



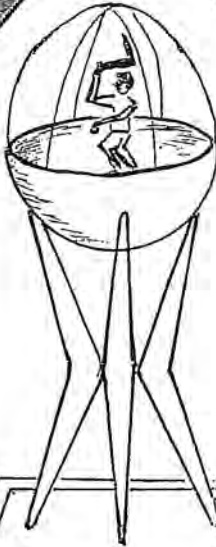
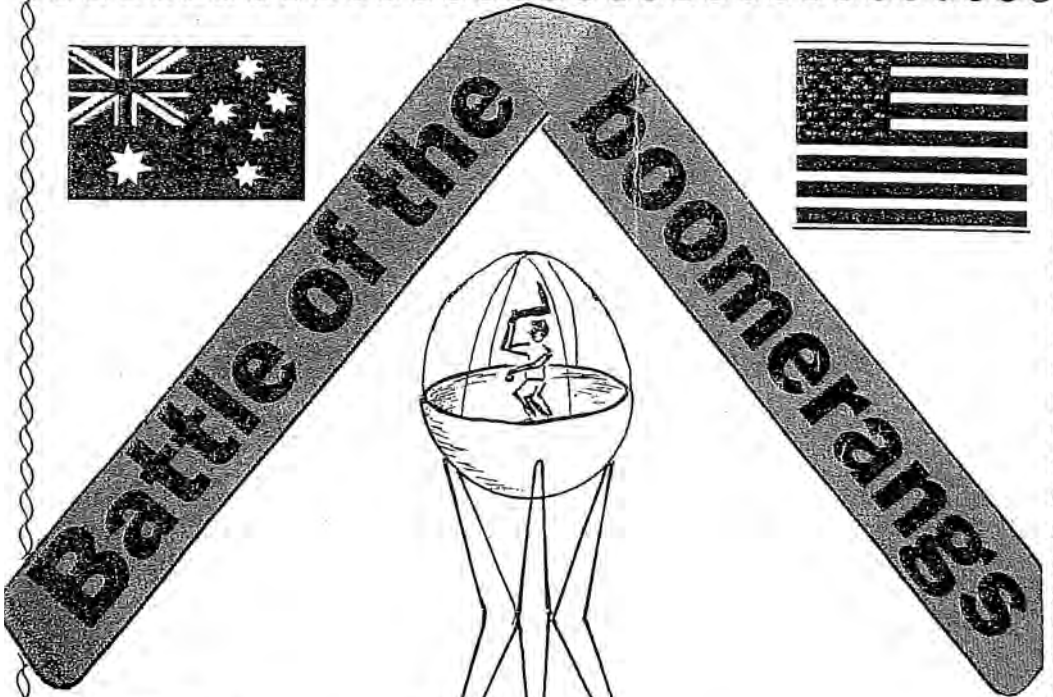
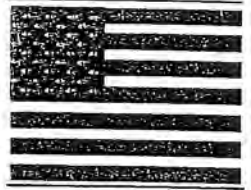
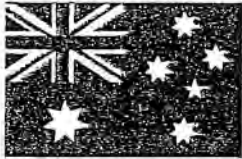
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Australia's Boomerang Cup

**UNCLE
TOBYS**

Editorial

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This Bulletin deals largely with the first international match between the U.S.A. and Australia, the importance of which should not be underestimated. It is important, not so much for who wins and loses, but for the promotion of the sport in this country and overseas. The mass media have all been advised, institutions and Government Departments have suddenly realised that we exist as a serious sport and (if we play our cards right) it should be a step to getting further Government recognition in the near future.

But none of this happens by itself. Ultimately, the success of our efforts depends on how much of our membership is committed to the sport, and to what extent. Left to a few people to promote it, there is little likelihood of real advancement, simply because of the logistics of time and manpower. But if every member made it his or her concern to regularly get just one other person interested in the sport, and signed up as a member, the principle of multiplication of numbers would mean new growth as a national association. It was reported, for example, at the Special General Meeting in Albury last month, that this was how Little Athletics grew from a handful of registered members in 1964 to over 27,000 this year.

Speaking of promotion, have you got your transfer for your T-shirt or Jacket yet? It advertises the Australia/U.S.A. Test matches, costs only 50 cents, and is a great way to help others see boomerang throwing as a national and international sport. They are available from the various BAA executive members, so you can start advertising the sport right now!

As the next Bulletin will not be until the new year (yes, it IS that close!), on behalf of the executive of the BAA, may I wish all members and their families a time of peace, joy and happiness over Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

Let's make it "BOOMERANGS AND YOU IN '82".

TONY BUTZ

SYDNEY THROWERS



Gary Durrant



Peter Jonson



Tony Butz

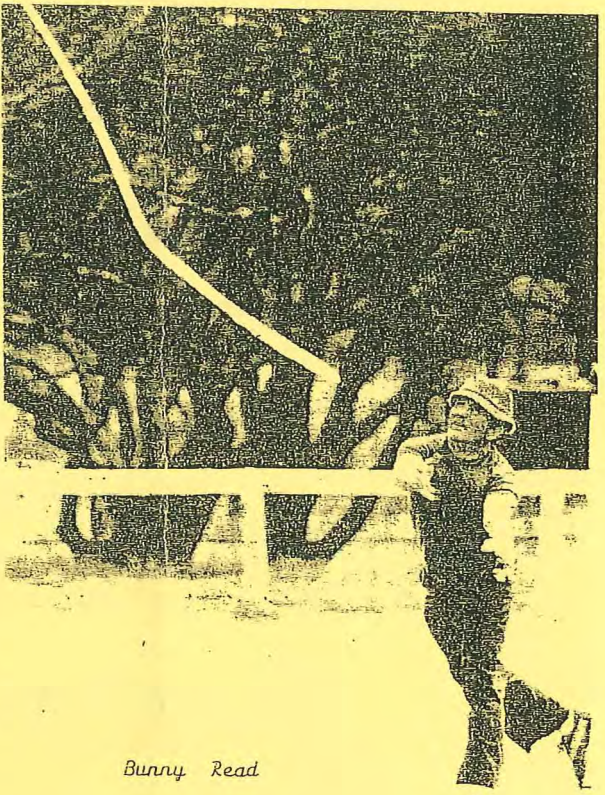
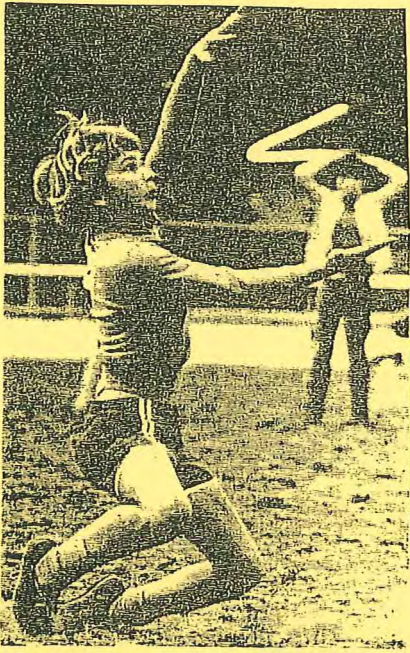
# our oldest sport



*Veteran Arthur Janetzki*



*Joe Lewry*



*Bunny Read*

AUSTRALIA'S BOOMERANG CUP RULES

As most thinking people will appreciate, the biggest problem in developing these has been communication ... the old stumbling blocks of time and distance. When Ben and his team arrive, we shall all sit down with them and make crystal clear the rules, in all their finest details.

However, we have basic rules. There will be team competitions in Catching, Accuracy, Distance, Duration and General Championship. In most events throwers will throw 'on the line'. Points will be awarded to the winning team in each competition. In a competition all throwers' scores are added up and the team with the highest score gets the points. There are 100 points to be won, which will be awarded as follows :

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Catching             | 15 |
| Accuracy             | 15 |
| Distance             | 15 |
| Duration             | 15 |
| General Championship | 40 |

Demonstration throwing will probably be done at the beginning (juggling, doubling, etc.).

The selection committee for the Australian Team at each venue will be President Jack Byham (Chairman), Dennis Maxwell and Br. Brian Thomas. Correct procedures should be followed by all throwers at all times. Since our main value in promoting the sport during this tour will no doubt be the media, correct procedure should be followed here. It has been decided that any media inquiries should be directed to the Team Captain, who may then direct them onto various throwers, as is appropriate. State captains are : Victoria - Dennis Maxwell, Albury - Les Janetzki, Sydney - Tony Butz and Queensland - Bob Burwell. Br. Thomas is the Australian Captain.

At each competition the BAA is supplying a Victory Banner to the winning team as a memento of the historic occasion. May both teams have their fair share of success!

Travel from Melbourne to Ballarat, Wycheproof, Cobram, Albury, Canberra and Sydney will be by private transport, with team members sharing the petrol costs. Australians are organising their own accommodation throughout the tour.

The Melbourne Mob - led by Dennis and Morris - have interesting tours organised for our overseas challengers. Bunny has something cooked up in Wycheproof, as does Jack Byham in Cobram and Ken Ovington in Albury. In Sydney on the 21st Bruce Kyle has organised a dinner at the Drummoyne Yachting Club (and then to Bruce's den), while Duncan MacLennan is having a barbecue for both teams at his Mother's place on the 23rd. Naturally, the American team will be the guests at these functions, compliments of the Aussie team members. While in Sydney they will be staying at the Hampton Court Family Hotel, Kings Cross. In Brisbane, Bob Burwell and Steve Glover have things well in hand with accommodation at the Griffiths University being supplied by Steve ... thanks Steve! What the Barrier Reef has in store for them I don't know. Let's hope they don't suffer Captain Cook's fate!! Like Jonah, may they have a whale of a time! With this challenge history is being made .. let us look back on it with satisfaction, friendliness and justifiable pride in our efforts.





Australian Boomerang Cup  
Team Squad

Br. Brian Thomas (Captain & Selector)  
 Dennis Maxwell (Selector)  
 Jack Byham (Chairman of Selectors)  
 Bob Burwell  
 Barrie Forsyth  
 Morris Maxwell  
 Bob Croll  
 Chris Westall  
 Andrew Travis  
 Billy Knight  
 Sharryn Knight  
 Joe Lewry  
 Geoff Rawson  
 Bob Schroeder  
 Bunny Read  
 Michael Ovington  
 Chris Henzgen

Australia's  
Management Committee

Jack Byham  
 Morris Maxwell  
 Dennis Maxwell  
 Br. Thomas

U.S.A. Team

Ben Ruhe (Captain)  
 Ali Fujino (Manager)  
 Carl Naylor  
 Al Gerhards  
 Steve Miller  
 Eric Darnell  
 Chet Snouffer  
 Peter Ruhf  
 Barry Ruhf  
 Jerry Caplan  
 Barnaby Ruhe  
 Doug Du Fresne  
 Stuart Jones  
 Rusty Harding

# good sports

Official Judges : Tony Butz (Australia) and Ali Fujino (America).

State Captains will select their State teams and should notify any throwers required as soon as possible. Distance throwing will probably not be part of the State Challenge matches unless organised with Ben and Ali. If not, then 5 points could be added to each of the other 15% comps.

The Australian selectors will have the State throws to guide them in their decisions. Let us turn a blind eye to any differences we may have and get right behind each other with full co-operation and support. It's going to be a great time. Let's make it that!



ITINERARY FOR AMERICAN VISIT

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NOVEMBER 1981

- Thursday, 12th : Arrival in Melbourne ... settling in.
- Friday, 13th : Tour of Melbourne. State Challenge Match 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Saturday, 14th : Sight seeing day.
- Sunday, 15th : 1st Australian-American Test - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm at Flinders Park
- Monday, 16th : 8.00 am by cars to Ballarat ... sight seeing ... onto Wycheproof (Bunny Read's Boomerang Factory) ... stay night there.
- Tuesday, 17th : Onto Cobram ... inspect Jack Byham's Boomerang Factory ... lunch there ... onto Albury.
- Wednesday, 18th : Albury Challenge Match - 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm at Alexandra Park.
- Thursday, 19th : 2nd Australian-American Test - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
- Friday, 20th : 6.30 am off to Canberra ... tour and sight see ... 5.00 pm to Sydney
- Saturday, 21st : Sight seeing day of Sydney
- Sunday, 22nd : Sydney Challenge Match at Chaplin Oval, Mars Road, Lane Cove - 12 noon till 4.00 pm.
- Monday, 23rd : 3rd Australian-American Test (final one) at Birchgrove Oval, Balmain, at 12 noon till 4.00 pm. Presentation of Uncle Toby's "Australia's Boomerang Cup" (valued at \$1000).
- Tuesday, 24th : Tour of the Blue Mountains.
- Wednesday, 25th : Fly to Brisbane. State Challenge Match 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Thursday, 26th : Depart to the Barrier Reef
- December 1st : Return flight to America.

This competition in Australia has been organised by the Boomerang Association of Australia, a member of the Confederation of Australian Sports.

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Uncle Toby's

AUSTRALIA'S BOOMERANG CUP

1981



# Looking good

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*Barrie Forsyth in action*





8TH ANNUAL NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T  
 NOW YOU SEE IT AGAIN  
 SMITHSONIAN RESIDENT ASSOCIATE PROGRAM  
 BOOMERANG TOURNAMENT

JUNE 13, 1981, 1:30 p.m.  
 POLO FIELD, WEST POTOMAC PARK, WASHINGTON, D.C.

ADVANCED COMPETITIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS

1. Consecutive Catching. Line (or lines) form. First player in line throws. If player makes catch, he/she goes to end of line. A drop and the player is out. When field narrows, simultaneous throwing by all the remaining players may be ordered by the referee. Last one in wins.
2. Doubling. Line (or lines) form. Player at head of line launches two boomerangs at once and must catch both or he/she is out. If catch is made, player goes to end of line. Last one in wins. Smithsonian record is five double catches.
3. Maximum Time Aloft. Each player is given one throw only. He tries to keep boomerang airborne for maximum amount of time. In order to score, boomerang must be caught. Winner is player with boomerang that is airborne for the greatest length of time. Smithsonian record is 16.4 seconds.
4. Juggling. Line (or lines) form. Player at head of line launches boomerang. As it is coming around, he/she launches a second boomerang, catches the first and relaunches the first, etc. The object is to keep a boomerang in the air at all times without a drop. Winner is player with highest total of catches during an uninterrupted juggle. Smithsonian record: 10 catches.
5. Pinwheel Catching. This competition is for any size, six-bladed boomerangs only. Line forms and each player in turn throws. A catch must be made spinning on the palm for a minimum of two seconds. If catch is made, player goes to end of line. When field narrows, more difficult tie-breaking catches may be ordered, viz. catching behind the back, catching and transferring the boomerang behind the back to the other hand, catching on the head. Last one in wins.

ADVANCED COMPETITION FOR TEAMS OF 5 PLAYERS

6. One Minute Fast Catching. At the start signal all players on a given team begin launching and catching boomerangs. Multiple launches by players are permitted; drops do not count. Winner is team with the highest number of team catches in 1 minute.

OPEN COMPETITION FOR TEAMS OF 5 PLAYERS

7. Grand Finale. Each team gets one minute to stage a routine (such as forming a pyramid for catches, jousting, etc.). Teams are judged on originality, skill, aesthetics and showmanship. Costumes may be worn. Applause by the crowd determines the winner.



### GENERAL RULES

- A. If players want to compete in team events, they must join a team. Each team should register as a unit and designate a captain.
- B. Players must keep scorecards with them at all times for presentation to judges during competitions. At the close of the tournament, players are requested to turn their scorecards in at the registration table so that a complete record of the tournament can be maintained by tournament officials.
- C. Players must wear large numbers distributed to them by registrars so that tournament announcers can direct the attention of watchers to the performances of outstanding competitors. Players must return their numbers to the registration table at the tournament's end.
- D. No warm-ups are permitted before (beginning at 11 a.m.) or during the tournament. Violators may be barred from entering tournament competitions.
- E. All boomerangs used in competitions must be reasonably small and light. Boomerangs with three or more arms are not permitted in competitions except as specified. Referee's determination on size and weight will be final.
- F. For a boomerang throw to be considered a fair throw, it must travel a minimum distance of 10 yards outward.
- G. Gloves for throwing and catching are permitted. Artificial launching or catching devices are barred.
- H. Awards will be made after each competition or cluster of competitions.
- I. Decisions of the referee and judges will be final, unless shouted down by a really overwhelming majority of the crowd present.

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# ALBURY 1981

## 1981 ALBURY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rain and wind, in most atypical Albury weather, greeted contestants on Saturday morning of the long weekend at Alexandra Park. A meeting was held of those present and it was suggested that the first event might be throwing boomerangs from Porsche-powered speedboats and catching one-handed underwater! This suggestion was out-voted in favour of keeping as close to the advertised programme as conditions allowed. President Jack Byham summed up the general feeling when he said "It is just not boomerang throwing weather, but people have come hundreds of miles for this competition. How could we call it off?"



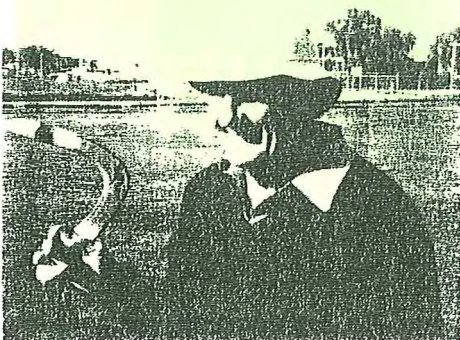
Jack Byham, President

So, the Accuracy event was held first, as scheduled, using on-the-line throwing (i.e. each competitor having one throw, in turns, and the total for five throws on the accuracy circles recorded for each contestant). With this, a new scoring system, proposed by NSW BTA Secretary, Tony Butz, was tried as well, to test its validity as an alternative scoring system without accuracy circles. Throwers had to leave their boomerangs where they landed (unless in the centre accuracy circle where the distance to the pin was measured to the nearest point on the boomerang, and the stick then removed so the next thrower would not tread on it). Points were given to the four boomerangs closest to the pin, in descending scores of 4 to 1. (The results can be compared with the older system in the table below).

In the Junior Accuracy, a tie on 8 points between Sam MacNamee (Sydney) and Michael Ovington (Albury) led to a throw-off of three more attempts each. Sam just beat Michael to take "nearest to the pin" in the Junior section, with a distance of 900 mm. The Senior Accuracy was taken by Chris Westall (Albury) with the first boomerang he ever made (8 or more years ago) when a pupil of Bro. Brian Thomas, who came second! George Tunstall (Wycheproof - Bunny's mate!) won "Nearest to the Pin" with a distance of 135 mm. The scores reflect the true conditions under which the event was held: The Juniors were held in extremely gusty conditions while the Seniors had near perfect weather.



George Tunstall, Nearest the Pin



| COMPETITORS<br>NAME | ACCURACY CIRCLES |       | NEW SYSTEM |       |
|---------------------|------------------|-------|------------|-------|
|                     | Total            | Place | Total      | Place |
| C. Westall          | 28               | 1     | 11         | 1     |
| Br. B. Thomas       | 25               | 2     | 11         | 2     |
| G. Tunstall         | 24               | 3     | 9          | 3     |
| M. Maxwell          | 21               | 4     | 7          | 4     |
| B. Read             | 20               | 5     | 2          | 7     |
| C. Henzgen          | 20               | 5     | 7          | 4     |
| B. Knight           | 12               | 7     | 4          | 6     |
| T. Butz             | 8                | 8     | 1          | 8     |
| A. Travis           | 7                | 9     | 0          | 9     |
| J. Lewry            | 5                | 10    | 0          | 9     |
| R. Croll            | 4                | 11    | 0          | 9     |
| L. Knight           | 0                | 12    | 0          | 9     |

### JUNIOR ACCURACY RESULTS

Nearest the Pin : Sam MacNamee - 900mm

Accuracy : First - Sam MacNamee 8 + 4

Second - Michael

(The Editor would value members' comments on the relative merits of each system. Let's have a flood of letters and opinions to publish next Bulletin!)

As the winds were now over 15 km/h, it was decided to try Duration of Flight, with the qualifying criterion being that the boomerang had to land within the 40 m circle. 19 throws altogether were carried out of the 40 m circle by the wind, including 4 of the 5 throws by the eventual winner, Andrew Travis of Melbourne. Andrew, showing that our Aborigines definitely knew the secret of a lofty flight, battled the winds to keep his "knobbed fibreglass V" up for a qualifying 13.9 seconds. The best throws of other competitors were :

(2nd) B. Read - 13.5; B. Knight - 12.8; Br. Thomas - 11.9; R. Croll - 11.8;  
G. Tunstall - 11.2; S. Knight - 10.9; L. Knight - 10.1; C. Westall - 10.0;  
T. Butz - 9.9; L. Janetzki - 8.9; J. Byham - 8.5; A. Janetzki - 8.0.

Winds became even more gusty for the Consecutive Catching Competition (on-the-line). In the Junior Section, most throws landed well outside the 20m circle, but Michael Ovington (1981 Australian Junior Champion, Albury) managed to make 4 of his 5 throws qualify, and took the last 3 consecutively, to take first place. As Danny Flynn (Sydney) was the only other competitor to take a qualifying catch (with a thud against his chest) he took the runner-up's trophy with a new Burwell-designed Napoleon's Hook.



Danny Flynn

The Senior Catching result sheet reads like a disaster as the winds eliminated even our past champions on their first or second throws. Only six competitors made it to the second round, and only the winner, Chris Westall, made good his second catch in this round. The remainder had another round to determine second place, and Tony Butz (Sydney) and Bob Croll (Melbourne) survived to have a throw-off. Tony caught his one-handed above his head, while Bob caught his (Henzgen-style) with a crouch roll (i.e. a C-roll!). Only Bob made good his next catch, to take second place.

The Junior General Competition was taken easily by (again!) Michael Ovington, using a small Janetzki Admiral. Despite the wind, Michael threw with amazing consistency, to score a total of 22 points. Other results of this competition were : (2nd) S. MacNamee - 9; J. Knight - 7; A. Cosgayon, D. Flynn and P. Walsh - 4; P. Avery - 0.

A barbecue was arranged by Albury organiser, Ken Ovington, and this most enjoyable time to munch and mutter together about boomerangs was a good social activity before the Special General Meeting held in the evening. Jack Byham showed he was still in good form as he hurled some hunting sticks at a log that was, for our purposes, fair game. (A report on the meeting is included in this Bulletin).

Sunday saw the Albury weather we are used to - mild and warm, with a gentle breeze (still a bit soggy underfoot, but you can't have everything!). The Senior General Championship got underway and, not to be outdone, young Michael Ovington decided it was not enough to win the Junior Section - he was going to take on the big guns as well by entering the senior event! The first round saw Bob Croll take the lead by one point over Bro. Thomas (Sydney) who was one point ahead of ... yes, Michael Ovington, in third place. Round 2 and Bro. Thomas pulled 60 points out of the bag to be well in front on a total of 114 at the end of the second round. Bob Croll took 102 and BAA Secretary, Morris Maxwell (Melbourne) and Michael Ovington scored 94 each, to put these four into the finals.

To keep to schedule, it was decided only 5 throws instead of the usual 10 would be allowed each finalist. This time it was Bob who produced 60 points to win the Albury General Championship for 1981, by one point from National Coach, Bro. Brian Thomas. Final places were :

Other competitors scored (over 2 rounds) :  
A. Travis & T. Butz - 72; B. Read 71; J. Lewry 67;  
S. Knight 66; C. Henzgen 58; L. Janetzki 55;  
C. Westall 53; L. Knight 48; B. Knight 44; A. Janetzki 36;  
G. Tunstall 35; D. Travis 33.

Trophies were presented by Alderman Pat Gould, deputising for Mayor Roach and this was followed by our first attempt at a novelty event enjoyed by our American counterparts - juggling.

Two boomerangs had to be thrown, and one kept in the air at all times - no missing or dropping of catches allowed. The wind was back, but in good spirits various contestants took to the field and, after rather disastrous results overall, the event was won by Bunny Read with 5 catches.

By far the most notable thing, amidst Saturday's inclement weather, was the atmosphere of good fun and friendship, both during events and at other times, as competitors urged one another on - not against each other but against the weather. Ken Ovington's programme, the barbecue and the trophies were very much appreciated by all who

participated. Once again, our most sincere thanks to Mr. Ian Barker, Pharmacist, who again donated the trophies (as he has done for the past 5 years) - a most generous sponsor of the sport.



Michael Ovington

# THANKS!

We wish to convey our thanks to the Boomerang Association of Australia - including all members - for the kindness shown to us in making us Honorary Life Members.

We hope our health will permit us to still contribute in some way in the future.

Arthur and Les Janetzki.



Bunny Read, Juggling Novice.

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# LEGEND LIVES ON



The following is a summary only of the main points of discussion from the Special General Meeting in Albury on 3rd October, 1981. The official Minutes are quite detailed and (as mentioned in Bulletin No. 25, p. 11) will be sent only to members who replied to the National Secretary, as requested.

Twenty people were present at the meeting which spent most of the time in discussion on the American visit. Due to considerable correspondence between the Tour Organisers in each country, over the rules and arrangements, it was considered appropriate to alter the decision made at the last A.G.M. which stipulated that the Australia's Boomerang Cup be contested on the basis of the General Competition only. Consequently, while the General Competition still rightly holds a major place overall in the contests, other competitions have been included to appeal more to spectators and mass media, and to involve more contestants more often. (Note the report on the new contest rules by National Coach and Tour Organiser, Bro. Brian Thomas, in this Bulletin).

Sponsorship for the tour at this stage has been accepted only by Uncle Toby's Oats who have generously provided \$1000 for the Cup. Tracksuit companies have been approached to outfit the Australian team. Transfers advertising the contests are available at 50 cents each and approval was given for ordering a larger coloured version.

N.S.W. State Secretary, Tony Butz, reported on progress of the sport within the State since the A.G.M. This included over fifty pieces of incoming correspondence, mostly from State Government organisations and businesses, registration in the N.S.W. Sports Calendar, attendance at a valuable State Sports Administration Course, establishment with over twenty branches of the mass media in Sydney, a large percentage increase in financial members, eligibility for State Government grants, and the importance of printed material advertising the BAA's activities.

Following this report, two motions were put by the N.S.W. Secretary and approved by the meeting. The first was that entry to all BAA competitions be restricted to financial members of the BAA. The reasons were : primarily to cover ourselves legally for injuries to competitors; to improve the quality of competition; and to get greater commitment from those participating at competition level. The second motion concerned promotion of the sport with the Commonwealth Government.

The Boomerang Bulletin editor reported on the importance of communication at all levels - regularly and accurately. Opinions on the new format of the Bulletin were sought, and members were asked to contribute articles on boomerangs and on themselves. Thanks were extended to Bro. Brian Thomas, whose tireless efforts on the administration side of production have made regular publishing possible.

Secretary Morris Maxwell extended his thanks to both Bro. Thomas and Tony Butz for the Bulletin improvements. President Jack Byham moved a vote of thanks to Ken Ovington for organisation of the Albury Championships. Les and Arthur Janetzki, patrons of the N.S.W. Association, were made Honorary Life Members for their services to Boomerang Throwing over the years and their involvement in BAA activities in a very active way.

## GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1981

**NEW MEMBERS** *A very warm welcome to Ivan & Leon Willis, Lindfield.*

# Boomerang Bleeper Gives Blind Children Another Skill

Interest in boomerangs around the world has been stirred this year by the bleeping boomerang for blind people. The AIS sent the article overseas and it has been published in at least 6 countries: Japan, Thailand, New Zealand, Malaysia (Sarawak and Borneo), Philippines and New Guinea. At least 9 papers received the story in Japan. This article was in the "Shonen Shojyo Shimbun"! - circulation 130,000. Our thanks to Rob Curtis (AIS) for his efforts.

BAN MUANG - 31.5.81

Thailand

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## **Boomerang Bleeper Gives Blind Children Another Skill**



Brother Thomas instructing Peter Mercia, 15, and Michael Gersbach, 10, in boomerang throwing. The bleeper is fitted in the crook of the boomerang. AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION SERVICE PHOTOGRAPH by Bill Payne.

*Boomerang throwers in Australia, the Netherlands, and Japan have co-operated to give children at St. Edmund's, a Sydney school for the blind, another skill - throwing boomerangs. Brother Brian Thomas, a teacher and the Australian Boomerang Association coach, wanted to introduce the children to boomerang throwing as a contribution to the International Year of Disabled Persons, but his attempt to make boomerangs audible in flight by fitting bells was not successful. Max Hoeben, of Amstelveen, the Netherlands, president of the European Boomerang Federation, had fitted lights to boomerangs so they could be seen at night. At Brother Thomas' request, he developed a miniaturized battery-powered 'bleeper' so blind children could follow them in flight. Bleeper parts were sent by a boomerang thrower in Japan. Brother Thomas hopes that the boys will now be able to take part in another outdoor activity, just as they play soccer and cricket with balls fitted with bells. Photo shows Brother Thomas instructing Peter Mercia, 15, and Michael Gersbach, 10, in boomerang throwing. The bleeper is fitted in the crook of the boomerang. (AISPphoto by Bill Payne)*



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