

The second night of the Wednesday Championship Pairs was won by John Sheehy and Robert Cowan in the North-South direction and Jean Young and Nancy Hawker in the East-direction both with scores in the low 60's. More than half the field bid to slam on this board:

Board 9
North dealer
EW vul

♠K74
♥AK73
♦AK4
♣J86

♠QT92
♥965
♦T93
♣K97

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♠AJ3
♥QJT8
♦Q72
♣AT3

♠865
♥42
♦J865
♣Q542

I was West, declarer in 6♥, and had a moment of idiocy (or as some say: a cow flew by). North led ♠2. I could have tried the ♠J but felt there was no rush to take the finesse. My plan was to eliminate diamonds and then try for some sort of endplay on South. Well it was a plan – not a bad one but the execution was bungled. As I was eliminating diamonds I found to my consternation that I had overtaken dummy's ♦Q with the ♦K giving myself a diamond loser. The contract had no chance after that but I did manage not to go to pieces. I led a third diamond conceding the lead to South. Not wanting to lead into dummy's AJ ten ace in spades, South led a club and this at least contained my club losers to one trick.

So one more case of "Sorry, partner".

3 Club news and comments

Late subscriptions There are still 15 members who haven't paid their subscription so please hurry along if this account has been overlooked.

Occasional players If you know of irregular players that would be happy to be rung to play then please pass these names on to the appropriate Convenor for the night. It would be great to see a greater number of players attending - remember enthusiasm breeds enthusiasm so do your bit to invite people to play that you haven't seen for a while. On this note if you have any suggestions for improvements just speak to one of our friendly committee members.

Noticeboard Just a reminder to members that it has been agreed by Committee that only bridge notices appear on our noticeboard.

Easter Fun Night Easter fun night is just around the corner - to add a bit of spice it will be drawn partners. Hope to see you there!! Please add your name to the list.

Hospice tournament Keep Sunday 18th May free for our Hospice Tournament too. Great to support our own club.

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