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JANET BARRAS WOMEN'S CHAMPION AND MARK BARRAS JUNIOR CHAMPION.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since the last Bulletin was issued there has been 3 major boomerang competitions held in Australia. – The Nationals, held in March in Leopold were a terrific success and all credit must be aimed at the organiser and chief judge – Richard Barras.

Congratulations to all the winners, especially our overseas guest and National champion, Mattheiu Weber from Switzerland.

A special mention is extended out to Mark Barras who tied with Mattheiu in the trick catching event – a great effort from our most promising junior.

The West Australian Championships were held recently and it was great to be able to say that an aussie was able to beat Mattheiu. Not the person from Perth, who we have all heard about but a relative unknown thrower – Ian Sproull. Ian was in the aussie number 2 team in Perth last year, and he is really starting to bloom into a world class thrower. We look forward with interest to hear how Ian performs in the World Cup to be held in Germany later this year.

In these championships, it is great to notice that Marie Rowden continues her fabulous form. This 72 year old lady finished 2nd, in the trick catching event in Perth.

The other event that I would like to briefly write about, was the Central Coast Championships, organised by Brian Thomas, and held in Gosford, N.S.W.

These championships were contested by a large number of throwers. Four BAA members from Melbourne entered the events, which was won by Brisbane's living legion Bob Burwell. In somewhat trying conditions, competitors had a great time, and the standard was quite high.....

Another fun day was held on Mother's Day in Camperdown in country Victoria, which again proved to be very successful, congratulations are extended out to Brian Kemp, who quite enjoys organising these fun days, with quite novel events. The girl guide association, is so impressed with these fun days, that they are currently working on a special Boomerang fun day – team competition to be held early next year, which will be contested by nearly 400 girl guides – quite a challenge for Kempy to organise – even if he hasn't been informed yet!

Sales of our National's tee-shirts were terrible during the Nationals, which means that we are left with quite a few still to sell. If anybody is interested, please contact Richard Barras – also we are desperately trying to sell our BAA caps, which at only \$8-00 are very good value.

Financially we are not in a great position, so we, the BAA members must help push our products.

Good luck to our team to go to Germany, we hope that all of our throwers, perform well.

Canada, is definitely hosting the 1993 World Cup, and some sponsorship is looming as a distinct

possibility. I am very interested to hear comments from members on how to select a team of 6 throwers to go to Canada. I have my own views, which say that the selection panel must include at least one current thrower from the West, as this is the state where our best results are being produced – but I await all comments from our members.

Rob Croll is hosting a competition on the 24th May and I hope to see plenty of members at Waverley. If any interstate members can come, the Victorian members will be glad to billet any interested thrower.

Bruce Carter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have enjoyed my short time as Secretary of the B.A.A. and I would like to bring to your attention information that I have received as Secretary as indicated in my report e.g.. correspondence from AUST SPORTS COMMISSION, VIC SPORT, AUST INST SPORT. I will have some of the correspondence on display at the A.G.M. and at the Boomerang titles.

Steve Drummond represented the B.A.A. at a Seminar held at the AUST INST of SPORT in Canberra.

I have received 107 articles for "Correspondence In" of which 28 were in response for the "92" Nationals. I have written 87 letters for "Correspondence Out" of which 68 were for the 92 Nationals.

Sponsorship for the Nationals:-

Alcoa Australia	\$100-00
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We also appear in "The Australian Sports Directory 1992 – 93 – Australian Sports Commission.

Richard Barras
Hon Secretary
Boomerang Association of Australia.

VIDEO OF "92" NATIONALS, LEOPOLD

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NEWS IN BRIEF**AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
AT LEOPOLD, VIC.
FANTASTIC FRENCHMAN**

Mattheiu Weber (Visiting French Champion) took the Australian Championships that one step higher as he scored a placing in all six events, was first in MTAC100, Trick Catching, Doubling and Aussie Round, Second in the Championships was Robert Croll and third was Paul Bryden. Mattheiu showed the 2000 spectators on the day his tremendous versatility, fitness and wizardry in taking out the Australian Open Championship.

The Junior Champion was Mark Barras, with Simon Zanoni second, and Shaun Coleman third. Mark again showed that he is a very talented thrower. In the invitation Trick catch event Mark equalled Mattheiu Weber with seven catches.

Janet Barras won the Ladies overall championship with Karen Bailey second and Michelle Barras third.

Richard Barras as organiser of the day was very pleased with the success of the day. Richard had arranged for the support of the Leopold Cricket Club, Leopold Lions Club, ALCOA and Bennelong Boomerangs also sponsored the Championships along with other minor sponsors. The B.A.A. Inc. wish to thank these supporters and all others who helped make the day a success.

Thanks go to the Leopold Scouts who provided the venue for the Annual Meeting on the Saturday night. In addition special thanks must be expressed to the Video Camera Man Dale who has put together a two hour record of the Championship. Copies of the Video will be available through Secretary Richard Barras.

Following several comments from various throwers Richard Barras has recommended to future Australian Championship organisers to allow all throwers to compete in all events and win them if good enough. This could simply be achieved by calling all events "OPEN" and recognising classes of throwers within the total "OPEN" field.

The wind for five out of the seven events was very light. The last two events were thrown with the sea breeze building to ten knots.

Congratulations Richard on such a successful Championship,
Reported by Dennis Maxwell.

Mattheiu Weber competed at the Nationals as an overseas competitor and as he is not a member of our association was not eligible to take the Titles. He did however take home eight trophies.

NEWS IN BRIEF**NATIONALS RESULTS****AUSSIE ROUND**

1st Kevin Moran	37 Points
2nd Paul Bryden	31 Points
3rd Rob Croll	28 Points

DOUBLING

1st Dennis Maxwell	6 Points
2nd Rohan Johnston	5 Points
3rd Robert Croll	4 Points

FAST CATCH

1st Robert Croll	27.78 Sec
2nd Paul Bryden	28.50 Sec
3rd Dennis Maxwell	39.12 Sec

TRICK CATCHING

1st Mark Barras	7 Catches
2nd Paul Bryden	5 Catches
3rd Gunter Wandtke	5 Catches

ACCURACY

1st Rob Croll	38 Points
2nd Gunter Wandtke	26 Points
3rd Keven Moran	24 Points

NEAREST THE PIN

Rob Croll	1 Metre, 70mm
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MTAC100

1st Rob Croll	25.85 Sec
2nd Keven Moran	23.29 Sec
3rd Paul Bryden	22.27 Sec

OVERALL CHAMPION

1st Rob Croll	62 Points
2nd Paul Bryden	55.5 Points
3rd Dennis Maxwell	50 Points

These are the Australian Title Results with Mattheiu Weber's scores taken out.

Mattheiu Weber's placing were 1st Mtac100, Doubling and Aussie Round and Equal 1st in Trick Catching and 2nd in Fast Catch and Accuracy. Mattheiu also won the Nearest the Pin and Overall Champion. Well done Mattheiu.

TREASURER'S REPORT**NEWS IN BRIEF**

For the period 1-2-92 until 1-5-92

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As can be seen from the figures quoted above the BAA has trouble maintaining a profit. This is mainly due to the high costs of insurance. Therefore some effort must be made in 1992 to try and reverse this trend. Any suggestions to attempt to reverse this pattern would be much appreciated. If new ways of collecting revenue are not found soon this Association will soon be in debt.

ADVERTISING DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE
31th JULY 1992.

The Treasurer BAA

Rohan Johnston.

**THE BOOMERANG -
A DESCRIPTION****PUBLICITY OFFICER REPORT**

In my capacity as Publicity Officer, I have written to the Sports Editors of several metropolitan newspapers, asking them to publish items I periodically intend to submit, e.g. New World Records in Consecutive catch or Brother Brian Thomas's unique throw and catch from a hot air balloon.

I have also had discussions with our Federal Member of Parliament in view of applying for Government assistance, to send our teams to the next World Cup.

He has offered to take my letter, personally to M/s. Ros Kelly, Minister of Sport.

Needless to say, I always welcome bits of information, both from Overseas and Australia.

Readers can contact me and I will report items of interest to the press.

So long

Nick Gottschalk
190 Bullumwaal Road,
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THERE, and BACK,
The spinning, soaring circular flight of the boomerang;
OFF and AWAY,
The wingless, weightless, banking sight of the boomerang;
Out and back,
The whurring, blurring, banking track of the boomerang;
To fly on high, from earth to sky - a sliver of wood,
Deftly shaped for the silent return.

Bettina Woodburn.

**THE BRITISH BOOMERANG
SOCIETY**

The new address of the BBS will be:-

Sean M Slade
1 Berkeley Avenue
Mapperley Park
Nottingham, United Kingdom
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NEWS IN BRIEF

WAVERLEY BOOMERANG CLUB NEWS.

There will be a series of workshops held at Narmara Primary School beginning on May 23 until June 28th being each Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock with comps being held for a different event each week. Cost is \$5.00 and includes a blank boomerang to make. Contact Rob Croll on Bh: (03) 807 2386 or Ah: (03) 763 7761.

COMING EVENTS

Boomerang Demonstration & Competition
Bonn, Germany
24th - 28th June 1992
\$1400-00
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CONTACT - RICHARD BARRAS.

German Nationals August 22nd and 23rd
Contact Roger Perry

World Team Championships August 31st - Sept. 5th
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THE FIRST CENTRAL COAST BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

The New South Wales Central Coast Boomerang Championships held in Gosford 5th April, 1992.

" The Gosford Championships"

We left Spencer Street Station 8pm on Friday 3rd April and headed for Sydney. Dennis entertained two young ladies for the whole trip and even early the next morning. It included reading books and playing "eye spy with my little eye". They aged about 5 and 7.

Br. Brian Thomas picked us up from the station (Central Station) and onto Waverley for breakfast. We then visited "THE GAP" and mark threw a boomerang from The Gap, over the ocean and back. Using the same boomerang and some expert advise from Brian and Dennis on his 4th throw, he caught it.

We had lunch at DOYLES RESTAURANT and headed for Gosford, over TWIN BRIDGE at MOONEY MOONEY CREEK (480 metres long, 75 metres high) and onto Gosford. All preparations completed, back to Sydney. We passed the Boomerang School run by Duncan MacLennan and headed for Centennial Park for a throw. After about an hour, two very friendly Park Ranges arrived and indicated that it was against the Law to throw boomerangs in Centennial Park. We indicated we were just leaving. Br. Brian Thomas and Dennis Maxwell had also shown us Beauchamp Park, Chatsworth, the site of the "City of Sydney Championships" held from 81 to 86. After tea we were shown the magnificent sight of Sydney at night from the 4th floor Waverley College which is also the highest point of Waverley.

Sunday 5th, breakfast 6am, departure 6.30am Gosford 7.30am. We marked the circles and started the boomerang competition. Conditions were light in the morning and a little fresh in the afternoon. After an excellent boomerang competition, Brian suggested that we catch the train from Gosford to Sydney. We were glad we did. What a magnificent train ride, the scenery fantastic. Bruce Carter (still water logged) caught the train with us.

Dennis, Mark and I caught the Sydney / Melbourne train at 8pm. WE met Bettina Woodburn also heading for Melbourne after a N.S.W. bike ride. About two hours out of Sydney there was an enormous "BANG" as a window in our carriage was completely broken by a,,, so and so, a brick had broken the two sheets of glass.

We arrived in Melbourne at about 9am and caught the 10am train to Geelong. We arrived home in Leopold at about 12 noon. What a great week-end.

Regards Dennis, Mark and Richard.

THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE

March 8th, 1992 saw a very practical demonstration of that classic fable, The Hare and the Tortoise.

As usual, when it was time for the Aussie Round Event, the wind came up making conditions rather difficult. There were all the macho young (and not so young) bucks, pitting their wits against the elements, heaving and grunting is an effort to cross that magical 50 metre line with their missiles. Those who succeeded in crossing only the 40 metre line had to chase their errant boomerangs downwind for perhaps 40 metres and as a consequence they scored for distance and catch – often outside the 20 metre circle – but nothing for accuracy.

Exit the hares (or rabbits) and on plodded the wily old tortoise in the disguise of Keven Moran, chanting his favourite mantra " Slow and steady wins the race ". He was satisfied with five controlled throws out over the 30 metre line for minimum distance points but even if he dropped the returning rang he was scoring well for accuracy and each catch was a bonus.

This should be a valuable lesson for our juniors. Strength is not everything. A controlled 30 metre throw with a catch in the accuracy circles will accumulate a total that will often beat the 50 metre Rambo.

Well done Keven but don't retreat into your shell. Keep showing those young bucks how to do it – even through they may tell you to pull your head in.

Brian Kemp.

WHEN IS A BOOMERANG A BOOMERING?

In a recently published article, boomerang throwers were taken to task by members of the aboriginal community for deviating from the traditionally accepted boomerang shape. They claimed that the more recently developed shapes – and particularly multi bladers – were not boomerangs but rather, gimmicky toys more suited for clowns and acrobats.

This resurrects the hoary old chestnut of ' the definition of a boomerang ' and that argument will go on as long as man participates in the sport. In all fairness, the aboriginal community has a point. The word boomerang is taken from their language and to them it describes a particular implement that fits within a narrow set of parameters. Like so many other things, we have taken the concept and developed it to suit modern materials and technology and in so doing many people have been attracted to what has become a popular leisure time activity.

Perhaps it is time to break away from the name boomerang and find a new name more suited to our sporting implement. I would like you to consider the name BOOMERING. It is close enough to the original word to acknowledge its origins but encompasses current shapes – particularly multi-bladers – that are based on a circle or ring. In flight they scribe a circular pattern or ring (almost) and we use circles or rings to mark the field of competition.

IF the name BOOMERING is accepted, and registered, it MUST be a guarantee that the shape, whatever it may be, is capable of returning to the thrower. Today there are many so called boomerangs on the market – mainly of the traditional shape – that wouldn't return in a force nine gale, and with this new name we would then be dissociated from erroneous claims or what is blatant form of misleading advertising. Perhaps a register of shapes or manufacturers could be kept by the various Boomerang sporting bodies such as the BAA and any offered for sale could carry an approval sticker which would guarantee, without reservation, that the boomerang would return. Anyway, that's for the future. First I suggest we find a new name.

Excuse me for noting that the name I have suggested has a nice "ring" to it.

Brian Kemp.

LEGEND OF THE FIRST BOOMERANG

As Told to JACK BYHAM

In the long long ago, in the dream time, or beginning, "Jamaru," a young warrior looked from his fire to see his young wife, "Kabalda," disappearing over the hill, dragged by a man from a neighbouring tribe. A storm was blowing fiercely and it was impossible to give chase.

The storm blew for days and nights and Jamaru was cold and hungry. He never dared to venture far from his fire. On the third day he was angry at the storm spirit, and taking a bent firestick he threw with all his might, to frighten the storm away. He looked thru' the trees where the stick had gone and saw a rainbow in the sky – it was the fire stick he had thrown. The storm quietened and his firestick hung in the sky for a long time.

When he looked to the hillside, where Kabalda had disappeared, she was coming to him holding for him a big, fat, mud turtle and a goanna, so he ate and was happy. He never forgot the good luck his firestick had brought.

Long after when the country was dry with a big time of no rain, and food was hard to catch, he remembered the good luck of his rainbow firestick, and so taking again from the fire a bent piece of wood, he threw with all his strength to the trees, this time to the rain spirit, who would not come and bring the grass and food.

To his great joy, this time his throwing stick went into the trees and a galah bird, which was good food, fell dead near his fire.

Now he would never forget the good luck of his throwing stick, and always after, when he needed food or was angry at an enemy, he fashioned the same stick, and threw with great accuracy.

So developed the first boomerang.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 1993

We in the West would like to thank the BAA for allowing us to stage the Australian Championships in Perth in 1992. Taking into consideration that the World Championships will be held in Canada during April, this would require us to schedule either February or march.

So as to give everyone the opportunity to come to Perth and compete I have left the dates open to discussion, I ask that throwers get in contact with me as soon as possible with dates that would suit them.

I at this stage plan a 2 day competition, 1 for individual and 1 for team, so as to give the selectors for the Australian team for Hamburg the chance to look at all the throwers over the 2 days.

Rangs have agreed to partly sponsor the Australian Championships along with the local Karragullen Club.

We will attempt to billet all Interstate throwers and arrange transport from the airport and to the venue yet to be organised.

I will send more detailed info on the Championships after the Championships in Hamburg, but again ask that any thrower from interstate that is likely to come to Perth to contact me as soon as possible so that we can start to make arrangements.

I realise that the distance is far to Perth, but hope that many of the throwers can make it over and enjoy the Perth hospitality.

Roger Perry.

Sacre bleu! Frenchman wins boomerang title

By Emma Power

YOU don't have to be Aboriginal to throw a winning return boomerang.

Frenchman, Matthieu Weber, yesterday proved the sport was international when he won the overall men's champion award at the Australian boomerang titles.

The competition was held at the Leopold Recreation Reserve, the first time the event had been staged in Geelong.

For Matthieu, 21, his journey here was prompted by a desire to tour as much as to compete in the tournament.

The world record holder for endurance throwing said he became interested in the sport after joining a boomerang club in Geneva, Switzerland, when he was 17.

Matthieu, who has competed in America, France, Germany and Australia, said the best thing about boomerang throwing was the opportunity to make friends.

"It's marvellous for me to have friends in the US, Australia and France," he said.

While his enthusiasm was catching, Matthieu admitted it was not popular in Europe and the US.

But local organisers believed it was more popular overseas than in Australia. In France, there were 35 boomerang clubs compared with about nine in Australia.

About 2000 people turned out to watch the event at

Leopold. Organisers believed an annual boomerang event could soon be held locally because of this year's "tremendous" success.

A thrower needed "good control of the boomerang, good catching skills and good persistence", said organiser, Mr Dennis Maxwell.

"It is a very simple art and the whole family can get involved," he said.

"It's a matter of being able to control the boomerang."

Aborigines did not use the returning boomerang for hunting or warfare, a common myth. "They used it for fun," Mr Maxwell said.

"They used other things which looked like boomerangs to hunt, which were called hunting sticks.

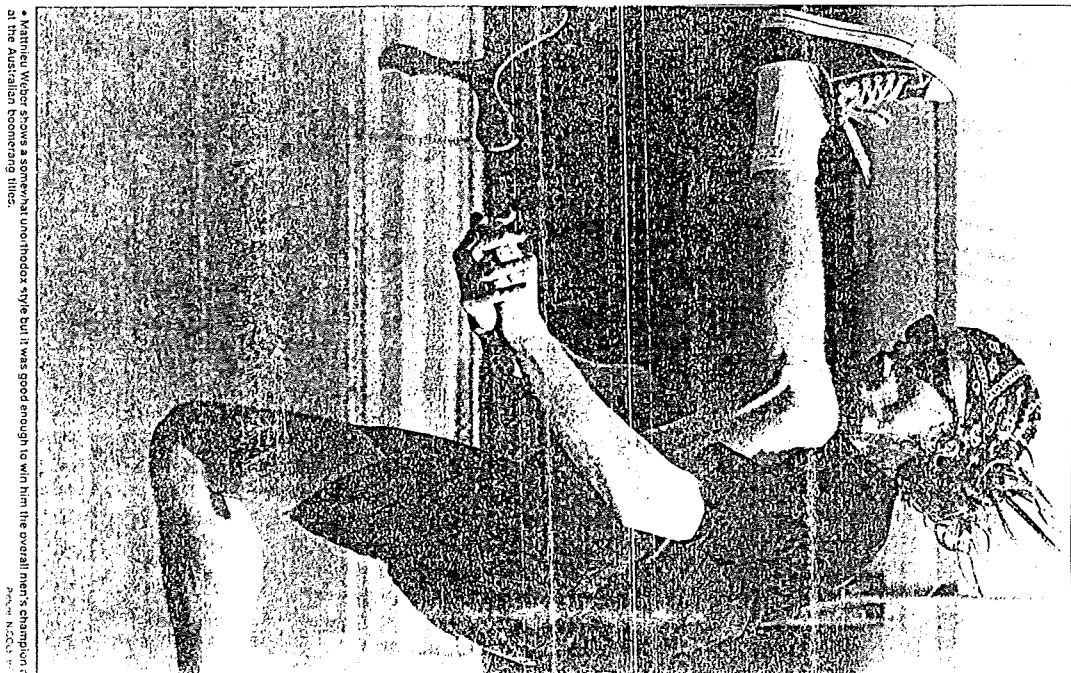
"Hunting sticks don't come back, they just go out in a straight line."

A former Australian boomerang champ, Mr Maxwell said the first official titles were held in 1969 when a group of Melbourne enthusiasts organised a group in a bid to have boomerang throwing recognised as sport.

But the art — or sport — was "a little bit stagnant" at the moment.

Competitors in yesterday's event included people from all over Australia, as well as the French champion.

GEELONG ADVERTISER



Matthieu Weber shows a somewhat unorthodox style but it was good enough to win him the overall men's champion title at the Australian boomerang titles.

AUSTRALIAN BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS 1992

HELD AT LEOPOLD VIC. 8 MARCH

AUSSIE ROUND

CONSECUTIVE CATCH

DOUBLING

FAST CATCH

TRICK CATCH

ACCURACY

MTAC100

	Sc.	Sc.	Sc.	Sc.	Sc.	Sc.	Sc.	Sc.	Sc.	Sc.	Sc.	T.Sc.	Place			
KEVIN MORAN	23.29	10	24	9	2c	4	59.54	5	2	5.5		37	11	44.5	5th	
BRIAN KEMP	20.43	8	12	6	4c	6.5	45.88	7	3	7.5		2	4	39	7th	
DENNIS MAXWELL	19.76	7	18	7	5c	8	39.12	9	6	11		23	8	50	4th	
GUNTER WADKE	14.70	5	26	10	5c	10	59.12	6	2	5.5		16	5	41.5	6th	
ROHAN JOHNSON	9.12	4	9	4	4c	6.5	1c	2	5	10		20	6	32.5	8th	
RICHARD BARRAS	16.60	6	8	3	2c	4	2c	3.5	0	2.5		22	7	26	9th	
MATTHEIU WEBER	29.60	12	31	11	7c	12	28.14	11	7	12		38	12	70	*1st	
PAUL BRYDEN	22.27	9	23	8	5c	11	28.50	10	3	7.5		31	10	55.5	3rd	
CHARLEY JOHNSON	----		0	2	0c	2	2c	3.5	0	2.5		0	2.5	12.5	11th	
ROBERT CROLL	25.85	11	38	12	5c	9	27.78	12	4	9		28	9	62	2nd	
PETER ROBINSON	----		10	5	2c	4	44.33	8	1	4		0	2.5	23.5	10th	
											Sc.					
BETTINA WOODBURN			8	1							0	1.5	0	3	5.5	5th
MICHELLE BARRAS			7	3							0	3	0	2	8	3rd
JANET BARRAS			21	5	4c		59.59				1	5	8	5	15.0	*1st
AREN BAILEY			12	4	1c		4c				0	1.5	2	4	9.5	2nd
SUSAN JOHNSON			6	2							0	4	0	1	7	4st
SIMON ZANONI	8.55		22	4	2c		2c	3	3		0	2	0	2	11	2nd
SHAUN COLEMAN	----		3	2	2c		2c	2	1		1	3	10	3	10	3rd
MARK BARRAS	9.04		12	3	7c		46.38	4	4		1	4	17	4	15	*1st
CRAIG CARTER	----		2	1							0	1	0	1	3	4th

NEAREST THE PIN

- 1st Mattheiu Weber 1 M 35 mm
- 2nd Rob Croll 1 M 70 mm
- 3rd Paul Bryden 1 M 200mm

" THE BOOMERANGS OF A PHARAOH "

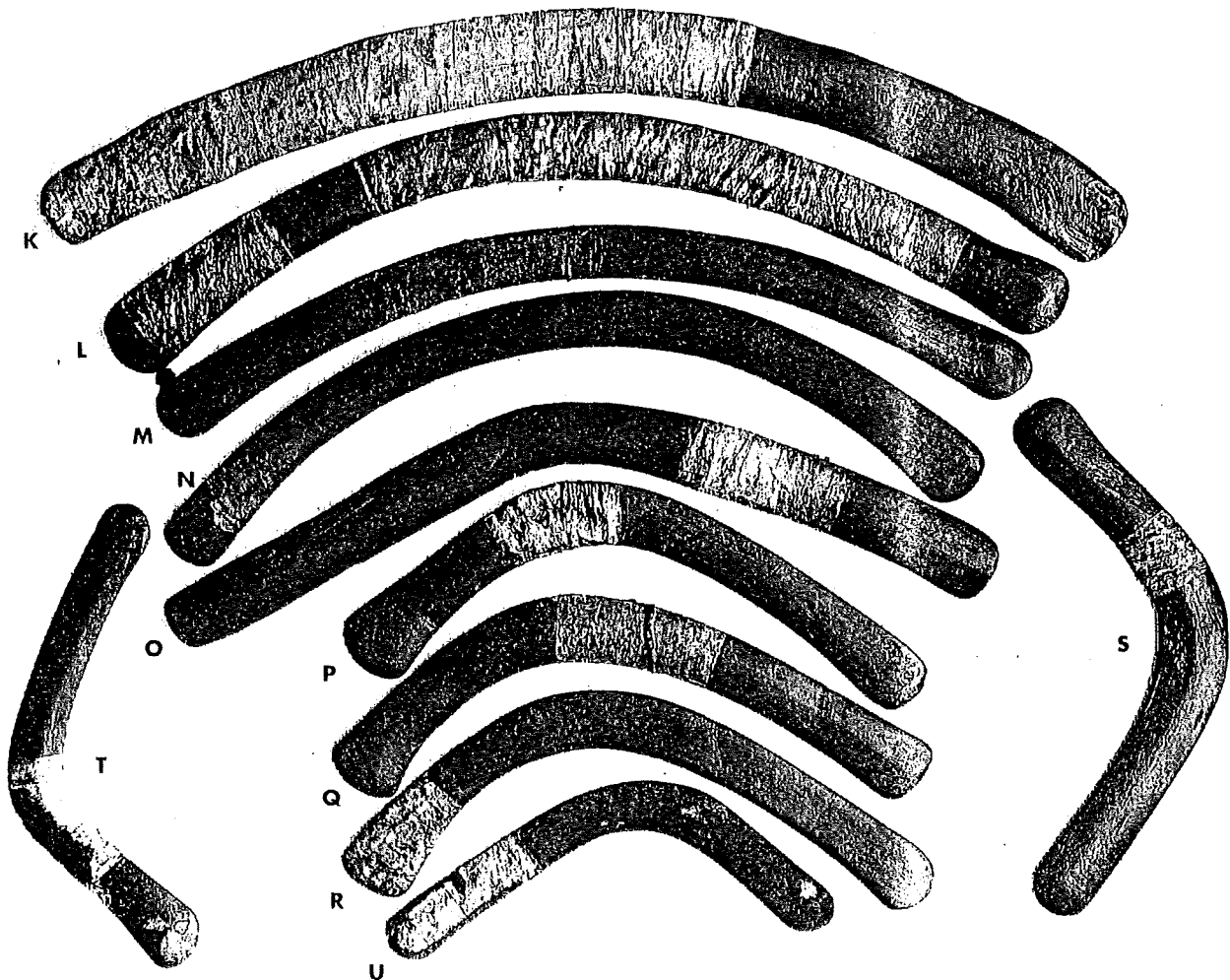
BY JACQUES THOMAS

The full story of the " boomerangs " and throwing sticks found in Egyptian tombs has been told by Jacques in his new book. The book is available through Brian Thomas who has a number of copies at \$30 each with \$2 postage throughout Australia.

Jacques has made full scale replicas of the artefacts he gained access to and following test flights has demonstrated that some of the scaled replicas had return characteristics.

Well I am still to get my copy of the book and to study its contents so I will reserve any further comments until that time. If you rae inquisitive, I suggest you contact Brian, 131 Birrell Street, Waverly, NSW 2024.

Information as relayed to Dennis Maxwell.



Boomerangs and throw-sticks found in the tomb of Tutankhamun

" NEWS FROM WEST AUSTRALIA"

(ROGER PERRY)

Greetings to all BAA members and apologies from myself for not keeping the information coming in from our part of Australia. In the last 6 months there has been some encouraging signs from young throwers stamping their mark on the local scene. Following is an update on the local scene and the forthcoming Team Cup in Hamburg.

WEST AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS...

The State Championships were held Saturday the 11th of April with Australian representative Ian Sproull taking first place over Mathieu Weber of France, it was an exciting event from the outset with throwers trying to come to grips with tricky winds. Ian started with a win in accuracy and was never passed during the 6 events although Mathieu was never more than 3 points behind. Gary Mitchell won the Juniors and finished fifth outright and has a bright future ahead of him, Marie Rowden the 12 year old who won the World fun day trick catching proved again she doesn't miss much by taking 2nd place in trick catching. Aussie Round was staged late in the afternoon with the wind at its worst we held 2 rounds and this was the only high note for myself with 103 from 2 rounds and ever reliable Ian in 2nd with 94. Mathieu showed the way in Fast Catch with a fine time of 31.03secs and in MTA Ian again won with a great time of 42.68secs using the new Paxolin MTA which really can handle the wind.

7 WEEK TOUR OF SCHOOLS IN THE NORTH OF WA...

Myself and 2 assistants will be heading off on May 13 for 7 weeks holding boomerang making workshops at 17 schools. More than 1,400 children will be taking part in the course, all the boomerangs are pre shaped and the children are taught the historical and cultural use of the boomerang and are required to sand their own boomerang and then test flight. In each town we will be holding choreographed Night Displays using our special night booms more on them later. To date we have staged 10 night displays in WA with an average spectator turnout of 700 per night compared to our usual 100 at our displays. All of the media have been informed of the displays and I'm hopeful of large crowds for our shows. Next year I am looking at holding a 20 week tour through WA, SA and finishing up in Cairns to escape our winter.

NIGHT BOOMERANGS THE WAY TO GO...

In the last 3 years I along with another night enthusiast have been looking at ways of improving night boomerangs until recently a cyalume stick was the only way to go. About 12 months ago we tested a boomerang using a 3,000 candle watt powered LED using a lithium battery to power it. We have taken this a step further by using 3 by 5,000 candle watt LEDs powered by 3 lithium batteries and 2 cyalume sticks. The LEDs are wired to a 3 way switch and along with the wiring are sunk into the boomerang the effect is to give 5 circles of light during the entire flight which is clearly visible at 300 metres. We are now working on placing a rapid pulse emitter into the boomerang which will allow us to flash up to 10 LEDs intermittently or simultaneously. If you haven't tried night throwing your missing out on the best fun achievable with boomerangs.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR HAMBURG

The International Teams Championships are to be staged in Hamburg August 31 to September 5 the Australian team is as follows.

ROGER PERRY CAPTAIN, IAN SPROULL, SAM BLIGHT, ROB CROLL, GREG OBRIEN, STEVE PANKHURST.

Our itinerary is to compete at the German Championships August 22 and 23 then the Teams Championships and finally the French Championships to be held September 12 and 13.

The team is in full training as of the State Championships and we hope to be a competitive team if not the winners. It is a pity that some of Australias other leading throwers were not available to make an even stronger team but very understandable considering the World Championships are to be staged in Ontario next April.

Im sure our team will do Australia proud during the hectic 4 weeks in Europe.

We have been sponsored ironically with Garuda Airlines who have reduced the cost of flights by more than 50 percent.

We leave with a total of 11 people on August 18 bound for Holland to sightsee for a few days before the comps.

If any other BAA members are considering going to the championships I would be happy to send all relevant information on accomodation etc.

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PAXOLIN VERSUS WOOD IN THE MTA STAKES.

Whilst in Europe I noticed the Germans throwing MTAS made from Paxolin which were travelling at least 20 metres higher than any model made from wood and handling the wind much better the only trouble being that they tended to come down much quicker.

I made an MTA whilst there out of Paxolin which I used with sucess at the French Championships.

About 3 weeks ago I made another 40 of this model and have been amazed at the results , our average time without thermal assistance is 30 seconds to 35 seconds, in slight wind this increases another 3 to 5 seconds. The model is more stable than most wood MTAS and less likely to break or detune.

The only problem with paxolin is putting in the intial tune as it tends to want to return to the initial shape and it can cut more than wood so be careful.

Paxolin is also great for making 3 blade Doublers and Trick Catchers, the hard part is sourcing this material in Perth if any BAA thrower knows of a source in the East Id like to know.

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Happy throwing to you all and I will inform members of our 7 week tour of the Northwest and info from Europe.

Regards from the West

Roger Perry

THE 1993 WORLD BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS
CHATHAM, ONTARIO, CANADA
APRIL 19-25, 1993

Chatham, Ontario, situated just 48 miles from the Detroit/Windsor border is ideally situated as an international travel destination for all competitors from the major countries of the World.

The 1993 Championships will comprise two indoor facilities totalling 30,000 sq.ft. as well as four major outdoor competition areas totalling nearly 15 acres of prestigious throwing fields. An 11 acre field, groomed for long distance competitions will be further complemented by two circular fields ideal for Aussie Round (accuracy, catching) and the accuracy 20 metre range (bull's-eye event). As well adjacent to the indoor facilities and separating both circular throwing areas is a large soccer area finished with public bleachers and a groomed field suitable of such events as Consecutive Catch, Doubling, MTA 100 as well as the ever impressive night flying.

The indoor areas could accommodate the skillful but nerve racking, doubling, juggling and endurance events.

WORKSHOPS Indoor workshops and other demonstrations will assist in completing this world class event. The Cleveland Boomerang School, although not confirmed, has approached the idea of attending and setting up shop with open arms.

TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES 14,000 sq.ft. of tools, finishing products, supplies and accessories will be available for the avid boom enthusiast. Want to learn gluing, steaming and wood bending techniques from the pros - they'll all be there to make an expert out of you.

Want to acquire some of the finest wood, both exotic and domestic stop by the World of Wood exhibit. The WORLD OF WOOD exhibit is one of the finest in the world.

WORLD CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARDS So you're good at boomerang construction! Enter the World Craftsmanship Awards Program - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place categories. The World's Largest Boomerang Trophy will be awarded PLUS unlimited press coverage Worldwide. A Claimer Program will be implemented whereas the winning booms as well as all boomerang entries will be allowed to be offered for sale in a special HIGH PROFILE. YOU ARE NOT OBLIGED TO OFFER YOUR BOOM FOR SALE, IT IS ONLY AN OPTION. Boomerangs may be mailed to the '93 Championships with the proper return postage. If your boomerang is sold at your requested price, we will send the money (in the appropriate funds) to you after the event.

GOLD AND SILVER INLAID BOOMERANGS Tickets will be on sale (reasonably priced). To assist in fund raising for the '93 competitors a Herb Smith Sycamore shape made of exotic woods, inlaid with gold and silver will be offered. This beautiful handcrafted boom, although heavier than normal because of the precious metals, will be complemented by a solid walnut case. The value is approximately \$3,000.00. Tickets \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. A boomerang is not a boomerang unless it returns. Crafted by Cryderman (similar to the Booms being made by myself for Prince Charles).

AL GERHARDS BOOMERANGS Another initiative is the reproducing of strip laminated oak and maple boomerangs with the express permission of Al Gerhards. These boomerangs are currently made in the Omega (13.5") and Hook (16") shape in the same quality tradition of Al Gerhards' originals. Although sold in blank form only, some may be sold finished as time allows. Send \$2.00 for a colour photo and actual wood sample showing the quality of workmanship of the Al Gerhards' Booms.

LITERATURE Everything you wanted to know about boomerangs but were afraid to ask ... Back issues of Many Happy Returns ... Back issues of Boomerang Journal ... Felix Hess' Thesis are offered for sale.

DO YOU LIKE KANGAROOS? At the present time we are working on importing a Mountain Kangaroo to be host to the '93 Championships. As well a 'NAME THE KANGAROO' contest will be implemented for young and younger, four to fourteen. For a \$3.00 registration and entry fee the winner(s) will receive a cash prize of \$200.00 and a television and radio appearance as well as extensive newspaper coverage. In case of a tie the money will be divided. ALL proceeds above the \$200.00 will go toward the WBA sponsorship.

INTERESTED IN ELBOWS - WAIT TILL YOU SEE THESE Beautiful Canadian walnut elbows - fit for a King. The batch of elbows offered for sale (only 43 for the world market) are of the identical quality I used to make the Royal Boomerangs for Prince Charles. Great density and strength, good grain for superb shaping and sanding.

PIONEERS OF BOOMERANGING Among the many well known names, chat with Gerhards, the Father of the Hook and the Long Distance Rang. In dedication Al I will be reproducing 30 of his most famous designs including five variations of the Mighty Large "U".

COSTS

<u>Gerhards Blanks</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>Shipping & Insurance</u>
Omega (13.5")	\$10.00	\$ 9.00 ea	\$ 8.00 ea	One piece \$ 3.00
Hook (15" & 16")	20.00	18.00 ea	17.00 ea	Up to five 6.50
				Up to ten 10.00
Finished Hook (15") (70-90 yds)	unweighted/weighted (bronze)	55.00	65.00	<u>Overseas Air</u>
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GUNTER WANDTKE	14/14	46.00/7 ₆	5/6	53/2 ND	22.19/9	5/5
KEITH ANDERSON	19/8	57.37/9 ₆	5/6	18/16	15.88/12	3/7
DAVE MARTIN	26/3 RD	51.30/8 ₆	4/10	23/13	20.22/10	1/11
RICHARD BARRAS	12/15	76.10/11 ₇	4/10	40/7	15.05/13	5/5
KEVIN MORAN	24/4	28.05/1 ST ₅	4/10	19/15	23.31/8	2/9
BR. BRIAN THOMAS	17/10	42.88/6 ₇	6/4	50/3 RD	16.56/11	DNC
RAY FREEBODY	21/6	110.60/12 ₁₇	3/14	23/13	37.99/2 ND	2/9
BIRGIT WALTER	20/7	0 CT./15 ₈	DNC	29/11	DNC	½/14!
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DOUG BOYLING	19/8	58.74/10 ₇	5/6	11/17	10.82/14	0/15
BOB BURWELL	29/2 ND	31.41/2 ND ₅	7/3 RD	54/1 ST	24.16/7	7/4
KEN ARTHUR	17/10	4 CT/14 ₈	1/16	30/10	NO CT/15	1/11
BRUCE WHITE	0/17	DNC	8/2 ND	36/8	26.19/5	3/7
DENNIS MAXWELL	17/10	36.44/4 ₆	9/1 ST	49/4	32.89/4	9/2 ND
EDDIE SILADI	17/10	DNC	3/14	31/9	DNC	DNC

*5,6,etc....number of throws.

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Finally in light of the Treasurer's comments, I think all members should do their best to try and recruit new members, otherwise the executive maybe forced to increase subscription prices to cover any shortfall.

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Regards
MH Editor.

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**GERMAN
COMPETITION
RESULTS!**

Booming sport titles

The Australian Boomerang Championships at Leopold last Sunday delivered more than many people may have been expecting.

Perhaps that's to be expected from an Australian tradition that has been successfully exported around the world.

When, for example, was the last time a local football ground played host to a Boris Becker-lookalike, resplendent in bandana and boomerang earring, who came from France and lived in Geneva?

Say hello to Matthiu Weber, the 21-year-old surprise inclusion to the Australian championships who won the overall senior title by coming first in four of the six senior events and second in the other two.

But because he is not an Australian he could not claim the overall Australian title. That honor went to Melbourne's Rob Croll, a previous winner in 1990 and 1988 and the world champion in that same year.

It may have been Weber and Croll who satisfied the sport's purists (they won all six events between them) but the



local contingent could have been forgiven for feeling more than a little proud at day's end.

In addition to providing the entire field for the junior competition, Leopold is now home to

two national champions. Janet Barass won the women's title and her son Mark took out the junior crown.

For the 32-year-old Croll, his win was another milestone in a

career that began as a technical school student.

A former swimmer and gymnast, he turned to boomerang throwing in search of some satisfaction.

"In gymnastics I was going good but not great, in swimming I was going good but not great," he said.

"I found this sport so rewarding."

And tucked away off the Bellarine Highway on Sunday afternoon, a crowning ceremony with a difference took place when mother and son Janet and Mark Barass won two of the titles in the Australian Boomerang Championships.



FLAIR: Leopold teenager Mark Barass shows the style which netted him an Australian boomerang title.

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