

## 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  |                |       |

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

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