

| Appeal #  | Issue            | Event                    |
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| 2007-03   | Inadvertent call | South-West Pacific Teams |
| Stage     | Round            | Date                     |
| -         | 2                | 2007-01                  |
| Committee | Unknown          |                          |

**Board** 13  
**Dealer** N  
**Vul** All  
**Scoring** Imps converted to VPs, teams

**North**

♠ KT752  
 ♥ 975  
 ♦ T3  
 ♣ AJ7

**West**

♠ 984  
 ♥ QT862  
 ♦ 72  
 ♣ 963

**East**

♠ Q  
 ♥ AK3  
 ♦ AKQ864  
 ♣ KQT

**South**

♠ AJ63  
 ♥ J4  
 ♦ J95  
 ♣ 8542

| West     | North | East   | South |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| -        | Pass  | 2♣ (1) | Pass  |
| Pass (2) | ...   |        |       |

- (1) Alerted; explained as 23+ or 8+ playing tricks, GF  
 (2) Possibly inadvertent

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| <b>Table result</b>       | -                   |
| <b>Director's ruling</b>  | Table result stands |
| <b>Committee's ruling</b> | Table result stands |

**The Director:** Was called to the table by West, who announced that he had made an inadvertent Pass.

Took West away from the table and asked him what was going through his mind when he passed. He replied that he was intending to pick up his alert card which was lying in front of him with the Pass card on top of it. Ruled that this was an inadvertent call under Law 25A and allowed it to be corrected.

The possibility of appealing was not raised until later by the teammates of the North-South pair.

**The appellants:** Related that East had opened 2♣, alerted by West. South passed, West passed, and North thought, then passed. East then advised his partner that he could call the Director after the bidding had concluded.

**The respondents:** In the previous couple of boards, North-South had explained that an alert card needs to be placed on the bid to be alerted, and the opponent returns the card to acknowledge the alert. This caused some jovial remarks between all at the table.

On this hand, East opened 2♣ and West alerted with a smile and some comment. South laughed and returned the alert card, asking for an explanation. West explained and accepted the card.

West does not remember having made a conscious bid. West noticeably gasped on seeing the pass, and said “sorry”. East suggested that we call the Director; North had not bid. Having explained what happened to the Director (away from the table), he made his ruling, which the opponents accepted.

North-South said the same mistake had happened with them before, and they did not call the Director. The captain of their team accepted the ruling and we scored; later, she sought to raise the event with the directing staff, to which we agreed.

**The appeals committee:** Accepted the Director’s statement of facts and agreed that West’s call was inadvertent. Score stands.