

<b>Subject of Appeal:</b>	Misinformation	<b>Case:</b>	N13
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<b>Event</b>	North American Open Swiss	<b>Event DIC</b>	Tom Marsh
<b>Date</b>	12/04/2015	<b>Session</b>	Second Qualifying


### Auction

West	North	East	South
		1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	Pass	Pass

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Intended as Artificial Force

### Hand Record

<b>Board</b>	<b>34</b>	N	Mike Cappelletti		
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>E</b>	♠	AK73		
		♥	1093		
<b>Vul</b>	<b>N/S</b>	♦	A83		
		♣	Q106		
W	Robert Bitterman			E	Robert Cappelli
♠	8642			♠	Q105
♥	AKQ74			♥	87
♦	J1064			♦	K95
♣	(void)	S	David Grainger		
		♠	J9		
		♥	J62		
		♦	Q72		
		♣	75432		

<b>Final Contract</b>	<b>Result of Play</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Opening Lead</b>
2♣ by E	Made 2	E/W +90	♣ 2

### Facts Determined at the Table

North/South called the director at the end of play of the hand. West had intended 2♣ as artificial and forcing. East believed that the bid was natural after interference. The director asked to see the E/W convention cards and system notes, but these were never provided. In the play of the hand, the low club went to the Queen and Ace. Declarer crossed to the ♥A, and finessed the ♦J to the Queen. The defense took two spades, two diamonds and a spade ruff.

### Director Ruling

Per Laws 20F5 and 75B, West should have explained at the end of the auction that East had failed to Alert their 2♣ bid. With proper information, South was likely to lead a spade. With that lead, it was judged likely that East would only come to seven tricks, so, per Law 12C, that result was assigned.

<b>Director's Ruling</b>	<b>2♣ by E, Down 1, N/S +50</b>
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### The Appeal

N/S appealed the director ruling, and presented their case to the committee. They argued that with a spade lead and a diamond shift, Declarer was likely to guess incorrectly in diamonds and go down a second trick.

## Committee Findings

The committee agreed that if correct information had been given, the opening lead was likely to be a spade. A diamond shift was also agreed to be a probable scenario. However, even with this defense, the committee found it completely unlikely that Declarer would go down more than one trick with seven tricks available for the taking. Therefore, the committee upheld the director's ruling of down one.

<b>Committee Decision</b>	<b>2♣ by E, Down 1, N/S +50</b>
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## Committee Members

<b>Chairman</b>	Aaron Silverstein
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<b>Member</b>	Patty Tucker
<b>Member</b>	Greg Herman
<b>Member</b>	Mayer Kotkin