

**TIP OF THE WEEK: Gerber, Quantitative 4NT, and other meanings of 4NT**  
(Sources: Pat Harrington, Kwbridge, Donna Compton,  
Bridgehands, Karen's Bridge Library)

**Gerber** is a Slam Convention using the bid of **4C** to ask partner how many Aces they hold.

**4C is Gerber ...**

. when it's a jump bid immediately following a natural 1NT or 2NT bid				
<b>1NT - 4NT (16+ HCP)</b>				
. when opener's last natural bid was notrump and no suit has been agreed upon				
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. if opener doesn't hold a 4-card major				
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**A bid of 4C is **not Gerber** if ...**

. neither partner bid NT		
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## BridgeHands

**Gerber Responses After 4 Clubs**  
**2N – 4C**

- 4D = 0 or 4 Aces (first step)
- 4H = 1 Ace (second step)
- 4S = 2 Aces (third step)
- 4N = 3 Aces (fourth step)

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A **Quantitative** notrump bid is a direct jump response to partner's opening bid of notrump. The 4NT bid asks partner to bid **Slam** if they're at the top of the notrump range, to **pass** if at the bottom of the range, and to use **judgement** if in the middle of the range.

**4NT is Quantitative (an Invitation to slam) if...**

. the **last bid** was a natural notrump opening or rebid

1NT - 4NT promises 16+ HCP and asks opener to bid 6NT with maximum values

1C - 1H	1D - 3NT
2NT - <b>4NT</b>	<b>4NT</b>

1NT - **5NT** promises 20-21 HCP and asks partner to bid 7NT with 17+ or a good 16+ HCP

. 4NT is the first **rebid** by a strong 2C opener

2C - 2D
<b>4NT</b>

- . the opening bid was 1NT and Responder uses **Stayman**, then **jumps** to 4NT
  - 1NT - 2C
  - 2H - **4NT** --> Invites 6NT
- . you bid **Stayman** before **jumping in NT**. Responder promises a **4-card major** and a **strong** balanced hand. A 4NT bid asks partner to bid 6 of the major with **maximum** values.
  - 1NT - 2C
  - 2H - **5H**
- . you make a **Jacoby Transfer** and then **jump to 4NT** to show 16+ HCP. Partner can accept the Quantitative raise in the major or bid 6NT with **maximum** values.
  - 1NT - 2D
  - 2H - **4NT**
  - 6H

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**Please note: She opens 1NT with 12 - 14 HCP, so a 1NT rebid is 15-17 HCP**



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### A FEW OTHER MEANINGS OF 4NT

**4NT is natural (to play) if we bid to the 4-level and haven't found a fit.**

1S - 2H  
3D - 4C  
**4NT**

**4NT is a two or three suited takeout in a Competitive auction if ...**  
(Discuss with Partner)

. it's an Overcall

(1H) - **4NT** is for the minors

(3S) P (4S) **4NT** is any two suits

. partner makes a Takeout Double and Advancer bids 4NT. 4NT is **not** a jump

(4H) X (P) **4NT** is for the minors

(1S) X (4S) **4NT** is any two suits

. partner opened a minor and 4NT is **not** a jump

1D (4S) **4NT** promises 5 clubs and 5 hearts

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