

Subject of Appeal:	Unauthorized Information	Case:	N9
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Event	Freeman Mixed BAM	Event DIC	Matt Koltnow
Date	07/28/2016	Session	First Final


Auction

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1NT ¹
2♣ ²	2NT ³	3♠	Dbl
Pass	4♣	Pass ⁴	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: 15-17 HCP
2: Majors
3: Lebensohl
4: Questions about Dbl by South

Hand Record

Board	9	N	Joe Quinn		
Dealer	N	♠ 6			
		♥ 102			
Vul	E/W	♦ J863			
		♣ A98742			
W	Justin Howard			E	Alison Hunt
♠	AQ1072			♠	J985
♥	Q9643			♥	AK7
♦	K10			♦	754
♣	10			♣	J65
		S	Shawn Quinn		
		♠	K43		
		♥	J85		
		♦	AQ92		
		♣	KQ3		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
4♠X by E	Made 5	E/W +990	

Facts Determined at the Table

Director was called when dummy came down, and again at the end of hand. East asked "is double takeout or penalty?" North shrugged and said values. West claimed he was planning on raising 3♠ to 4 until South doubled.

Additional Factors Determined Away from the Table

Three players were polled. One passed 4♣. The other two thought it was close, but bid 4♠. All thought the question demonstrably suggested bidding.

Director Ruling

The player poll confirmed that pass was a logical alternative over 4♣ following the UI suggested by the question. Therefore, based upon Laws 16B1 & 12C1C, the result was adjusted to 4♣ by North, down 1, E/W +50.

Director's Ruling	4♣ by N, Down 1, E/W +50
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The Appeal

West requested a review of the ruling. West maintained that it was clear to bid 4♠ once advanced bids 3♠. After the double, the reason not to bid is to see if the opponent let them play in 3♠X, or see if partner would want to double a possible 4♦ bid by North. Failing that, he was always bidding 4♠. He felt that not enough of his peers were consulted.

Panel Findings

The reviewer polled more players, and found that many would bid, but passing was considered by most, and chosen by some. The original findings of the table director were confirmed, and the ruling was upheld. The limited size and concern of makeup of the original poll was deemed a sufficient matter to deem the appeal had merit.

Panel Decision	4♣ by N, Down 1, E/W +50
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Panel Members

Reviewer	Kevin Perkins
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