

# Bob Jones April 20 Quiz

Goren on Bridge: Weekly bridge quiz

GOREN BRIDGE APRIL 20, 2024

Q 1 – Neither vulnerable

♠A ♥Q984 ♦T86532 ♣A6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

2NT\* Pass 3♣ Pass

3♠\*\* Pass ?

\*20-21

\*\*5 spades

What call would you make?

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠AQT2 ♥QT ♦AQ ♣J9853

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

?

What call would you make?

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠6 ♥954 ♦Q7 ♣AKQJ642

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1NT\* ?

\*15-17

What call would you make?

Q 2 – North-South vulnerable

♠Q7 ♥Q4 ♦JT8753 ♣AJ7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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What call would you make?

Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠AQ75 ♥QJ9852 ♦K♣52

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What call would you make?

Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠AQJ75 ♥J42 ♦86 ♣KJ8

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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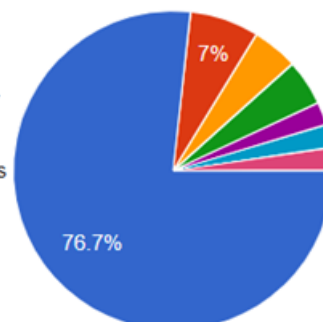
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### Question 1

43 responses

3NT 6NT  
4D 4C  
4NT Pass  
4S



Bob Jones **3NT** Should you want to pursue a possible slam, then 4♦ is your bid. We don't think the hand or the suit are worth a move. Bid 3NT.

Steve Vogel **3NT** Partner has 5 spades, and therefore 8 cards in the other suits. Usually, partner will have at least 5 cards in hearts and clubs, leaving at most 3 cards in diamonds. We might possibly have a fit in diamonds, but I don't have the room to find out whether we do and how good the fit might be. I think it best to sign off in 3NT.

Joe Muenks **3NT** I think we've made our bed so let's sleep. However, if you have the tools and if you almost never open 2NT with a singleton, I would've offered a diamond slam (note, partner's rejection of the diamond slam lands in 4NT, which should be very safe with this nice assortment).

Bob Fisk **6NT** I wish I was playing Precision. Partner would have opened 1♣, and I would have been able to show 3+ controls (A=two, K=one), 1-4-6-2 distribution, and then shown both Aces and the ♥Q during a keycard sequence. In the absence of that, I'll simply guess what might make. I guess 6NT opposite Kxxxx AK KQJ KJx. 6♦ obviously has merit, but this is matchpoints.

Steve Moese **3NT** Perhaps 6♦ will make, but it requires partner to hold very specific cards. Partner's shape is 5S - (332). We need something like KQJ10x KJx AKJ Kx from partner to make 12 tricks. KQ109x AK AQJ Jxx fails. Even 4NT could be in trouble.

Mike Ma **3NT** The way I play, 4♦ now would be natural with slam interest. But this D suit is wrong to do that, especially after partner has shown 5S.. So 3NT it is. If you miss slam, so be it. 2NT is not called slam killer for nothing.

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### Question 2

**Q 2 – North-South vulnerable**

♠Q7 ♥Q4 ♦JT8753 ♣AJ7

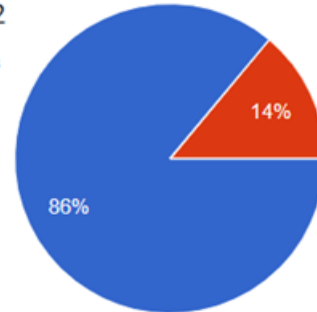
**SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST**

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### Question 2

43 responses

● Pass  
● 2D



Bob Jones **Pass** The point count falls within the weak two-bid range, but this hand does not look like a pre-empt to us. Pass.

Steve Vogel **Pass** Is this a trick question? I see no basis for any other bid in 1<sup>st</sup> seat.

Joe Muenks **2♦** We'll trade suit quality for points and try for 8 tricks. Passing may make it hard to catch up, though I hate my preempt, also, when partner leads a diamond. Oh, well, sometimes bridge is like poker and we take a gamble.

Bob Fisk **Pass** This hand isn't worth opening 2♦ even if you still play that as a weak two. If partner opens 1NT, we'll be in game.

Steve Moese **Pass** Thinking is an overbid. Definitely NOT a vulnerable preempt.

Mike Ma **Pass** Opening 2♦ would be wrong on so many counts. Red vs white. Terrible suit. Values more useful for defense than offense. etc etc.

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Question 3

Q 3 – East-West vulnerable

♠AQT2 ♥QT ♦AQ ♣J9853

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

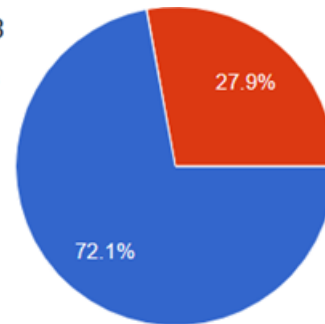
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Question 3

43 responses

● 1NT

● 1C



Bob Jones **1NT** It would be easy to open 1♣ and bid your spades later, but this looks like a no trump hand to us. Open 1NT.

Steve Vogel **1NT** If my 4-card major were hearts, I would consider 1NT to be the best opening bid by a wide margin. With clubs and spades, opening 1♣ is a reasonable alternative, but I still prefer opening 1NT with this balanced hand containing 15-17 points.

Joe Muenks **1♣** With 4 spades and a convenient rebid, there is no reason to distort our distribution with a 1NT opening.

Bob Fisk **1NT** (15-17). Nothing else occurs to me.

Steve Moese **1NT** Avoid the rebid problem. This is a balanced hand in range for a strong NT.

Mike Ma **1NT** Opening 1NT with 4M + 5m is fine unless all your values are concentrated in your two suits. It is true when your M is S, you can open 1m and rebid 1♠ over 1♥, but why make life difficult when with one bid you can tell partner your values and shape? And what if partner responds 1NT to your 1m (8-10 or 6-10 depending on your system)?

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### Question 4

#### Q 4 – Both vulnerable

♠A Q 7 5 ♥Q J 9 8 5 2 ♦K ♣5 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

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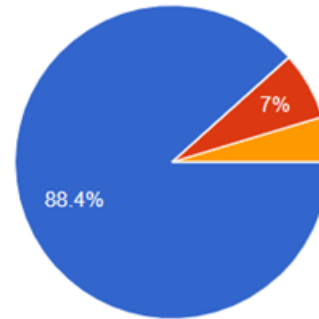
### Question 4

43 responses

● 1H

● 2D

● 2H



Bob Jones 1♥ Don't even think about a weak two bid. This hand is too good. Open 1♥.

Steve Vogel 1♥ One heart seems like the overwhelmingly correct opening bid, as I have an easy rebid of 2♥ over 1NT or 2 of a minor. Of course, I would support spades if partner responds 1♠.

Joe Muenks 1♥ I'm going to open 1♥ and rebid 2♥ over almost any reply other than 1♠. It's true that our singleton ♦K doesn't deliver our other 0.5 defensive tricks for the rule of 20/22 but with 12 HCP we'll proceed.

Bob Fisk 1♥ Not sure why this one is in here, so nobody will open 2♥ and nobody will pass. Is someone going to psych 1♣? Awesome!!

Steve Moese 1♥ Too many Major cards to pass.

Mike Ma 1♥ Are you seriously considering passing with this hand because your ♦K is singleton?

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### Question 5

Q 5 – North-South vulnerable

♠6 ♥9 5 4 ♦Q 7 ♣A K Q J 6 4 2

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1NT ?

### Question 5

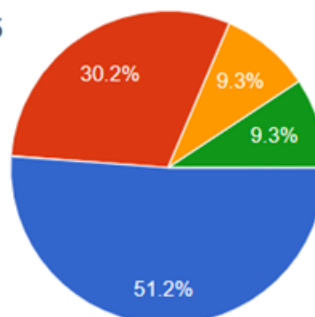
43 responses

● 3C

● Double

● 2C

● Pass



Bob Jones **3♣** You could cleverly pass, hoping to lead a fourth-best club against a no-trump contract, but those plans seldom work out. Put pressure on your opponents by bidding 3♣.

Steve Vogel **3♣** This one is interesting. If the opponents stay in notrump, perhaps it is best to remain silent and set them, but that to me seems against the odds. Playing DONT, my options are to double (one-suited hand) or to bid 3♣. I prefer to take up more space and bid 3♣.

Joe Muenks **2♣** If 2♣ is natural, by all means bid it. If playing DONT, you can X. If your only club bid is 3♣ or takes you to 3♣, pass if your opponents' total combined masterpoints exceed 1.0 (one) because you are going for a number.

Bob Fisk **Pass** It's possible that your opponents will try and play in 3NT if they don't find a major-suit fit. If they do, you should take a few minutes contemplating your opening lead before you play the ♣J (Fourth from my longest and strongest, partner). Heh. Oh, and if they end up in 4♥ or 4♠, bid 5♣ like a boss.

Steve Moese **Pass** If we had a penalty double of a strong NT that would be interesting. Most do not. Pass is best. Preempting to 3♣ when vulnerability is unfavorable is unwise. 27-29 HCP are accounted for, leaving 5.5 - 6.5 for responder and our partner. Going negative when vulnerable risks a bad MP score especially when a game their way seems unlikely.

Mike Ma **X** Hopefully your system allows a penalty X here. An unsuspecting LHO will pass or even XX (if natural) holding 8-9 points. If they bid over the X, I will bid my C suit. Partner should know what is happening. If I play DONT or something similar, I will bid 3♣ now. A gambling 3NT is a bit rich for me in this vulnerability.

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### Question 6

#### Q 6 – East-West vulnerable

♠ A Q J 7 5 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ 8 6 ♣ K J 8

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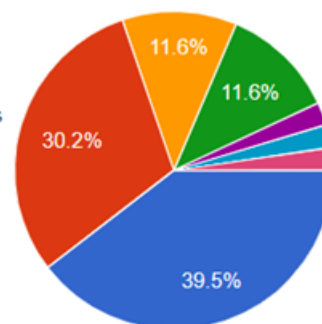
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

### Question 6

43 responses

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



Bob Jones 4♥ This is a simple hand, so make a simple bid. Bid 4♥.

Steve Vogel 4♥ I have just enough strength to bid game, so I will communicate that to partner by going directly to game. If I had extras, I would bid 2♦ first (4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing) and proceed more slowly to game (or slam).

Joe Muenks 4♥ You do not have a diamond control, so your jump shows 13-16 playing points and 3 hearts. If partner's rebid, which ranges 12-18, is on the high side and they have the diamond control, they are welcome to move towards slam.

Bob Fisk 4♥ Partner has already indicated that they have an unbalanced hand (i.e., they would have rebid 1NT with 5-3-3-2 shape), so you have no reason to mess around on the way to game. Partner's most likely shape is 1-5-3-4.

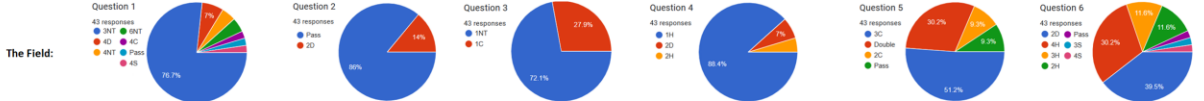
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04/20/24	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bob Jones	3NT	Pass	1NT	1♥	3♣	4♥
Steve Vogel	3NT	Pass	1NT	1♥	3♣	4♥
Joe Muenks	3NT	2♦	1♣	1♥	2♣	4♥
Bob Fisk	6NT	Pass	1NT	1♥	Pass	4♥
Steve Moese	3NT	Pass	1NT	1♥	Pass	2♦
Mike MA	3NT	Pass	1NT	1♥	X	4♥
Al Venosa	3NT	Pass	1♣	2♦	3♣	3♠
AnnR	3NT	Pass	1♣	1♥	X	2♦
Bob K	3NT	Pass	1NT	1♥	X	2♦
Carl Willig	3NT	Pass	1NT	1♥	3♣	2♦
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Jay Gola	3NT		Pass		1♣	1♥		3♣			2♣	
JohnMcJ	4NT	Quantitative	Pass		1NT	1♥		3♣			2♣	Fourth suit forcing
Jon Hoak	3NT		Pass		1NT	1♥		X	DONT Single suit		2♣	Fourth suit forcing
Jusie Clendingen	3NT		Pass		1♣	1♥		3♣			2♥	
Kevin C.	3NT		Pass		1NT	1♥		X	DONT Single suit		2♣	Fourth suit forcing
Kevin H.	3NT		Pass		1NT	2♣		3♣			2♣	
Larry	3NT		Pass		1NT	1♥		X	DONT Single suit		2♣	Fourth suit forcing
Linda	3NT		Pass		1♣	1♥		X	DONT Single suit		2♣	Fourth suit forcing
Martha	3NT		Pass		1NT	1♥		Pass			4♣	
Mike Burns	4♣	natural	Pass		1NT	1♥		X	DONT Single suit		2♣	Fourth suit forcing
Mónica	3NT		Pass		1NT	1♥		X			2♣	Fourth suit forcing
Nail Wickstrom	3NT		Pass		1NT	1♥		X	DONT Single suit		2♣	
Pam Campbell	3NT		Pass		1NT	1♥		X			2♣	
Pete Outcalt	3NT		Pass		1NT	1♥		3♣			4♥	
Rick Read	4♣		Pass		1NT	1♥		3♣			3♥	
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Sue	4NT		Pass		1NT	1♥		3♣			3♥	
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