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**BAA National's first ever perfect tie!**

Read about it in Roger Perry's wrap up  
of the 2021 Nationals on page 4



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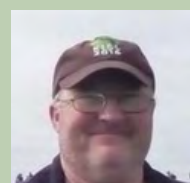
## **President's Report**

After joining the Boomerang Association of Australia (B.A.A) in 1974, I have competed for Australia, won the Australian Championships and World Championships, set world records and been Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and State Representative. This is my first time as the President.

Since becoming President, my aim for the B.A.A. has been to increase memberships, especially within Australia's Aboriginal and Indigenous communities.

With COVID-19 raging in 2020-21, not much has happened in terms of comps and we unfortunately saw the World Championships in France cancelled altogether. It seems that lockdowns and interstate travel restrictions will also prevent comps in Lake Tyres and Bairnsdale from going ahead this year. Let's keep our fingers crossed for 2022.

In Western Australia, Chrissy and Leonie Metzakis have been doing a great job- having regular throws with the public through the W.A.B.A. I have also been trying to get more involvement with schools through the Victorian State Government. I hope to get the Victorian Boomerang Throwers Association (V.B.T.A.) up and running again too.



Regards,  
Rob Croll  
**President B.A.A**

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# BAA AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020~~20~~21

Written by Roger Perry

The organisation of this year's Australian Championships started back in October 2020 after the 2020 Nationals were cancelled due to COVID19. It was scary leading up to the event this year as New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria all had issues again with COVID. Luckily this year all throwers were able to make it to the Gold Coast for the 51st Australian Championships.



Angie and I arrived one week early to have a look around and help with the setup of the field. Three days before the event, we spent time with Rod Jones at his workshop. This was a special moment for me as it had been 30 years since I had last spent time with Rod and his wonderful wife Lorraine.

Rod was very influential in getting me started with making boomerangs- he was such a great boomerang maker and his artwork is legendary. As a special treat, Rod also made it to the nationals and presented many of the awards.

This year attracted international champions Takeshi Honda (Japan) and Thomas Szartowicz (Germany). Thomas' daughter Ida also participated in many of the events- her very first Aussie boomerang competition! Additionally, we had a number of throwers from New South Wales and Queensland who entered the competition for the first time.

The Nationals started with a Welcome to Country and dance performed by Paul Craft, Elih and family. This was such a nice way to connect the Aboriginal culture to our sport.

Luckily the weather for Day One was warm, with light winds all morning. The competition was hard fought from the outset, with many amazing efforts in the different events. The first event, MTA, was held in perfect, still conditions with Grant Perry powering the MTA for a first up win, with Takeshi Honda coming in second.



The next event was Fast Catch and the wind picked up a little, but conditions were still good for this event which Takeshi took out from Thomas Szartowicz. The last event before lunch was Endurance with Takeshi beating Grant by two catches, 49 to 47.

Christene had a great day after arriving from her flight just as the first event had started. She even broke an Australian record for ladies in Fast Catch with 26.84 and in Endurance with 27 catches! Congratulations to Christene.

After lunch the wind picked up again for Trick Catch and Grant did an amazing job to win this event. Accuracy was next and although it is usually Grant's and my worst event, this time Grant scored an impressive 74, and I came second with a score of 68.

The last event of the day was Aussie Round and the wind really was gusting! Even so, Takeshi was victorious over Grant and it seemed he had won overall. However, after the count-back, it was found that there was a perfect tie and there was no way to separate the two throwers!

Therefore the 2021 Aussie Champions were dual winners; Takeshi and Grant! In third place came Thomas, I came fourth and Christene Metzakis in fifth place. It was really great to see such a close competition.

Then on Sunday, Paul Craft gave a demonstration of spear throwing using a Woomera. He achieved a distance of 40 to 50 metres with amazing accuracy. After the demonstration, we had our Throw Stick event. Everyone loved this, with over 20 people taking part. It was so great to see Paul Craft win his first Australian event amongst so many new faces, many of whom took part for the first time. In particular, Ernest and Elih did a great job and

It was fabulous to see some long term throwers, such as Dave Schummy, Dean Hopton and Lynton Hannant complete. Many thanks to Jess and Chrissy for live streaming and sharing footage of the competition in real time on our Facebook page.

Appreciation goes out to Rob, Zoran and Roger for field set up and a special thanks to David Hirsch and Ben Scott for their prizes contributions. It was a wonderful Nationals and thank you again to Paul and everyone involved in making this such a friendly, enjoyable weekend of boomerang fun!





# A GERMAN PERSPECTIVE...

Written by Thomas Szartowicz

Liebe Bumerang Gemeinde, hier mein Kurzbericht von den Australischen Bumerangmeisterschaften, 2021!

Oh, No! This is not the Deutsche Bumerangclub Homepage but the Bulletin of the Boomerang Association of Australia!

How to start? Ah, I know: The **2012 World Boomerang Championships in Itu, Brazil**. I remember the roaring WBC 2012 in Brazil. Intense throwing, good vibes, long nights in our small community and Leonie, Roger, Simon and Rob introducing me to the peculiarities of the Australian Language.

After an intense *Caipirinha* workout, we were relaxing on the sidewalk in our street lined with triangle-shaped huts. Warm night, stars out, they were teaching me words of severe importance which I should definitely use when visiting Australia.



Six years later, I miraculously made my way Down Under, now working for the German International School in Sydney since July 2020. I am not an 'ocker' yet, but the curb-stone conversation in Brazil provided me with a good head start, *bloody oath!*

Just a couple of months after my arrival, Roger invited me to the Australian Nationals in Queensland. The opportunity to throw at the Australian Nationals 2021 on the Gold Coast. My dream! I just thought: **Strewth, Thomas! I was terribly rapt.**

My wife Nicole, *ankle-biter* Ida and I then flew over to the land of the Banana Benders on the 14th of May. Seeing Roger, Angie, Kelly and Grant in Surfers Paradise was mind blowing. Last time I saw them all was at the World Cup in Kiel, five years ago. And now, in COVID struck times, I am meeting them again among cane toads. *Bloody oath! So awesome!*

**What a beautiful start to the tourney.**

'Crikey', I said to my wife Nicole when arriving at the amazing Runaway Bay Sports field on Saturday morning. Three Cricket Fields combined, the fourth unfortunately unusable: a mob of forty kangaroos occupied the neighbouring field! *No Furphy!*

After a beautiful initiation rite by Paul Craft and his family, I put my sunnies on and the tournament started with relaxing MTA, followed by Fast Catch and Endurance. Thanks to everybody who jumped in and helped out, the other events came in nice and easy and we were throwing until the late *arvo*.



Wind picked up slightly, but still, wow! What a relaxing atmosphere- Aussies joking, throwing, swearing, catching... and I was among them, understanding about 85% of the slang, however, I didn't want to appear as a *bloody drongo* so I completed the final 15% myself.

**No dramas.**

Grant and Takeshi were winning most of the time, with Rog coming up close behind. In the end I was able to squeeze in like a *budgie smuggler* just between these three blokes.

Sunday morning brought a visit from Rod Jones, the boomerang legend. In his seventies, looking as *fit as a sneaker* (German: Fit wie ein Turnschuh). What an appearance!



We finished the day with the Throw Stick Competition. Roger's Kylie (which I bought later on) flew beautifully... far... precise... but hit the target just once. Thankfully David, Christine, Paul, Rob showed me how it was done. *Good on ya, lads!*

After a beautiful awards ceremony and a quick barbie session, we had to head home to Syd.

I will remember competing with the Australian Boomergang in Runaway Bay for a very long time. I truly felt very sad when I had to hit the *frog and toad*. Next year, Takeshi and I will try to bring the Boomerang crowd to Sydney.

Thanks Roger, Angie, Rob, David, Grant and Kelly, lads and ladies for this beautiful boomerang experience up on Gold Coast. **See you soon mates!**







## 2021 AUSTRALIAN BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIP MAY 15-16

Rank	Name	Overall	MTA	Rank	Points	FC	Rank	Points	END	Rank	Points	TC	Rank	Points	Acc	Rank	Points	AR	Rank	Points
1	Grant	11	39.89	1st	1	23.91	4th	4	47	2nd	2	87	1st	1	74		1st	58	2nd	2
1	Takeshi	11	38.89	2nd	2	20.65	1st	1	49	1st	1	70	2nd	2	59		4th	68	1st	1
3	Thomas	20.5	36.79	3rd	3	20.86	2nd	2	43	3rd	3	56	3rd	3	63		3rd	30	6th	6.5
4	Roger	25	25.82	6th	6	21.55	3rd	3	39	4th	4	23	5th	5	68		2nd	36	5th	5
5	Christene	34.5	21.76	8th	8	26.84	5th	5	27	5th	5	4	6th	6	37		6th	42	4th	4
6	David	37	31.67	4th	4	29	6th	6	25	6th	6	30	4th	4	12		14th	43	3rd	3
7	Rob	40	28.04	5th	5	45.5	8th	8	24	7th	7	3	7th	7	37		6th	30	6th	6.5
8	Elih	46.5	20	9th	9	37.95	7th	7	13	8th	8	2	8th	8	42		5th	20	9th	9.5
9	Ida	61.5	23.45	7th	7	3c	9th	9.5	12	9th	9	0	9th	9	22		13th	np	13th	14
10	Dean	64	np	11th	13	3c	9th	9.5	5	10th	10	np	10th	12.5	32		9th	20	9th	9.5
11	Paul	68	np	11th	13	np	12th	13.5	np	11th	13	np	10th	12.5	34		8th	26	8th	8
12	Angie	72.5	np	11th	13	np	12th	13.5	np	11th	13	np	10th	12.5	32		9th	19	11th	11
13	Earnest	73.5	13.01	10th	10	0c	11th	11	np	11th	13	np	10th	12.5	10		15th	0	12th	12
14	Lynton	77	np	11th	13	np	12th	13.5	np	11th	13	np	10th	12.5	30		11th	np	13th	14
15	Zoran	78	np	11th	13	np	12th	13.5	np	11th	13	np	10th	12.5	28		12th	np	13th	14





# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2022 Australian Boomerang Championships & AGM

### WHEN?

Saturday 23rd to  
Sunday 24th

April, 2022

*Dates will be revised in Feb to  
ensure event can go ahead within  
COVID-19 restrictions*

### WHERE?

Surveyors Creek  
Recreation Area

Ballybunnion Terrace,  
Glenmore Park NSW 2745  
**Free Parking** outside the  
Community Centre

### FEES?

The Australian  
Boomerang  
Championships will be  
Free for all attendees and  
spectators in 2022!

### CONTACT?

Register your  
interest with the  
BAA at

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## 2021 Windy West Australian Championships

WRITTEN BY CHRISTENE METZAKIS

After difficulty securing a suitable field to hold this year's West Australian State Championships, we were able to secure the same field as the 2014 World Cup at Guildford Grammar School on Saturday 10th April. While the forecast for sun was good, the wind however was not, peaking at 48.5km/h 10 minutes into start time.

For the first event of the day, we went with Throw Stick and the ladies took an early lead with Angie and Marinda hitting the target at 20m. Unfortunately that was short lived with Roger hitting twice at the 30m mark, and Angie also making contact at 30m. Christene scored points for her 50m strike which tied her for 2nd place with Angie and Roger taking 1st place. Angie and Christene had a throw-off for placings and Angie's throw landing closest to the target.



### Throw Stick Overall Placings

Roger 1st – 6 points.  
Angie 2nd – 5 points.  
Christene 3rd – 5 points.  
Marinda 4th – 2 points.

*After review of the rules, Christene should have been awarded 6 points for hitting the target at 50m (not 5 points). This would have meant a tie between Christene and Roger, resulting in a throw-off. Final placings would have also changed, with Christene or Roger taking either first or second and Angie third place.*

The Main Event was a very relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere this year. However, the wind gods were not kind and the end scores really reflect this. It was gusty all day, with little to no breaks, but we all struggled through it. No surprise that no records or personal best's were achieved this year!



Grant Perry dominated the field on the day, taking 1st place in all events. He took back West Australian Champion from Nick Pritchard, who had held the title for the past two years.

Our Junior thrower Cameron is progressing well and threw in Throw Stick and Accuracy. Points were awarded for encouragement as some throws were short of range due to the strong winds.



Cameron, Junior champion

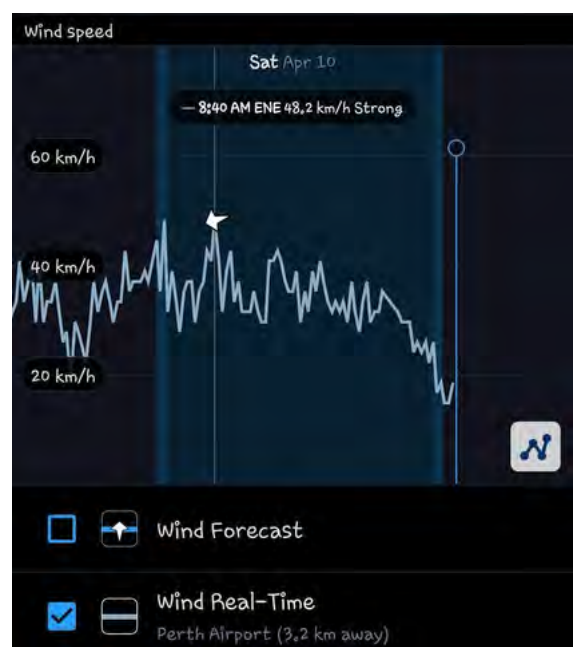


Throw stick winners

Having only a few throwers meant that we had plenty of time to enjoy the usual BBQ at the conclusion of the day.

Thank you again to competitors and helpers/scores on the day and to Chris Johnson for once again making the trophies and taking pictures on the field.

Did I mention it was windy ☹

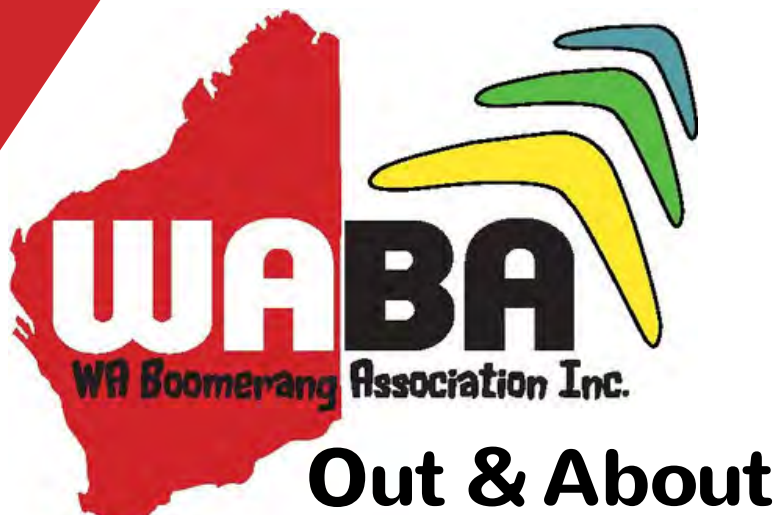


## Overall Placings

West Australian Men's Champion – Grant Perry  
West Australian Ladies Champion – Chrissy Metzakis  
West Australian Junior Champion - Cameron

1st Grant Perry  
2nd Roger Perry  
3rd Matt Barker  
4th Chrissy Metzakis

5th Ian Sproul  
6th Angie Perry  
7th Leonie Metzakis  
8th Cameron



Written by Christene Metzakis

It's been another year of growth for WABA (WA Boomerang Association). Since originally starting, our goal was to reignite the sport of boomerang throwing in Western Australia. We are happy to say our name is out there and is having a positive response, yes it may be a little slow, but we have to do something!

Leonie is regularly booked to attend schools to give boomerang lessons in which not only the kids love, but the teachers too! We get invited back year after year.

NAIDOC week is big on our calendar with schools now booking 3 months in advance knowing how popular we are. WABA have also teamed up with a university who run a sports school holiday program. Although we missed out last term, the kids 'really missed not having boomerangs' so we were booked for Term 4!

In June, we attended the 'Have a Try Day' put on by the City of Wanneroo. This day is aimed at people with disabilities to encourage them to try different sports. It was a great day and will be an event we will return to, as these types of events are a great opportunity to talk with the parents and have everyone involved.

Our annual attendance at the senior's recreation 'Have a Go Day' is highly successful. As the name suggests, the day is aimed at getting the over 55's active and boomerangs fit in well- plus being close to Christmas helps fund the association, with grandparents buying boomerangs for Christmas. After all, boomerangs make great stocking stuffers! This year the 'Have a Go Day' was held on Wednesday November 10th and there was a great turn out.

For members and anyone who would like to try, we have reinstated our regular throw days. These are currently the first Sunday of each month in Quinns Rocks and the second Saturday of each month in Joondalup.

Our Quiz Night in November 2020 was another sell out and the next one will be held in January 2022. We not only raise funds for the club, but we also help the local RSL. For those unaware, the RSL is Returned and Services League and is a members-based veterans charity aimed at the care and wellbeing for service and ex-service defence forces.

To keep up to date with where we are and what we are doing, follow us on our socials.



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# The Girls Are Coming 'round!

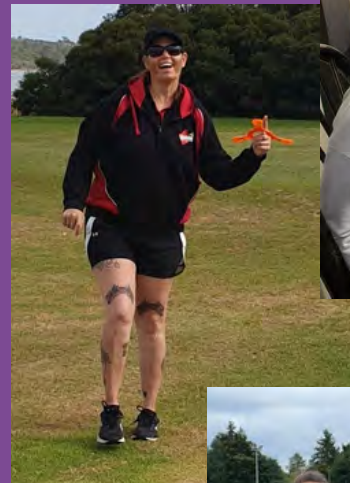
Written by Christene Metzakis

Sport boomerang has something in common with mainstream sport- a lack of women participation. Hence, in early 2021, the unofficial BoomerGals Throwing Club was born! It was created by three West Australian boomerangs lovers and spearheaded by boomerang enthusiast and thrower, Christene Metzakis.

@BoomerGals was set up as a Facebook page to show the world women in boomerangs. They are not looking for the next World Champion (although that would be a bonus), rather, they want people to see women having a go and to be motivated to try boomerang for themselves. No matter your level or skill set, the wonderful world of boomerangs has many avenues- from making, decorating, or just helping with events!

The Facebook page is there for anyone to add pictures and stories of their involvement in sport boomerangs and traditional boomerangs. For more information, check out and like the @BoomerGals page- you will be surprised to see the number of BoomerGals out there!

Boomergals would like to make special mention to all the women who competed at the recent European Championships – Congratulations! The current ladies World Champion, Marie Appriou, attended with several junior women. Pauline won the European Womens Championship for under 18's, followed by Mailys 2nd, Julie 3rd and Cloé 4th place. We can't wait to see you again on the field!



@BoomerGals #boomergals

# Aboriginal Artefacts

## - Hunting Sticks -

Written by Paul Craft



Paul Craft-Burracun, a Birrinburra Bundjalung Wanggerriburra Yugambeh & Yugera Jagara Turrbal man, was born in Brisbane SE Queensland Australia 1965. He has been making, throwing and teaching students and others about boomerangs and many other aspects of his culture for over 25 years. Everyone in his area calls him 'Uncle Boomerang'.



Paul hand-makes his hunting sticks from a local hard wood called 'Black Wattle', specifically from the elbows of limbs/ branches and tree roots. He uses traditional techniques, along with easy to use electric tools to make his hunting and fighting sticks. He also makes spears, Woomeras Shields, Coolamons and many other Aboriginal weapons, artefacts and utensils.

He was taught by his Aboriginal Grandfather and Uncles when as a young teen and has been practicing the craft ever since. Paul was also taught many other cultural aspects including language, dance, songs, stories, hunting, plants and seasons of his traditional people.



Uncle Boomerang has a business visiting schools teaching and sharing cultural knowledge and history. For business inquiries, please contact:

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# My Boomerang Bag



**Name:** Bitter (German shape)

**Material:** Old Glowy material  
(polypropylene with mystery mixer)

**Shape:** Tri Fly Blank from Eric Darnell

**Throwing Hand:** Right

**Profile:** Easy to throw Versatile.  
Reliable.

**Conditions:** best in light wind

**Events:** Endurance, Accuracy

**Tuning:** Penny weighted and profile  
reduced by Fridolin Frost. No airfoil.  
Hand-tuned only.

## Interesting Facts

The Old Glowy material was originally made by mistake around 25-30 years ago with a combination of polypropylene and some other mysterious material. Only a small number of blanks were made and they cannot be replicated.

Although the Glowy material is no longer available, if you are interested in making this style for yourself, 0% and 5% glass fibre nylon Tri Fly blanks with airfoils would be the closest match.

## Takeshi's comment

My mentor, Murata San, got this boomerang from Fridolin Frost. When I started throwing boomerangs, I convinced him to let me borrow it and that was now... 15yrs ago. It is my lucky charm and I always make sure it's in my kit when I travel to tournaments.



Submit a profile of your fave  
'rang to have it featured in  
our next issue!

Written by Takeshi Honda

# THROWER PROFILE #1

## Introducing throwers from around the world

*Written by Adhit in collaboration with Roger Perry*

**The BAA would like to introduce two of Indonesia's exciting young boomerang makers not only great boomerang designs but creative airbrushing art.**

Hello my name is Adhit and I live in Depok City West Java, Indonesia. I love music, football (or futsal), Vespa, air rifles, the art of survival and all kinds of other outdoor activities. My favorite hobby is boomerangs and I'll tell you about it.

I started in 2013 when I saw a television program about the unique community of the Indonesian boomerang. From there, I was attracted by the unique things about boomerangs; ranging from elements of science, sports, art, and other interesting things.

I started to find out about boomerangs in Indonesia through articles and social media until I met the person who eventually became my first teacher. This person guided me to make boomerangs for the first time and helped me make my first flight.



His name is Adam Bumerang (Tangerang). Adam gave me all his knowledge about boomerangs until finally he said to me "you can develop [your] existing knowledge, hopefully [my help has been] useful." Then I started trying to make boomerangs continuously with recycled materials and makeshift tools.



At that time I did it alone at my place while also introducing boomerangs to other people. Until finally, I got some friends around the house to play boomerang together, and also made many boomerang friends from other areas.

In 2016 I met Listyo Bramantyo (Jogjakarta) for the first time, a figure I wanted to meet because I heard he was a teacher of boomerang makers and throwers in Indonesia. He also shared a lot of his knowledge with me. He gave me a lot of homework about the boomerang which was and is still very valuable to me. He encouraged me and passed on many important messages to me.

2018, is the year when I started to present my own thought-provoking works with my own handiwork. At this time I still did everything secretly because I felt ashamed and not confident with the work I presented. I kept trying to make something that I had never made before, and continued to improve and perfect it.



2019, was a year of sadness for me; a year of downturn and a year for me to rise again. It was during this year that the Legend Listyo Bramantyo, someone who dedicated his whole life to the boomerang, passed away.

His passing affected me greatly. Listyo was a Legend, the teacher of many throwers in Indonesia. At this time I lost my passion, and I even decided to quit the boomerang world. It took me time to calm down as well as remember all the knowledge and messages he had conveyed to me. I thought, if I quit, all he gave me would be in vain. I tried to get back up and continue everything. One message that became my turning point to get up was "you must be brave to appear".



Finally in the same year, during an annual tournament in Indonesia, I met Roger Perry (Australia), a figure that my Indonesian boomerang friends told me about. Roger is a very humble figure who accepted me even though it was our first meeting.

Roger was the first person from overseas to order my boomerangs. At that time, I thought **"is this a dream or is it real?"** He was also the one who introduced me to the outside world, and he gave me the name "SQUARO" for my designs. I never thought that my designs would go viral!

Since then, I have learned a lot about the world and been able to meet people from many different countries. Even though our meetings are limited to social media, I hope to have the opportunity to meet everyone in person someday!

That's a bit of my life story about boomerang; the joy, the sorrow, the ups and the downs. I hope for more mysteries and other surprises in the future.



# THROWER PROFILE #2

## Introducing throwers from around the world

*Written by Koko Handoko in collaboration with Roger Perry*

The Boomerang is unique. It can return after being thrown, which is really amazing to me. I thought it would be great to shape and paint boomerangs according to a theme or some characters to look beautiful and come alive. I wanted to bring display art and boomerangs together to make a form that has never existed.

I've been interested in boomerangs for a long time now. After seeing them in a movie, I was curious how they could return after being thrown, but I didn't have much time to find out more; until this pandemic. I lost my job as an air brush artist and a builder of custom motorcycles and I found myself with more time on my hands. So I started to learn about boomerangs by reading articles and other sources on the internet to learn how to make them.



I started airbrushing in 2004 and am self-taught. My hobby has been painting since I was a kid. I used to paint using a brush and gradually moved over to the air brush for smoother media such as cars, motorcycles and helmets. Airbrushing makes the painting results more real. I also carve designs on some boomerangs.

As an air brush artist, I was required to have a lot of ideas and imagination to transform different media like motorcycles, helmets, wall murals and now boomerangs. When boomerang throwers and lovers of boomerangs ask me to create a theme for them, I like to challenge myself and try my best.







Reading has helped me to open my mind and increase knowledge about art. I learn about different cultures and art styles from around the world- from ancient and modern times. I always make room in my mind for something new.

I love boomerangs because there are so many elements to it- culture, science, weapons, sports and art. I do experiments to make boomerangs from various materials such as natural elbows, Pertinax, PVC, Polypropylene, Birch Plywood and combining wood with epoxy resin. There are still many ideas in my mind to explore something new and unique on boomerang and I hope to realise it very soon.





# Grassroots Clubs-

Unique sports like boomerang throwing need to start and be nurtured from somewhere. It takes dedicated people to invest their time in starting any club and sport boomerangs are no different.

While yes, we have our advanced throwers who compete at elite levels, we need to take a step back and think about how we maintain and produce new throwers; both at a social and competitive levels. It is exceedingly rare that world champions just appear (well, in my experience in Australia anyway).



Therefore I am excited to see grassroot clubs start up around the world. It is a great initiative to introduce young and old to the sport and, more importantly, families.

When I started throwing, my mum was just as keen as my brother and I. This helped us to be regular throwers. I have found that in Australia, it's important to involve both kids and parents, especially with the amount of organised sport we have to compete with.

We have had parents over the years say 'my son is going to be the next AFL Football star' (Australian Rules Football). Our reply is that our sport offers so much more!

The great thing about these growing clubs is that they are relaxed, fun and inclusive. There is no pressure to be the next champion. However, if by chance there are throwers who want more, we also have a supportive network to teach at competition level.



Grassroots clubs not only offer boomerang throwing, but also lessons on how to make your own boomerangs, which further helps with development. I want to share with you one particular club making an impact in spreading the joy of sport boomerang throwing in Brockville, Ontario\* (Canada)- The Brockville Boomerang Club.

*\*Ontario is a small city of 22,000 on the Canada USA border (New York State).*

Brian and son Aiden started the Brockville Boomerang Club in May 2019. They had only started throwing in March the previous year, after watching Logan Broadbent in a Dude Perfect video.



# the key to our future

Written by Christene Metzakis

It was Logan's response after they bought boomerangs from him that made the most impact for the father and son duo. Logan, as we all know, is super friendly and encouraging, which helped motivate Brian and Aiden to throw more and more. Then, in May 2019, Aiden had the opportunity to throw with Logan during his visit to Ithaca, New York. Soon after, with Logan's blessing, the club was formed!

Although the Brockville Boomerang Club is the only club in Canada, Brian and Aiden find that many people, both young and old, are curious about boomerang as a sport. Many people approach them when they were out throwing for a chat- a great sign there is public interest in our sport!



The club is open to all ages, but currently has a higher number of young throwers. We look forward to seeing them develop and graduate from starter boomerangs as their skills improve. It's great to see them out on the field and receive updates on new members and the progress of existing members.

So far, Brian and Aiden have held two club championship tournaments and other events throughout the Canadian throwing season. These events follow the USBA (United States Boomerang Association) rules as closely as possible.

One event of particular interest is the annual Parent vs Throwers Challenge. This event features Accuracy, Endurance, Relay and more! It is so important to have the whole family involved 'cause *there's nothing like beating your parent at something!*

Brian said the learning curve has been steep, but they are now at the point where they are making their own boomerangs. This is thanks to continued help and support from Logan Broadbent and Adam Carroll among others

From myself and fellow Boomerangers around the world, we wish Brian, Aiden and the Brockville Boomerang Club only the best! May the wind always blow in your favour!

To keep up-to-date, find the club online



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# World Boomerang League

Written by Christene Metzakis

In 2012 BoomPOP was born as a collective project to collaborate the passion of Art and Boomerangs by throwers Alejandro Palacio, Andrea Sgattoni and Felipe Arboleda.

As well as organising four world boomerang challenges; The Tapir Terror (teams and individual), Team Beppe Time Ratio Challenge and Team Meerkat Challenge; BoomPop has also designed posters and shirts for various Boomerang events, including the Gel Day shirt for the World Boomerang Cup held in Perth, 2014.

For over a decade, Alejandro has been organising virtual tournaments and in 2019, he joined with Manu Schütz to create the WBL (World Boomerang League). The WBL event's main aim is to help to keep boomerang throwers around the world connected by holding virtual tournaments throughout the year.

The idea is to have fun throwing, all while keeping to the rules per the IFBA Rulebook (with some exceptions). The goal is to attempt the six events as though it is a live competition.

Events include Accuracy 100, Australian Round, Endurance, Fast Catch, MTA, and Trick Catch.

After throwing within the set dates, individual throwers upload their scores for each event. They are also encouraged to film their throwing and upload to YouTube to share it with the world!

While scores are posted against other throwers, it's nothing to be discouraged about. The main purpose of the competitions is to get out and have a go. Seeing the results is also a good way to see your skills improve.

It's great to see some Australians on the board this year. Hopefully more Aussies will compete in the upcoming comps.

This year the dates for throwing were:

19-21 March

28-30 May

23-15 July

22-24 October

For more information head to the BoomPop Facebook, website [www.theboompop.com](http://www.theboompop.com), or message the BAA with any questions.

To keep up to date with results and competitions on Facebook:



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Forty-three boomerang competitors joined the 2021 European Championships held in Laval, France over the 10th - 12th July, 2021.

The overall placings saw Manuel Schutz as number one, with a score of 5740. Second place was Alexander Opri, with a score of 5702 and third place was Alejandro Palacio, with 5614. Amongst the top ten throwers it was a really close competition. They had some light winds and achieved some outstanding scores, however, there was also some light rain they had to contend with.

After the first day it was extremely close, and it came down to the second day's events. The throwers seemed to really enjoy being back outdoors throwing together and the wonderful social element that is a part of boomerang competitions.



The young guns are starting to blaze, with Mateo gaining a second place in MTA and Oscar achieving sixth place in MTA. Overall Mateo got in the top placings with 10th overall. In relation to the under 18 males, the placings were Mateo, Oscar and Leo. It is great to see some younger throwers coming through and performing at an impressive level. Hopefully they will become rising stars in the future.



It was wonderful to see the women under 18 doing so well, with Pauline Duprat winning 1st place in the female category and Maily achieving 2nd and Julie 3rd place. It is such a positive step towards more women participating in this sport and we hope we can keep this trend going!!

A big thank you to Gunter Moller, Alex Opri and Alejo for recording the videos while doing commentary of the European championships. It was great seeing all of the live action with some very impressive throwing.



# WORLD TOURNEY RESULTS



## St Louis Memorial Day Tournament 30th May 2021

Final		Name	Start #	Aussie Round		Accuracy		MTA		Trick Catch		Fast Catch		Endurance	
Place	Points			Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points
1	14	Steve Kavanaugh	0	79	1	64	1	70.8	4	65	2	27.8	5	49	1
2	15	Jason Smucker	0	75	2	57	2	95.3	2	61	3	22.4	1	35	5
3	18	Kenny Barr	0	52	4	55	4.5	121	1	67	1	27.1	4	37	3.5
4	19.5	George Essia	0	67	3	55	4.5	85	3	42	5	24.3	2	43	2
5	25	Chicago Bob	0	31	6.5	56	3	53.9	5	50	4	24.9	3	37	3.5
6	40.5	Laura Smucker	0	31	6.5	49	6	45.1	7	21	8	29	6	27	7
7	47.5	Isaac Syler	0	13	11	38	8.5	18.8	9	29	6	29.5	7	33	6
8	49.5	Tommy Ferguson	0	16	9.5	27	11	46.1	6	24	7	31.4	8	24	8
9	55	Roger Armstrong	0	27	8	37	10	41.2	8	6	9	65.1	10	10	10
9	55	Stuart Jones	0	45	5	46	7	6.75	10	0	11	110	11	-1	11
11	57	Rev. Jim	0	16	9.5	38	8.5	-1	11	3	10	54.2	9	17	9



## Nogent Sur Vernisson 19th-20th June 2021

Rank	Name	Overall	Acc	Rank	Points	AR	Rank	Points	MTA	Rank	Points	FC	Rank	Points	END	Rank	Points	TC	Rank	Points
1	Arnaud Tribillon	5457	66	3	910	64	2	904	34.19	4	918	27.76	1	868	48	2	890	86	1	967
2	Guillem Parmain	5290	46	8.5	833	58	5	883	39.7	2	950	41.79	8	781	49	1	894	79	2.5	949
3	Renaud Breton	5224	70	1	923	63	3.5	900	28.35	6	878	35.36	4	816	34	4	817	60	5	890
4	Sebastien Guilleux	5142	67	2	914	52	6	859	19.95	10	803	34.73	3	820	31	6.5	797	79	2.5	949
5	Olivier Dupret	5069	58	5	883	74	1	935	28.55	5	879	32.77	2	832	31	6.5	797	30	9	743
6	Mateo Guerrero	4955	30	13	743	63	3.5	900	41.35	1	959	36.81	6	808	14	12.5	631	67	4	914
7	Stephane Martin	4869	52	6	859	36	11.5	781	247.72	7	873	40	7	790	30	8.5	790	35	7	776
8	Michel Apriou	4807	61	4	894	46	8	833	21.28	9	817	51.94	10	735	35	3	823	25	10.5	705
9	PauThion Han	4645	46	8.5	833	50	7	851	24.35	8	846	3	14	600	33	5	810	25	10.5	705
10	Laurent Doceul	4422	34	10.5	769	36	11.5	781	14.95	13	742	58.81	11	709	24	10	743	22	12	678
11	Pauline Duprat	4291	34	10.5	769	28	13.5	729	13.79	14	725	44.32	9	768	14	12.5	631	21	13	669
12	Julie Apriou	4115	32	12	757	38	9.5	793	17.03	11	770	1	15	387	15	11	645	33	8	763
13	Didier Beral	4091	47	7	838	28	13.5	729	39.21	3	947	64	12	691	0	15	0	59	6	886
14	Sebastien Vaillant	3703	29	14	736	38	9.5	793	15.78	12	754	4	13	659	6	14	462	3	14	299
15	Eric Schoenhenz	2282	22	15	678	0	15	0	0	15	0	35.68	5	814	30	8.5	790	0	15	0



## European Championships Laval 10th -12th July 2021

Name	Category	Club	Classement
Manuel Schutz	SH	CH	1
Alexander Opri	SH	DEU	2
Alejandra Palacio	SH	ESP	3
Arnaud Tribillon	SH	FRA	4
Guillem Parmain	SH	FRA	5
Sebastian Guilhelix	SH	FRA	6
Stephen Spag	SH	CH	7
Olivier Chelmas	VH	FRA	8
Matthieu Lesieur	SH	FRA	9
Mateo Guerrero	JG	FRA	10



## Vermont Tournament- 40th New England Boomerang Corroboree 17 July 2021

Final		Name	Accuracy			MTA			Aussie Round			Fast Catch			Trick Catch - Suicide			Trick Catch - Journey ??					
Place	Points		Score	Place	Placing Points	Score	Place	Placing Points	Score	Place	Placing Points	Score	Place	Placing Points	Score	Place	Placing Points	Score	Place	Placing Points	Score	Place	Placing Points
1	12	Paul Sprague	20	11	11	9.81	10	/	12	65	2	44.68	7	/		9.5	/	2		/	12	79.5	/
2	7	Bennett Spragie	32	7	7	14.31	9	/	30	61	3	44.13	6	/		9.5	/			/	7	39.5	/
3	4	John Flynn	53	6	6	57.59	4	/	56	67	1	24.54	3	/		4	/	2		/	4	22	/
4	2	Chicago Bob	82	2	2	63.76	2	/	64	42	5	23.69	2	/		1	/			/	2	10	/
5	5	Ira Clark	86	5	5	21.31	7	/	35	50	4	-	11.5	/		9.5	/			/	5	30	/
6	3	Rick Sandenburg	64	3	3	59.47	3	/	20			21	1	/		3	/			/	3	20	/
7	8	Sam Lemay	25	9	9	26.31	6	/	16			29.18	5	/		9.5	/			/	8	40.5	/
8	6	Jeff Lebeau	62	4	4	43.99	5	/	61			47.71	8	/		9.5	/			/	6	30.5	/
9	1	Moleman	86	1	1	76.21	1	/	74	29	6	24.54	4	/		2	/			/	1	9	/
10	9	Matt Wissler	29	8	8	17.15	8	/	24	21	8	67.25	11.5	/		9.5	/			/	9	46	/
11	10	Bob Foresi	22	10	10	8.28	11	/	51	24	7	-	11.5	/		9.5	/			/	10	48	/





## Tournoi De Villers Outreaux 24th-25th July 2021

Rank	Name	Overall	Acc	Rank	Points	AR	Rank	Points	MTA	Rank	Points	FC	Rank	Points	END	Rank	Points	TC	Rank	Points	Diff	P
1	Andrea	5417	70	1	923	66	4	910	31.6	6	901	28.44	1	863	39	2	846	89	1	974	0	
2	Arnaud	5312	53	6	864	70	2	923	35.62	3	927	30.41	2	848	28	6	776	89	1	974	105	
3	Guillem	5273	50	9	851	70	2	923	33.9	4	916	37.46	6	804	42	1	862	68	4	917	39	
4	Sebastien	5222	54	5	868	54	11	868	38.48	1	943	38.91	7	796	32	3	804	77	3	943	51	
5	Yves	5212	52	7	859	77	1	943	31.9	5	903	35.22	5	817	29	5	783	65	5	907	10	
6	Michel	4937	38	15	793	62	7	897	31	7	897	50.3	8	740	27	7	768	48	9	842	275	
7	Didier	4891	52	7	859	63	5	900	27.77	10	874	55.86	13	720	14	14	431	65	5	907	46	
8	Mateo	4851	48	10	842	35	18	776	36.78	2	934	53.03	10	731	17	12	671	62	7	897	40	
9	Olivier	4830	67	2	914	36	17	781	28.86	9	882	4	14	659	30	4	790	40	12	804	21	
10	PauPau	4796	60	3	890	46	13	833	23.34	13	837	4	14	659	27	7	768	41	11	809	34	
11	Eric	4785	39	13	798	60	8	890	23.62	12	839	35.1	4	818	18	10	683	32	14	757	11	
12	Renaud	4781	41	12	809	60	8	890	29.86	8	889	53.33	11	730	13	15	616	49	8	847	4	
13	Marc	4571	37	16	787	56	10	875	16.69	14	766	54.77	12	724	18	10	683	29	16	736	210	
14	Julien	4555	44	11	824	53	12	864	13.74	17	725	4	14	659	15	13	645	47	10	838	16	
14	Anthony	4555	16	18	613	46	13	833	27.62	11	872	50.96	9	739	20	9	705	38	13	793	0	
16	Cloe	4319	56	4	875	63	5	900	14.18	16	731	3	18	600	7	17	492	27	17	721	236	
17	Julien	4233	39	13	798	39	16	798	4.5	18	498	31.22	3	843	12	16	600	24	18	696	86	
18	Peps	4172	27	17	721	45	15	829	15.1	15	744	4	14	659	6	18	462	32	14	757	61	



## German Nationals Leutenbach- Deutscher Boomerang Club FB 14th-15th August 2021

Name	Rank	NA	CA	Start Number	Total Points
Andrea Sgattoni	1	ITA	M	5	17
Alex Opri	2	DEU	M	25	23
Alejandro Palacio	3	ESP	M	1	38.5
Adam McLaughlin	4	GBR	M	18	40
Joachim Rauser	5	DEU	M	7	44



## Tournoi De Moirans- Art Boomerang Club Paris FB 28th-29th August 2021

Rank NEW	Name	Overall
1	Manuel Schutz	5740
2	Alexander Opri	5702
3	Alejandro Palacio	5614
4	Arnaud Tribillon	5557
5	Guillem Parmain	5525
6	Sebastien Guiheux	5488
7	Stephan Spirgi	5458
8	Olivier Chelmas	5384
9	Matthieu Lesieur	5368
10	Mateo Guerrero	5367



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