

## Baker Bidpractice/Set7 17

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K

♥ A Q T 9 6

♦ A Q J 3

♣ A K

♠ J 8 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ T 8 6

♣ J T 5 3



♠ Q T 6 4 3

♥ 2

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ Q 9 8

♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 5 3

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	7NT	Pass	

7 NT by North

**Board 2**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 7

♥ K 9

♦ A Q J T 4

♣ A Q J 7

♠ Q J 8

♥ 3 2

♦ 9 8 6 3 2

♣ T 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6 2

♥ A T 4

♦ K 7 5

♣ K 8 6 2

♠ T 9 5 4 3

♥ Q J 8 7 6 5

♦ -

♣ 9 4

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

7NT by West

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 WEST is just shy of a 2 opening bid, and when  
 EAST shows 13-15 points WEST

wants to be in a slam.

WEST cannot use Blackwood because 4NT would be  
 a natural invitation, but with EAST's latest bid

being 2NT he can use Gerber.

Two Major Aces and two Minor Kings fill the holes  
 in WEST's hand so he bids 7NT.

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q J 8 4 3 2  
 ♥ A 9 6 5 2  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ 6

♠ A K 5

♥ 7

♦ Q T 6 5 3

♣ K T 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 7  
 ♥ Q J T 8 3  
 ♦ A 8  
 ♣ 7 5 3

♠ 6  
 ♥ K 4  
 ♦ K J 9 7 4  
 ♣ A Q J 9 2

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

5♦ by North

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 SOUTH thinks slam may be possible, so she uses Blackwood.

And that's what Blackwood is really good for - keeping you out of slams when you are missing two Aces!

**Board 4**

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 4  
♥ K Q T 9 5  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ A 5 4

♠ T 5  
♥ 7 3  
♦ 9 8 4 2  
♣ K J T 9 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 8 6 2  
♥ 4 2  
♦ K Q J T  
♣ Q 6 3

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	All Pass		.

6 ♥ by West

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WEST knows EAST has at least five and they might provide discards for two or three

of her minor suit losers.

She tries Blackwood and, sure enough, EAST comes through with two Aces.

Even with all the Aces WEST knows there are not enough points for Grand,

so she bids 6