

GERBER & SLAM BIDDING

If as responder, you use Stayman or Jacoby Transfers, over partner's 1 NT opening bid, the jump to 4 NT is quantitative and the jumps to 4 Clubs is Gerber.

After Stayman gets a diamond response, 4 clubs is Ace-asking, there's no obvious other use for the bid. 4 NY would be quantitative.

After a response of 2 hearts or 2 spades over your Stayman bid, 4 NT is still quantitative and a jump to 4 Clubs is Key Card Gerber.

What would you do with the following hands in response to 1 NT?

1. KQ7 AQJ J654 AQ2
2. 8752 KQ6 KQJ AQ5
3. KQJ87642 9 KQ5 4
4. KQ5 J 10 KQ876542

A cue bid is a "forcing bid in a suit in which the bidder cannot possibly wish to play"

Locating specific controls, (Aces and Kings) with cue bids are often superior to employing Blackwood. Specifically, prefer a cue bid, when void in a side suit. I sometimes cue bid, before asking for aces, it's a safety step.

Improve your slam bidding: know how to correctly re-evaluate your hand after partner supports your suit.

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| | AKQ6 | 2 CLUBS |
| | 72 | 4 NT |
| | K106 | |
| | QJ87 | |
| J10 PASS | | 8532 |
| J9865 | | 104 PASS |
| Q9754 | | J8 |
| 9 | 974 | A6543 |
| | AKQ3 | DEALER – 1 NT |
| | A32 | 2 HEARTS |
| | K102 | ???? |

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| | | 543 | 2 DIAMONDS | | |
| | | A832 | 3 CLUBS | | |
| | | J109 | 3 NT | | |
| | | 542 | | | |
| QJ1097 | | | | 8 | PASS |
| J94 | PASS | | | KQ10 | |
| 86 | | | | 75432 | |
| J103 | | | | Q987 | |

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| AK62 | DEALER – 2 CLUBS |
| 765 | 2 NT |
| AKQ | 3 SPADES |
| AK6 | |

Q of spades lead, count your tricks. How do you play the hand??

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| | AK8 | DEALER – 2 CLUBS | | |
| | AKQJ1084 | 2 HEARTS | | |
| | 107 | 4 NT | | |
| | K | | | |
| Q7652 | | | J93 | PASS |
| 82 | | | 96 | |
| QJ9 | | | K654 | |
| Q95 | | | J763 | |
| | 104 | | | |
| | 73 | 2 DIAMONDS | | |
| | A832 | 3 CLUBS | | |
| | A10842 | | | |

4 of diamonds lead, win Ace. Lead club to King. Cash AK of spades, ruff a spade, pitch the diamond on the A of clubs, pull trump, making 7.

REACH 6 HEARTS. Open 2 clubs with unbalanced hands that have enough playing strength to invite to game or insist on getting to game. Hands with great shape don't need 22 HCP to qualify for a forcing 2 club opening.

Open 2 clubs if you'd be sick if partner passed your opening bd. (Caution: Consider whether the greater danger is being passed out or getting too high when partner has a good hand and believes you.)

OPEN 2 CLUBS WITH THESE HANDS:

1. AK7 AJ\$ KQJ3 KQ8
2. AKQ1073 AKQ6 8 73

NOT WITH THESE HANDS:

1. AKQ7 AK84 9 AQ92
2. AKJ874 9 AK10862 VOID

You can write on your card, 2 club opening – "22+ HCP or 8 ½ playing tricks