

Her Majesty's Pleasure

Love all. Dealer West.

♠ K964
♥ 75
♦ 32
♣ J9842

♠ J5	♠ A1087
♥ J9	♥ AK86
♦ KJ9865	♦ AQ104
♣ AK10	♣ Q

♠ Q32
♥ Q10432
♦ 7
♣ 7653

West	North	East	South
<i>Howard</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Bowles</i>	<i>Holland</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	6NT	All
Pass			

Her Majesty The Queen sent a message to the EBU this year to congratulate them on their 75th anniversary. It was appropriate that the increased value of a queen played a part in the above hand. Andy Bowles, honest as ever, confided to me a day after the event that 2S was an artificial game force, so West should just rebid 3C rather than 3NT but the rest of the auction was good, and East knew at the end that the queen of clubs was a trick and there was no advantage in playing in the ten-card fit. The 3 IMPs for the higher-scoring slam and the point-a-board were a good reward. Andy has recently been appointed to the EBU selection committee for the next three years, along with David Burn, both regulars at Young Chelsea and in the London Super League held there. We are sure they will both do well in the role.



Andy Bowles