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Slam – Ace Asking Bids

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Asking for Aces after NT Bids

- Gerber for Aces
- When does Gerber apply? How much Gerber do we play?
 - Small – Rare Gerber
 - Medium - Middle Amount of Gerber
 - Large - Lots of Gerber
- Asking for Kings
- Quantitative Bidding
- Upgrades -- 1430 Gerber

Asking for Aces / Keycards in a Suit

- Blackwood – Ace Asking Bid
- Why Keycard is better than Blackwood? – The King and Queen of Trump.
- Keycard Blackwood
 - 1430 Keycard vs. RKC
 - Which suit to Keycard in?
 - Straight Blackwood
 - Only in Special Situations – 1M – 4NT.
- Keycard Queen Ask
 - Not enough room to ask for the Queen?
 - Problems with the Queen Ask – Hearts, Minors
 - How to answer No!
 - How to answer Yes!
 - Start showing Kings
- 5NT King Ask – Grand Slam Try
 - Says we have all the Keycards and Queen
 - Number of Kings
 - Upgrades – Specific Kings
 - Follow-ups for “more” Kings



Other Special Bids

- Advanced uses of 5♠ when ♥ are trump!
 - Queen Ask – Grand Slam Try
 - ♠K Ask – Grand Slam Try
- Bidding a new suit at the 6-Level? – 3rd count control asks for Grand.
- Responding to 4NT with a useful void
 - 5NT -- Even number of Keycards
 - 6-Level – Odd number of Keycards
- Baby-Blackwood 4♣ Ace Asking
 - After Preempts
 - Steps - 01122
- Exclusion Keycard
 - What are the Exclusion steps?
 - Blackwood Steps
 - Keycard Steps
 - Baby-Blackwood Steps