

## December 2018 Hand of the Month

How do you play 4 level responses to Jacoby 2NT? Some partnerships like to show a second 5-card suit. My preference is to show a void. So this auction would show a Club void: 1H - P - 2NT - P - 4C

At the Quirk Center Open game on 12/18/18 the East/West hands on Board 8 is a good example of Jacoby 2NT, Key Card Blackwood and Specific Kings.

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<i>Board 8</i>	♠ 8 6
West Deals	♥ A K J 5
None Vul	♦ 8 3
	♣ 9 8 5 3 2
♠ A Q J 10 5	♠ K 9 3 2
♥ —	♥ Q 6 3
♦ A 10 7 5 4 2	♦ K Q J 6
♣ K Q	♣ A 10

♠ 7 4
♥ 10 9 8 7 4 2
♦ 9
♣ J 7 6 4

The auction:

1S - P - 2NT - P

4H - P - 4NT - P

5S - P - 5NT - P

6C - P - 7S - P

2NT is Jacoby 2NT, 4H shows a void in hearts, 4NT is Key Card B/W, 5S says I have 2 Aces and the Spade Q, 5NT asks for specific Kings, 6C identifies the Club King. This information is all East needs: 7S! If the opening bidder did not have a King they would merely bid 6S. Grand Slams with 8 or 9 card trump suits require the trump Queen.

Key Card B/W is a great convention and Specific Kings can help many times. Be sure to understand that you cannot ask for Kings if you do not have all of the Aces.