |  |
| Martha | 2. |  | 3. |  | $1{ }^{1}$ |  | 4 |  | 1 NT |  | 12 |  |
| Mike | 4V |  | 3. |  | 3* |  | 4 |  | 2 |  | 14 |  |
| Mike Burns | $4{ }^{4}$ |  | 3. |  | 3* |  | 3. |  | 1 NT | Forcing | 12 |  |
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| Pete Outcalt | 2. |  | 34. | Superaccept | $3 *$ |  | 3. |  | 1 NT | Forcing | Pass |  |
| Rick Read | 2 |  | 3. |  | 24 |  | 2 |  | 2 |  | Pass |  |
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