

Gerber

An alternative to 4NT (Blackwood)

A bid of 4♣ to ask for aces. Responses are

- 4♦ shows zero (or all four) aces
- 4♥ shows one ace
- 4♠ shows two aces
- 4NT shows three aces

If you then wish to ask about kings, bid 5♣ and partner responds

- 5♦ shows zero kings
- 5♥ shows one king
- 5♠ shows two kings
- 5NT shows three kings
- 6♣ shows four kings

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- Nowadays it is normally only used in direct response to 1NT or 2NT, because 4♣ is useful as a Cue bid or a Splinter Bid
- 1NT:4♣ or 2NT:4♣
- You can use in other circumstances if you are never going to use Cue bids or Splinter bids
- 1NT: 4NT or 2NT: 4NT are quantitative, not Blackwood

West		East (20)	
♠ J 5 4		♠ A K Q 10 8 2	
♥ A 7 2		♥ K Q J 10	
♦ A 9 7		♦ K Q	
♣ Q J 6 2		♣ 3	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West		East (20)	
♠ J 5 4		♠ A K Q 10 8 2	
♥ 9 7 2		♥ K Q J 10	
♦ A J 4		♦ K Q	
♣ K Q J 2		♣ 3	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West		East (20)	
		♠ A K Q 10 8 2 ♥ K Q J 10 ♦ K Q ♣ 3	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass

West		East (20)	
♠ J 5 4 ♥ A 7 2 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ Q J 6 2		♠ A K Q 10 8 2 ♥ K Q J 10 ♦ K Q ♣ 3	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT/4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	

West		East (20)	
		♠ K Q 4 ♥ A K 5 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ K 7 4 2	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	4♣?	Pass

West (12)		East (20)	
♠ A 7 3 ♥ 10 9 8 ♦ A 10 2 ♣ A 10 8 3		♠ K Q 4 ♥ A K 5 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ K 7 4 2	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	4♣?	Pass
4NT	Pass	???	

West (12)		East (20)	
♠ A 7 3		♠ K Q 4	
♥ 10 9 8		♥ A K 5	
♦ A 10 2		♦ K Q 7	
♣ A 10 8 3		♣ K 7 4 2	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West (13)		East (20)	
♠ A 10 3		♠ K Q 4	
♥ Q 9 8		♥ A K 5	
♦ A 10 2		♦ K Q 7	
♣ Q J 10 9		♣ K 7 4 2	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West		East (20)	
♠ Q J 10 9		♠ K 5	
♥ Q J 7 2		♥ K 10	
♦ A J 7		♦ K Q 4	
♣ J 2		♣ A K Q 10 8 2	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West (12)		East (19)	
♠ A K 3 2		♠ 4	
♥ A 9 2		♥ K Q J 10 7 5 4	
♦ 7 6 4 3		♦ A 2	
♣ J 2		♣ A K Q	
West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	7NT	

Topics for the next few Tuesdays

- Aug 7th – Gerber
- Aug 14th - Roman Key Card Blackwood (RKCB)
- Aug 21st - Cue Bids (Control-showing) bids
- Aug 28th - Splinters
- Handouts are available on www.bridgeclass.co.uk/handouts
- More on Splinter Bids, Cue Bids, Gerber, RKCB, etc in “Modern Acol Bidding” £10