

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

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

♠ A Q 7 2 ♥ A K Q 10 4 ♦ K J 4 ♣ 5

With the opponents passing, you open one heart as dealer. Partner responds two diamonds. What call would you make?

A - Looks like we're going slamming, maybe even to seven. We like rebidding two spades, planning to bid four diamonds next, whether or not that will be a jump bid.

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

♠ Q J 7 ♥ 5 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ K Q 8 7 6 2

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| ? | | | |

What call would you make?

A - It's a poor idea to rebid one no trump with an unbalanced hand when you have a sound alternative. Bid two clubs.

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

♠ 10 5 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ A K 3 2 ♣ Q J 8 5

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| ? | | | |

What call would you make?

A - Partner is aware that you might have raised with three-card support. His bid is an invitation promising a five-card heart suit or longer. Just make a value judgment. It's very close, but we would bid four hearts.

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

♠ K 10 6 ♥ K 8 ♦ A 8 ♣ A K J 7 5 2

Right-hand opponent opens two diamonds, weak. What call would you make?

A - This hand is too good to bid three clubs, and a double might see partner insisting on hearts with just five of them. Bid three no trump.

Q 5 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 7 5 3 ♥ Void ♦ K 9 8 7 6 4 2 ♣ K 6

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 4♥ | 5♣ | 5♥ | ? |

What call would you make?

A - A good rule in bridge is: "Trust your vulnerable opponents." They know that they are vulnerable and they are not bidding recklessly. It's a big bid, but we like six clubs.

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

♠ A 4 2 ♥ A K 9 8 4 ♦ 10 ♣ K J 7 2

Partner opens two spades, weak. What call would you make?

A - Bidding two no trump as an inquiry would not be terrible, but we prefer the ambiguous nature of bidding four spades. On your birthday, one of the opponents will bid five hearts.

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