

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A K	♥ K 9 4 2	♦ J 10 8 5	♣ 8 6 3
♠ 10 8 4 3 2	♥ 8 3	♦ 6 4	♣ A 9 5 2

11	8	9
4	17	Q J 10 7 5
		♦ A K Q 3
		♣ K Q 4

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♥ by South



♠ Q J 7 6 5	♥ A 6	♦ 9 7 2	♣ J 10 7
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Your 3 ♥ bid showed 11-12 points. Decide how you would answer partner's Blackwood 4 NT, then on BID above.

The Blackwood response for 1 Ace is 5 ♦. Partner evidently was hoping for 2, and he signs off at 5 ♥. He is the Captain so you pass.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul**♠ A 10 7 6****♥ J 6 5****♦ 7 4 2****♣ 8 7 3****♠ K 9 5****♥ A 7****♦ K Q 3****♣ K Q J 6 4****♠ 4 3 2****♥ 10 9 8 4 3****♦ J 5****♣ 10 5 2****♠ Q J 8****♥ K Q 2****♦ A 10 9 8 6****♣ A 9****18**
5 1
16

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

Your 1 NT bid showed 15-17 points and a balanced hand. Decide how you would answer partner's Gerber 4♣, then on BID above.

The Gerber response to show 2 Aces is 4♣. So you bid 4♣ and partner jumps to 6 NT, which you pass.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8
♥ K 2
♦ K Q J 10 8 4 3
♣ A 3

♠ 6 3 2
♥ A 8 6 4 3
♦ —
♣ 9 8 6 5 2

16
4 4
16

♠ A Q J
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ 9 7 5
♣ K Q J

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♠ 10 9 7 5 4
♥ 9 7
♦ A 6 2
♣ 10 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 NT by South			

Very interesting! If partner's 1 NT bid happens to include 3 Aces and one King you can count 13 tricks ♠o you bid 4 ♣, definitely Gerber following the 1 NT opening. Partner answers 4 ♥. What do you say next?

You almost refuse to believe it! How can partner have a 1 NT opener with only 1 Ace? But you trust your partner so you bid 4 NT. Everybody passes and you stare in amazement at partner's 16 points.

Wouldn't it have been funny if partner had thought your 4 ♣ bid was Stayman? And so his 4 ♥ bid would have been showing a suit. And then your 4 NT bid would have been Blackwood. And then he would have answered 5 ♦ and you would have passed and made it!

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 6 5
 ♥ 9 3 2
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 10 8 7 5

15
1 4
20

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♠ K Q 7
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ Q 10 8 3
 ♣ K J 4

♠ 4 3 2
 ♥ 8 7 4
 ♦ A 9 7 4
 ♣ 9 6 2

♠ A 9 8
 ♥ K Q J 10
 ♦ K J 6
 ♣ A Q 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

With a 20 point balanced hand you open 2 NT. What do you rebid after partner jumps to 4 ♣?

The 4 ♣ bid is Gerber and your correct response with 2 Aces is 4 ♠. Partner now bids 6 NT and since he is the Captain you pass.