

CONGRESS DIRECTOR COURSE
By REG BUSCH

LESSON 2A

Following our previous discussions on UI and MI situations, here are a few more. I make no apology for hammering this area, because it can be quite difficult even for experienced directors, so the more practice and discussion the better. These are real life problems such as you will face every day at your own club. Make up your mind about your own decision and your reasons and I'll give my own views in Lesson 2B.

Ruling 1:

Board 8

Nil Vul

Dealer West

♠QT932

♥J4

♦J9865

♣J

♠754

♥KT7

♦AQ4

♣9864

♠8

♥A65

♦T732

♣AQT52

♠AKJ6

♥Q9832

♦K

♣K73

	W	N	E	S
The bidding:	P	P	P	1♣*
	P	1♦	P	1♥
	P	P	2♣	P
	P	2♥	P	P
	3♣	P**	P	3♥

All pass

* Precision

** Agreed hesitation

I'm not sure if the Director was called before the hand was played and EW reserved their rights (whatever that means)

However 3♥ was allowed to make. Director was called after the play of the hand and restored the contract to 3♣ making for EW and an equal top. Most of the field were in some number of spades NS.

Do you agree with the Director's ruling?

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Ruling 2:

Board 2
NS Vul
Dealer East

	♠KQ65		
	♥J10842		
	♦AK		
	♣Q2		
♠10			♠A9842
♥Q			♥63
♦Q1082			♦7543
♣KJ87643			♣A9
	♠J72		
	♥AK975		
	♦J96		
	♣106		

	W	N	E	S
The Bidding	4♣*	P	4♠	P
	5♣	P	5♦	P
	6♣	All pass**		

*Alerted and described as Gerber.

** At the end of the auction, West informed NS of the mistaken explanation.

NS get a plus score, but claim that they would have doubled had they known the correct explanation.

How would you rule and why? As you can see, 4♥ can go off on not very brilliant defence.

Reg.