

# ARANA

## Contract Bridge Club Inc

*The Friendly Club*

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### President's Report

Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at which time you will have the chance to elect a new committee. We need nominations for the committee so please be prepared to serve your club.

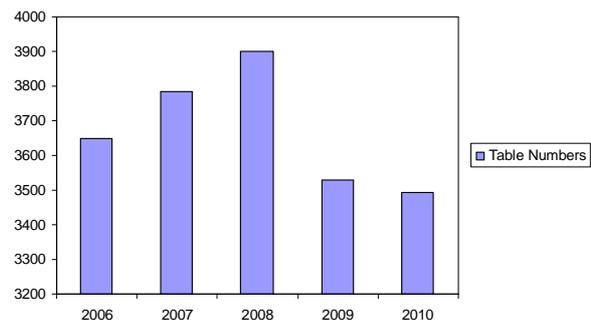
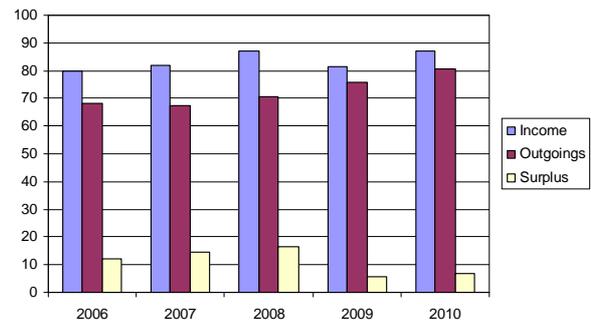
The Christmas party was well attended and a great success, thanks to "The President's" choir which entertained us with some cleverly adapted songs and the traditional Christmas carols. Mary Ewings' song about the perfect bridge hand was a highlight. Maybe we will print it out in the next edition of the TrumpIt!

At our latest meeting, the committee decided to increase table fees to \$5 for members and \$6.50 for visitors taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February. This increase was inevitable as our costs are increasing whilst our table numbers have dropped. I have included two charts demonstrating trends over recent years. The first chart shows Income (excluding QBA & ABF fees and interest), Outgoings (excluding depreciation and amortization of fixed assets) and Cash Surplus. You will note that we have recorded a modest cash surplus for 2009, and that a lesser surplus is forecast for 2010, despite the additional income coming from the increase in fees. The second chart shows our table numbers, and you will note that 2009 shows a marked decline (14%). It is hoped that our actual attendances in 2010 exceed my forecast.

Our next round of beginner's lessons commences on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb and I ask that all members actively promote them so we can increase our attendances.

### FINANCIAL COMPARISON (\$000'S)

Income excludes interest, QBA and ABF fees. Outgoings excludes depreciation and amortization of fixed assets, but includes contribution to sinking fund.



David Lehmann

**Date Claimer: Grand National Pairs**

**3 sessions each:**

**Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>**

♣ ♦ Important Phone Numbers ♥ ♠

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**Thought for the week:**  
**Life is an endless struggle...**  
**Full of frustrations and challenges, but**  
**Eventually you find a hairstylist you like!**

**DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

**DUMMIES RIGHTS**

DUMMY may ask Declarer (but not an offender) when he has failed to follow suit, whether he holds a card of the suit led.

DUMMY may try to prevent an irregularity by Declarer.

DUMMY MAY NOT draw attention to an irregularity during play, but only after the play of the hand is concluded.

DUMMY should not initiate a call for the Director, UNLESS attention has been drawn to the irregularity by another player.

DUMMY must keep hands well back from the tabled cards until Declarer asks for a particular card. NEVER should dummy's hand touch or hover close to a particular card on the table, before being told to do so.

DUMMY or either defender may draw attention to a card pointed incorrectly, but for these players the right expires when a lead is made to the following trick. There is no such restriction on Declarer.

If Declarer indicates a play from dummy by saying "play anything", either defender may designate the play from dummy.

**Book Review:**

**"OPENING 2 BIDS" by Paul Marston and Nick Hughs.**

This is a small book which covers some very important bidding methods plus a section on defence.

There are 4 sections:

1. Weak Twos
2. Strong two Clubs
3. Multi twos
4. Defence to two bids.

I found section 4 most helpful.

**Defence to Weak Twos:** Treat a weak two like an opening bid at the one level. Overcall with a 6 card suit and 10-15 points. Double with an opening hand and shortage in their suit.

**Defence to the Strong Two Club:** This includes bidding with a shapely hand. By competing you make it more difficult for your opponents to show each other what they have. It also gives your partner a good lead. However, beware adverse vulnerability.

**Defence to Multi Twos:** Your defence is much harder because you cannot rule out any of the suits as trumps. However, it is better to get in quickly:

1. An overcall shows 10-15 points and a 6 card suit
2. A jump overcall shows 16-18 HCP, a 6 card suit.
3. Double shows 16+, no 6 card suit.
4. Pass then double shows about 10-15 HCP with shortage in the suit doubled
5. 2NT shows 16-18 HCP balanced. With this defence to Multi Twos you and your partner may be able to find your game instead of defending.

**Peggy Whittaker**

**NEED A PARTNER??**

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## RAY AND DAVID'S CANBERRA GNRP REPORT

Ray and I came 59<sup>th</sup> out of 114 pairs and were happy to have represented the club and Zone, much less come half way in the field. The event was held in the Canberra Convention centre and was well organized. We did not get to play against all pairs, but still met a good cross section of players from around Australia and made some good friends. The event was won by a Sydney pair by the narrowest of margins over Nick Moore and Geoff Martin from Brisbane.

Here are 2 boards that were good for us (you didn't expect me to show the disasters did you?) – both against the same pair:

### Session 4 Board 29

Dlr N                    NORTH  
Both Vul            ♠ Q 10 8 4 3  
                          ♥ 3  
                          ♦ K Q  
                          ♣ 10 8 6 4 3

WEST (David)	EAST (Ray)
♠ J 9 7	♠ 6
♥ K 10 9	♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ 10 9 5 2	♦ A J 8 7 6 3
♣ A J 9	♣ K 5

SOUTH  
♠ A K 5 2  
♥ A Q J 6 5  
♦ 4  
♣ Q 7 2

After a multi 2 Spades opening by North showing Spades and a minor, South bid the spade game immediately. Opening lead Heart 8, and after some deliberation, declarer optimistically asked for the Jack which was won by my King. I returned the Club 9 before declarer had a chance to turn over his loser, which Ray took with the King and duly tabled the Ace of Diamonds and then returned the

Club 5. Five quick tricks to us and a near top. Declarer must have reasoned that he would make his contract if the Heart King was onside, but did not consider that he was in for a bottom if it was not! Heart 8 lead was a dead give away – top of nothing.

### Session 4 Board 30

Dlr E                    NORTH  
Nil Vul                ♠ K 9  
                          ♥ A Q 9 7 5 3  
                          ♦ 6 4 2  
                          ♣ 7 6

WEST (David)	EAST (Ray)
♠ Q 10 8 7 4 3	♠ A J
♥ K 10	♥ 6 4
♦ 8 7 5	♦ A K Q 10
♣ A 3	♣ K Q J 9 8

SOUTH  
♠ 6 5 2  
♥ J 8 2  
♦ J 9 3  
♣ 10 5 4 2

We ended up in 4 Spades by West. Six would have been better, but no one found that. Opening lead Diamond 4, won by dummy's Ace. Club 8 from dummy to my Ace, followed by Spade 3 to dummy's Jack. Next came dummy's Ace of Spades, and then 3 top clubs and 3 top diamonds. Thanks to South declining to ruff the final Diamond winner, I was allowed to discard all my losers, returning to hand with a club ruff finishing with all the winning spades. 13 tricks and another good board for us.

Both boards demonstrating that you don't need skill to score well, you just need the opposition to make an error!

## TONY'S TIPS:

### CHOSING YOUR OPENING LEAD - BE PREPARED

You pick up your cards, sort and count points. Not sufficient to open, nor shapely enough to open pre-emptively. It is your bid so you pass. Player on your left opens 1Club- standard, and partner passes. Player on your right makes a bid. Since neither you nor partner hold a biddable hand you may assume one of you will be on opening lead (50% chance it will be you). Therefore if you haven't already done so now is the time to consider a suitable card. Don't wait till the bidding is concluded although your final choice may not become clear till the last bid. Say, for example, the opponents change to a NT contract in

preference to a suit, or vice versa. In short you should be ready to lead your opening card, **face down** on any board, once it becomes clear that the opponents own the contract.

### Teaching programme 2010

**Beginner's classes: 2 courses, each over 9 weeks, followed by supervised play. Each course to be conducted in 2 classes, one during the day (starting 9.30), the other an evening class (starting at 7.30).**

### NEW MEMBERS:

**Arana Bridge Club welcomes  
John Scrivens  
Kerry-Ann Anderson  
Jane Paterson**

**Arana Leagues Club  
Community Courtesy Bus  
Now Available:  
To book, telephone 3354 1333**



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May arrange transport from their home to  
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