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WORLD'S YOUNGEST CHAMPION--2 YEAR OLD BEN LOVELAND--JUNIOR ACCURACY CHAMPION 1982

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Editorial

AUSTRALIA WAVES THE RULES !

At the recent National Championships and the General Annual Meeting, some little time was devoted to discussing aspects of rules. In the past, when we have concentrated on formulating rules for contests, we have thought in terms of what gives fair consideration to the aims of the BAA, the throwers and what the contests are supposed to be measuring. Last year's Australia V USA tournament brought out the further question of spectator and news media appeal. Despite the fact that we have not satisfactorily resolved (or even discussed satisfactorily) these aspects of the rules, I wish here to raise two other matters closely related to these issues.

First, the matter of officials (range stewards, judges, referees). At the last A.N.C.'s and in the Aust. V USA tournament, officials were hampered - very considerably - by constant interruptions from both contestants and non-competing throwers. I refer principally to people wandering up and having a casual chat about all sorts of things while the contest is being judged. It is made worse when an official is then accused, by one of these people, of not paying attention to what is taking place in the contest area. We have enough difficulty now getting people to act as officials for our events; but if this type of action persists, we will have no qualified people to do the job of officiating; they will refuse to do the job in order to preserve their sanity and integrity. Think about it. I propose an inclusion of some sort be made to our rules to prevent these interruptions and distractions.

Second, it seems to me there are three main groups of people in the rules debate:

- 1) those who think we should not change a thing, now or ever;
- 2) those who think we should make a whole new set of international standard rules to use for all occasions; and
- 3) those who think we should be able to keep changing our rules to suit current trends at the time.

To the first, I say: the dinosaurs couldn't adapt either, and where are they today?

To the second: who is/are going to do this? and how? and when? and the USA has already started (note: with current BAA rules as the basis).

And to the third: congratulations on volunteering to pay for the reprinting of new rules every six months (or six weeks?).

Lest it be said that your editor is just being cynical, I propose an alternative: a number of different contest rules in each of the five categories (Accuracy, Catching, Long Distance, All-round Championship, and Novelty), one to be chosen from each for any particular championship or competition, to suit the number and ability of throwers, conditions of the day, type and size of throwing area, importance of the event, etc.

Whatever we do, let's get on with it soon, or we will be beaten to the punch by our friends overseas, who already have shown us that they, at least, take the sport seriously.

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A cheery welcome to MATTHEW WILLIAMS of ROSEVILLE, N.S.W.

P.S. There's plenty of space for more members.
Your name, and our magazine, goes to 10 countries.

THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST
CHAMPION

BEN LOVELAND

2 YEARS OLD

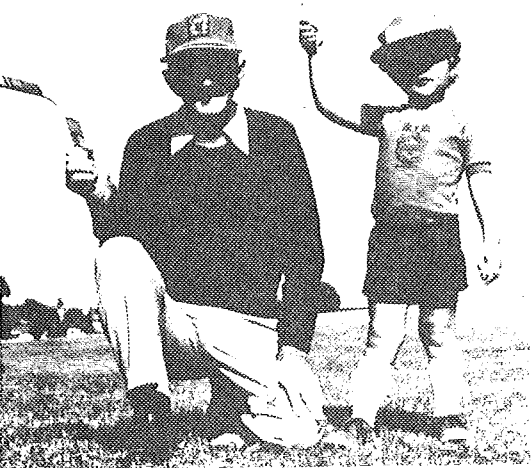
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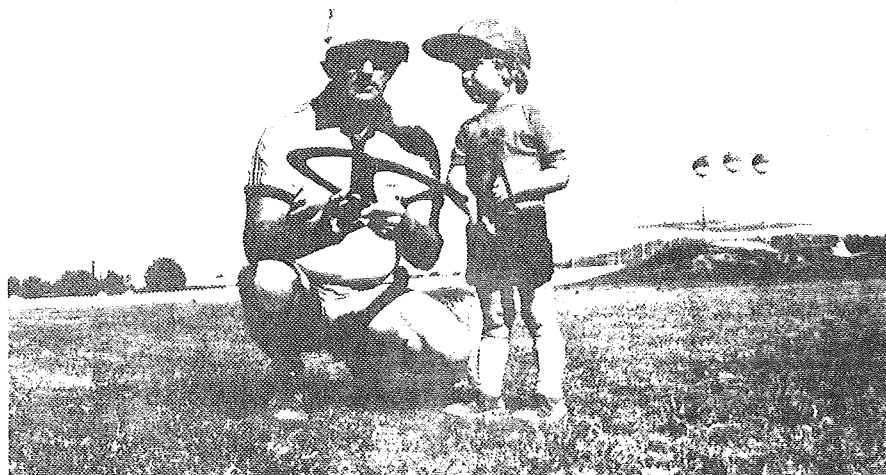


Ben lets fly for the title watched by coach,Dad, Trevor,and judge,Tony Butz. Ben wears a safety helmet for protection against his accurate returns!!



FOR ALL AGES!!!

Les Janetzki,81, and Ben Loveland,2,show their boomerangs for the comps.



TWO CHAMPIONS !!

Grandpa Bunny Read, winner of Australian General and 5 Catches gets some advice from Junior Accuracy Champion, Ben Loveland.

THREE GENERATIONS OF THROWERS

Mum (Leanne), Bunny (Grandpa) and little Ben.



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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

held at ALBURY, N.S.W. APRIL 3rd & 4th

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Winner of the 1982 Australian General Championship was .. quite convincingly.. Bunny Read of Wycheproof, Victoria. He is truly a worthy holder of this distinguished title. Bunny is the living example of that age-old maxim "Practice makes perfect", as Bunny probably does more throwing than any other thrower throughout the world! He hand tests the 15,000 boomerangs he makes, as well as gives innumerable demos on weekends around the countryside. We gather that other members of the family must have been giving him a hand too judging on their wonderful performances too.

What a great double for Bunny. First the National Title and then he demolished Doug Du Fresne's record time for the Shortest Time for 5 Catches with a dazzling 33.00 seconds with some very accurate throwing. And would you believe his boomerang for this event has lead weights in it! Great work, Bunny, and congratulations on another World Title and Record.

Of course, the Reads weren't satisfied with one World Record. They had to have two! Little Ben Loveland (Bunny's grandson) became the Youngest Competitive Thrower ever, and the Youngest National Title Holder (in any sport, I would imagine) when he won the Australian Junior Accuracy Championship with 16 points. His nearest rival was champion Michael Ovington on 6 points!! There must be something good in the tucker at Wycheproof! Although born at Wycheproof, Ben now lives several miles away at Charlton. Ben's parents, Trevor and Leanne, both threw excellently too..80 & 83.

Wycheproof, for those not well up on world geography, is a small town south of Swan Hill on the Murray River, in north-western Victoria. The train runs down the middle of the main road, where Bunny has his shop and factory. It also has the smallest official mountain in the world, where they hold the Man of the Mountain contest each year: you have to run up to the top and back with a sack of wheat on your back. Bunny hasn't won that yet! The local natives shower hospitality on visitors, as the Touring Teams discovered in November last.

Second place in the General went to current Moomba and Albury champion, Bob Croll, of Melbourne. Bob is one of our enthusiastic and improving young throwers, who gives the sport everything he has. We can do with more of his type.

Third place getter was Dr. Peter Jonson of Paddington, Sydney, who was competing in his first National titles. Peter is one of our few left-handers, and is relatively new to the sport. Enthusiasm and practice have given a very quick rise to success at the National level. He has got what he deserves. In June he is off to the USA on business, which happily co-incides with the USA competitions, so he will be a very worthy representative of ours along side Bob Burwell. We wish him every success.

Some members were keen to see a Man of the Match named. This would be taken on over-all performances. The only fully official results to hand are the Sunday's throwing. Judging on these results (using the placings/points system) our Man of the Match was clearly Chris Westall of Albury, who scored a 1st, 3rd and 4th. Bunny was in second place with two 1sts and an 18th. Chris Henzgen was third: 2nd, 5th; 16th.

This year the three top scorers in the Juniors were invited to compete in the Senior General Comp. Their performances were outstanding here: Paul Heath 90, Michael Ovington 90, and Peter Maxwell 75. Well done, fellows.

Competing for the first time in the Nationals, Paul Heath of Chatswood, Sydney, took out the Australian Junior General Championship against some of the strongest Junior competitors ever. A great effort, Paul! And he won using a boomerang he'd made himself!

Paul scored 85, while Peter Maxwell

was close behind on 78. Peter has the potential to one of our greatest left-handers ever, if

OLD AND NEW CHAMPIONS: MICHAEL OVINGTON 1981 CHAMP
TOGETHER WITH NEW 1982 CHAMPION PAUL HEATH.



he sticks at it. Trevor Ryan of Albury came out of retirement to tie with Michael Ovington on 69. Both these throwers took some fantastic catches. Alan Forsyth of S.A. wasn't far behind on 60, and has a very powerful throw. Nine year old Andrew Ryan made a very promising debut against the tough opposition, while Janine Knight showed what the female throwers could do. A great effort, kids!

Local organiser, Ken Ovington, aided by youngsters Les and Arthur and Michael, did another great job in getting the ground marked, publicity, etc. Many thanks again, Ken, on a mighty job.

Thanks also to Mike Egan for another marathon engraving job. We hate to see you unemployed, Mike.

Generous sponsor, Ian Barker, was present to make a wonderful speech and present the trophies. The BAA is deeply indebted to Ian for his constant support.

1982 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

SENIOR EVENTS

COMPETITOR	GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP	ACCURACY	5 CATCHES
J. Byham (Vic)	52	9	-
G. Durrant (N.S.W.)	77	20	-
Debbie Jenkins (Vic)	16	6	-
P. Maxwell (Vic) *	75	-	1m 11.00s
A. Webster (Vic)	43	19	-
I. Stapleton (Vic)	79	0	1m 15.00s
P. Byham (N.S.W.)	41	4	-
Archie Beutel (Q)	-	18	-
A. Forsyth (S.A.)	-	-	45.80s
T. Loveland (Vic)	80	19	1m 07.00s
T. Jenkins (Vic)	81	1	1m 30.00s
M. Maxwell (Vic)	71	20	-
		437 mm	
A. Thompson (Vic)	22	1	-
R. Croll (Vic)	94 + 84	2	1m 15.90s
C. Westall (N.S.W.)	91	22 (1st)	37.50s
A. Travis (Vic)	83	2	1m 02.00s
J. Bailey (Vic)	5	12	-
P. Heath (N.S.W.) *	90	-	51.80s
Leanne Loveland (Vic)	83	20	1m 00.00s
P. Jonson (N.S.W.)	92 + 43	15	-
M. Ovington (N.S.W.) *	90	-	1m 17.20s
Br. B. Thomas (N.S.W.)	54	20	-
T. Butz (N.S.W.)	62	9	47.70s
B. Forsyth (S.A.)	67	8	48.30s
C. Henzgen (Vic)	90	8	36.90s
D. Maxwell (Vic)	70	17	1m 25.20s
Les Janetzki (N.S.W.)	81	13	-
Arthur Janetzki (N.S.W.)	53	15	-
Bunny Read (Vic)	103 + 92 (1st)	7	33.00s (WORLD RECORD)
	JUNIOR EVENTS		CONSECUTIVE CATCHES
Ben Loveland (Vic) 2yrs.	14	16 (1st)	-
Paul Heath (N.S.W.)	85 (1st)	2	10
Michael Ovington (N.S.W.)	69	6	24 (1st)
Trevor Ryan (N.S.W.)	69	-	2
Alan Forsyth (S.A.)	60	2	0
Peter Maxwell (Vic)	78	4	3
Andrew Ryan (N.S.W.)	6	4	0
Janine Knight (Vic)	59	-	-

OUT OF THE AIR COMMENTS

The Wycheproof Connection were there in force..every member of the Read family except Heather threw..what about it,Heather?

Only one of last year's 5 finalists made it this year.. winner Bunny Read.

Of course, champion Bob Burwell was greatly missed.He's in training (financial as well as physical) for the Americans in June. Best of luck,Bob,from all in the BAA.

Bert Newton had better watch his job after the dazzling performance given on the mic by Julienne Forsyth! She put a lot of pep into the comp.

Use of a megaphone to relay scores back to the table proved very successful.It gave everyone the instant result of the throw,and kept the paper-work at the table.Could be very helpful on a wet drizzly day.

There was great family involvementment this year:the Reads,Loveland's,Jenkins,Maxwells, Byhams,Ryans and Forsyths.

Archie Beutel,who drove all the way from Crows Nest in Queensland,threw very well in the Accuracy Comp,and nearly took it out.Well done,Archie.Great to see you there.

Morris Maxwell's Nearest the Pin throw being measured by Barrie Forsyth and watched by Br.Thomas Man of the Match,Chris Westall, in action.



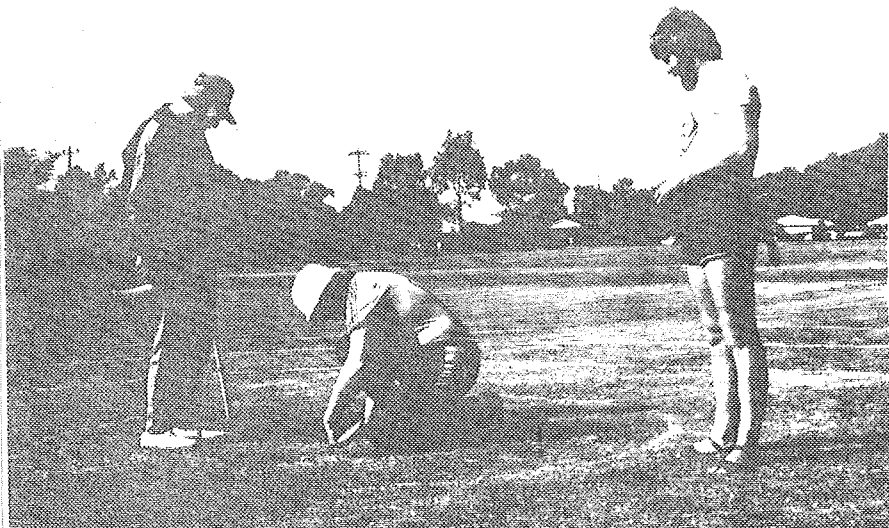
Andrew Travis



78 year old Arthur
Janetzki



Newcomer
John Bailey



The throwing standard in the Shortest Time for 5 Catches was truly outstanding, when you consider that six throwers did it in under 50 secs: Bunny, Chris Henzgen, Chris Westall, Alan Forsyth, Tony Butz and Barrie Forsyth.

Jack Byham has retired as President of the BAA. Jack's final act as President was to present the Wreckair Achievement Medallions to members of the Australian Team, plus others to life-members Les & Arthur Janetzki, organiser Ken Ovington and sponsors Ian Barker and Mike Egan. Medallions are being sent to other sponsors involved.

We are very grateful to Wreckair through Mike Flynn for sponsoring the Achievement Medallions, which will be present at official contests to throwers who don't win trophies, but reach a certain standard.

New President Br. Brian Thomas showed a new style of throwing. On Saturday his back gave out on him, so Sunday saw him throwing with a boomerang in one hand and a walking stick in the other. He said he might have done better in the General if he had thrown the walking stick instead!! Still, that's the old Aussie spirit of " 'Ave a go, mate!" You've got to be in it to win it.

Two very pleasing features of the Nationals were the impressive throwing of so many Juniors (our Seniors in a few years), and the top standard throwing of the new Seniors who took part; people like Trevor Loveland, Terry Jenkins, Ian Stapleton, Archie Beutel, and, of course, Peter Jonson. Selection in the next Australian Team will be considerably more difficult.

The American visit certainly spread some knowledge of boomerangs among people. However, skimpy media coverage has created some false impressions. Naturally emphasis was on the Americans; some people think Australia has no good throwers. Keep educating them. Tell them of the real results, what individuals achieved. Otherwise they will stay ignorant. Give them the truth.

ADELAIDE BRANCH BEGINS

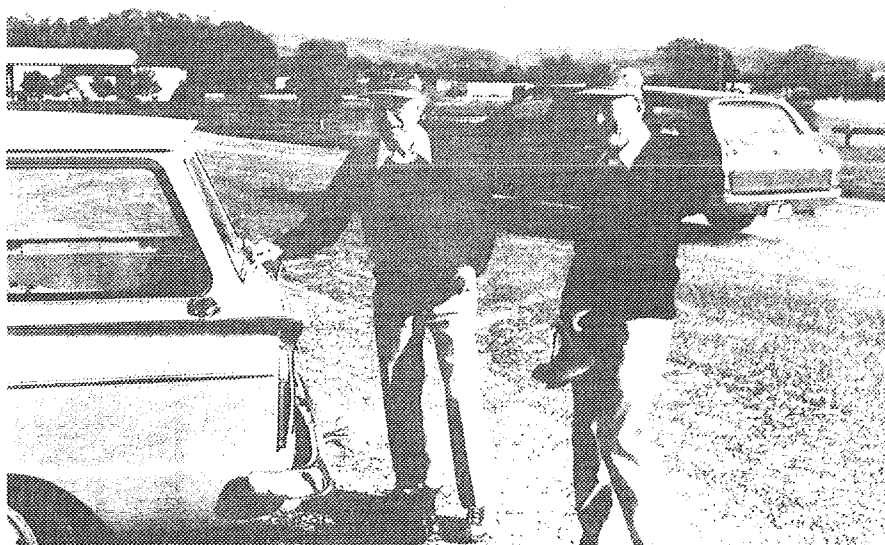
The birds got out of the way. Visitors to the festival of flight at the Adelaide Festival stopped to look as Mal Brooksby and your roving ambassador swung into action. We were throwing in an area set aside for launching and take-off of light planes and helicopters. Clearance was given by air traffic controllers once we promised not to violate a 100 foot ceiling ! There was a tricky breeze but most of the throws returned successfully to base.

Your ambassador received Mal's name from Barrie Forsyth. Mal is equipped by Bunny Read and has been working hard on his throwing. In coming weeks Mal will organise a group of Adelaide throwers to set up an Adelaide branch of the B.A.A. With occasional visits from Barrie and other throwers who visit Adelaide, the new group should have a great chance of success. If all goes well there should be a fourth state team within a year or so.

Interstate challenges and perhaps a carnival in conjunction with the National Championships would be a great way to generate publicity. Most importantly it will provide much needed competition in a team situation. As in Australian Rules, the Vics might start with an edge, but the others will be keen to give the bird to the boys with the big V on their chests.

Good luck, Mal. Who knows, perhaps you will be able to organise a national competition as part of the next Festival of Adelaide.

Peter Jonson
Your Roving Ambassador.
March 1982.



STILL GOING STRONG AND IN GOOD FORM

The 'boys', Les, 81, and Arthur, 78, Janetzki getting their boots on for another Nationals. Both are foundation members of the BAA, and were in top form this year.

Whistling Boomerang

by Robert Leckie

The British Boomerang Society Newsletter No 5 (June 1982) carried an article on whistling boomerangs and how to make them. In that issue I detailed one method, using thin layers of ply to build up a hollow chamber within the body - at each end of the arms of the boomerang. Further experimentation has shown that a simpler and more effective whistling boomerang can be made and without the need for a balancing chamber, unless one cared for a two-tone double ended whistler!

Again, some craft skill is required but this should be well within the capability of the enthusiast. As before, clean workmanship is essential. I have used the GEM pattern boomerang (designed by Herb. Smith to whom I am indebted) so that a tried and tested design could give me direct performance comparisons with and without a whistling device.

The results have been very gratifying, with no adverse effect on performance and a really piercing whistle in flight. So

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Blank out a GEM boomerang shape from 6mm 5-ply. Each arm 30cm long, 4.4cm wide and at 95°. (See Herb. Smith's book, "Boomerangs Making and Throwing Them") Do not bevel any edges at this stage.
2. At the end you do not intend to grasp in throwing, mark off two lines above and below the blank 5 cm apart and 4 cm from the end of the blade. Also mark out rectangle shown as darker lines. (Fig. 2)
3. Drill holes at each corner of this darker rectangle and cut out with a fret saw or Abrafille. Sand the inside surfaces perfectly smooth.
4. With a Stanley knife or scalpel, cut along each line marked (A - B) to a depth of one laminate only.
5. With a Stanley knife remove top and bottom layer of ply remaining between the cuts as in Fig. 1. A little heating in front of an electric fire will help soften the glue and the colour of the glue should determine the limit of removal. Sand the resulting surface carefully, leaving the vertical sides square and clean.
6. Cut out shapes C and D indicated in Fig. 3 out of 0.8 mm ply (this can be obtained from good modelling shops) so as to fit the space left by step 5 EXACTLY. Glue top and bottom plates in place as illustrated. Allow to dry.
7. Bevel and shape your boomerang in the normal fashion but use a sanding block near the whistle opening; do not use a rasp.
8. Sand the lip (indicated in Fig. 2) carefully, so that it is absolutely smooth and horizontal to the direction of flight.
9. Smooth the underside of the forward facing edge of plate D to produce a fine wedge within the sounding box, as indicated in Fig. 4.
10. Give your boomerang a fine coat of varnish. Allow to dry thoroughly.
11. Cut out a flat plate of metal to size of E. I use phosphor-bronze draught seal strip.
12. Cellotape strip across slot as shown in Fig. 2 for trial throws. Increase or reduce slot size from front to back until you strike optimum note and volume. You should get a strong note just by sweeping the boomerang downwards.
13. Mark off final position with a pencil and then fix the metal plate permanently with Araldite or Superglue.

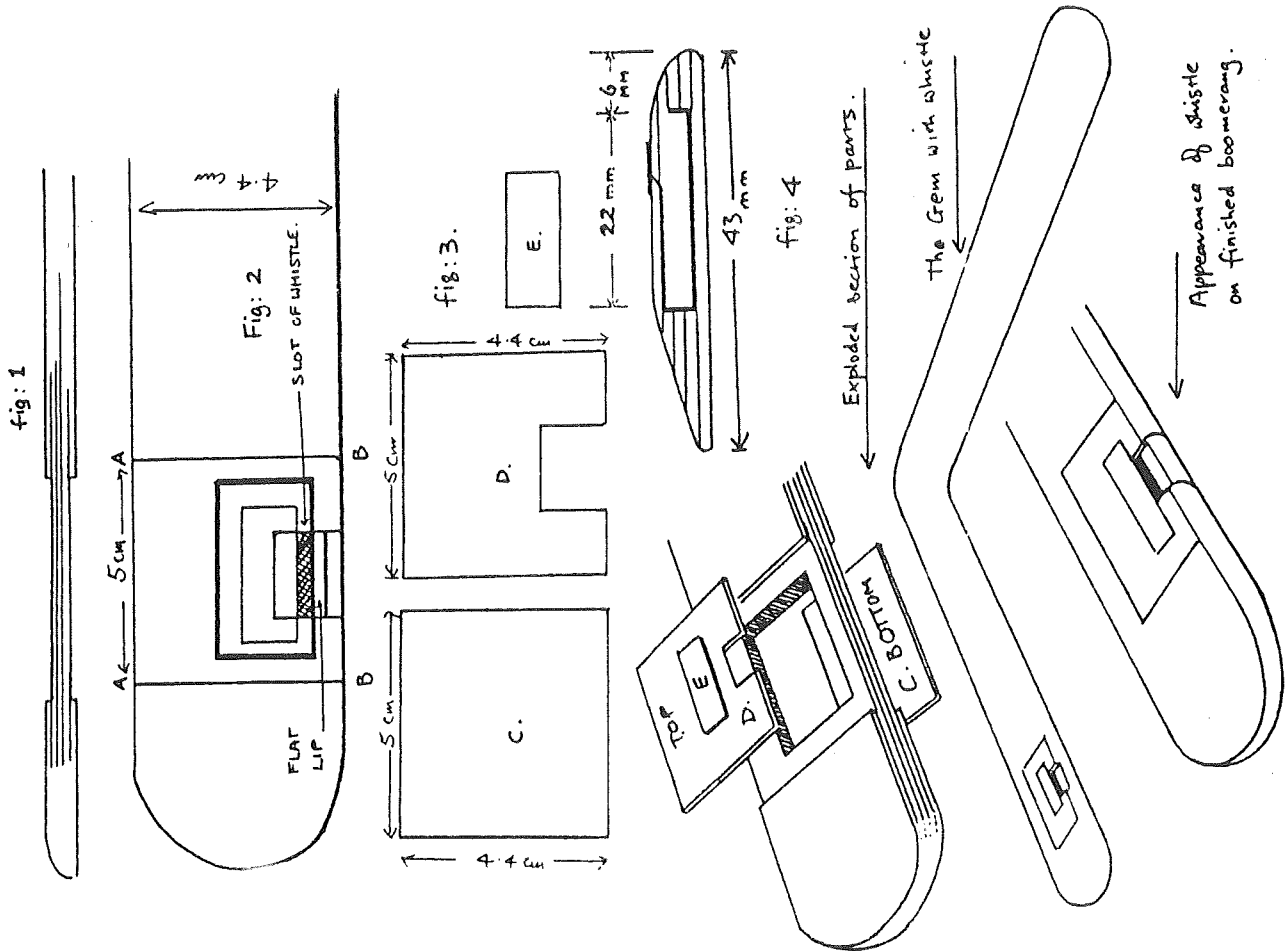
Go whistle your stick. B.B.S. will be heard!

Robert Leckie

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COMING EVENTS

- APRIL 25th FIRST BLUE MOUNTAINS CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Katoomba Falls Reserve at Noon.
Contact: Tony Butz (02) 95 4445
- MAY 15th SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Holder: Br.Brian Thomas)
at Whyalla.
Contact: Barrie Forsyth, 75 Norrie Ave., Whyalla Norrie.S.A.
(086) 457674
- JULY 11th CITY OF SYDNEY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Holder: Paul Heath)
at Chaplin Oval, Mars Rd., Lane Cove, at Noon.
Contact: Br.Thomas (02) 411 4733
- JULY 18th CITY OF SYDNEY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Holder: Morris Maxwell)
at Beauchamp Park, Nicholson St., Chatswood, at Noon.
Contact: Tony Butz (02) 95 4445
(As at the ANC the top three Juniors will be invited to take
part in the Senior General Championship event.)
- OCTOBER 3rd ALBURY CHAMPIONSHIPS (Holder: Bob Croll)
at Alexandra Park, East Albury, at 10 a.m.
Contact: Ken Ovington (060) 252648

REMEMBER..... YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT !!

U.S.A. '82

The Boomerang Association of Australia wishes God speed and every success to Bob Burwell and Peter Jonson (and maybe Jack Byham) who will be competing in the 1982 USA tournaments in June. May they bring back much success.

QUEENSLAND NEWS

Queensland throwers have formed the BOOMERANG THROWING ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND. We wish every success to this new body and its first President, Bob Burwell, who has done so much over the years to promote boomerangs and boomerang throwing. Patron of the association is long time thrower and manufacturer, Cec Burwell. Congratulations Cec and Bob.

New 1982 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPION

PAUL HEATH of SYDNEY

shows his catching style that helped win him the title this year.

