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It's on!

World Cup 2000 ... Melbourne.



In just over six months the World Cup will be on. People wishing to know the many fine details about this event should look it up on David Schummy's Website, which is:

<http://www.fixaframe.com.au/worldcup/worldcup.htm>

They can also ring Rob Croll, the organiser, at (03) 9887 5085 (home) or (03) 9807 2386 (work).

At the 1999 AGM the BAA appointed a *Selection Committee* to pick any BAA teams. The committee is Br.Brian Thomas (Chairman), Kevin Moran and Ian Sproul. Teams will be selected after July 1st, when all nominations will have been received. Anyone wishing to nominate for a team should send the following details to : Br.Brian Thomas (17 Comer Street, Burwood, NSW, 2134) before July 1st.

Details: Name, address, phone number, competition results during the last two years. A person needs to be a paid BAA member. The World Cup is a Team event, so consideration will be given to that aspect when selecting teams. Any member may enter the Individual Days.

Whether competing or not, try to be there to see the world's top throwers in action. You'll learn a lot!

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1999 VICTORIAN BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIP
"SEAMIST". FEBRUARY 7th, 1999

OPEN CHAMP Rob Croll
INTERMEDIATE CHAMP Brian Kemp
JUNIOR CHAMP Craig Carter

This year, the senior competitors had the option of competing in the Open or the Intermediate section. The three competing veterans opted for the Intermediate section..

Competitor	Aussie Round	Accuracy	Fast Catch	MTAC	CCID
OPEN					
Rob Croll	53+41=94 1st	36+29=65 1st	41.42 sec 1st	35.86sec 1st	4 catches 1st
Sadir Kattan	24+12=36 2nd	0+6 =6 3rd	2 catches 3rd	9.72 sec 2nd	0 2nd=
Kelvin Stephens	8+16 =24 3rd	10+13=23 2nd	4 catches 2nd	9.5 sec 3rd	0 2nd=
INTERMEDIATE					
Nick Gottschalk	28+0 =28 3rd	27+17=44 1st	2 catches 2nd=	11.35sec 3rd	1 catch 2nd=
Miles Jorgensen	30+10=40 2nd	12+6 =18 2nd	2 catches 2nd=	25.5 sec 2nd	1 catch 2nd=
Brian Kemp	32+21=53 1st	14+0 = 14 3rd	4 catches 1st	27.3 sec 1st	3 catches 1st
JUNIORS					
Craig Carter	18+14=32 2nd	14 1st	2 catches 2nd	12.54sec 1st	4 (10pts) 1st
Trent Carter	20+22=42 1st	0 3rd	4 catches 1st	8.27sec 2nd	1 (3pts) 3rd
Andrew Stephens	12+17=29 3rd	6 2nd	1 catch 3rd	---- 3rd	1 (6pts) 2nd
	Endurance	Con. Catch			
Craig Carter	7 3rd	4 2nd			
Trent Carter	8 2nd	0 3rd			
Andrew Stephens	18 1st	5 1st			

COMING EVENTS 1999 & 2000.

13th June 1999 N.S.W. State Titles at Blacktown Showgrounds at 10 a.m.. *Sponsor: Bont Skates.* Organiser: Peter Lewry (02) 9622 2927.

10th October 1999 Blacktown Aussie Round Competition at 10 a.m. at the Blacktown Showgrounds. Organiser: Peter Lewry (02) 9622 2927.

14th November 1999 11th Blue Mountains Championships at "Winbourne", Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa, at 10 a.m. One boomerang day (30m rang, plus MTA.) 10 a.m. start. *Sponsor: Springwood Holden.*

30th January 2000 *Seamist* Victorian Championships (1 week before the World Cup). Must pre-book entry by 24/12/99. Contact Bruce Carter, 21 Fran St., Glenroy. 3046. Ph/fax 61-3-9300 2374.\$30 entry covers bus transport & lunch.

6th-13th February 2000 World Team Boomerang Championships at Latrobe University, Melbourne. Contact: Rob Croll (03) 9887 5085.

25 YEARS OF COMPETITION THROWING

by Tony Butz Part 2.

1975

The national Titles were held on 12th April at the Aquinas College Sports Ground in North Albury with the approved five contests making up the programme and with Jeff Lewry offering \$20 to the first person to take 20 catches out of 20 throws inside the 20 metre circle in a General Championship. Junior competitions continued to be held alongside the senior events.

Bulletin NO.14 of May 1975 contained no less than 12 pages of Competition Rules and proposed amendments, in an article by long-standing Honorary Secretary Morris Maxwell. Clearly, the rules had become a serious issue with the necessity to define what constituted a boomerang and why certain rules existed, as well as the need to be more specific (based on incidents that had occurred in "grey areas" during contests over the last few years). In summary, these amendments proposed:

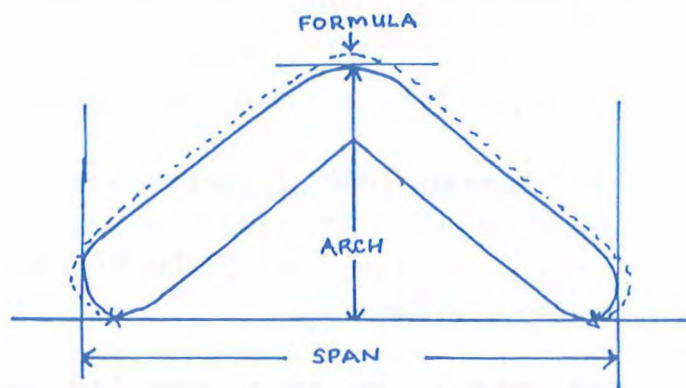
- a minimum size of boomerangs (Morris Maxwell)
- an additional accuracy circle of 10m radius (Tony Butz)
- clarification of a "clean catch" (Morris Maxwell)
- elimination of 2 points for a catch outside the 20m circle (Jeff Lewry)
- establishing finalists as the 3 highest scores, not scorers, in the General Competition (Morris Maxwell)
- a rule for determining order of throwing in finals (Jeff Lewry).

Also, in view of a claim by Texan John McMahon of a world record of 388 catches consecutively, discussion was invited on whether such claims, held outside of competition rules, should be recognised.

There were at least nine competitions run on BAA rules through 1975, the highest number to that point in time. Advice was also given to members of the Smithsonian Institution's Annual Boomerang Tournament in the USA, and of the English competitions being run on BAA rules. Duncan MacLennan, Sydney Regional Supervisor, also suggested a series of USA v. Australia contests be organised (Bulletin NO.15, Sept. 1975). This edition published, over 5 pages, the BAA rules for Longest Distance with a rationale for those rules, and two proposed minor amendments. It also said that in view of an unsubstantiated claim by Roy Johns of Griffith to throwing the largest boomerang, conditions for both measuring the size of a boomerang and competition rules for judging a throw and return needed to be established.

Morris Maxwell and Geoff Rawson outlined eight points to cover these, proposing that a measurement in millimetres between tangent points of a vertical boomerang's tips with a horizontal surface, and over the arch, become the formula adopted, with the arch and width measurements being given along with the BAA formula. 5 attempts were to be allowed to make a scoring throw and return.

As with other BAA competitions, it would be thrown from the centre accuracy circle, travel outside the 20 m circle and return to the 7.5m circle.



1976

The Australian (National) Championships, held at Aquinas College Sports Ground in North Albury, saw the inclusion of the accepted Accuracy, Catching, Distance and General competitions, together with the first competitions for the Largest and Smallest returning boomerangs. Bulletin No.16 of March 1976 had asked members to vote in writing on each of the accumulated amendment proposals (16 in all), so with this in mind and with 22 senior and 35 junior competitors, the Nationals proved very challenging, just to get through the events on time and without controversy. Consecutive catching was already considered by many to take too long, and the Shortest Time for 10 Catches had already been reduced to Shortest Time for 5 Catches.

The winning throwers and scores for each event were:

General Championship: Bob Burwell (a record 131 points)
" " (Junior) Chris Westall (82 points)
Longest Distance: Dennis Maxwell (68m)
Accuracy - Total points: Jack Byham (9points)
" Most Accurate return: John Zuber (1085mm)
" - Jnr. total : Janette Cameron (10 points)
" - Most Acc. Ret. : Janette Cameron (500mm)
Catching (Fast 5) : Bob Burwell (57 seconds)
" - Consecutive: Leo Meier (8 catches)
" Jnr.(Fast 5) : Chris Westall (49.5 seconds)
" " - Consecutive: Chris Westall (18 catches)
Smallest Boomerang: Bob Burwell (Span:140mm, Arch:130mm,
Formula: 345mm)
Largest Boomerang: Bob Burwell (Span:1217mm, Arch:440mm,
Formula: 1568mm)



Pursuing international development of the sport, Morris Maxwell travelled to the USA in May, 1976, to help enthusiasts there set up a national body. He also wrote to organisers and throwers in other countries including Austria, West Germany, Holland, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, U.K. and U.S.A.

1977-19 8

Events continued on the above rules for all BAA-sanctioned competitions in these years, the organisers deciding which events to include in the programme. Because the Nationals fell on April Fool's Day in 1978, it was decided to have a "You Must Be Joking" event in which prizes would be awarded for the Most Ridiculous Boomerang and the Most Ridiculous Method of Throwing. What amazed many was the range of novelty boomerangs and methods that actually worked, some of which led to ideas for later competitions. The two new "size" competitions showed what could be done with a competition to stimulate research in design.

With a USA v. Aust Challenge in the planning, and overseas interest in BAA rules increasing, it became imperative to have a properly printed BAA Competition Rules Book. So, at the 1978 AGM, it was agreed that a rule book committee be established, consisting of Carol Lewry, Rick Dobell and Morris Maxwell under the editorship of Tony Butz.

In June of 1978 Boomerang throwing was at last recognised by the Confederation of Australian sport, and Br. Brian Thomas was appointed the first National Boomerang Coach.

25 YEARS OF BOOMERANG COMPETITION

by TONY BUTZ



1929

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.

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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, Swizerland, 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



1999 Central Coast Championships

held at St.Edward's College, East Gosford

on 7th March 1999.

<i>Competitor</i>	<i>Aussie Rd</i>	<i>Trick Ct.</i>	<i>Team Acc.</i>	<i>Team Relay</i>	<i>Team MTA</i>	<i>Team Fast Ct.</i>
Gary Broadbent	58+62=120 / 6th	10 / 1st	82 (42)/ 3rd	1m 19.37/6th	93.29s/ 3rd	36.21s/ 3rd
Margaret Patterson	40+72=112 / 8th	4 / 7th	82 (24)/ 3rd	1m 19.37/6th	93.29s/ 3rd	36.21s/ 3rd
Ken Arthur (77)	22+20=42 / 12th	DNC	82 (16)/ 3rd	1m 19.37/6th	93.29s/ 3rd	36.21s/ 3rd
Rob Croll	79+77=156 / 1st	7 / 2nd	45 (18)/ 6th	1m 18.72/5th	112.87/ 1st	55.23s/ 6th
Kim Kyung Sun	28+10=38 / 13th	2 / 9th	45 (13)/ 6th	1m 18.72/5th	112.87/ 1st	55.23s/ 6th
Mark Patterson	16+22=38 / 2nd	DNC	45 (14)/ 6th	1m 18.72/5th	112.87/ 1st	55.23s/ 6th
Br.Brian Thomas	61+67=128 / 4th	DNC	85 (34)/ 2nd	1m 09.94/3rd	65.06s/ 4th	41.63s/ 5th
Terry Patterson	62+61=123 / 5th	DNC	85 (35)/ 2nd	1m 09.94/3rd	65.06s/ 4th	41.63s/ 5th
Paul Croft (AJ)	51+30=81 / 10th	5 / e5th	85 (16)/ 2nd	1m 09.94/3rd	65.06s/ 4th	41.63s/ 5th
Adam Carroll	58+77=135 / 2nd	6 / 4th	65 (34)/ 5th	1m 11.75/4th	63.42s/ 5th	34.86s/ 1st
Br.Rod Shoebridge	46+51= 97 / 9th	DNC	65 (31)/ 5th	1m 11.75/4th	63.42s/ 5th	34.86s/ 1st
Megan Patterson	6+ 0= 6 / 3rd	DNC	65 (0) / 5th	1m 11.75/4th	63.42s/ 5th	34.86s/ 1st
Gunter Wandtke	71+63=134 / 3rd	7 / 3rd	109(37)/ 1st	48.20s/ 1st	40.53s/ 6th	37.67s/ 4th
Peter Lewry	50+69=119 / 7th	5 / e5th	109(38)/ 1st	48.20s/ 1st	40.53s/ 6th	37.67s/ 4th
Yusuke Hayamizu	35+37=72 / 11th	3 / 8th	109(34)/ 1st	48.20s/ 1st	40.53s/ 6th	37.67s/ 4th
Gary Broadbent			78 (45) 4th	1m 08.72/2nd	105.09/ 2nd	35.60s/ 2nd
Wayne Patterson	30+50=80 / 1st	DNC	78 (16) 4th	1m 08.72/2nd	105.09/ 2nd	35.60s/ 2nd
Paul Croft (AJ)			78 (27) 4th	1m 08.72/2nd	105.09/ 2nd	35.60s/ 2nd

*Italics = Juniors.

Winner of The Arthur Janetzki Perpetual Trophy for Aussie Round: Rob Croll.

Ladies Champion: Margaret Patterson.

Nearest the Pin: Paul Croft (AJ) About 8 cm (not measured).

Junior Champion: Wayne Patterson.

Catch of the Day: Ken Arthur's one hand grab.

Rain was on and off during the day. Wind conditions were excellent leading to great scores in the Aussie Round. Rob Croll killed the field using his new USA 3-blader which touched 50m on many throws. Marg Patterson scored an outstanding 72 using a 30m Medusa (made by hubby Terry). In Team MTA all five throws were added together (maximum of 3 throws a person). In Team Accuracy all three team members threw together five times. In Team Fast Catch 3 throws with catch were the maximum for any thrower. Anyone could catch any throw. Relay was just one run each (20m).

Many thanks to St.Edward's for the use of their grounds & facilities.

We were privileged to have Gary Broadbent present to share his enthusiasm and skills with us. Gary brought joy to all with his gifts of Rusty Harding's boomerangs, making it a day to remember! When the comps were finished Gary treated us to a demonstration (after a few attempts!) of a sub-19 second Fast Catch. Great to see!

Winners of Arthur Janetzki Perfect Ten Throw Medals:

Gary Broadbent, Margaret Patterson, Terry Patterson, Adam Carroll, Peter Lewry, Paul Croft (AJ).



EASTERN SUBURBS BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

sponsored by Walter Carter Pty Ltd

held at Queens Park, Waverley, on 11th April 1999.

Results					
Competitor	Aussie Round	Accuracy	M.T.A.	Traditional Boom	Make a Boom.
Paul Croft, AJ	12+38=50/ 9th	20 / e12th	14.63 / 5th	16 / e11th	9 / 9th
Gunter Wandtke	37+63=100/ 2nd	42 / 2nd	22.30 / 2nd	19 / e8th	20 / 1st*
Ken Arthur	0+20=20/ 13th	33 / 5th	14.55 / 6th	27 / 2nd	18 / 3rd
Br.Rod Shoebridge	0+52=52/ 8th	16 / 15th	0 / e12th	16 / e11th	14 / 4th
Margaret Patterson	15+33=48/ 10th	21 / 11th	12.09 / 8th	19 / e8th	6 / e10th
Kellie Lewry	0+34=34/ 11th	20 / e12th	14.04 / 7th	16 / e11th	12 / e5th
Shirley Lewry	7+ 8=15/ 14th	15 / 16th	DNC	21 / 7th	4 / 12th
<i>Br.Owen Brown</i>	8+ 2=10/ 15th	19 / 14th	DNC	14 / 14th	12 / e5th
Terry Patterson	42+39=81/ e4th	38 / 3rd	12.01 / 9th	29 / 1st *	2 / e14th
Br.Brian Thomas	33+48=81/ e4th	42 / 1st *	14.78 / 4th	19 / e8th	19 / 2nd
Sally Lewry	13+15=28/ 12th	24 / 10th	0 / e12th	6 / 15th	6 / e10th
Peter Lewry	33+56=89/ 3rd	34 / 4th	18.94 / 3rd	25 / 3rd	2 / e14th
Kevin Moran	46+54=100/ 1st*	29 / 7th	55.66 / 1st*	22 / 6th	10 / 8th
<i>David Richardson</i>	30+42=72/ 6th	27 / 8th	8.88 / 11th	24 / 4th	12 / e5th
<i>Nadine Cranenburgh</i>	4+DNC=4/ 16th	0 / 18th	DNC	3 / 16th	DNC
Tony Butz	26+27=53/ 7th	31 / 6th	9.94 / 10th	23 / 5th	3 / 13th
<i>Lea</i>	DNC	26 / 9th	DNC	DNC	DNC
<i>Jules</i>	DNC	14 / 17th	DNC	DNC	DNC

Italics: First competition ever. Weather: Windy early, then calm.

Nearest the Pin: Ken Arthur (almost Absolute Bullseye!!) 5 mm.

Ladies Champion: Margaret Patterson.

Bunny Read Perpetual Trophy for Aussie Round: Kevin Moran.

Arthur Janetzki Perfect 10 Throw Medals: Ken Arthur, Br.Brian Thomas, Terry Patterson.

Juniors	Aussie Round	Accuracy	2 min.Endurance
Megan Patterson	0 + 7= 7 / 3rd	18 / 1st *	0 / 3rd
Mark Patterson	10+33=43/ 2nd	6 / 3rd	1 / 2nd
Wayne Patterson	30+34=64/ 1st*	10 / 2nd	2 / 1st *

Nearest the Pin: Megan Patterson.

Highlights of the day.

Ken Arthur's first accuracy throw was almost a perfect bullseye, just 5mm away! Kevin Moran, still recovering from operations, threw magnificently in Aussie Round and MTA. Gunter voted unluckiest thrower of the day, losing two throw-offs for first place in Accuracy & Aussie Round.

Two different events: Traditional Boomerang comp..had to use a straight armed, two blader, which was at least 90 degrees, for an accuracy comp. Boomerang Making: Common blank supplied to all, then 15 mins to make it, followed by 5 accuracy throws to get winner. Comps ran from 9.30 till 5 p.m. .. A long day. This is Wayne Patterson's last comp as a Junior .. In the big league now! Many thanks to Rick, the groundsman, for the great scoring circles, and to Waverley College for use of the ground. A big thanks to our chief sponsor, Walter Carter Pty.Ltd, who also pay for our Boomerang Bulletin, the official BAA magazine.



1999 Australian Boomerang Championships

The last National Championships of the 20th century were held in two days of calm weather at Albury. The main highlight was a throw of 3 min 4 secs in MTA by David Schummy. It slowly drifted off the field and descended 150 metres from launching .. but into a tree! David's attempt on the long distance record was thwarted by the lack of breeze, but he still managed 144 metres ahead of Peter Lewry with 79 metres and Gunter Wandtke on 54 metres. Andrew Travis and Rob Croll also crossed the 100 metre mark, but failed to return. One of David's throws went well over the 200m mark and ended up two ovals away on the school roof! Space to do distance throwing is definitely a problem for us.

Our Dynamic Duo, Craig and Trent, showed great form. If they had been in the Senior section they would have finished 8th and 9th.

Once again we must thank Peter Nichols, Stuart the groundsman and Xavier College for the grounds and use of the school facilities, and Mike & Mary Egan for sponsoring the Nationals. The 2000 Nationals will be in Albury on 29th & 30th April. At the AGM we all shared a special 21st birthday cake .. it was 21 years since the Government recognised boomerang throwing as an official sport.



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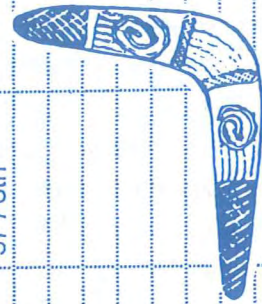
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Results

Competitor	Aussie Rd	Accuracy	MTA 100	Fast Catch	Endurance	Trick Catch	Vet. & Sn.	Sen. Over-all	Veterans
Brian Kemp	43+56=99/e7	35 / 5th	17.48 / 7th	28.73 / 3rd	26 / e6th	16 / e6th	37 / 5th		30.5 / 1st
Nick Gottschalk	27+24=51/18	12 / e17th	0 / e17th	57.53 / 14th	18 / 14th	2 / e12th	99 / 18th		86.5 / 5th
Br.Rod Shoebridge	30+48=78/11	23 / 14th	10.00/e15th	50.34 / 11th	24 / 10th	0 / e14th	77 / 13th		61.5 / 4th
Br.Brian Thomas	72+51=123/e3	32 / 7th	14.70 / 13th	46.26 / 8th	26 / e6th	13 / 8th	46.5 / 7th		38.5 / 2nd
Kevin Moran	46+51=97 / 9	36 / 4th	22.06 / 6th	59.36 / 15th	26 / e6th	0 / e14th	56.5 / 8th		41 / 3rd
David Schummy	72+65=137 / 1	25 / e11th	16.70 / 9th	21.57 / 1st	39 / e3rd	33 / 2nd	27 / 3rd	27 / 3rd	
Gunter Wandtke	57+55=112/5	29 / 10th	29.70 / 3rd	29.16 / 4th	39 / e3rd	26 / e3rd	28 / 4th	28 / 4th	
Bruce Carter	71+52=123/e3	38 / e2nd	25.96 / 4th	28.50 / 2nd	32 / 5th	26 / e3rd	20.5 / 2nd	20.5 / 2nd	
Peter Lewry	49+51=100/6	24 / 13th	14.83 / 12th	51.60 / 12th	23 / e11th	2 / e12th	67 / 11th	67 / 8th	
Kellie Lewry	15+34=49/19	11 / 19th	16.16 / 11th	4ct./e16th	19 / 13th	4 / 11th	89 / 17th	89 / 13th	
Sally Lewry	37+55=92/10	30 / 9th	0 / e17th	3ct. / 18th	14 / 15th	0 / e14th	85.5 / 15th	85.5 / 11th	
Rob Croll	71+64=135/2	39 / 1st	43.39 / 1st	30.55 / 5th	48 / 1st	37 / 1st	11 / 1st	11 / 1st	
Dave Richardson	42+10=52/17	25 / e11th	10.00 / e15th	53.29 / 13th	11 / 16th	0 / e14th	88.5 / 16th	88.5 / 12th	
Paul Croft AJ	23+30=53/16	31 / 8th	17.53 / 7th	46.60 / 9th	8 / 17th	5 / 10th	68 / 12th	68 / 9th	
Shirley Lewry	6+6=12 / 20	0 / e20th	0 / e17th	1 ct. / 20th	6 / 18th	DNC	115.5 / 20	115.5 / 15th	
Sadir Kattan	27+39=66/15	12 / e17th	22.22 / 5th	47.82 / 10th	25 / 9th	11 / 9th	65.5 / 10th	65.5 / 7th	
Andrew Travis	55+43=98/8	38 / e2nd	34.66 / 2nd	41.03 / 6th	DNC	16 / e6th	45 / 6th	45 / 5th	
Lance Thomas	35+39=74/13	33 / 6th	16.46 / 10th	2ct./19th	23 / e11th	DNC	78.5 / 14th	78.5 / 10th	
Shane Langley	55+22=77/12	14 / 16th	DNC	4ct./e16th	4 / 19th	DNC	102.5 / 19th	102.5 / 14th	
Christian Hennigs	48+25=73/14	20 / 15th	11.16 / 14th	45.25 / 7th	41 / 2nd	17 / 5th	57 / 9th	57 / 6th	
Dan Lewry	DNC	0 / e20th	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC			
Nearlest the Pin: Andrew Travis 162 mm									
Ladies Champion: Sally Lewry									
Les & Arthur Janetzki Perpetual Trophy (Over-all): Rob Croll.									
Veteran Champion: Brian Kemp. Senior Champion: Rob Croll. Junior Champion: Trent Carter.									
JUNIORS									
Andrew Travis Jn	12+24=36/3rd	10 / 3rd	17.83 / 3rd	3ct. / 3rd	1 / 3rd				
Craig Carter	52+39=91/1st	28 / 2nd	20.25 / 2nd	60.0 / 1st	31 / 2nd	28			
Trent Carter	52+30=82/2nd	34 / 1st	29.00 / 1st	4ct. / 2nd	34 / 1st	25			
Becky Lewry	7 / 4th	10 / 4th	DNC	DNC	DNC				





34 catches and Trent returns to record book

YOUNG Trent Carter is a boomerang throwing champion – at the tender age of nine.

Trent set a national record by catching a boomerang 34 times in five minutes at the Australian national boomerang throwing championships in Albury at the weekend.

He broke the previous under 17 record of 31 catches set by his older brother, Craig, 11, just 10 minutes earlier.

But setting boomerang throwing records is nothings new to Trent, who captured his first record when he was four.

Trent and Craig have learnt the art from their father, Mr Bruce Carter, who is the president of the Boomerang Association of Australia.

Mr Carter said the aim of the association was to promote boomerang throwing and to encourage more to take up the sport competitively.

"A good boomerang thrown correctly with little or no wind should come back," Mr Carter said.

"Seventy-five per cent of boomerangs sold in Australia do not come back because they are not made properly.

"A boomerang is a sophisticated piece of machinery."

Mr Carter said many of the competitors at the national championships, which were first held in Albury in 1971, made their own boomerangs.

"It is Australia's oldest sport, with the most modern technology," he said.

"And boomerang throwing is the only sport where the person is the only target."

More than 20 people competed in the championships at the Xavier High School sportsground with the hope of not only winning a national title but also being chosen to compete for Australia in the World Championships next year.

Organiser of the World Championships to be held in Melbourne in February, Mr Robert Croll, said there were six different sections of throwing.

They were accuracy, fastest time in five minutes, endurance, trick catches, Aussie round and maximum time aloft.

"It is the only indigenous sport Australia has that is competed worldwide," Mr Croll said.

"It will be an Olympic sport one day. A lot of people say boomerang throwing is for Aboriginals and tourists, but it's not – it's a great sport."

Unfortunately at the weekend the world record for distance throwing of 207m could not be broken by Queensland Mr David Schummy – it appears conditions were just not quite right.

Trent Carter throwing in the highest-amount-of-catches-in-five-minutes section.

World Cup Update!

Costings have been announced: Competitors will pay \$800 Aus. (\$500 accommodation & food; and \$300 entry). Non-competitors staying at the La Trobe University: \$500. All payments should be made to David Schummy. There is limited accommodation, so first in best fed!!

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Boomerangs have been around thousands of years, long before the Pyramids of Egypt and the Great Wall of China. The oldest wooden boomerangs found were in the swamps at Millicent, South Australia, and have been carbon-dated to about 11,000 years. Cave drawings of boomerangs go back at least 30,000 years.

There are two types of boomerangs: the non-returning hunting boomerang, and the returning boomerang. The first type was more common; probably 99 out of every 100 were this type. The returning one had limited hunting use. Boomerangs were also used to stir fires, skin kangaroos, dig holes, clap together for music, used in hand to hand combat, and thrown. It was the Aborigines' own Swiss Army knife!

Modern day competitions were held by Aboriginal groups in Northcote, Melbourne, run by the Harold Blair Institute. A few founding BAA members attended these. As numbers dropped off, it was suggested the white throwers set up their own organisation. This was done on 7th May 1969, the same year man landed on the moon! There were 27 present (among them legends like Les & Arthur Janetzki, Cec Burwell, Jack Byham, Lin Onus, Stephen Silady, Jeff Lewry & Bluey Williams). They elected Geoff Rawson: President; Morris Maxwell: Secretary; Jim Hamish Robb: Editor. Our first National Champion in 1971 was a young Peter Lewry (19 competitors).

Government recognition as a sport came through the Confederation of Australian Sport in 1978. It is now an international sport with over a dozen countries participating. Our first international competition was a 3 Test Series with the U.S.A. in 1981 in Melbourne, Albury and Sydney. Jack Byham was our President and Br. Brian Thomas Captain & Coach of the Aussie Team (10 throwers). The first World Cup (with 7 teams, 3 a team) was at Barooga, N.S.W., in 1988, organised by Peter Byham. In 1998, at St. Louis, U.S.A., there were 18 teams (6 a team).

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