

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J

♥ J 9 7

♦ K Q J

♣ A Q J 7

♠ 3

♥ A 2

♦ 10 9 5 2

♣ 10 9 8 5 4 3



♠ 10 9 8 6 5 4 2

♥ —

♦ A 8 7 6 3

♣ 2

♠ A 7

♥ K Q 10 8 6 5 4 3

♦ 4

♣ K 6

20**4 4****12***West**North**East**South*

2 NT

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

If you play Jacoby Transfers you may think of transferring partner to ♥s, then bidding the slam. but with this hand there really is no big advantage for partner being the Declarer so you decide to just take the bull by the horns. You bid a Gerber 4 ♣. Partner says 4 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner has only a single Ace in his 2 NT opener. No slam for your team. You pass and let partner be the Declarer after all!

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 4 3
 ♥ Q J 9 8 6
 ♦ A 9 8 4
 ♣ —

9
 11 14
 6

West

4 ♣

5 NT

Pass

7 ♥ by East

♠ 2

♥ 4

♦ Q 10 7

♣ A Q J 10 9 6 5 4



♠ Q 10 9 7 6 5

♥ 10

♦ J 5 3 2

♣ K 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♥

4 NT

7 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Your 4 ♣ bid is a Splinter Bid, showing an opening hand with good ♥ support and either a singleton or a void in ♣s. Decide what you would reply to partner's 4 NT, then on BID above.

With 2 Aces and a void the correct response is 5 NT. Partner now bids 7 ♥. Notice how he cleverly figured out your void must be in ♣s.