

## **Formal Complaint**

**2013 d'Orsi Senior Bowl USA II**

**Carolyn Lynch, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold  
Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, Marc Jacobus  
NPC Donna Compton**

vs.

**2013 d'Orsi Senior Bowl Germany**

**Team Members  
Specifically Entschow Wladow,  
& Michael Elinescu**

**October 4, 2013**

### **WBF Disciplinary Committee**

Chairman: Georgia Heth

Members: Jens Auken, David Harris, Mazhar Jafri, Ulrich Wenning

Prosecutor: Jeffrey Polisner

### **FACTS**

On Friday, September 29, 2013, the German NPC and USA II NPC Donna Compton met with Maurizio DiSacco to agree on seating rights for the Finals of the 2013 d'Orsi Senior Bowl. At that time, Compton requested a monitor to be placed on the pair of Entschow Wladow and Michael Elinescu based on observing unusual bidding and leads during the Quarter Finals against Indonesia and Semi Finals against France. Compton was told that a monitor could not be granted without further evidence of inappropriate communication between Wladow and Elinescu. Compton was also told that the pair had been extensively monitored in 2008 and 2009 to no avail. Compton reported this news to USA II and told them to focus on playing bridge.

On Saturday, September 30, 2013, Finals Day 1, Set 3 (FD1S3) Eddie Wold noticed that Wladow and Elinescu were coughing just at the beginning of the auction and at the end of the auction, but no time during auction or the play. This recognition prompted Wold to keep a tally on his convention card of the number of coughs by each player. (see Exhibit A). At the conclusion of FD1S3, Wold turned over his convention card to Compton and explained the markings. Compton met with Chief Director Max Baven and Championship Manager Maurizio DiSacco immediately following FD1S3. Compton showed Baven and DiSacco Wold's Convention Card ("WCC") and explained the markings as coughs by Elinescu and Wladow. WCC markings were enough "further evidence" to warrant a monitor. DiSacco granted a monitor and arranged for video of Wladow and Elinescu for the remainder of the Finals against USA II.

Compton entered the WCC markings into an excel spread sheet and compared opening leads and hand shapes to determine a potential coughing code. (see Exhibit B) Based on this code, Compton has further analyzed the 16 hands in FD1S3 (see Exhibit C) and FD2S5 (with video) (see Exhibit D) which is provided for your review. It is also the understanding of USA II that additional evidence of inappropriate communication between Wladow and Elinescu will be provided by the WBF monitor from FD2S5 and FD2S6.

### **APPLICATION OF LAW 73 B**

Law 73 B Inappropriate Communication between Partners is the relevant law at hand. It states,

#### **LAW 73 - COMMUNICATION**

##### *B. Inappropriate Communication between Partners*

1. Partners shall not communicate by means such as the manner in which calls or plays are made, extraneous remarks or gestures, questions asked or not asked of the opponents or alerts and explanations given or not given to them.
2. The gravest possible offence is for a partnership to exchange information through prearranged methods of communication other than those sanctioned by these Laws.

The evidence of inappropriate communication between Elinescu and Wladow is indicated in the hand analysis from Final Day 1, Set 3, along with the hands from Final Day 2, Set 5 and 6 which were both videoed and monitored by witnesses provided by the WBF. Elinescu and Wladow sent cough signals of both their shortness during the auction, as well as, their desired opening lead once on defense. Based on the evidence provided in the attached exhibits, along with additional evidence provided by the WBF Monitor, the coughing signals by Elinescu and Wladow clearly exchanged information through pre-arranged methods of communication other than those sanctioned by the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

### **CONCLUSION & REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

Elinescu and Wladow agreed on a pre-arranged method of communication by coughing both their shortness during the auction and their desired opening lead on defense. This pre-arranged method of communication is in direct violation of Law 73 B (1) and (2) which is the gravest possible offence for a partnership. Based on the Olympic Charter Bye-Law 59.2.1, USA II requests that the Germany Team be stripped of their Gold Medals and World Championship Title for violation of Law 73B of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge by Elinescu and Wladow.

Furthermore, USA II requests that the Disciplinary Committee declare USA II the 2013 d'Orsi Senior Bowl World Champions and replace USA II's Silver Medals with Gold Medals.