

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.

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

543	2 DIAMONDS
A832	3 CLUBS
J109	3 NT
542	
QJ1097	8 PASS
J94	KQ10
86	75432
J103	Q987
AK62	DEALER – 2 CLUBS
765	2 NT
AKQ	3 SPADES
AK6	

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

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 bid. (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