

Subject of Appeal:	Misinformation	Case:	N5
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Event	Silodor Open Pairs	Event DIC	Candace Kuschner
Date	03/17/2016	Session	Second Qualifying

Auction

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦ ¹	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Explained as shortness

Hand Record

Board	4	N	Daniel Wilderman		
Dealer	W	♠	A76		
		♥	K86		
Vul	Both	♦	KJ1032		
		♣	72		
W	John King			E	Rick Kerbel
♠	K1082			♠	QJ43
♥	7			♥	A43
♦	Q94			♦	A75
♣	AK853			♣	Q94
		S	Ken Zuckerberg		
		♠	95		
		♥	QJ10952		
		♦	86		
		♣	J106		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
4♠ by E	Made 6	E/W +680	♠ 5

Facts Determined at the Table

After the 3♦ bid was made and alerted, South asked the meaning and was told that it showed shortness in the suit. North won the opening lead and shifted to a diamond, which was won in Dummy. North/South summoned the director when play was completed. East/West had Kokish Game Tries written on both convention cards. After the hand was over, East stated he initially disagreed with his partner's explanation, but then realized he had forgotten their agreement.

Director Ruling

As West had given the correct explanation of the partnership agreement, per Law 75C, this was a case of mistaken bid. Accordingly, no adjustment was required.

Director's Ruling	4♠ by E, Made 6, E/W +680
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The Appeal

N/S appealed the ruling and all four players attended the hearing. South stated that East's hand did not match West's explanation of it. Since East initially disagreed with West's explanation, N/S doubted that "shortness" was an accurate description of the E/W partnership agreement of 3♦. With correct information, South would have led a diamond on opening lead which would have resulted in E/W only making four, for +620 instead of +680.

E/W started their defense by showing that they had Kokish Game Tries clearly marked on both convention cards at the bottom of the Major Suit section. Under the Kokish system, following one of a major, pass, two of the major, pass, the next bid by the opener shows a short suit game try. At this juncture, the committee pointed out that the auction had

begun with 1♣, and that 1♠ was in response, not the opening bid. E/W admitted that Kokish did not apply in this auction and made no further arguments.

Committee Findings

As E/W agreed that they had alerted an agreement that they did not have, it was apparent that the explanation given was misinformation. Since the MI made a diamond lead less attractive, and a diamond lead was highly likely without the MI, the committee changed the results to 4♠, making 4, E/W +620.

Committee Decision	4♠ by E, Made 4, E/W +620
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Committee Members

Chair	Douglas Doub
Member	James Thurtell
Member	Ray Miller
Member	Richard Budd
Member	Greg Herman