

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 9 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ J 3 ♦ Q ♣ 8 6 5

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - Real men would open 3S, but we think this is the kind of hand to settle for opening 2S.

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K ♥ A ♦ A K 10 9 7 ♣ A K J 10 5

Partner opens 3H and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A - Key Card Blackwood would help here. You could find out that partner holds both the king and queen of hearts and bid a grand slam. The important thing is to let it play in hearts. Partner might not have a high-card entry to his hand. We would bid 6H.

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 10 8 3 2 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ 10 8 6 5 3 ♣ 7

Partner opens 1C and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A - Some would respond because of the singleton club. We think that is wrong minded, especially at this vulnerability. Pass.

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K Q 9 7 ♥ 7 6 4 3 ♦ K J 4 ♣ K 7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	1♦	Dbl*	2♣**
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♥	?

*Negative

**Diamond fit, at least invitational values

What call would you make?

A - Do not bid 4D with only three trumps. We would pass, but we don't mind a double.

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 8 ♥ A J 10 8 7 ♦ J 10 ♣ K Q 9 5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A - Is this hand worth a game try? We think it is. Bid 3C.

Q 6 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 2 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ K Q 9 8 5 ♣ Q 4 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Dbl	1♠	2♣
?			

What call would you make?

A - This is a minimum opener with a queen that is probably wasted. Pass. Bidding 2D might induce partner to compete to 3D with only two trumps. Ugh.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper or tcaeditors@tribpub.com)