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Teach 'em young



PIED PIPER ADAM CARROLL AND HIS FOLLOWING: MICHAELA, JORDIE, TRENT, CRAIG, BLAIR & JUSTIN AT MULGOA 1994.



EDITORIAL

HERB A. SMITH , ENGLISH BOOMERANG LEGEND 1929 - 1995

Whenever the words Boomerangs and England are thrown together, the name which automatically pops into throwers' heads is Herb Smith. For many years Herb's name was constantly found in the Guinness Book of Records for the longest throw with a boomerang ... 108 yards. Of course Herb threw much farther on many occasions. Distance throwing was his great love. And so was making beautiful, handcrafted boomerangs which are known around the world. These were usually made of the light-coloured Finnish birch ply and then decorated tastefully by Herb (just a little design) and he left the beautiful wood to say the rest.

In 1994 Herb was getting well and truly into hunting sticks and had reached a distance of 140m with his throwing. But then his side and arm became very painful and he had to stop. Tests were done. Then, after a lifetime of planning, he finally decided to come to Australia to see his daughter, Amanda, and new grandson, Alexander, and his boomerang friends Downunder. In Sydney he was able to have a great get-together and witnessed Adam Carroll and Dave Martin throw MTAs over the one minute mark. He visited Tony Butz and saw his marvellous collection.

During his time here the pain became worse and more wide-spread down the side. On returning to England more tests were carried out, which confirmed the fact that he was suffering from multiple myelomas - a cancer of the bone (my father died from this). He stayed in hospital and was given chemotherapy, but on January 29 his brave battle finished and he died. He wouldn't tell Amanda how bad he was, although she had knowledge of this from a phone call to his doctor.

In 1985 I had the privilege of staying at Herb's place in Sussex for four days. I saw the great man in action winging his rangers out over the 100 metre mark constantly. Like the Man From Snowy River "He was small and tough and wiry, just the sort that won't say die."

How did I find Herb? A thorough English gentleman in every sense of the word. He had obviously kissed the Blarney Stone. What stories he told! What an interesting life he had lived! His early life was spent in the army in south-east Asia (his present wife Anim comes from Singapore). Following army life he worked for Her Majesty as a prison warden, bringing some warmth and humanity to the unfortunate inmates. While here archery became an absorbing interest. He was always skillful with his hands. Beautiful wooden toys bore witness to that. He loved his garden too, as any traditional English gentleman would, and was proud of his flowers.

Boomerangs came later in life for him, although his first encounter was as a boy. The frustrated boyhood interest re-surfaced later. He made determined efforts through museums etc, to obtain plans of how to make a boomerang. Success finally came. Along this road to discovery the main aspect to him seemed to be distance. He pursued this, finishing up with his name being etched into history through inclusion in the famous Guinness Book of Records for a throw of 108 yards. This stood for many years.

Herb Smith published a book on the making and throwing of boomerangs. To me this is still the clearest book on the subject. When he was visiting Waverley College in October last year I was fortunate enough to get Herb to decorate my book with some sketches ... truly treasured memories for me.

Over the many years we corresponded regularly and his beautiful hand written Italic Script letters are a gem in themselves to be ever treasured by me. They are a perpetual memory of a very gracious, dear and ever-close friend. May his soul rest in the peace of God.

Br. Brian M. Thomas, Australian National Boomerang Coach.

ENGLISH VETERAN HERB SMITH(65) WITH AUSSIE VETERAN KEN ARTHUR(73).



1921

TONY BUTZ AND HERB SMITH DISCUSSING.....BOOMERANGS, OF COURSE!



(THIS IS THE FINAL INSTALMENT OF TONY BUTZ'S ARTICLE)



25 YEARS OF BOOMERANG COMPETITION

1929

by TONY BUTZ

1979-1980

Ben Ruhe, of Washington USA, agreed to organise a team of throwers to compete in a series of Test Matches to be held in different locations in Australia, as soon as could be arranged by both countries.

The Rule Book debates and amendments continued.

On-the-line Consecutive Catching was trialled at the 1980 Sydney Championships as a way around the problem of having throwers disadvantaged by throwing at different times of the day. Contestants took only one throw in turn and were eliminated if they dropped or missed it; and so on for other rounds.



1945

1981

A very important year for boomerangs.

The Nationals saw:

- events held over two days for the first time
- the use of on-the-line catching
- 3 throwers meeting Jeff Lewry's challenge of 20 catches from 20 throws inside 20 metres (Br. Brian Thomas, Bunny Read & Dennis Maxwell)
- Bob Burwell set a new official record for Long Distance (107m)
- trialling of a new novelty contest, Dual Accuracy, whereby two boomerangs are thrown simultaneously for an accuracy score



1945

The first State Association was formed, the Boomerang Throwing Association of NSW, with Tony Butz as Secretary and Rick Haywood as President.

Bulletin No.25, June 1981, published a set of the Basic Competition Rules which had been in operation in 1977 for the General, Accuracy, Catching and distance competitions, together with accepted procedures and judging requirements.

The Sydney Championships also trialled new events: Multibladers; Same Boomerang; and Duration (now known as M.T.A. or Maximum Time Aloft).

The AGM decided that any international event should be based solely on the General Championship event, but the Americans would not agree to this.

Associations in France, Holland and USA were producing their own magazines and newsletters.

November saw the first USA v. Aust. competition for Australia's Boomerang Cup sponsored by Uncle Toby's cereals and Wreckair Hire. The competitions agreed on were: Catching, Accuracy, Distance, Duration and General. In addition, this test series was used to evolve a set of rules that would be suitable for team competition in what had so far been a sport for individuals. To keep it a team effort, each thrower's scores would be added up and the team with the highest score would get 15 points, except in the General which would score 40 points, making a total possible of 100 points for each test match. Another reason for adopting this scoring system was to keep it simple for the mass media and the public in general. (Bulletin No.28, Feb. 1982, published a summary of the variations to standard BAA rules adopted for this Teams event.) After considerable discussion among the American and Australian competitors and officials, it was decided that points should be awarded not



1952



1961

only to the winning team but to both teams based on a rank ordering of each player's position in the results, to give a truer reflection of each team's performance.

1982

The 1982 AGM spent a lot of time discussing competition rules, especially in the light of the USA v. Aust. series. The editor (yours truly) of Bulletin No.29, April 1982, stated the problem as being one of trying to accommodate three quite different groups of people:

" 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."

He then proposed 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 on the day, type and size of throwing area, importance of the event, etc."

Meanwhile, the Americans through the USBA proposed their own ideas on the rules, including Doubling and Juggling contests, and the (by now famous) Suicide event. South Australian Regional Organiser Barrie Forsyth commented (Bulletin No.30, June 1982) on the difficulty of having the first two of these in windy conditions, and the difficulty of fairness in the last of them. President of the Victorian BTA, Chris Henzgen, sent in a critique of problems and inconsistencies from past contests, including the USA v. Aust series, and put forward proposals for eleven specialised competitions. In the same Bulletin, BAA Secretary, Morris Maxwell, presented an update on "Basic Competition Rules" - essentially a 9-page revision of the earlier (May 1975) rules for the General Championship event.

For those who are used to only the current rules, it should be said that only four accuracy circles were used, there being no 10metre circle; there was no 50m range circle as yet; there was still debate about whether or not competitors should be allowed to wear gloves; there was disagreement on whether the emphasis should be on "pure" competition skill or on spectator appeal; and only conventional (i.e. two-bladed) boomerangs could be used.

BAA Secretary Morris Maxwell published an update of the 1975 Longest Distance Competition rules (Bulletin No.31, August 1982), and gave notice of motion that, due to the problems of space and setting up for this event, the "Longest Distance Competitions be held independently of other events, and prior notice requirements be equivalent to those required for a Championship Competition".

1983

This year saw most contests use the General Championship, Accuracy, Shortest Time for Five Catches (or Fast Catch), Duration (aka M.T.A. or Slow Catch) and Hunting Stick Accuracy. The last event became increasingly popular to re-establish

the Australian Aboriginal origin of boomerang throwing, even if this event used kylies, or non-returning hunting sticks, to hit a target at increasing distances.

Team practice for the 1984 Australian visit to the USA was also encouraged by having four state teams (NSW, Vic., S.A. & Qld.) of five players each compete for the Inter-State Championship. Events were Accuracy, General and Fast Catch. For the first two events, only 3 throws per player were used; and in the Sydney Championships, Hunting stick Accuracy was replaced with a One-handed Catching contest and a Suicide event. This Championship was also attended by three Japanese businessmen representing the newly formed Boomerang Association of Japan. (The Bulletin at this time was being sent to 15 countries!).

The 10m accuracy circle was introduced formally.

The Moreland Championships saw a novel Boomerang Making Contest in which the winner was the first person to cut a boomerang from a given piece of plywood with hand tools, shape, throw and catch it under BAA rules.

To eliminate a drifting MTA boomerang floating out of sight, and taking too long to run the event, it had now become MTAC (MTA with catch), having also been trialled as MTAA (MTA with accuracy).

The Team Relay event was introduced this year.

The Longest Distance event was brought up-to-date with new technology developed by Rob Sinclair and used at the Kyneton, Syndal and Albury Championships. A computer-aided system measured a succession of angles from the base line to compute the intersecting maximum distance at right angles to the base line.

Barrie Forsyth and Br. Brian Thomas were invited to Japan as guests of the JBA to promote the sport there.

1984

Australia "won back the cup" in its return match with USA - the Lands End Challenge of 1984. The organisation for this series was reported in a Supplement to Bulletin NO.41, August 1984:

Scoring: Players ranked 12 to 1 by their scores in each event.
Events: Fast Catch, MTAC, Team Tag Catch relay, Accuracy and Australian Round (General).

Apart from Fast Catch and Team Tag, the best 3 scoring throws were the only ones counted for each player, and there were some other minor variations to the standard BAA rules.

An excellent article by Mark Cambourn in Bulletin No.42, Nov. 1984, explained the difficulties of defining what constitutes a "legal" boomerang, or indeed what makes it a two or three arm boomerang. Published with this were proposed definitions from Doug Du Fresne (USBA), Morris Maxwell (BAA), Max Hoeben (ABO, Holland), Jacques Thomas (B.C. de France), Chris Henzgen and Dennis Maxwell to encourage discussion and a firm decision at a 1984 general meeting.



1920



1906

1985

The Rule Book was finally completed, the printing organised by Geoff Kennedy, but delayed with so many amendments still undecided.

1986

The Albury Championships saw the introduction of Consecutive Catch With Increased Difficulty. This involved elimination of players who missed or dropped catches in rounds of increasing difficulty. Thus:

- Round 1 - a normal catch (e.g. 2 hands)
- 2 - a one-hand catch
- 3 - the other-hand catch
- 4 - catch behind the back
- 5 - body catch
- 6 - catch with the feet
- 7+ (as needed for eliminations)

This contest had the advantage of real skill plus spectator appeal.

1987

The "Competition Rule Book - 1987 edition" was finally printed and distributed. An effort of around 30 pages, it set out, under sections of competition types, 36 different events currently used with numbered clauses for easy reference by event organisers. It also made later amendments easier by allowing substitutions of clauses and addendums. The intention was to revise it as needed and republish an amended edition after five years.

1988

Bulletin No.55, Jan. 1988, saw Geoff Kennedy raise again the question of whether the "Australian Champion" is the winner of the General (Aussie Round) Competition or the thrower with the highest overall total using competition placing points as in BAA Rule 801.

The World Cup was held at Barooga and an interesting variation was made to Consecutive Catching With Increased Difficulty (CCWID). Instead of eliminating throwers when a catch was dropped or missed, each thrower attempted six different catches and scored a point for each success. Thus "Consecutive" was dropped from the title. This form has proved popular ever since then.

1989

A review of the BAA Competition Rules by Mark Schafer and Geoff Kennedy was given in Bulletin No.64, Nov. 1989, including:

- Catching With Increased Difficulty.
- Names for winners of specific competitions as "Champion" of that competition (if at a Championship event), and "Overall Champion" to be determined by the points placing system.
- Description of acceptable gloves.
- A one-minute cutoff time for Fast Catch.
- Throwing in MTA from anywhere in the 50m circle.
- New points system for CWID.
- Deletion of other rules and paragraphs that were superseded.

1990

Jacques Thomas, Boomerang Club de France, having been allowed to inspect boomerang-shaped sticks found in the tomb of Tutankhamun, declared that at least some of them would have been capable of returning.

1991

The World Boomerang Association was formed at the World Boomerang Championships held in Perth, W.A., with interim office bearers as follows:

- President: Roger perry (Aust.)
- Vice Presidents: Chet Snouffer (USA), Kim Galeazzi (Switz.)
- Secretary: Eric Hazel (Aust.)

and National Representatives from 12 countries - USA, France, Holland, Canada, Australia, Italy, Japan, Germany, England, Switzerland, Brazil and Belgium.

The organisation was to seek inclusion for membership of the General Assembly of International Sports Federation.

In Bulletin No.72, Dec. 1991, Br. Brian Thomas warned of some of the disadvantages of following the American lead in using multibladers in competitions as standard boomerangs; but the American use was winning more and more adherents.

1992

Six Australians travelled to Europe for the German Championships, International Teams Tournament (Hamburg), and the French Championships.

1993

More concern over rules was expressed in Bulletin No.78, June 1993, where it was stated again that:

- an Overall Champion should be recognised;
- the Australian Round was a compulsory competition;
- Doubling and Trick Catching could be made one event;
- Multibladers were permitted, with holes up to 25mm diameter being allowed;
- Flaps of tape were permitted on boomerangs provided that they were not longer than the width of the boomerang's arm.

An open letter from Roger Perry (Interim President, WBA) in Bulletin No.80, Dec. 1993, raised the hope of:

- 1) holding the Year 2000 World Boomerang Championships in or near Sydney within a week of the Sydney 2000 Olympics;
- 2) having boomerang throwing as a n Olympic demonstration sport or at least part of the opening or closing ceremonies.

The USBA published a ranking system and its results for throwers in 1993 competitions based on best scores, median scores, placing averages and total points in 8 events (Trick Catching, Accuracy, Fast Catch, Aust. Round, MTA-100, Doubling, Endurance and Juggling).

1994

This year marks the Silver Jubilee of the BAA - 25 years of competitions. Congratulations to all BAA members, past and present, on achieving this milestone.

May the best years still be ahead.

-TONY BUTZ



VICTORIAN STATE BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS - Braeside Park Dingley

ACCURACY ---

- Craig Carter - 5
- Sadir Katan - 6
- Ian Powell - 6
- Mark Barras - 8
- Trent Carter - 11
- Dennis Maxwell - 14
- Brian Kemp - 14
- Janet Barras - FIRST PLACE - 18
- Bruce Carter - 17
- Rob Croll - 11
- Richard Barras - 0
- Janet Barras - 18

MAXIMUM TIME ALOFT - Very windy for this event - Both rob & Bruce did over 40 second flights that finished outside the oval...

- R. Barras-8:99secs.
- Craig Carter-0
- Sadir Katan-0
- Ian Powell-7:50secs.
- Mark Barras-0
- Trent Carter -DNT
- Dennis Maxwell-10:55secs, Rob Croll-10:11secs.
- Kempy-Wimped out due to pain in shoulder!!!
- Janet Barras-0
- Bruce Carter - 11:66(1st)

FAST CATCH- For this event the wind had started to drop down but was still gusty.....

- IAN POWELL-1 c.
- Mark Barras - 57:89(3rd)
- Trent - 0c.
- Dennis Maxwell-54:48 secs.(2nd)
- Rob Croll - 58:27 secs.
- Kempy-1c.
- Janet Barras-1c.
- Bruce Carter - 45:48(1st)
- Sadir Katan 1min.03sec.
- Richard Barras-2c.
- Craig Carter 1 c.

AUSSIE ROUND--Conditions ranged from quite good at time to strong gusts 25 km. +

- Rob Croll - 54 (1st)
- Richard Barras-12
- Craig Carter -14
- Sadir Katan -5
- Ian Powell-39(3rd)
- Mark Barras-34
- Trent Carter-1
- Dennis Maxwell -31
- Brian Kempy - DNT
- Janet Barras-19
- Bruce Carter- 48 (2nd)

TRICK CATCH--For this event, Dennis highlighted that in Japan, if you took a behind the back catch or under the leg - the boomerang must be passed through to continue on the same line..Ex. If you catch under the leg, but grab the boomerang before it actually reaches the leg - you must bring it under the leg.. Behind the back -catch the boomerang and bring it all the way behind the back to complete the flight....

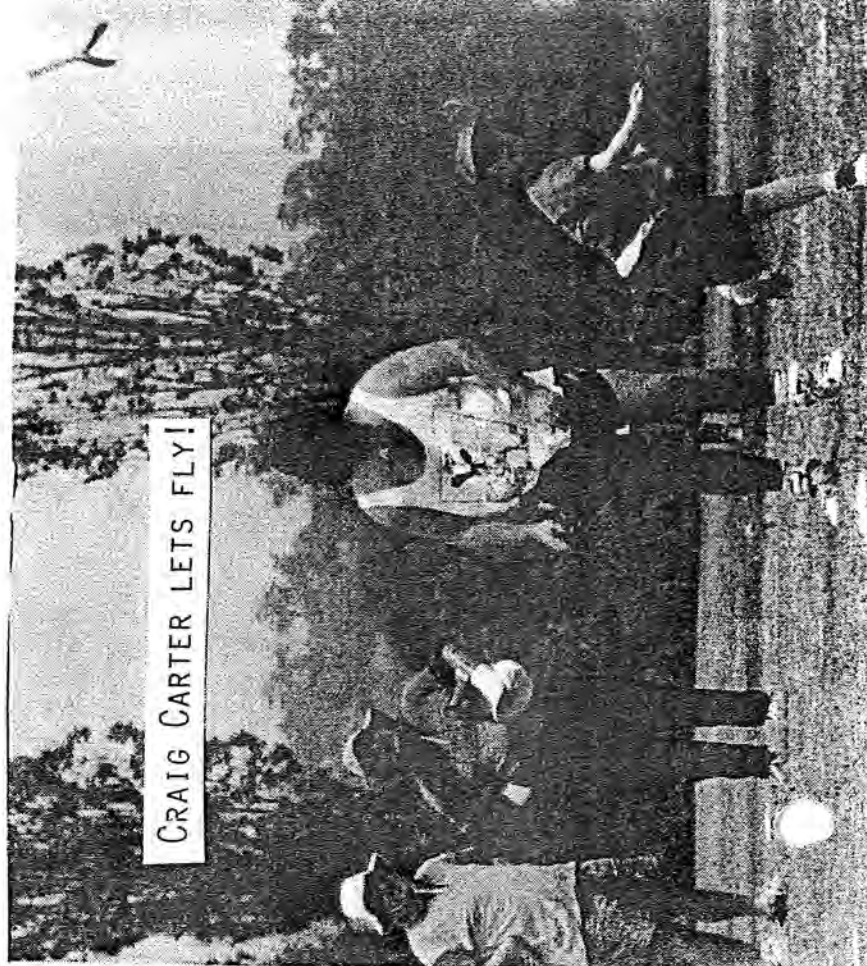
- Craig - 1c
- Sadir - 2
- Ian 2
- Richard - 1
- Trent 0c
- Dennis 5
- Brian - DNT due to feeling outclassed
- Mark Barras- 5
- B Carter - 4
- Rob - 6
- Janet Barras - DNT.

OVERALL

- Bruce Carter - 1st - 50
- Dennis Maxwell & Rob Croll eq. 2nd - 46
- Mark Barras - 4th. - 38
- Ian Powell - 5th - 32
- Janet Barras - 6th - 30
- Sadir Katan - 7th. - 27
- Richard Barras 8th. - 24
- Craig Carter & Kempy - eq. 9th - 23
- Trent Carter 11th -19

Highlights of competition..

Janet Barras --winning Accuracy and finishing - 6th.
The marked improvement of Victorias 2 newest throwers Ian Powell & Sadir Katan--Ian 3rd in Aussie rd using a new boomerang & first time he has been able to manage 50 metres..



CRAIG CARTER LETS FLY!



6th BLUE MOUNTAINS' BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

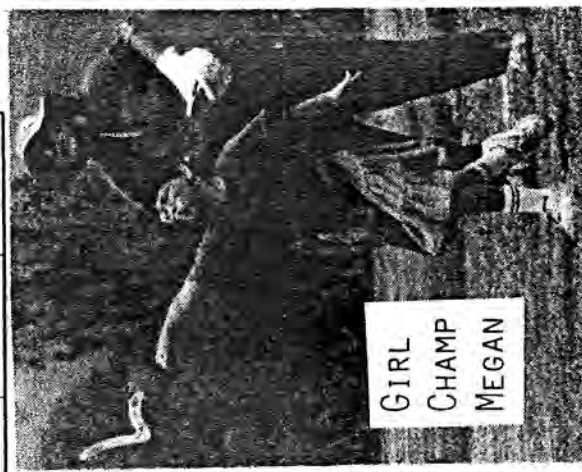
Held at "WINBOURNE", MULGOA RD, MULGOA

On Sunday, 13th November 1994

RESULTS

Competitor	Accuracy	Fast Catch	M.T.A.100	Aussie Round	Over-All
Gunter Wandtke	26/10	33.24/2nd	22.1/2nd	58/2nd	79/3rd
Kevin Moran	42/1st	1ct/11	0/e10	46/9	62.5/e7th
Terry Patterson	30/6	4ct/e7	6.15/9	56/3rd	66.5/5th
Adam Carroll	41/2nd	3ct/e9	26.34/1st	52/4	79.5/2nd
Dave Martin	31/5	3ct/e9	18.87/5	45/10	62.5/e7th
Margaret Patterson	29/7	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	48/e7	31.5/e12th
Ray Freebody	19/14	43.3/4	19.5/4	30/e12	52/5/10th
Bruce Carter	20/13	23.13/1st	21.39/3rd	60/1st	80/1st
Leanne Davies	18/15	5ct/6	8.63/8	22/14	49/11th
Betty Easton	8/e17	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	12/15	13.5/15th
Br Pores McRae	23/12	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	30/e12	21.5/14th
Eddie Siladi	28/e8	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	49/6	31.5/e12th
Ken Arthur	28/e8	4ct/e7th	0/e10	48/e7th	58/9th
Br Brian Thomas	35/4	39.3/3rd	12.6/6	51/5	74/4th
Br Rod Shoebridge	36/3rd	57.35/5	9.47/7	31/11	66/6th
Geoff Gray	8/e17	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	5.5/17th
Patricia Gray	15/16	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	7/16th
Juniors Mark Patterson	12/4	0/e3rd	0/e3rd	27/2nd	77/4th

Wayne Patterson	14/e2nd	0/e3rd	0/e3rd	21/4	76/5th
Megan Patterson	6/e6	0/e3rd	0/e3rd	7/7	68.5/7th
Justin Dewhurst	14/e2nd	0/e3rd	0/e3rd	45/1st	82/2nd
Blair Dewhurst	2/8	0/e3rd	8.45/2nd	0/9	69/6th
Craig Carter	16/1st	3ct/e1st	9.6/1st	20/5	91.5/1st
Geordie Malone	0/9	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	15/6	31/9th
Michaela McNally	6/e6	D.N.C.	D.N.C.	4/8	31.5/8th
Trent Carter	10/5	3ct/e1st	0/e3rd	24/3rd	79.5/3rd



Nearest the Pin: Bruce Carter
 Catch of the Day: Leanne Davies
 Ladies' Champion: Margaret Patterson
 Girls' Champion: Megan Patterson
 Junior Champion: Craig Carter

SPECIAL TROPHIES

OVER 60

Aussie Round: Ken Arthur 48 pts
 Accuracy: Kevin Moran 42 pts
 Fast Catch: Br Rod Shoebridge 57.35 sec
 M.T.A.100: Dave Martin 18.77 sec

UNDER 60

Aussie Round: Bruce Carter 60 pts
 Accuracy: Adam Carroll 41 pts
 Fast Catch: Bruce Carter 23.13 sec
 M.T.A.100: Adam Carroll 26.34 sec

THE PEGGY THOMAS PERPETUAL TROPHY (Aussie Round)

Won by Bruce Carter

Special thanks to the Mulgoa Christian Brothers for the use of their grounds and facilities.

BLUE MOUNTAINS

BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
18 Th & 19 Th of March 1995

EVENTS. To be held for senior players on Saturday. Starting time 9 AM

TOURNAMENT REFEREE BOB BURWELL



CONTESTS
SATURDAY

1. **ACCURACY.**
Five throws . No on field warm up.
Two competitors to throw in turn.
2. **FAST CATCH.** Fastest time wins.
Minimum distance 20 Metres. Five catches to be made.
3. **ENDURANCE** Winner. Highest score .
Minimum distance 20 metres. Five minutes per round. Two throwers simultaneously, three if possible.
4. **JUGGLE CATCH.** Two boomerangs. Highest score wins.

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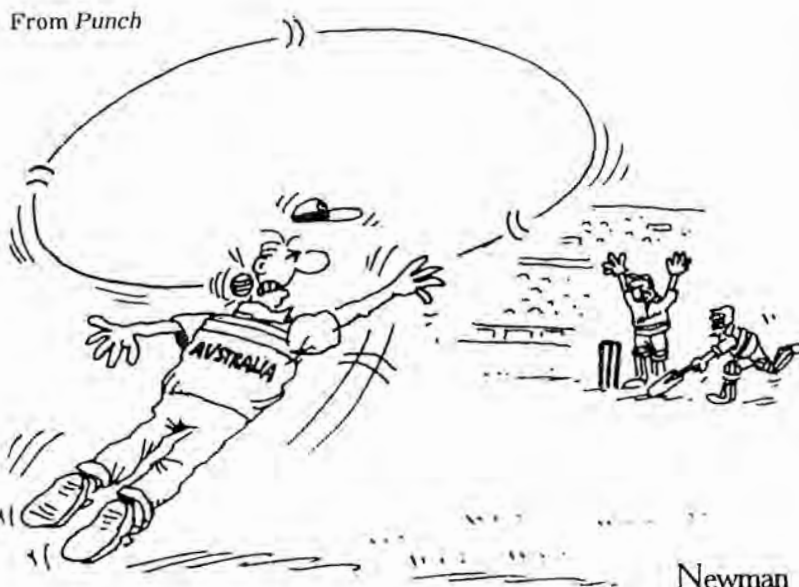


SUNDAY

5. **TRICK CATCHING.** Ten catches As per rules
6. **MAXIMUM TIME ALOFT WITH CATCH.** Winner .Best time with catch .
Two competitors to throw in turn.
7. **AUSSIE ROUND.** Five throws . Highest score wins.
Two competitors to throw in turn.

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OUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS.....OVER TO YOU, BRUCE.

HERE IS MY RANKINGS IN AUSTRALIA AS FROM DEC.94:

1. BRUCE CARTER..WINNER:ALBURY,BLUE MTS.,WAVERLEY, VIC TITLES.
2. ROB CROLL..WINNER:NATIONALS,MELBOURNE EQ.2ND VIC TITLES.
3. ROGER PERRY..WINNER:JAPAN OPEN-GOOD RESULTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.
4. IAN SPROUL..2ND AUSSIE NATIONALS-GOOD RESULTS WORLD CUP.
5. ADAM CARROLL..3RD AUSSIE NATIONALS,2ND BLUE MTS.,GOSFORD CHAMP,ETC..
6. DENNIS MAXWELL..EQ.2ND VIC TITLES,3RD WORLD MTA.
7. GUNTER WANDTKE..RESULTS IN NATIONALS,3RD BLUS MTS,GOSFORD CHAMPS, NSW TITLE,EASTERN SUBURBS.
8. BR. BRIAN THOMAS..GOOD RESULTS IN MANY COMPS ALL YEAR.
9. GARY MITCHELL..WA TEAM & INDIVIDUAL WORLD CUP.
10. DAVE MARTIN..CONSISTENT ALL YEAR IN MANY TOURNAMENTS.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT FORWARD SOMETHING FOR OVERALLS.MY THOUGHTS ARE THAT IN EACH EVENT THERE SHOULD BE A 3 POINT MARGIN 1ST TO 2ND, 2 POINTS FROM 2ND TO 3RD, THEN ONE POINT DIFFERENCE RIGHT DOWN TO LAST PLACE.

AND..IF SOMEONE DOES NOT COMPETE IN AN EVENT,E.G.TRICK CATCH,..THEY SHOULD SCORE ONE POINT,BUT THE PERSON WHO COMPETES AND SCORES ZERO SHOULD RECEIVE TWO POINTS,SINCE TRYING IS BETTER THAN NOT COMPETING.

THE FRENCH CONNECTION...HONORARY LIFE MEMBER, JACQUES THOMAS WRITES:

MAYBE YOU KNOW THAT I SPENT 4 YEARS IN INDOCHINA, FIGHTING AGAINST COMMUNISM, AS A LIEUTENANT AND A CAPTAIN. I WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED IN 1950. SINCE THIS TIME I HAVE NEVER WANTED TO RETURN TO THIS COMMUNIST COUNTRY WHERE MANY EUROPEAN AND ASIANS WHOM I LOVED HAD BEEN KILLED. BUT THINGS ARE CHANGING NOW. CHURCHES HAVE BEEN RENDERED TO THE CULT. THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T DO ANYTHING AGAINST IT BECAUSE OF THE FAITH STRENGTH. THE CATHOLIC CLERGY IS ADMIRABLE. THEN, I DECIDED TO RETURN WHERE I HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY. DENIS LEMAITRE CAME WITH ME, AND SOME OTHER FRIENDS. WE SPENT THREE WEEKS OVER THERE, EIGHT MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB, THROWING EVERYWHERE TO HONOUR THOSE WHO HAD SUFFERED IN THIS LAND. VERY GREAT TIME. WE WERE RECEIVED ON OUR REQUEST BY THE BISHOP OF PHAT-DIEM, IN NORTH VIETNAM. THROWING A BOOMERANG CAN HAVE A SPIRITUAL DIMENSION.

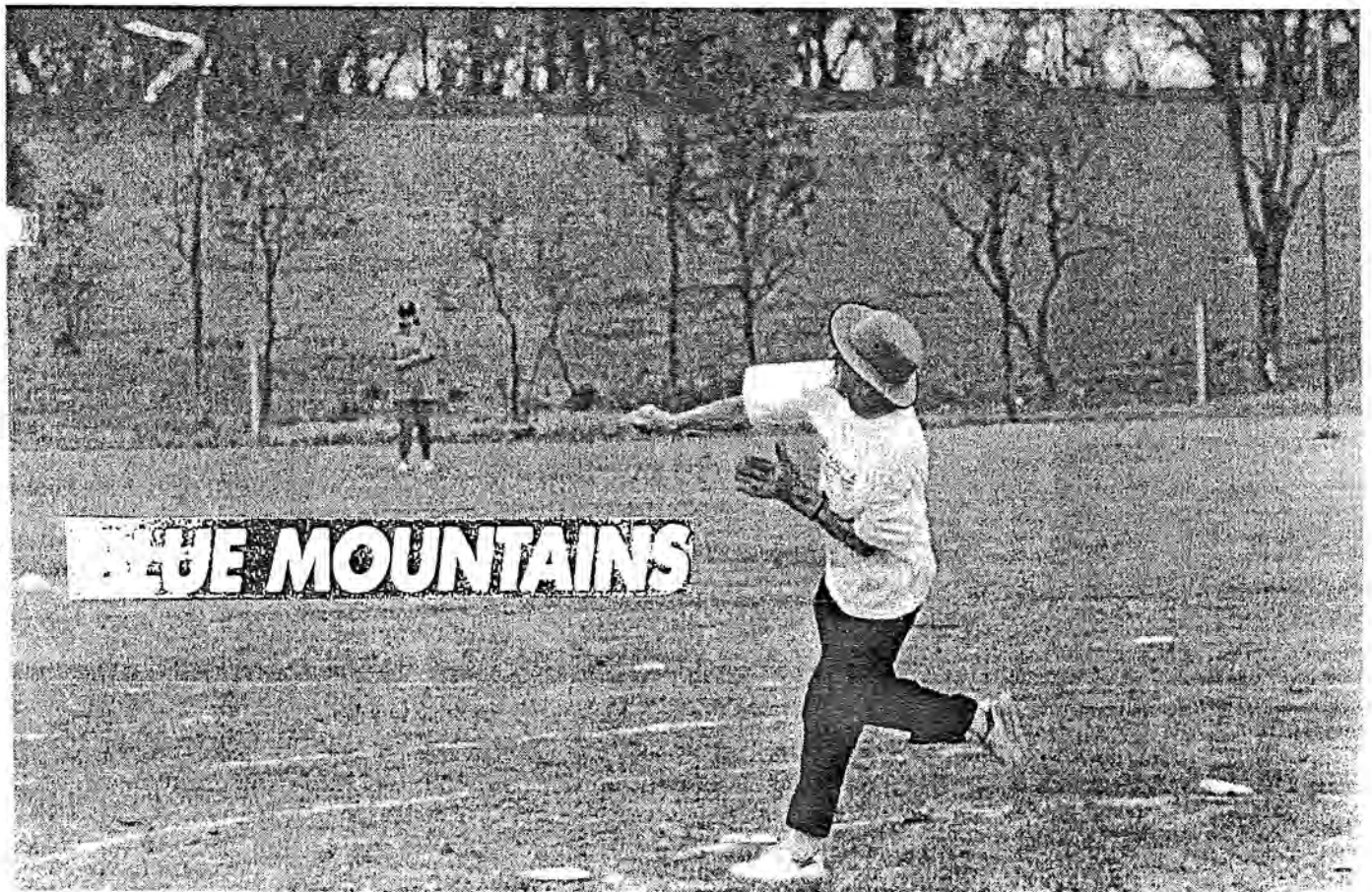
CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN FOR THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE B.A.A. OF WHICH I HOPE TO BE ALWAYS A MEMBER.

VERY BEST WISHES FROM YOUR FRIEND,

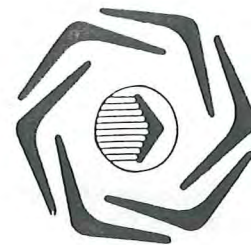
JACQUES THOMAS, LYON, FRANCE.



G. WANDTKE, R. SHOEBRIDGE, K. ARTHUR, P. MC RAE, R. FREEBODY, B. THOMAS, M & T. PATTERSON,
L. DAVIES, A. CARROLL, K. MORAN, B. CARTER.
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- ** THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL FEATURE IAN SPROUL'S THOUGHTS ON THE JAPANESE WORLD CUP, AND AN ACCOUNT OF ADAM CARROLL'S ENCOUNTERS IN SUNNY MELBOURNE...AS WRITTEN BY BRUCE CARTER.
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- ** FORMER SYDNEY THROWER BR. RAY McINERNEY WAS ATTACKED BY A NATIVE WITH A HUGE BUSH KNIFE LATE LAST YEAR. TWO MASSIVE CUTS ON THE HEAD (24 STITCHES IN ONE) AND A SMASHED MIDDLE RIGHT FINGER HAVE BROUGHT HIM TO WAVERLEY FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION TO THE FINGER. ITS MAKING SLOW PROGRESS. RAY IS STATIONED IN BANZ IN NEW GUINEA.