

Board 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
♥ T 9 8 3 2
♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 4

♥ K 6

♦ K 4

♣ K Q J T 5

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 5 3
♥ A 5 4
♦ T 8 6 2
♣ 6 4

♠ A 8 7 6
♥ Q J 7
♦ A J 3
♣ A 8 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	4NT

6 NT by North

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When SOUTH opens 1NT NORTH hopes his hand includes all four Aces so she can bid 7NT.

So she uses Gerber to find out.

But, when she discovers they are missing an Ace she settles for 6NT.

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Board 2

South Deals

♠ 9 7 2

♥ K J 5 3

N-S Vul

♦ K 7

♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ Q T 6 4 3

♥ 2

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ Q 9 8



♠ 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			

7NT by South

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9 5 4 3
 ♥ Q J 8 7 6 5
 ♦ -
 ♣ 9 4

♠ K 7
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ A Q J T 4
 ♣ A Q J 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 8
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ 9 8 6 3 2
 ♣ T 5 3

♠ A 6 2
 ♥ A T 4
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ K 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

7NT by North

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 NORTH is just shy of a 2^o 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 4

South Deals

Both 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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
			1♦
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 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 5

♥ 7 3

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ K J T 9 2

♠ A Q J 7 3

♥ A J 8 6

♦ 5 3

♣ 8 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

 ♠ 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

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SOUTH knows NORTH has at least five 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