



## The Gerber convention

### The 4 clubs Gerber

is a response to a no-trumps bid. Like Blackwood, it is a slam investigation bid that asks partner how many aces he holds.

- The difference from Blackwood is that Gerber is only used for no-trumps. This is because 1NT-4NT is natural, inviting partner to bid 6NT.

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass



Problem E40172

With 16 HCP and a strong ♣ 6 carder, responder is interested in slam but need to make sure the camp is not missing two aces



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### Responses to a 4 clubs Gerber:

- 4 ♦ shows 0 or 4 aces.
- 4 ♥ shows 1 ace
- 4 ♠ shows 2 aces
- 4NT shows 3 aces.

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass



Exercise 40173 Opener shows 0 or 4 aces (here clearly 4).... Good news



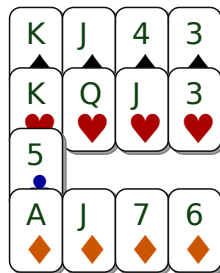
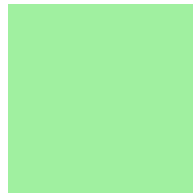
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**After hearing partner's response, the Gerber bidder can bid 5♣ to ask for the kings.**

Responses to a 5 clubs Gerber (for the Kings)

- 5♦ shows 0 or 4 kings.
- 5♥ shows 1 king
- 5♠ shows 2 kings
- 5NT shows 3 kings.

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass



Exercise 40086 Gerber can also be used as a jump rebid after a Stayman sequence. Here, responder is interested in 6♥..