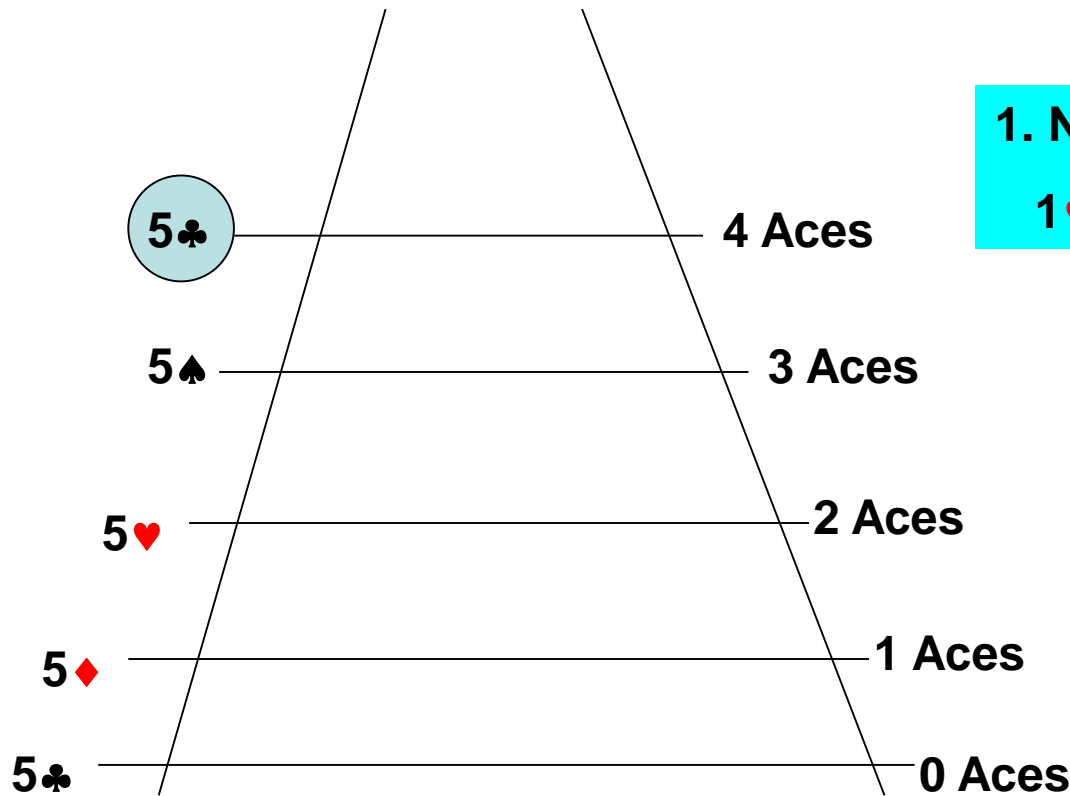


Blackwood & Roman Key Card Blackwood

The Blackwood Convention :-

A bid of 4NT Says HOW MANY Aces do you have partner ?



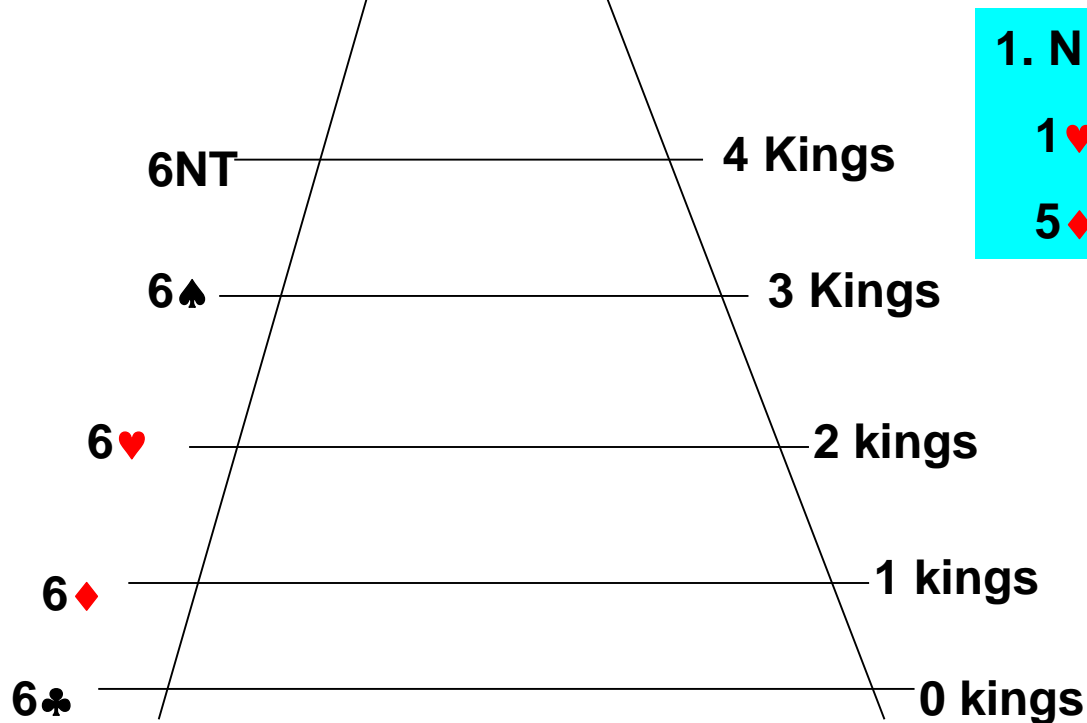
1. N S
1♥ 4NT

2. N S
1♥ 1♠
4NT

3. N S
1♥ 1♠
3♠ 4NT

The Blackwood Convention continued :-

A follow up bid of 5NT then say HOW MANY Kings do you also have partner (I have located all the aces)?



1. N	S
1♥	4NT
5♦	5NT

2. N	S
1♥	1♠
3♠	4NT
5♥	5NT

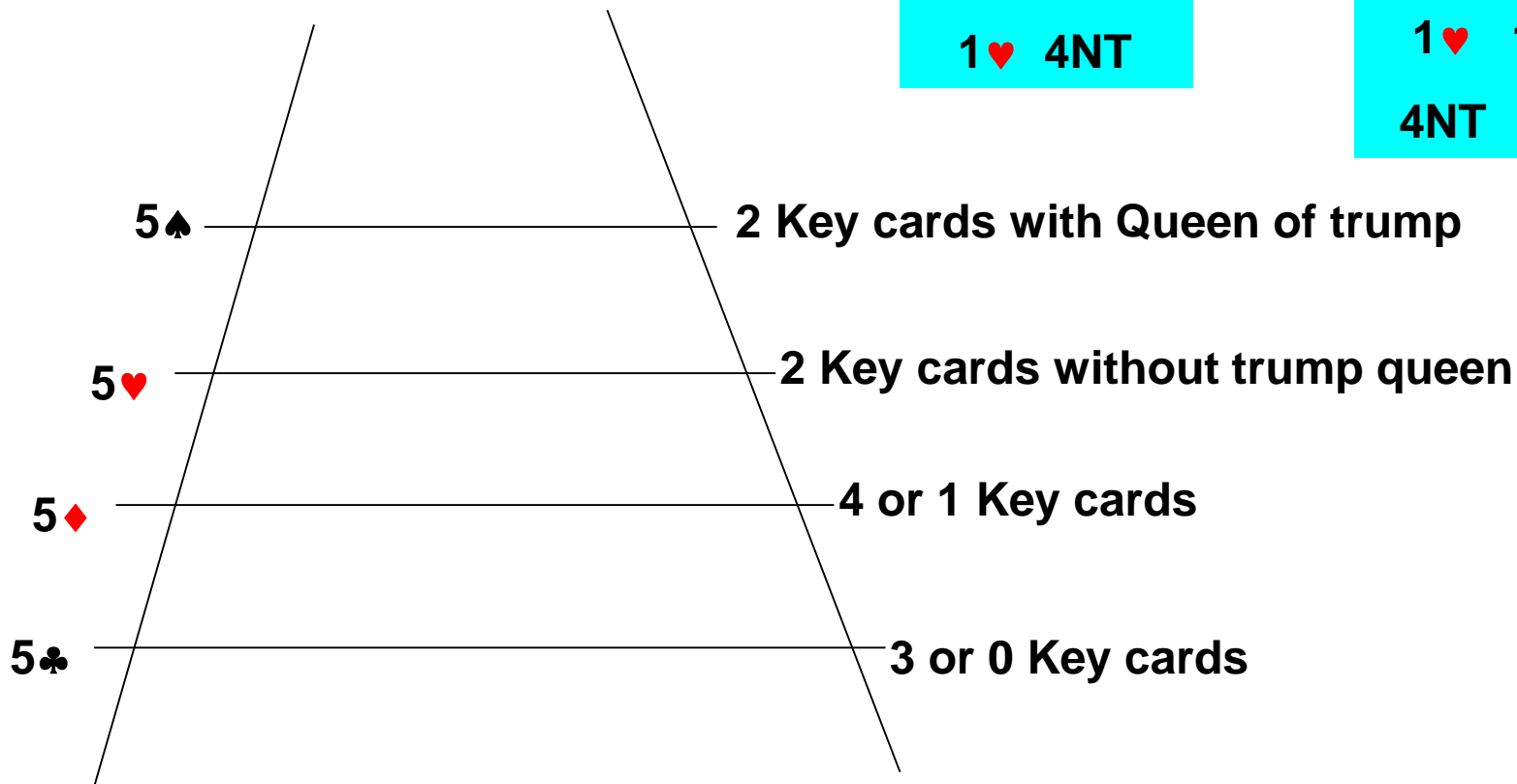
The RKCBlackwood Convention :- (Roman Key Card)

A bid of 4NT Says HOW MANY Key Cards do you have partner ?

Relevant cards are 4 aces, king of trump and queen of trump

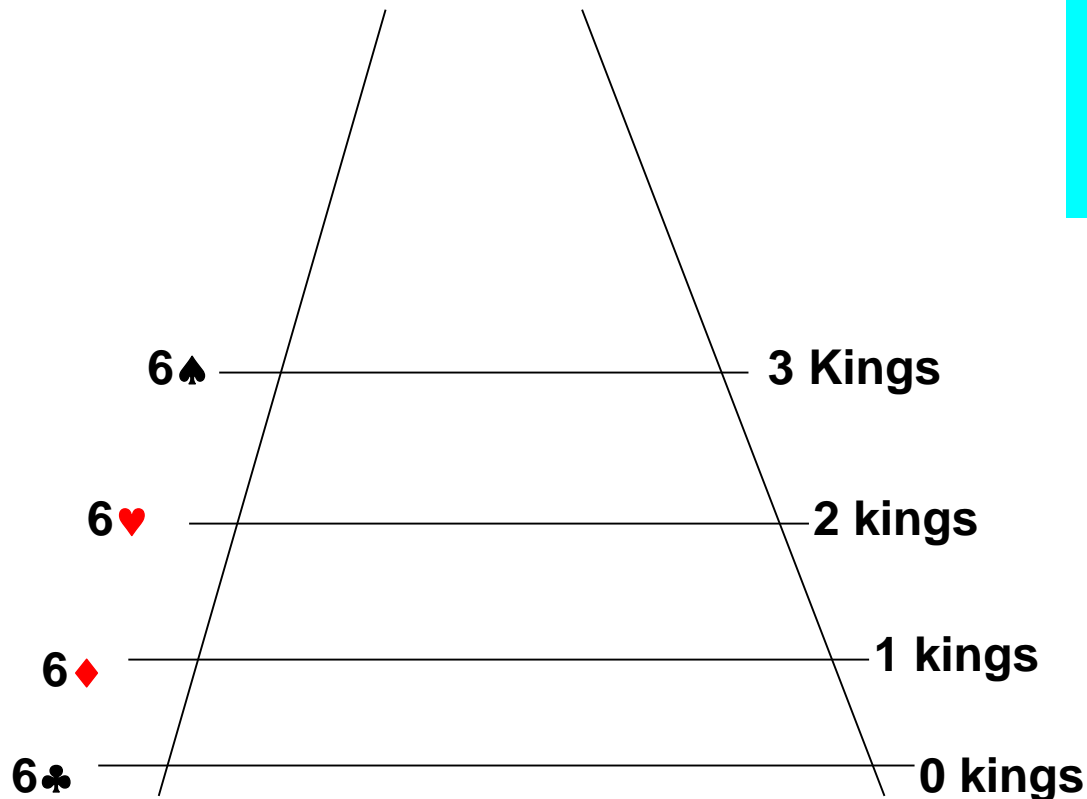
1. N S
1♥ 4NT

2. N S
1♥ 1♠
4NT



The R K C Blackwood Convention continued :-

A follow up bid of 5NT then say HOW MANY Kings other than King of trumps do you also have partner (I have located all the Key Cards)?



1. N	S
1♥	4NT
5♦	5NT

2. N	S
1♥	1♠
3♠	4NT
5♥	5NT

**After a 5♦ or 5♣ reply you might still want to know if partner
Has the Trump Queen So you make a relay bid – next suit up
Partner can reply as follows :-**

- 1. Return to original suit as low as possible no Queen**
- 2. Go to 6 of agreed suit with Queen**
- 3. Bid new suit at 6 level shows King of that suit plus queen**

Example 2

4NT asks about 5 Key cards ie 4 Aces, King of trump (and queen of trump) ?

5♣ = 3 or 0 5♦ = 1 or 4 5♥ = 2 without Queen, 5♠ = 2 with Queen

**After a 5♦ or 5♣ reply you might still want to know if partner
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Partner can reply as follows :-

1. Return to original suit as low as possible no Queen
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Dealer East

	<p>1 ♠</p> <p>4NT</p> <p>5♠</p>	<p>1♥</p> <p>3♠</p> <p>5♥ **</p>	
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5♥ = 2 without Queen

West

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Some more points :-

If you ask for Kings immediately after asking for Aces then revert to Normal Blackwood responses and TOTALLY IGNORE King of trumps which has already been shown earlier.

**So 6♣ shows no Kings 6♦ shows 1 Kings
6♥ shows 2 Kings 6♠ shows 3 Kings**

Problems that may occur in RKC Blackwood

- 1. Some players play specific Kings and some play number of Kings.**
- 2. Some players play 1430 instead of 3041 so make sure you know which version you are playing.**
- 3. Sometimes players are not sure which is the agreed trump suit.**
- 4. Some try to use the convention with NT bidding – this is of course impossible as there is no 5th key card !!**
- 5.NB If in doubt as to the trump suit, treat last bid suit as the agreed suit**