

Deal 1

♠ A K
 North Deals ♥ A Q 10 9 6
 None Vul ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ A K
 ♠ Q J 10 8 5 ♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ 8 7 4 ♥ 2
 ♦ 6 2 ♦ 10 9 8 5 4
 ♣ 10 8 3 ♣ Q J 9 5

 ♠ 9 7 2
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 3 3 ♥ K J 5 3
 7 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 7 6 4 2
 West North East South
 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♦
 Pass 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥
 Pass 4 NT Pass 5 ♣
 Pass 5 NT Pass 6 ♥
 Pass 7 NT ALL Pass
 7 NT by North

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Deal 2

Deal 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q J 5
 ♥ J 7 5 3 2
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ 5 4

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4 2
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♠ A 6 2
 ♥ A 10 4
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ K 8 6 2

♠ 10 9 8 4 3
 ♥ Q 8 6
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ 10 9 3

♠ K 7
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ A Q J 10 4
 ♣ A Q J 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by North			

SOUTH is just shy of a 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathcal{L}$ opening bid, and when NORTH shows 13-15 points SOUTH

wants to be in a slam.

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

being 2 NT he can use Gerber.

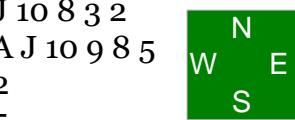
Two Major Aces and two Minor Kings fill the holes in SOUTH's hand so he bids 7 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 5	
♥ 7	
♦ Q 10 6 5 3	
♣ K 10 8 4	
♠ J 10 8 3 2	♠ Q 9 7 4
♥ A J 10 9 8 5	♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ 2	♦ A 8
♣ 5	♣ 7 6 3



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5♦ by South			

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!

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 6 2
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ Q J 4 2
 ♣ K J 3

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 7 5
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 ♣ 8 7

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♠ K 4
 ♥ K Q 10 9 5
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ A 5 4

♠ 10 5
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ K 10 9 8
 ♣ Q 10 9 6 2

♠ A Q J 7 3
 ♥ A J 8 6
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ 8 7

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

NORTH knows SOUTH has at least five a™'s, and they might provide discards for two or three

of her minor suit losers.

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

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

so she bids 6

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