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| <b>Subject of Appeal:</b> | Contested Claim | <b>Case:</b> | N5 |
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| <b>Event</b> | Senior Mixed Pairs | <b>Event DIC</b> | Susan Doe        |
| <b>Date</b>  | 12/03/2014         | <b>Session</b>   | First Qualifying |

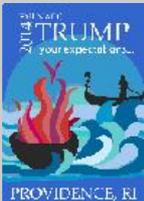
### Auction

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
|      | 1♦    | Pass | 1♥    |
| Pass | 1♠    | Pass | 2♠    |
| Pass | 4♠    | Pass | Pass  |
| Pass |       |      |       |
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### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

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### Hand Record

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| <b>Board</b>  | 9              | N  | Ernest Napier |   |             |
| <b>Dealer</b> | N              | ♠  | A1095         |   |             |
|               |                | ♥  | K87           |   |             |
| <b>Vul</b>    | E/W            | ♦  | AQ652         |   |             |
|               |                | ♣  | K             |   |             |
| W             | Marie Sengopta |  |               | E | Joe Handler |
| ♠             | J7             |  |               | ♠ | 842         |
| ♥             | AJ9            |  |               | ♥ | 1062        |
| ♦             | K109843        |  |               | ♦ | J7          |
| ♣             | 54             |  |               | ♣ | AQ872       |
|               |                | S  | Toni Bales    |   |             |
|               |                | ♠  | KQ63          |   |             |
|               |                | ♥  | Q543          |   |             |
|               |                | ♦  | (void)        |   |             |
|               |                | ♣  | J10963        |   |             |

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| <b>Final Contract</b> | <b>Result of Play</b> | <b>Score</b> | <b>Opening Lead</b> |
| 4♠ by N               | Down 1                | N/S -100     | ♠ 2                 |

### Facts Determined at the Table

The director was summoned after the seventh trick. Declarer had won trick seven in hand. He then claimed stating that he was playing a spade, overtaking in dummy, and that the dummy was good:

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|              | ♠ 10 9    |         |
|              | ♥ —       |         |
|              | ♦ Q 6 5 2 |         |
|              | ♣ —       |         |
| ♠ —          |           | ♠ 8     |
| ♥ J          |           | ♥ 6     |
| ♦ K 10 9 8 3 |           | ♦ J     |
| ♣ —          |           | ♣ 8 7 2 |
|              | ♠ Q 6     |         |
|              | ♥ Q       |         |
|              | ♦ —       |         |
|              | ♣ 10 9 6  |         |

### Director Ruling

When the declarer is in dummy and takes the top three tricks (pitching three low diamonds), he is left with a crossruff. The third club in dummy is not good. However, when he plays the top two clubs and West shows out, he is allowed to figure out that the last club is not good and ruff it. The result was adjusted to 4♠ by N, making four, N/S + 620.

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| <b>Director's Ruling</b> | <b>4♠ by N, Made 4, N/S +620</b> |
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## The Appeal

East/West appealed the ruling and all four players attended the hearing. E/W stated that the declarer never mentioned ruffing.

North stated that he knew there were good tricks in dummy. North further stated that he had not been allowed to finish his claim statement before the director was called.

## Committee Findings

The appeals committee determined that the play had proceeded with the lead of a low trump, and at trick two: ♣K, ♣A, ♣3, ♣4. This was followed by another spade lead at trick three and then declarer led the ♣J losing to the ♣Q. East then led the ♥10 to West's ace. Trick six was a diamond to the ace in declarer's hand, and at trick seven, declarer cashed the ♥K and claimed.

Declarer, when left with three clubs and RHO showing out, was extremely unlikely to play the last club without ruffing. The committee did not feel that the probability rose to the standard of "doubtful." The table ruling was sustained: 4♠ by North, making four, N-S plus 620.

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| <b>Committee Decision</b> | <b>4♠ by N, Made 4, N/S +620</b> |
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## Committee Members

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