

Weekly Bridge Quiz #32



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<u>Both</u> the pros' answers and Chat GPT's answers for this quiz are listed below. On the last page, checkout the Recap sheet showing your answers compared with Chat's answers. (Canada's answers also show Al answers & may differ.) Discuss with your partner(s). Helps to be on the same page.

Q1: Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S-AJ63 H-6 D-AJ9654 C-86

As dealer, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This is not a pre-emptive hand, so choose between Pass and 1D. We like 1D.

ChatGPT's Answer: ✓ 1♦

Normally, with 10 HCP, this is borderline for opening in first seat, but distributional values push it closer to an opening.

Main choices:

- 1. **Pass** (conservative):
 - o Standard approach if you're not playing a light opening style.
 - You have only 10 HCP, no intermediates, and you're not vulnerable, but first-seat openings at the 1-level are usually 11+ in many partnerships.

2. 1♦ opening (aggressive style):

- o In duplicate bridge, especially at matchpoints, light openings with good shape and a long suit are common.
- o The hand has good playing strength, especially in a diamond contract.
- You have two quick tricks (A♦ and A♠) which make the hand more robust for an opening.

3. Preemptive 2♦?

o No. You have 10 HCP and two Aces, far too strong for a weak 2♦. A preempt should not contain two aces.

Open 1

- This is the modern expert style: first-seat, non-vulnerable, good 6-card suit, two Aces.
- Even if it's slightly below the "pure" point threshold, the distribution and trick-taking potential justify the bid.
- If partner responds in spades, you can support. If opponents compete, your diamond length gives you good playing strength.

If you're very disciplined (especially in a conservative partnership), **Pass** is reasonable, but you may miss out on a good part-score.

Duplicate Strategy (Matchpoints vs IMPs)

- Matchpoints: Opening 1♦ is better—preempts opponents and gets you into the auction early.
- IMPs: Passing is safer, but even at IMPs, many experts still open 1♦ with this hand because of the two Aces and clear lead-directing value.

Q2: North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S-QJ1072 H-K10542 D-QJ3 C-Void

As dealer, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Looks good, but it is not an opening bid. Pass.

ChatGPT's Answer: ✓ 1♠

This is a classic "tricky" hand because it has only 9 HCP but great playing strength in a suit contract.

Considerations:

- **Vulnerability:** You're vulnerable, so preempting too lightly is dangerous if you get doubled.
- **Shape:** 5-5 hands almost always want to open.
- Suit quality: Both major suits are mediocre but serviceable, especially with the QJ10 combination in spades.

Possible calls:

- 1. Pass (very conservative)
 - o 9 HCP, vulnerable. Some pairs would pass and wait.
 - o You'd risk losing your chance to show your two-suited hand.
- 2. 1♠ (recommended) ✓
 - o Best expert choice.
 - With 5-5, you generally open your higher-ranking suit, planning to rebid the second suit.
 - o If you pass, it's almost impossible to describe this powerful distribution later.
- 3. **2**♠ preempt?
 - No. Vulnerable preempts should have a decent suit and more playing strength.
 You also have a second suit (hearts) to show, which a preempt would hide.
- 4. Unusual opening (e.g., 2♥ or 2♠ as "Muiderberg" style)
 - o Only if your partnership plays "weak two in a major with a side 4+ card minor/major." Most standard partnerships don't.

Expert Recommendation

✓ Open 1♠

- You intend to bid hearts next, showing your 5-5 shape.
- Your void in clubs adds offensive potential if a fit is found.
- This hand is too distributional to pass, even vulnerable.

If the opponents compete in clubs, your void also gives you defensive ruffing potential. This hand is distributional, not a pass, even vulnerable. You'll describe 5-5 major suits on the next round.

Q3: East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

Pros' Answer: There is a lot here, but not enough to bid again. Pass.

ChatGPT's Answer:

Pass:

Partner is balanced, denies 4 hearts or 4 spades, and has 12–14 HCP.

Your hand has:

- 10 HCP (good support strength).
- A 5-card heart suit.
- No clear fit with diamonds.
- No stoppers issue for NT (you have reasonably scattered values).
- **2 ♦ for NMF** if you play this convention. It is forcing for partner to tell more about their hand.
 - Checks for **3-card support** for responder's major.
 - Checks for 4 cards in the other major.
 - Distinguishes minimum vs. maximum strength.

If opener denies heart fit: Just place in NT based on their strength.

Considerations:

- 1. Pass (default, matchpoint-oriented)
 - With 10 HCP opposite 12–14 balanced, 1NT is likely the safest part-score.
 - o You have no clear fit to push higher.
 - o If you bid again, you may propel the partnership to a thin game.
- 2. **2♥** (if you want to play in hearts)
 - You have 5 hearts; if you believe your hand will play better in a suit contract (especially if opponents might attack clubs or spades in NT), you can suggest hearts.
 - o However, partner may only have 2 hearts, making this risky.
- 3. **Invite Game?**
 - You could consider **2NT** as an invitational bid (10 HCP), but with a 5-card heart suit, NT may not be optimal. Also, your scattered honors are slightly soft.
 - o Modern expert style usually passes with flat 10 HCP unless your points are prime (aces/kings).
- 4. ✓ 2♣ NMF You may have a fit in hearts if partner has three card support. NMF helps you discover if you do or not.

Q4: Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

Right-hand opponent opens 1C. What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Double would not be the worst bid ever made, but this defensive-oriented hand should pass.

ChatGPT's Answer: Pass

- Pass is the percentage action.
 - A double with this shape is misleading and risks wrong-siding the contract.
 - Your hand is better suited for defense, and you can always balance later if the auction comes back to you.

Why not do a takeout X?

A standard takeout double after 1 typically promises:

- 12+ HCP ✓ (you have 13)
- Support for unbid suits (4-4 in majors preferred) (you have only 4 hearts and 3 spades)
- Shortness in opener's suit (clubs) (you have 3 clubs)

Your shape is flat and you hold no shortage in clubs, which makes this a very poor takeout double. After a double, partner will expect short clubs and at least 4 spades or strong tolerance for all unbid suits. You don't meet that standard.

Why Passing Is Better

- Your hand is **defensive-oriented**: your honors are scattered and you lack a good suit to declare
- If you double and partner bids spades, you'll be forced to raise or make an awkward NT bid without a club stopper (and your club holding QJ9 is tenuous).
- Passing allows you to **defend 1♠ or 1NT** comfortably or act later if the opponents bid higher and you have a clearer takeout position.

Q5: North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

What call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Is this a minimum or a maximum? We think it is a maximum. The way to show a max based solely on an excellent suit is to bid 3NT.

ChatGPT's Answer: 3♦

Call: 3♦ (if Ogust), otherwise 3♠ (if feature-asking).

Auction Context

- **2**\undersighthat{\text{\text{\$\delta}\$}}: Weak preempt (you), 5–10 HCP, 6+ spades.
- **2NT by North:** Asking for clarification of your hand's strength and suit quality. Now you must describe your hand.

This auction depends on whether your partnership plays **Ogust** or **feature-asking 2NT** after a weak 2♠ opening. Let's analyze both methods and determine the expert bid:

If Playing Ogust:

Ogust responses typically mean:

- 34: Minimum hand, poor suit
- 34: Minimum hand, good suit
- **3♥:** Maximum hand, poor suit
- 3♠: Maximum hand, good suit

You have:

- Minimum hand (8 HCP)
- Excellent suit (A K J 10 7 5)

Correct rebid for you with the weak 2: 3♦ (minimum, good suit).

This tells partner you don't have extra points but have great playing strength in spades.

If Playing Feature Ask (non-Ogust)

Some pairs use 2NT as "show a feature" (side ace or king outside your long suit).

- If you have a feature (A or K outside spades), you bid that suit.
- Without a feature, you bid 3♠.

Here, you have **no side feature** (your only Aces and Kings are in spades), so:

Correct bid: 3♠ (no feature).

Expert Recommendation

- Ogust style: 3♦ (minimum, good suit)
- Feature style: 34 (no feature)

Since most modern partnerships favor **Ogust**, the expert answer is **3**.

Q6: East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

As dealer, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Charles Goren wouldn't do it, but most modern experts, we think, would open 1NT. We like it! Bid 1NT.

ChatGPT's Answer:



Why:

- Your hand is **16 HCP** and **semi-balanced** (2-3-2-6).
- In 15–17 systems, you're supposed to open **1NT with any balanced/semi-balanced hand** in that range *if* you have stoppers in the unbid suits and no glaring distributional flaw
- The 6-card club suit is long, but in modern style, many experts still open **1NT** with a decent 6-card minor to:
 - o Show strength *immediately*.
 - Avoid awkward rebids (after 1 1, what do you rebid without misleading partner?).
 - o Protect high cards in notrump play.

Pros of 1NT opening:

- o Precisely describes strength (partner knows you have 15–17).
- o Prevents opponents from easily entering with majors.
- Simplifies rebids.

Cons:

- You might miss a good club contract if partner has a weak hand with club support.
- o Declarer play in NT could be slightly riskier if clubs are the only long suit source.

Modern expert consensus:

- **Open 1NT** with this hand in a 15–17 NT system.
- The 6-card club suit is a plus for NT (good source of tricks).
- Only in very distributionally extreme cases (like 6–4) would they downgrade to a suit opening.

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Recap of Weekly Bridge Quiz #32 Bids with ChadGTP - 2025											
#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6				
	AI: ChatGTP	1D	15	Pass	Pass	3D	1NT	Total Matches			
				2C		3S					
1	Al S:	1D	Pass	2C	Pass	3S	1NT	5			
2	Annie D:	1D	Pass	Pass	Х	3S	1C	3			
3	Betty G:	2D	15	Pass	1H	Pass	1NT	3			
4	Betty W:	1D	Pass	2C	Х	3S	1C	3			
5	Bill B:	1D	15	2C	Х	3S	1C	4			
6	Bill S:	1D	15	Pass	Х	3S	1NT	5			
7	Bob P:	1D	1H	2H	Х	3S	3C	2			
8	Candace:	2D	1S	2H	Х	3S	1C	2			
9	Charlene:	1D	Pass	2C	Х	3S	1C	3			
10	Cheri H:	1D	Pass	2C	Х	3S	1C	3			
11	Cheryl S:	2D	1D	2H	Х	3S	3C	1			
12	Chris V:	1D	Pass	2H	Х	3S	1C	2			
13	Clark:	1D	1S	2D	Pass	3S	1C	4			
14	Dean L:	1D	Pass	Pass	Х	3S	1C	3			
15	Denny:	1D	Pass	2C	Pass	3D	1NT	5			
16	Diane M:	1D	Pass	2NT	Х	Pass	1C	1			
17	Donald R:	1D	Pass	Pass	Pass	3S	1D	4			
18	Doris M:	2D	Pass	2D	X	Pass	1C	0			
19	Doris W:	1D	15	2S	1NT	Pass	3C	2			
20	Dwayne/Marcia:	Pass	Pass	2C	Х	3S	1C	2			
21	Dwight S:	1D	15	2S	1NT	Pass	3C	2			
22	Elaine S:	1D	Pass	2C	Х	3S	1C	3			
23	Fran B:	Х	15	2C	Pass	3S	1C	4			
24	Francine:	1D	Pass	2C	Pass	3S	1C	4			
25	George R:	1D	Pass	2C	Pass	3H	1C	3			
26	Greg F:	1D	Pass	2C	Pass	3S	1NT	5			
27	Jackie R:	1D	1S	2H	1D	4S	1C	2			
28	Jane E:	1D	1 S	Pass	Х	3S	1C	4			
29	Jeannine:	1D	Pass	2C	Pass	3S	1C	4			
30	Jim P:	Pass	15	2C	Х	3D	1NT	4			
31	Joseph H:	1D	1S	2C	Х	3NT	1C	3			
32	Larry M:	1D	Pass	2H	X	3S	1NT	3			
33	Lowell L:	1D	Pass	2C	Pass	3S	1NT	5			
34	Marilyn H:	1D	15	Pass	Х	3S	1NT	5			
35	Maureen M:	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	3S	1C	3			
36	Nancy H:	Pass	Pass	Pass	Х	3S	1C	2			
37	Nancy S:	2D	Pass	2D	Х	3S	1C	1			
38	Pat S:	1D	1 S	2C	Х	3S	1C	4			

39	Phil M:	1D	Pass	Pass	Pass	4S	1C	3
40	Phyllis/Rusty:	1D	Pass	2C	Х	3S	1NT	4
41	Rick W:	1D	1 S	2C	Х	3S	1NT	5
42	Robert T:	1D	1S	Pass	Pass	3S	1NT	6
43	Rod G:	1D	1 S	Pass	Pass	3S	1C	5
44	Roland:	1D	Pass	Pass	Х	3D	1C	3
45	Steve C:	1D	1 S	Pass	Pass	3S	1C	5
46	Susan D:	Pass	1S	2D	Х	3NT	1C	1
47	Todd N:	2D	1D	2NT	1NT	Pass	1C	0