

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ T 8 6

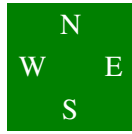
♣ J T 5 3

♠ A K

♥ A Q T 9 6

♦ A Q J 3

♣ A K



♠ 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	

7NT 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

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♠ 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



♠ 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

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

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♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7

♠ 9 8 6 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K Q J T

♣ Q 6 3

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