

## Bob Jones September 23 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz  
GOREN BRIDGE SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Q1 – Neither vulnerable

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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

3♠ P ?

What call would you make?

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WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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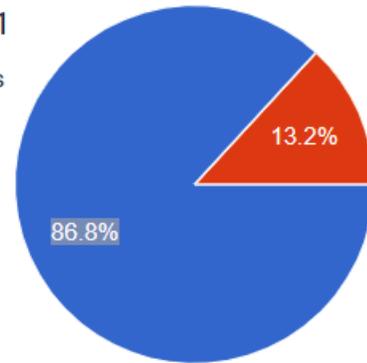
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### Question 1

38 responses

● Pass

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Steve Vogel **Pass** With reasonable defensive values, I see no reason to push up the preempt to 4♠.

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Bob Fisk **Pass** Give partner the absolute best hand they've ever had for a 3S bid (AKxxxx Qx xxx x), and you'd still need Spades to be 2-2 and the ♦K onside (25% or thereabouts) to make four. Nope.

Steve Moese **Pass** We're not going anywhere. I hope the opponents choose to bid.

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### Question 2

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

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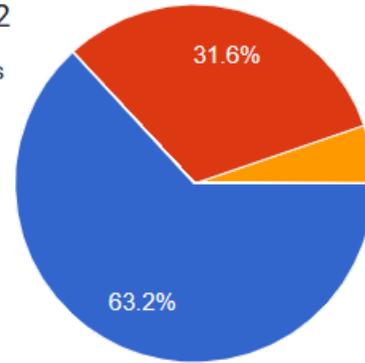
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### Question 2

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● Pass  
● 2C



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Bob Fisk Pass The votes will be split between pass and double. I like pass here at unfavorable vulnerability. Switch the vulnerability, and I'm doubling.

Steve Moese X Very aggressive, but in tune with today's game. Would not fault a pass. However great support for 3 suits tempts. I cannot pass and double later. That shows a different hand.

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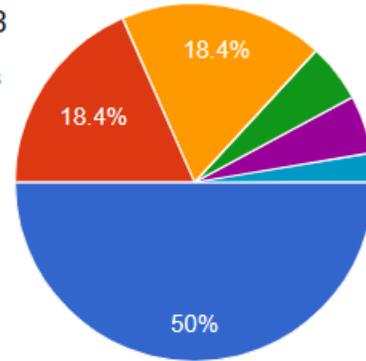
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### Question 3

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- 2H
- 2S
- 3NT
- 3D
- 2NT
- 5D



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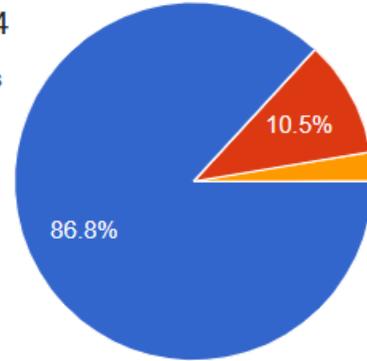
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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
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Bob Fisk 2♦ (Hearts). This shows 5+ Hearts and 0-infinity points. I have closer to zero than I do to infinity (I did the math to check to see if that was correct). I'll pass partner's 2♥ bid or re-transfer to 3♥ if partner super-accepts.

Steve Moese 2♦ Always transfer to a 5-card Major. At least partner will have some entries eventually.

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Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

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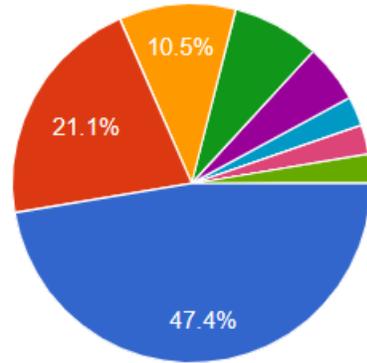
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1NT Pass  
?

### Question 5

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● 2H ● Pass  
● 2NT ● 3D  
● 2D ● 3H  
● 3NT ● 5D



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Bob Fisk 2♥ This is probably one of the weaker reverses you'll ever make, but what the heck? Could partner hold Jxx Txx KQx QJTxx? Of course partner could! You might make four opposite that!

Steve Moese 2NT Inviting partner to Game if they hold 9-10. Don't worry about clubs. Partner has them.

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### Question 6

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠J 8 7 ♥A Q 7 6 ♦K 9 8 3 ♣A Q

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1NT Pass 2♥ Pass

?

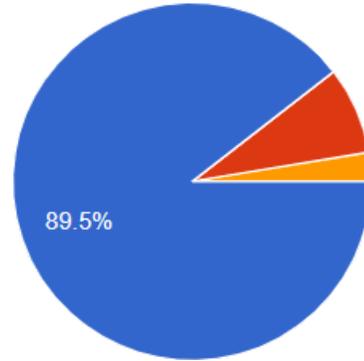
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● 2S

● 3S

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Bob Jones **2♠** This is a nice hand for spades, but you need 4-card support to go past 2♠. Bid 2♠.

Steve Vogel **2♠** I would not strongly consider any other bid for this hand. My spades are fair at best, and I only have 3 of them. It is a much more interesting decision of whether to super-accept if partner were to have transferred to hearts.

Joe Muenks **2♠** EPLS. This looks like a 95% concur hand, unless I'm missing something.

Bob Fisk **2♠** Why is this question in here? Do you think someone is going to pass 2♥ because they have better Hearts? 100%? 1000%?

Steve Moese **2♠** No need to do anything else. Partner has another bid coming.

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Mike Ma

1) P. Is this a joke? Using Rule of 2-3-4, the 3♠ preempt is off 3 tricks in 3♠. Your ♥K is worth ½, diamond AQ 1½, and doubleton club may be ½. Side suit tricks are difficult to tell opposite preempt because you have no clue which suits opener is short in. So, you would be happy if partner can make 3♠. Let's look at losers. You have 3 in spades, 2 in hearts, 1 in diamonds and 2 in clubs for 8. Partner should have like 7 losers for the 3♠ (again, using 2-3-4). Same conclusion, you sit in 3♠.

Opponents have the balance of points. With your red suits, unlikely they have game. 4<sup>th</sup> seat will have a lot of pressure to balance, and unless they bid clubs, they will be in trouble.

2) X Modern, but still sensible, rule is to make a takeout X. You start with 13 points and 3 in their suit, then for each less card, you go one point less. So, void = 10 minimum. But your hand is easily worth the extra point.

If your opponents are playing Bergen raises, say it goes 1♥ - P - 3♥ back to you, how would you feel?

3) 2♥. assuming it is forcing (how I like to play these days). Partner should not have 4 hearts; with 4 hearts and longer diamonds, she would X and covert my 2♣ to 2♦ (equal level conversion), not showing extra. But 3♥ is possible, even though east's P makes it likely partner has 3+ spades and less likely for 3♥. Still, it seems little risk to bid 2♥ if it is forcing.

If 2♥ is NF, I bid 2♠ showing limit raise+ for diamonds.

4) 2♦. Is this a joke. When I have a 5-card major, I transfer no matter the suit quality. The only exception is when I have like 7-8 points and 5 bad major. With 4 points only, no brainer.

5) 3NT. you have enough values for game. Clubs are a concern. Even though the 1NT bid usually has clubs, it is not certain these days with inverted minor. Partner may have 3343 or even 3352. I don't know what 2♥ means. Is it 5=6 in red suits or showing uncertainty about NT? Anyway, 3NT is quick and easy even if wrong. 😊

6) 2♠. NO idea what this is about. To make a 3-card super acceptance, even if you have a way to do it, you need a really good hand. This hand is not even close.

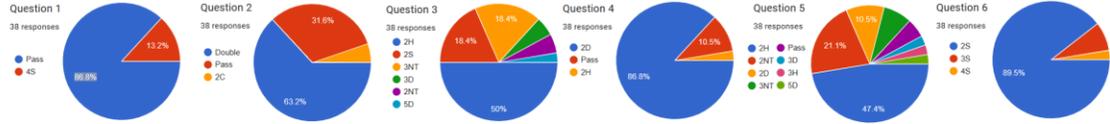
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Joe Muenks	Pass	X	2♥	2♦	2♥	2♠
Bob Fisk	Pass	Pass	2♥	2♦	2♥	2♠
Steve Moese	Pass	X	2♠	2♦	2NT	2♠

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Dave	4♠	X	3NT	2♦	2NT	2♠
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Carol Wilson	Pass		Pass		2♥		Pass		2♥		2♠	
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