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ALEX HECKNER AT HIS HOME IN GIESSEN GERMANY

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last competition for the year is nearly upon us and we all hope that many members make the effort to compete in the Victorian titles.

Dennis Maxwell, who is organising this Comp has come up with a fairly novel idea.

Instead of paying your normal \$5.00 entry fee, he is asking that all competitors bring something to the value of \$5.00 to the competition, which means that everybody will go home with a prize....

Brian Kemp raises the suggestion that maybe the B.A.A. should go back to the certificates, for winners of events which means that organisers won't have such a heavy outlay for trophies, when we only get a few competitors.

I hope that our members read Brians suggestions, which appear further on in this edition, and I hope to hear some comments so that the Executive can discuss what our members would actually prefer.

The B.A.A. display in the Department of Sport and Recreation will be on the 13th of December until the 27th. - If any member has anything of great importance, please contact me.

The 2 cabinet display will be on the ground floor of the Department of Sport and Recreation - 123 Lonsdale Street Melbourne.

It could be of interest if we have some dates marked out and the venues for next years tournaments.

I will close now, but I would like to remind all of the B.A.A. members that I can quite easily be contacted if anyone has anything to comment on about the B.A.A.

I wish all of our members and their families a wonderful Christmas and a terrific and safe New Year.

I hope to see many of you at the Victorian titles.

Cheers from

Bruce CARTER.

FAIR GO, MATE!!!!!!

The world witnesses many injustices that make our blood boil, especially in Australia where we cherish the notion of everybody having a fair go. Last October the blood of many boomerang throwers was at boiling point at the annual Albury Boomerang Championships.

Ten throwers turned up to battle the elements. A strained diaphragm stopped me being the eleventh, but I was able to participate as an unbiased referee. The six events proved to be a bit one-sided with our new President, Bruce Carter, really burning up the turf to win 4 of the 6 events. Not only that, but he came 2nd in one of the other two. He only bombed out in Accuracy.

FAIR GO, MATE!!!!!! CONTINUED

At the end of the day when prizes were being handed out the real bombshell landed!! Bruce had not one the Over-All! In everyone's eyes he was clearly the best thrower on the day, but that honour was not to be his. It went to Robbie Croll, who won 2 events and picked up 2nds. Rob is a great thrower, but he wasn't the best Over-All thrower on that day. So what went wrong? The system!

When the USA came here in 1981 for our first International Competition we had to work out a system of points for the various placings. It was decided then to reverse the placings, so that if you had 20 throwers then first got 20, 2nd 19, 3rd 18 and so on till 20th got 1. There were no bonus points for coming in the first three place positions that we usually honour with some trophies. That is the system that we have taken on board for getting the Over-All Champion. I think the ALBURY INCIDENT proves there is a weakness in it.

So, what are the alternatives we should be looking at?

In some sporting bodies where they have five or six events or more they drop the contestants worst effort for the day. In others they drop the BEST and WORST effort.

I would like to propose another one where you could still count every event (if you wished), but where you reward the people who achieve the top three places. I would like to see bonus points of 4 for first, 3 for 2nd, and 2 for third. How would this work? If we had 24 throwers as the base for our marks then they would go as follows:

1st...	30	8th...	17
2nd...	26	9th...	16
3rd...	23	10th...	15
4th...	21	11th...	14
5th...	20	12th...	13
6th...	19	down to	
7th...	18	24th...	1

I see an advantage in keeping this scoring range all the time, no matter what number of contestants is. Here we seldom get to 24 contestants. If we did then we would have to upgrade the marks. But by keeping it at this you would always be able to compare the merits of the Over-All performances with other competitions, since a first would always bring 30, a second 26, etc. At the moment you can't do that since our numbers vary so much, and the points depend on the number of contestants. With this system, if only 9 take part then the points would run from 30 to 16, 12 contestants it would go from 30 to 13, etc.

The ALBURY INCIDENT proves that something needs to be done...next time it could be Robbie who is robbed, or any thrower. We all like to see justice, so let's give this problem some thought. Talk about it, think about it, and let's see if we can get something done!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as at 8th December 1991 \$ 712-12 Credit.

Rohan Johnston
Treasurer.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ALBURY 1991

Ten throwers competed in this years Albury Championships with our President Bruce Carter taking 4 Firsts and a Second and a Ninth. Robert Croll won the Overall with 2 Firsts, 3 Seconds and a Third. Obviously Bruce should have won the Overall with his performance on the day, however the scoring system needs reviewing so that consistent placings are rewarded. Anybody who has any ideas for improving the scoring system for the Overall Champion, please write to:-

The Editor,
B. A. A. Bulletin,
Mark Howarth,
5 Ithaca Road,
FRANKSTON VIC. 3199.

VICTORIAN & DINGLEY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1991

Rob Croll throws his first MTA out of sight and subsequently lost the Boom after chasing it for three to four minutes.

Farewell to Mike Fullwood as he leaves for England in January. Thanks to Mike for all his work in the B.A.A. as Registrar and Statistician and best of luck in the future.

RESULTS:

Overall Champion - Rob Croll
2nd Place - Dennis Maxwell
3rd Place - Mike Fullwood

All results including the Teams Event will be published in the next Bulletin.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE BAA BOARD

NEWS IN BRIEF

INTERNATIONAL CUP 1992

Roger Perry writes to inform us that the International Cup will be staged in Hamburg, Germany next year.

Germany has invited 2 Australian Teams to compete in the Cup and the German Championships which will be staged 1 week before the Cup.

GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue.. To be decided either in Hamburg or further north.

Dates.. 22nd and 23rd of August.

INTERNATIONAL CUP

Venue.. Central Park, Hamburg Germany.

Dates.. August 31st to September 5th.

Events.. Three 1 day teams competitions, One individual competition, Team Gel Competition.

Accommodation.. "Hamburg Guest House"
cost approx. \$20.00 per night including breakfast.

Transportation.. Transportation to and from the field will be arranged.

Costs.. Total costs for the Cup including accommodation is approx. \$320-00 Australian.

Registration.. Deadline for registration and accommodation booking is January 31st 1992.

Organiser.. Mathias Giesenschlag,
Wendernuthstr 83, D2000 Hamburg 70, Germany.

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue.. To be determined.

Dates.. September 12th and 13th.

Considerations are now being made for the teams going to Germany for this event. Expressions of interest should be sent to Bruce Carter by 15th January 1992. Accommodation and details contact Roger Perry.

BRIAN KEMP'S OPEN LETTER TO THE BAA

Towards the end of this Bulletin is an open letter from Brian Kemp suggesting some changes to our competition prizes.

Bruce Carter asked me to print this in the Bulletin and ask members if they would like to contact Bruce or myself with any comments they may have.

Mark Howarth.

NEWS IN BRIEF

1992 NATIONALS LEOPOLD VIC 8th MARCH 1992

9am START

SENIOR MEN \$7-00 REGISTRATION

Accuracy	5 Throws
Fast Catch	2 Rounds 1 Min. Cut-Off
M. T. A. 100	3 Throws
Aussie Round	5 Throws
Trick Catching	10 Throws
Doubling	5 Sets

SENIOR LADIES \$4-00 REGISTRATION

Aussie Round	5 Throws
Accuracy	5 Throws
Consecutive Catch	
One & Two Hand Catch	

JUNIORS BOYS & GIRLS

\$4-00 REGISTRATION

FAMILY 12-00 REGISTRATION

Accuracy	
Aussie Round	
Consecutive Catch	
Fast Catch	2 Rounds 1 Min. Cut-Off

A. G. M.

Leopold Scout Hall 8pm Saturday 7 / 03 / 92
Mel Map 232 9 D
More Details Next Bulletin.

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* N. B. ENTRIES MUST CLOSE 28 / 02 / 92

ENTRIES TO:-

Richard Barras
Secretary B. A. A.
39 Cresta Street
LEOPOLD VIC 3224.

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Richard Barras.

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MULTI – BLADERS...THE BEGINNING OF THE END??!

The nineties has seen the beginning of the multi-blader era in boomerang throwing. Of course, multi-bladers have always been around for throwers to amuse themselves with and bring delight to crowds at demonstrations. The many arms are easier to see than two armed rangs. I have a magnificent six-blader made by Bunny Read that looks like a block of rotating colour in the air...people love to see it in flight.

However, competition throwers are not interested in how a boomerang looks in the air... what they want is performance... and points on the board. During the eighties we have seen some tremendous developments in boomerang design and performance. Think especially of MTA and Fast Catch, where the progress has been staggering. And now we have the official entry of three-bladers.

What is the effect of using three-bladers? I think there are several factors to consider.

First, I feel they have partially robbed boomerang throwing of one of its most cherished skills....catching. With two-bladers there was always a hole to ruin that catch, but with three-bladers there is a solid middle. No reasonable thrower should miss a catch with these. The only factor that could lead to missing a catch now is the speed of the boomerang coming in. This really only effects one competition....fast Catch. In all other comps you should not miss a catch.

Another area of skill that has diminished is Accuracy. Multi-bladers seem to have a homing device on them! I am not sure if it is because the many arms make the boomerang doing a circular flight and therefore end up back with you. Some of our aerodynamic experts can expand on this point.

Of course, both these factors should mean we will get better results and we already are. They are proving a real boom in trick catching for those who have them, especially the overseas three-bladed plastic variety which stands the wind very well.

What are we likely to lose now that multi-bladers are in?

I feel there could be a down-turn in two-armed research, especially amongst those engaged in competition throwing. That would be a great loss to the boomerang world. And now we have three-bladers, what is stopping us using 4, 5 or more blades? What is the rationale?

I am not sure the public would recognise (in their minds) a comp of multi-bladers as a boomerang comp, especially in Australia. They suggest more of a toy or trick item to our public, who really only have one image of a rang in their mind...two arms. Anything else gives them the feeling of being a bit false.

The efforts and achievements of throwers who set records prior to 1990 may be severely diminished also.

MULTI BLADERS CONTINUED.....

Consecutive Catch is a classic example. We have oohed and aahed year by year as the tally has grown and grown. Rob Croll's 653 was fantastic to watch. With three-bladers...and the time to do it...we are now looking at possibly thousands. Fast Catch is already going down. Accuracy shouldn't be long behind. In another 10 years people won't know what sort of rangs were being used and I feel the achievements of the two-armed throwers will suffer accordingly.

What does the future hold? Will there be two-arm comps and three-armed comps? How many arms will we be able to use? Who will decide? Can two-armed rangs compete with three-armed ones?

I know the three-armed decision came from overseas use. We have adopted it to stay in the race with them. Have we or they thought through this whole question enough?

Is this the end of the two-armed era and the beginning of the multi-blader era?

Br. Brian M. Thomas 1991.

OBITUARY

Bill McGovern, Scotland's oldest thrower died of a heart attack on 14th August 1991, in Edinburgh. A good friend and correspondent of Br. Brian Thomas. Br. Thomas met Bill in 1985 and threw with him in front of the Queen's palace! (She was in residence at the time too.) He was a true gentleman, who only brought honour and respect to the sport. He is survived by his wife Mary and children. His grand-daughter Sharon McKenzie, wrote to Br. Thomas informing him of his death. She is also very interested in boomerangs and wants to keep up contact with Br. Thomas.

Jimmy James passed away on the 27th October 1991, from a stroke. He was a famous Black Tracker for the Police and Aboriginal of the Year. Jimmy lived with the Robert's Family and was a great inspiration for all the throwers at the 1988 BICENTENIAL WORLD TEAM CUP. His great sense of humour and easy going manner made him a pleasure to know. Jimmy will be sadly missed.

ROGER PERRY'S EUROPEAN TOUR.

My tour started with a weeks visit with Axel Heckner in Giessen, most of the week was spent making and practising for the German Championships. The 2 day competition was held in Winnenden and organised by German President Uli Konzelman.

Over 100 competitors took part in the event and it was decided that only 50 throwers would qualify to compete on the 2nd day, after seeing the high level of competition i was having my doubts as to whether I would make the cut.

Fortunately I survived the cut and finished in 19th place overall. I felt no disappointment at this as the competition was fierce, top place-getter was the likeable Oliver Rau followed by Volker Behrens.

From the competition I spent some time with Michael and Gabbi Siems in Weinheim testing the fine German wheat beers and rye bread plus a visit to the castle in Heidelberg. After Michaels it was off to the north of Germany to visit Fridolin Frost and Volker Behrens, I learnt from Fridolin the advantage of Paxolin versus wood for competition. Most of the Germans and French are now using paxolin in most events, so it was with this knowledge that I brought myself a sheet hoping to make some killer booms for the European Championships.

Unfortunately time was not there for me to make them in time as I was on my way for a 5 day stay with Gunter Moeller. All we had time for was a little practice plus visits to the older areas in Germany before heading off to the European Championships in Bad Hersfeld.

The European Championships had the top 20 German place-getters for the year and throwers from all over Europe. We all stayed at a hostel near the field and on the eve of the competition many of us decided to get a good meal, unfortunately we got lost for quite some time but in the end managed to find a restaurant, after ordering the meal the drinks arrived only to be dumped on to Torsten Fredrich lap, we had a great laugh but Torsten wasn't happy.

Torstens revenge was to come as he was in fine form on the first day of the competition only a few points away from leader Fridolin Frost. The competition really was exciting on the second day with a late surge from Swiss thrower Thomas Stehrenberger, final place-getters were Fridolin Frost, Torsten Fredrich and Thomas Strenberger. I finished in 18th position i place better than the last comp but I wasn't feeling to happy with my performance.

So I bid all the Germans farewell and headed off by train with the Swiss throwers. I spent time in Zurich with Kim Galeazzi sightseeing and sampling the fine restaurants, I also stayed with Thomas Stehrenberger for a few days in the country.

ROGER PERRY'S EUROPEAN TOUR CONTINUED.

From Switzerland I headed to Dijon and stayed with Didier Bonin for a few days before taking a train to Lacanau for 3 days of demonstrations on the beaches at Lacanau for the World Surfing Championships. Conditions there were windy but the demonstrations went well for the thousands of spectators lining the beach.

After lacanau I stayed with Patrice Castel the designer of the famous French plastic booms and then off to Paris for the filming of a boomerang documentary which is to be shown worldwide later in the year. The documentary although tiring was good practice for the forthcoming french Championships so i decided to arrive early to get used to the conditions and make finally some Paxolin boomerangs.

The French Championships were held in Lille a short train trip from Paris, throwers from most parts of Europe were there and 80 competitors took part. The first event was Aussie Round and I had 57 which i thought was OK until the scoreboard showed me in 20th position flashes from the previous competitions came back to me. In the end I improved with the use of my new booms and I had a great struggle with Oliver Vouktchevitch with the lead changing 4 times before I won the overall on the last event of the day.

The trip was fantastic and the people all over Europe were very friendly, the standard of competitors and the depth took me by surprise and there is no doubt that it will take a very good team to beat the French and Germans.

My thanks to everyone there that made my stay a memorable experience that I will never forget.

Roger Perry.





TOURNOI EUROBOOM '91 - 07 ET 08 SEPTEMBRE A LILLE
CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE - CHAMPIONNAT DE BELGIQUE

EUROBOOM '91

CH.FRANCE(* = JUNIOR)		AUSSIE		MTA						
CH.FRANCE FEMININ		CONSECUTIVE				ENDURANCE				
ch.BELGIQUE		PRECISION				DOUBLING				
NOM Prénom		VITESSE				PTS				
1		PERRY Roger	57	7	40	22.67	36.94	53	8	472
2	1	VOUKTCHEVITCH Olivier	70	10	34	22.46	27.40	48	6	468
3	2	PIGBIRARD Philippe	64	8	44	24.52	17.46	45	6	449
4	3	BISIAUX Grégory	65	8	23	21.45	24.15	57	8	436
5		GIESENSCHLAG Mattias	67	6	36	28.70	22.88	42	8	431
6	4	WEBER Mathieu	48	9	45	18.20	16.03	40	6	423
7		WENNING Udo	51	5	43	23.19	31.66	40	6	422
8		NIEDERSTRABER Uwe	41	10	46	32.46	23.77	40	8	418
9		HECKNER Axel	62	7	42	30.80	26.76	32	5	403
10	5	PHILISFART Didier	46	8	45	27.43	18.15	41	5	401
11	6	LEBAIL Morgan	63	6	46	31.53	29.10	30	5	399
12	7	DENIMAL Philippe	60	6	38	27.32	15.78	34	7	389
13	8	DUFAYARD Michel	67	3	38	26.55	22.66	44	5	387
14		RAU Oliver	67	5	29	33.59	22.00	44	7	381
15	9	CAZE Yves	55	4	41	36.27	28.25	41	5	363
16	10	BONIN Didier	59	5	35	29.88	20.98	39	5	362
17		MULLER Gunter	65	5	22	27.28	35.88	26	7	360
18	1	LUYCX Daniel	52	4	39	22.12	24.59	28	5	352
19	11	CHAUVEAU Rémy	53	9	28	30.56	21.28	33	5	350
20	12*	TANCREZ Frédéric	66	5	28	37.77	23.29	38	6	346
21	13	HUBERT Stéphane	61	5	43	37.14	14.33	39	4	335
22	14	TUR Jean-Marc	54	4	30	30.66	17.46	43	6	334
22	14	MUQUET Olivier	49	5	29	33.08	24.89	30	8	334
24	16	BRETON Renaud	60	5	28	41.30	18.70	44	5	318
25	17	ROYO Jérôme	54	4	16	25.96	18.37	38	6	317
26	18	PIVOT Philippe	30	5	36	28.83	13.54	43	5	313
27		MANGIN Alain	59	6	44	29.26	0	32	2	309
27	19	ROMILLY Olivier	38	6	38	27.32	0	40	4	309
27	19	GEIRNART Marc	60	7	36	30.61	0	26	5	309
30	21	DAMEROSE Patrice	36	8	39	35.62	0	35	5	305
31	22	KERJAN Julien	51	7	32	39.34	31.22	14	5	299
31	22	CORMIER Luc	47	2	37	35.26	19.72	41	4	299
33	24	FLORES Joao	64	5	36	33.47	10.24	32	3	298
34	25	MONMAERTS Jérôme	32	7	40	28.08	0	34	3	288
34	25	DAUTRICHE Christophe	62	6	41	54.65	0	23	8	288
36		FOULON Hubert	55	4	25	30.55	23.69	27	4	283
37	27	CASTEL Patrice	55	5	43	44.36	13.91	34	2	280
38	28	CAPITAINE Olivier	29	7	32	27.37	13.00	35	2	273
39	29*	POHIE Dominique	39	7	25	36.03	12.17	34	3	254
39	29	BECCAERT Pascal	41	3	34	36.82	21.59	29	4	254
41	31	FAYEN Stéphane	38	4	32	36.27	11.22	31	6	252
42	32*	CARLIER Alexandre	44	4	10	37.39	24.59	36	3	247
43	33	BROUARDELL Didier	39	4	36	47.16	28.83	30	2	246
44		FOULON Daniel	42	4	30	35.65	20.43	17	5	245
45	34	BOURBEDIS Bruno	33	7	33	41.30	12.15	24	5	240
46		NDAKES Michael	32	6	30	3r	15.03	35	4	231
47	35	BENSAID David	36	4	30	49.23	31.35	27	3	228
48	36	GUFFROY Bertrand	48	4	4	30.41	11.31	31	3	219
49	37	DUBOUAUS Gael	68	3	33	44.62	15.84	23	1	214.5
50	38	HUYVAERT Mario	15	4	38	31.84	14.75	30	0	206
51		MESTDAG Patrick	20	2	25	32.41	18.05	26	5	200.5
52	39	DROUIN Jean-François	35	4	24	40.53	25.08	26	2	199
53	40	DELPIRE Damien	57	3	33	39.34	0	31	1	196.5
53	40	VANIET Vincent	40	5	28	38.66	8.38	31	1	196.5
55		DE BORGER Guy	49	0	36	39.71	0	24	3	180
56	6	VAN DURME Laurent	21	6	16	47.86	18.04	26	3	179
57	42	SIGETY Marc	42	2	20	39.90	19.41	28	1	169.5
58	43	DOSSANTOS Jose	36	1	26	35.87	25.65	19	0	166.5
59	44	GUERIN Stéphane	29	5	20	40.96	13.32	21	3	160
60		MARGUERITE Laurence	34	4	26	35.73	12.95	14	2	159
61	45	COMBES Sébastien	32	3	32	38.74	0	27	2	156
62		VAN DEN BERGHE Michaël	32	4	32	48.61	13.41	21	1	144.5
63	46	CAUTAIN Stéphane	43	3	21	55.10	11.41	18	3	136
64	47	PICHON Jacques	25	4	16	2r	15.04	22	3	128
65	48*	RESMOND Jessy	30	6	19	50.46	10.12	19	1	124
66	49*	LEBAIL Briag	23	6	1	39.18	0	22	1	122.5
67	50	ROULET Guy	24	1	35	43.83	0	21	2	117
68		GILLIS René	20	1	26	49.22	0	27	3	111
69	51	GRAS Philippe	47	3	12	4r	0	22	2	106.5
70		VAN MUYLEM Bracht	37	2	30	59.34	0	14	2	105
71	52	DEBIRE Laurent	24	2	15	4r	15.09	27	1	100
72	53	TESSE Vincent	42	2	12	4r	11.43	21	1	95
73		RESMOND-RICHARD Frédé.	34	3	21	44.42	0	15	1	90
74	54	UTTWILLERS Yves	16	1	17	64.82	15.54	10	2	78.5
75	55	THIL Thierry	15	2	17	45.66	6.13	15	2	76

LIFE BEGINS AT 38

Many people have been introduced to Boomerang throwing and have taken a fancy to throwing the funny shaped objects about.

Some people join clubs and throw competitively, others just enjoy having a little bit of leisure with the famous fun sticks.

Some of the people who throw are quite young, others a fair bit older, while some of the people who enjoy throwing booms are middle aged. Some of these middle aged people are shaped like pears, caused by many years of eating junk food, but they still like running around as if they were teenagers again. – They also love performing all their new found skills in front of all the local youngsters. I also think that they like the stirring that they receive from companions....Lines such as " you should be mowing the lawns instead of wasting your time throwing things around the place with carter ", or " all this mud that you bring home – You don't have to do the washing. – You tell the kids off for playing in the mud! ".

Yes! Us poor married Boomerang throwers do have to put up with a lot of abuse, in an attempt to master the rangs and the elements. – This article is about one of these poor fellows, often abused, continually harassed, and a real fool....He started throwing booms, only a few short months ago at the age of 38. He now has a sizable collection of boomerangs, yet his little darling, does not know about half of them. He is the area, where he lives, latest GURU. Wherever and whenever he goes out for a throw youngsters appear from nowhere just to watch and maybe have a throw with their new hero....This man even tries to get his friends out to the oval and join him for a throw...

Not long ago, the two of us (double trouble) were out on a rather damp oval having a throw. The clown who was with me, went for a slightly harder throw, and suddenly found himself kissing the ground. For once in my life, I was totally useless, as I couldn't help him to his feet, as I had trouble even seeing him, as the tears were running down my face at a rapid pace. Man – this dude looked like a stranded whale, frolicking on the foreshore of a beach. On closer inspection, this fool actually resembled a hippopotamus playing in the mud. Finally he surfaced, like " the creature from the black lagoon " with mud all over the wet grass that was stuck all over this extra large body....It was about now that the big log went for a towel to dry himself, silly thing to do really as he was wasting valuable throwing time, when suddenly the next thing I see is that he has started to take his clothes off. – This was a real worry, this man walking around, in his undies, a towel wrapped around his neck (not enough towel to go around his body,) all upset about how cold he was.

I armed myself with a hunting stick – no way he was coming anywhere near me in his naked position. I have

LIFE BEGINS AT 38 CONTINUED...

seen many bad sights in my time, but nothing could rival this guy, still wet, walking around a oval, in his undies.....

Finally he got some dry clothes out of his bag and got dressed, but he had lost the enthusiasm for throwing boomerangs. He did only have a couple of throws during the next hour, but he was very dubious of the wet ground.

Two weeks later, and the last day of his 38th year, and again we went out throwing. Again the conditions were damp, but he seemed to have his foot work under control. He wouldn't throw his CHAD (an article in a recent Aussie magazine was about CHAD Snouffer) as it wasn't allowed to get wet. As dusk approached we had a two man war – competition. AUSSIE ROUND – He beat me under dubious rules – that is he made them and he was the sole judge. TRICK CATCHING – Victory to me as he never even took a catch. He continued his fine form to the DOUBLING EVENT where again he made sure that his hands were not about to get sore... Current score Carter 2 opposition 1 – M. T. A. easy victory for me coming up – he had never even taken an MTA catch. – My three throws – best time 21 seconds....Not bad seeing as it's cold and nearly totally dark....Big Bazza (oops now I've let everybody know who this fool is) throws up into the air a Bronin MTA. – Bazza runs off into the darkness – then yells out " I've caught it " – time was 22.46 seconds....score is 2 all (but I am very doubtful about whether or not he actually caught the boom) so on to the FAST CATCH – Carter 28 seconds.... that's funny I say, I thought that I was much faster than that so I check out the stop watch which has a lap timer on it. 1st. lap – 3.5 sec. 2nd. lap – 4 seconds etc. etc. – 5th. catch 22 seconds – Hey Bazza – How come the watch says 28 seconds for 6 catches when I only took 5.....Anyway off goes Bazza, 1 1/2 minutes he has taken 5 catches.....

Well by now it is darker than dark, so time to take a catch and go home. Head catch says Bazza – no problem and I've completed mine. Bazza throws what was to be his last throw as a 38 year old. – One step towards the boom and tangle foot is laying in the mud in a white jumper.....Again I have trouble seeing out of my fogged up eyes, and now my ribs are causing me pain, through excess laughter. You would think that he would learn to respect my health a bit more.....Well Bazza I hope that you learn to stand up a bit better now that you are 39, i wonder what will happen by the time you turn 40.....Not too long to wait...Lucky I'm still 10 years away from that figure.....

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The Bulletin Shop now has available 1991 National's T Shirts for \$15, please contact Bruce Carter.

Members and their friends are encouraged to advertise in this Bulletin, please send all material and artwork to me prior to next issue deadline.

All material published in this Bulletin is at the Editors discretion. No further correspondence will be entered into.

Please send all material for publication and advertisements (SEE ENCLOSED FORM) to me care of the above address.

Finally as this is the last Bulletin before Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE
FEBRUARY 22ND 1992.**

Regards
MH Editor.

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UP

IN OUR

NEXT ISSUE!

THE 1992

WORLD CUP TEAM

Koyama Pottery
1160 Bellarine Highway,
WALLINGTON, VICTORIA, 3221.

24th October, 1991.

The Secretary,
Boomerang Association of Australia.

Dear Richard,

I am unsure as to whom I should be writing this letter as it pertains mainly to the V. B. T. A. but as it has possible relevance to the B. A. A. I will leave it to you to decide where it is discussed.

I would like to suggest that for future competitions, instead of trophies being given to the winners of events, that certificates be awarded to the first three place getters in each event.

My reasons for suggesting this is that it would be a much cheaper alternative but no less meaningful to the recipient. As an Association we are very small in number with a very limited income and it would appear that a lot of the money that is paid as entry fees to competitions goes on trophies. Certificates would be much cheaper and if entry fees are continued at the same level the Association would have extra income for promotion etc.

I am sure somebody like Mark Howarth could design a tasteful certificate incorporating the Association logo and print them in quantity at a reasonable cost. The certificates could be prepared in advance of the competition and the name, time, score etc., be written in on the day.

In the past various people have been approached for sponsorship and have given items from their shops or businesses and in many cases they have been unsuitable for engraving or recording any information about the event and in time they become somewhat meaningless.

In the case of State Titles I would suggest that certificates be awarded as well as any trophies.

I would be grateful if these suggestions could be discussed at your next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Brian Kemp.



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VICTORIAN BOOMERANG THROWERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF 1991 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Braeside, Vic., Sunday 1st December 1991

1. **Opening:** Meeting opened at 3.00 p.m.

2. **Present:**

Dennis Maxwell, Nick Gottschalk, Robert Croll, Richard, Jan and Mark Baras,
Bruce Carter, Charley, Rohan and Susan Johnson, Mike Fullwood,
Rohan, Simon and Brian Kemp.

Apologies:

Bunny and Heather Read, Morris Maxwell, Peter Robinson.

3. **Previous Minutes:**

Previous minutes distributed and accepted as a true record of the Previous Annual General Meeting.

4. **President's Report - Robert Croll:**

4.1 Robert suggested that a better system be devised to encourage throwers.

4.2 That money from the VBTA be used to promote individual clubs in the VBTA.

4.3 Team competitions are forming the back-bone of competitions. These events promote a team spirit and further encourage the more experienced thrower to assist the team members.

5. **Treasurer's Report - Bruce Carter:**

5.1 Bruce tabled the following statement;

Balance as at 6/12/1990: \$1662.76

Income:

Vic. Titles	\$57.00
Coomoora Primary School Demo.	\$30.00
Interest	\$48.12
1992 National T-shirt sales	\$600.00
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	\$735.12

Payments:

VicSport Subscription 1990/1991	\$100.00
	(Concession amount)
VicSport Subscription 1991/1992	\$100.00
	(Concession amount)
Vic. Titles Trophies 1990	\$40.00
1992 National T-shirts	\$535.00
Taxes	\$1.38
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	\$776.38

Closing Balance as at 1/12/91: \$1621.50

Bruce Carter indicated that we had to catch up on a year's subscription with VicSport. The sale of T-Shirts for the 1992 Nationals were very successful; 30 more are on order. Bruce is also ordering 50 caps with the VBTA insignia on them, for sale at \$10 each.

6. Nationals 1992:

- 6.1 Richard Baras reported that the Nationals were well in hand with sponsors coming forward. The next Bulletin will include a pre-registration form for the competition.
- 6.2 Brian Kemp was asked to prepare a 'Certificate of Participation' for the Nationals.
- 6.3 The venue is Leopold Memorial Park
Melway ref. 232 D9
The event will be held on *Sunday 8th March 1992 at 9.00 am.*
Enquiries to Richard Baras Telephone: (052) 502 048.

7. Election of office Bearers:

President: Dennis Maxwell
(moved B.C., seconded R.C.)

Secretary/Treasurer: Bruce Carter
(moved R.B., seconded B.K.)

Vice President: Robert Croll
(moved D.M., seconded N.G.)

Rob Croll to be the BAA Inc. representative.

Mark Baras to be Junior Advisor to the Committee.

Nominations were moved unanimously by the meeting.

7. General Business:

- 7.1 World Cup 1991 in Perth was a great success. Congratulations to Roger Perry and his team of helpers for the staging of the Cup. All 70 internationals had a totally memorable time.
Congratulations to the American team for their victory and to John Kooler for winning the individual title.
- 7.2 Nick Gottschalk travelled to Africa as a Nursing Aid for the Red Cross organisation. He returned to compete at the Victorian/Dingley/Christmas Competition and will be again departing early 1992 to work in Africa. Our best wishes for a successful venture are expressed to Nick.
- 7.3 The Vic/Dingley/Christmas 1991 Championship:
Dennis Maxwell was thanked for staging the competition again at Braeside Park. The weather was good all day with some wind fluctuation in the afternoon which tested all throwers. Fourteen people contested with Nick Gottschalk again being the most travelled competitor. Mike Fullwood competed for the last time in Australia as he and his wife are going back to England to live, we wish them good fortune on their return.

VBTA 1991 Champions:

Senior Champion: Robert Croll
Junior Champion: Mark Baras
Lady Champion: Susan Johnson

A BBQ was enjoyed back at the Maxwell's after the competition.

Thanks to the Braeside Park staff for preparing the venue.

8. Close: Meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

VICTORIAN/DINGLEY/CHRISTMAS 1991

at Braeside Park, Dingley, Sunday 1st December 1991

PLACING

TOTAL PLACING POINTS

CATCH WITH INCREASED DIFFICULTY

MTAC

AUSTRALIAN ROUND

FAST CATCH

ACCURACY

PLAYER	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Points	
Robert Croll	20/8	33.36/13	53/12	37.08/14	7/14	61	1st
Brian Kemp	14/5.5	31.46/14	28/9	-----/2.5	4/10.5	41.5	7th 6th
Rohan	31/11	57.10/7	28/9	23.41/11	1/3.5	41.5	7th 6th
Susan Johnson	35/12	42.86/10	23/6	5.62/6	2/5	39	8th
Bruce Carter	25/9	45.72/9	17/5	31.85/13	3/6.5	42.5	5th
Nick Gottschalk	27/10	2C	/3.5	28/9	11.25/8	-/1.5	32 10th
Richard Barras	16/7	2C	/3.5	26/7	-----/2.5	1/3.5	33.5 9th
Shaun	10/2.5	1C	/2	6/1	-----/2.5	4/10.5	18.5 13th
Charly Johnson	12/4	3C	/5.5	16/3.5	-----/2.5	-/1.5	17 14th
Dennis Maxwell	37/14	47.32/8	61/14	13.13/10	4/10.5	56.5	2nd
Mike Fullwood	36/13	33.41/12	46/11	-----/2.5	4/10.5	49	4th
Mark Barras	14/5.5	39.49/11	54/13	29.00/12	4/10.5	51.5	3rd
Jan Barras	10/2.5	3C	/5.5	10/2	8.52/7	3/6.5	23.5 12th
Simon	--/1	-C	/1	16/3.5	11.62/9	4/10.5	25 11th

VICTORIAN TEAM SCORES

	ACC	FC	AUSSI	MTAC	CWID	TEAM
BRUCE	9	9	5	13	6.5	36.5
NICK	10	4	9	8	1.5	22.5
CHARLY	4	5.5	3.5	2.5	1.5	17.0
ROHAN	11	7	9	11	3.5	41.5
RICHARD	7	3	7	2.5	3.5	23.0
<u>TEAM</u>	37.0	25.5	28.5	34.5	13.5	<u>139.0</u>
DENNIS	14	8	14	10	10.5	56.5
MARK	5.5	11	13	12	10.5	52.0
JAN	2.5	5.5	2	7	6.5	23.5
SIMON	1	1.5	3.5	9	10.5	25.5
MIKE	13	12	11	2.5	10.5	49.0
<u>TEAM</u>	35.0	36.0	41.5	40.5	42.0	<u>195.0</u>
ROB	8	13	12	14	14	61.0
ROHAN	5.5	7	9	11	3.5	36.0
BRIAN	11	14	9	2.5	10.5	47.0
SUSAN	12	10	6	6	5	39.0
<u>TEAM</u>	36.5	44.0	37.0	33.5	33.0	<u>186.0</u>

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