Board 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 2
♥ K J 5 3
♦ K 7
♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ Q T 6 4 3
♥ 2
♦ 9 5 4 2
♣ Q 9 8

N
W E
S
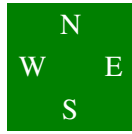
♠ J 8 5
♥ 8 7 4
♦ T 8 6
♣ J T 5 3

♠ A K
♥ A Q T 9 6
♦ A Q J 3
♣ A K

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 South

Board 2
North Deals
N-S Vul
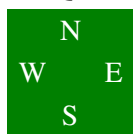
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              ♠ K 7
              ♥ K 9
              ♦ A Q J T 4
              ♣ A Q J 7
♠ T 9 5 4 3        N        ♠ Q J 8
♥ Q J 8 7 6 5   W     E     ♥ 3 2
♦ -                S        ♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ 9 4                       ♣ T 5 3
              ♠ A 6 2
              ♥ A T 4
              ♦ K 7 5
              ♣ K 8 6 2
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West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

7 NT by North

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

wants to be in a slam.

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

being 2NT he can use Gerber.

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

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A K 5
♥ 7
♦ Q T 6 5 3
♣ K T 8 4

♠ Q J 8 4 3 2
♥ A 9 6 5 2
♦ 2
♣ 6

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ 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

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!

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

5 ♦ by North

Board 4
North Deals
Both Vul

♠ A Q J 7 3
♥ A J 8 6
♦ 5 3
♣ 8 7

♠ T 5
♥ 7 3
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ K J T 9 2

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      N
   W     E
      S
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♠ 9 8 6 2
♥ 4 2
♦ K Q J T
♣ Q 6 3

♠ K 4
♥ K Q T 9 5
♦ A 7 6
♣ A 5 4

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

6 ♥ by South

SOUTH knows NORTH has at least five ♠s and they might provide discards for two or three

of her minor suit losers.

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

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

so she bids 6 ♥

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