

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 7 6 5
♥ A 6
♦ 9 7 2
♣ J 10 7

17
8 4
11

♠ 9

♥ Q J 10 7 5

♦ A K Q 3

♣ K Q 4



♠ 10 8 4 3 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 6 4

♣ A 9 5 2

♠ A K

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ J 10 8 5

♣ 8 6 3

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 1 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♦ |
| Pass | 5 ♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

5 ♥ by North

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 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 3

♣ K Q J 6 4

1
18 16
5

West

4 ♣

6 NT

6 NT by East

♠ 4 3 2

♥ 10 9 8 4 3

♦ J 5

♣ 10 5 2



♠ A 10 7 6

♥ J 6 5

♦ 7 4 2

♣ 8 7 3

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

4 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

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

16
 4 4
 16

West

North

East

South

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 NT by South

♠ K 8

♥ K 2

♦ K Q J 10 8 4 3

♣ A 3



♠ A Q J

♥ Q J 10 5

♦ 9 7 5

♣ K Q J

♠ 10 9 7 5 4

♥ 9 7

♦ A 6 2

♣ 10 7 4

Very interesting! If partner's 1 NT bid happens to include 3 Aces and one King you can count 13 tricks so 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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8

♥ K Q J 10

♦ K J 6

♣ A Q 3

1
20 15
4

West

2 NT

4 ♠

Pass

6 NT by West

♠ J 10 6 5

♥ 9 3 2

♦ 5 2

♣ 10 8 7 5



♠ 4 3 2

♥ 8 7 4

♦ A 9 7 4

♣ 9 6 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

4 ♣

6 NT

♠ K Q 7

♥ A 6 5

♦ Q 10 8 3

♣ K J 4

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.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 6 3

♥ Q 7

♦ A 9 7 2

♣ Q 6 2

9
8 7
16

♠ 8 4

♥ A J 10 8 6 3

♦ 6 3

♣ A 7 5



♠ A K

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ K Q J 10 5 4

♣ 8

♠ Q J 9 5 2

♥ 5

♦ 8

♣ K J 10 9 4 3

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

5 ♥

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

Partner opens a Weak 2-bid and catches you with a blockbuster. The only thing you want to know about his hand now is how many Aces he has. So you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

That makes it simple, with 2 Aces you bid a confident 6 ♥. If he had 1 Ace you would have bid an also confident 5 ♥. If he had zero Aces you would have been in a spot of trouble. And if he had 3 Aces you would have asked him how he could open a Weak-2 with that many points.

Deal 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3 2
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 9 7 2

♠ K 5
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ A Q
♣ K Q J 5 4



♠ A 9 8 6
♥ K Q J 10
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ 3

4
19 13
4

♠ Q J 7 4
♥ 7 4
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ 10 8 6

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♣ | Pass | 1 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 ♥ | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 ♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |
| 6 ♥ by East | | | |

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2 NT, "To show you my points, partner." You might say it but you won't because your first priority is to look for a Major suit fit. You bid 1 ♥ (skipping ♦s with the two Majors). Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner says you can make game even if you have a minimum 6 points. So he must have about 20. So you think you can make slam and you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6 ♥.