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1995 CHAMPION



Former national and present boomerang champions Robert Croll, left, and Bruce Carter

THEY CALL ME BRUCE

Boomerang Association of Australia's NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

DATE	PLACE	NAME
31-1-71	ALBURY, NSW	PETER LEWRY
29-4-1972	SWAN HILL, VIC.	BLUEY WILLIAMS
28-4-1973	CANBERRA, ACT	PETER LEWRY
21-4-1974	CANBERRA, ACT	JEFF LEWRY
12-4-1975	ALBURY, NSW	JOE LEWRY
3-4-1976	ALBURY, NSW	BOB BURWELL
2-4-1977	ALBURY, NSW	BOB BURWELL
1-4-1978	ALBURY, NSW	BOB BURWELL
7-4-1979	ALBURY, NSW	JOE LEWRY
12-4-1980	ALBURY, NSW	BARRIE FORSYTH
7/8-3-1981	ALBURY, NSW	DENNIS MAXWELL
3/4-4-1982	ALBURY, NSW	BUNNY READ
9/10-4-1983	ALBURY, NSW	BARRIE FORSYTH
7/8-4-1984	ALBURY, NSW	BR. BRIAN THOMAS
23/24-3-1985	ALBURY, NSW	PAUL BRYDEN
5/6-4-1986	ADELAIDE, S.A.	DENNIS MAXWELL
4/5-4-1987	MELBOURNE, VIC	PAUL BRYDEN
5-11-1988	CANBERRA, ACT	ROB CROLL
29-1-1989	BAROOGA, NSW	GEOFF KENNEDY
3-3-1990	MELBOURNE, VIC	ROB CROLL
26-1-1991	BAROOGA, NSW	JARROD BYHAM
8-3-1992	LEOPOLD, VIC	ROB CROLL
13-3-1993	PERTH, WA	ROB CROLL
19/20-3-1994	SYDNEY, NSW	ROB CROLL
18/19-3-1995	BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND	BRUCE CARTER

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PLACE	COMPETITOR	ACCURACY		RAPID CATCH			ENDURANCE			JUGGLING			TRICK CATCH			M.T.A.C.			AUSSIE ROUND			TOTAL POINTS	
		Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place		Points
1	Bruce Carter	39	1	15	32.6	1	15	22	5	9	4	1	14	7	2	12.5	29	4	11	46	4	10.5	87
2	Robert Croll	30	5	10.5	39.8	2	14	39	1	13	3	2	13	7	1	12.5	29.2	3	12	46	4	10.5	85.5
3	David Schummy	13	13	3	47.9	5	11	19	6	8	2	3	12	5	3	10	59.7	1	14	44	6	9	67
4	Rod Jones	30	5	10.5	46.5	4	12	23	4	10	*			5	3	10	27.6	5	10	62	1	14	66.5
5	Gunter Wandke	24	8	8	54.3	8	8	25	3	11	1	4	9	4	6	7	39.1	2	13	38	8	6.5	62.5
6	Conrad Stacey	23	9	7	42.5	3	13	18	7	7	0		4	4	6	7	25	6	9	52	3	12	59
7	Brian Thomas	35	2	14	4	11	4.5	11	10	3.5	1	4	9	4	6	7	20	8	7	38	8	6.5	51.5
8	Kevin Moran	31	4	12	2	14	2	28	2	12	0		4	1	13	1	15.6	11	4	54	2	13	48
9	Dean Hopton	25	7	9	49.8	6	10	17	8	6	1	4	9	2	12	2	13.8	13	2	28	11	4	42
10	Grant Houniet	14	12	4	*			*			1	4	9	5	3	10	21.8	7	8	18	12	2.5	33.5
11	Simon Tracey	22	10	5.5	4	11	4.5	11	10	3.5	0		4	3	9	4	14.3	12	3	41	7	8	32.5
12	David Spearritt	1	15	1	62.6	10	6	14	9	5	1	4	9	*		19.3	9	6	30	10	5		32
13	Craig Carter	32	3	13	3	13	3	7	13	1	0		4	3	9	4	17.2	10	5	16	14	1	31
14	Nic Gottschalk	22	10	5.5	50.5	7	9	9	12	2	0		4	3	9	4	8.13	14	1	18	12	2.5	28
15	Jim Stone	*			58.6	9	7	*			*		*		*		*		*				7
16	Tanya Adkins	10	14	2	1	15	1	*			*		*		*		*		*				3

The Quiet Achiever, Bob Burwell, organiser a marvellous 1995 National Championships in Brisbane..well done, Bob. He even organised the windy weather to calm down!!

Publicity was handled by Dr. Conrad Stacey and the event was featured on the ABC news throughout Australia.

The championships unearthed some old Queensland throwers who displayed great skill, and uncovered a few new ones. We hope they keep their contacts going. Dean Hopton is a real 'find'.

The over-all results show that Bruce Carter and Rob Croll finished on top, but to me the most impressive thrower there was ex-Englishman David Schummy. Not using user-friendly three-bladers, but just wide-armed two bladers, David handled the difficult conditions so well. His MTA flight was a treat to watch, just failing to make the minute by less than a second. He used a large MTA he made in 1992, outdoing Gunter Wandtke's marvellous flight of 39.1 sec.

Reluctant Rod Jones was dragged along to the comp by me. Without much practice Rod showed the inbuilt skill he possesses easily winning Aussie Round and doing well in nearly every event. Of late fishing has stolen Rod's heart. We hope boomerangs creep back in! We can't afford to have such talent dormant.

Tiny Graig Carter completed the family double on Nearest the Pin, when he won the special Bunny Read Award. It wasn't just a lucky throw either, since he scored 32 to come 3rd.

Thanks to Vic and NSW for their financial support, and to Bob Burwell, who took a month off work to co-ordinate all.

DOUBLE TROUBLE ... CROLL'S CURSE

Rob Croll has never been known for his humour, but the following story of his is worth repeating.....
CARTER KIDS COST CROLLY.

This all started back at the Barooga Nationals in 1990..THE YEAR IS A BLUR BUT THE MEMORIES ARE VERY VIVID. Carter Snr threw an MTA off into the air..as he ran after it,his son Craig,ventured onto the field..BC swooped down and picked him up and continued to wobble after the boomerang. The thing came down,the old man who always has been a suspect catch,grabs the thing one handed and gives it to the kid.Now when you really think of it,two people caught the boomerang not the thrower on his own,as stated in the rule book. This MTA beat mine by three hundredths of a second (or thereabouts) and dropped me back one spot--this one spot cost me the Overall National Championships..and it won them the catch of the day--should of been Team Work of the day!and I probably was 2nd catch of the day.

Now my fun with the Carter terrors does not end there! We had a super series through out Melbourne over seven weeks in late 1993 By this time it was double trouble. Two Carter kids causing problems--Kid no.1,would always greet me at the ovals with a a 'Hello Robbie Croll' Never 'Rob'Or 'Mr Croll'--just plain 'Robbie Croll'..no matter how often the old man or myself would say 'Rob will be fine..! I Always hear this screaming kid calling out 'Robbie Croll',which meant it was not long before brat no.2 was yelling out the same--now we had Stereo!! Anyway it was a windy day at Point Cook--Craig out scored me in Accuracy and to this day reminds me of it.. Trent nearly got me again.Through their interference,I got nicked in the Overall.

Just like at that fateful day in Albury last year :who could forget TV cameras there.I had the closest to the Pin,gonna be a National celebrity when on comes the little Carter,.Not only Closest to the Pin,but just to rub salt into the wounds--covers the centre spot, terrific! I have been competing for years when along comes pip squeak 4 year old in time to cover the pin for the television crew. Thanks,kid! And if you live long enough to read this..the old man pipped me again in the Overall at this comp.Oh,yes,let's add more pain--Craig then equalled my score in Accuracy,and was gracious enough to mention that he could n't quite beat me this time.

So what would be worse than this--TRY THE 95 NATIONALS--Shorty Carter some how conned his old man into taking him to the Brisbane Nationals.I meet them at the airport and what do I hear,'Hello Robbie Croll': surely not,I think to myself--First event next day: Accuracy-who finishes in front of me:Craig Carter itself!!Takes off where his brother left off!
3rd in Accuracy overall and Closest to the Pin. At least his old man was next closest.But wait it is like the DEMTEL AD- there's more.Carter Senior wins the Overall-and in my book it is the Accuracy which cost me the Australian Championship.
Now surely I am entitled to some sort of revenge.



Honestly, the way these brats are going, these kids will be lucky to see life as ten year olds. First super kid Jarrod Byham comes from nowhere to knock me off at the National Championships, then the Carter kids set about trying to make my hair fall out. An official warning to the Carter kids--one more problem and you will not see life as ten year olds!

Now more news! The two little buggers are going to join me next year in New Zealand--Give me a break guys--Uncle Barnaby Ruhe deserves assistants like you..please annoy him or even better still, Mr Roger Perry from Perth would love to have you under his feet!!

And finally, did I say what Craig did after coming 3rd in the Accuracy in Brisbane. Not, 'I came 3rd' or 'I beat Nick' or 'I won the closest to the Pin award', --just plain old 'I BEAT CROLLY'...at least he did not say ROBBIE CROLL!!!



フーメランの妙技を披露

宮崎日大高体育祭で豪州のバラスさん



宮崎日大高（長尾典昭校長）の体育祭で、オーストラリアのビクトリア州シロリング市にある姉妹校ニューカム・セカンダリー・カレッジ校から来日して同校に滞在中のリチャード・バラスさん（写真）がフーメランの技を披露した。写真。

場、その後、宮崎日大にきた。バラスさんの息子マークさん（写真）もオーストラリア・チャンピオンで、親子そろってフーメランの名手。

バラスさんはフーメランを速く投げたり、素早くキャッチしてみせるなど巧みな技を次々と紹介。またフーメランを三十秒近く滞空させる秘技に、生徒たちから大きな声を送られた。

AUSSIE SUCCESS IN JAPAN

FORMER BAA SECRETARY, RICHARD BARRAS, WENT TO JAPAN IN 1994 VISITING HIROSAKI, TOKYO, YOKOHAMA, SHIZUOKA, NAGOYA, FUKUI, OSAKA, FUKUYAMA, HIROSHIMA AND MIYAZAKI. IN PERFECT CONDITIONS HE WAS ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE AUSSIE ROUND, FAST CATCH, TRICK CATCHING AND MTA BEFORE 2,400 PEOPLE.

THE ABOVE ARTICLE SHOWS THE COVERAGE HE RECEIVED WHILE THERE ON 18TH SEPTEMBER AT THE SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY IN MIYAZAKI. RICHARD WAS THERE FOR EIGHT WEEKS IN VERY HOT CONDITIONS, BUT HAD A FANTASTIC TIME.

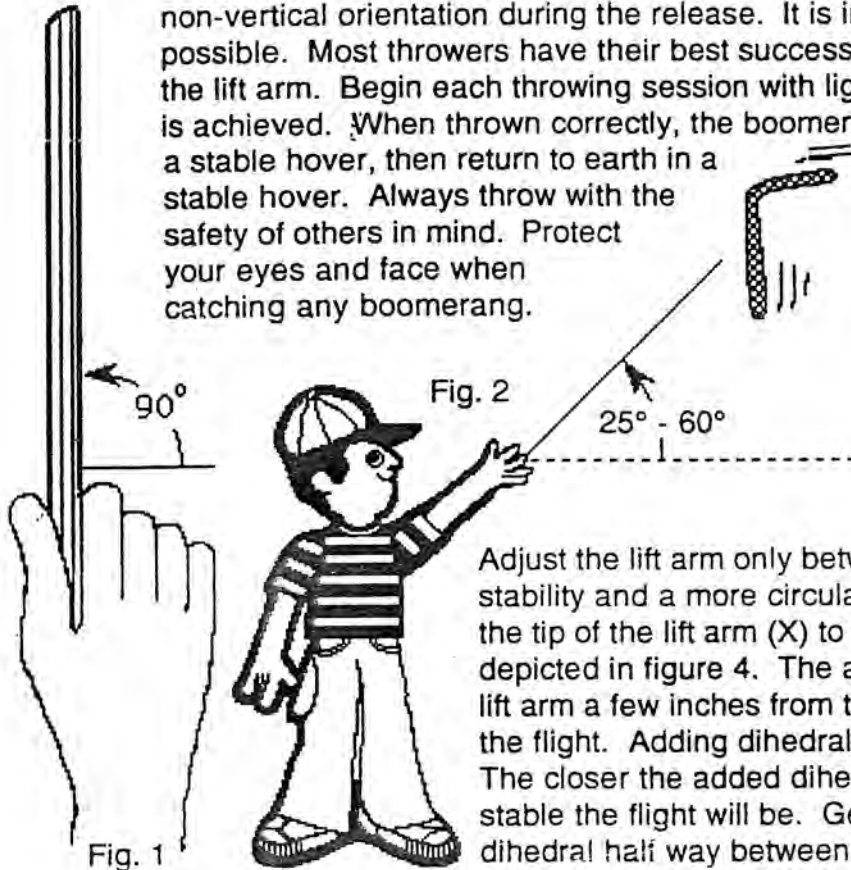


Maximum Time Aloft (MTA) Boomerang Tuning & Throwing Instructions

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Throwing Instructions

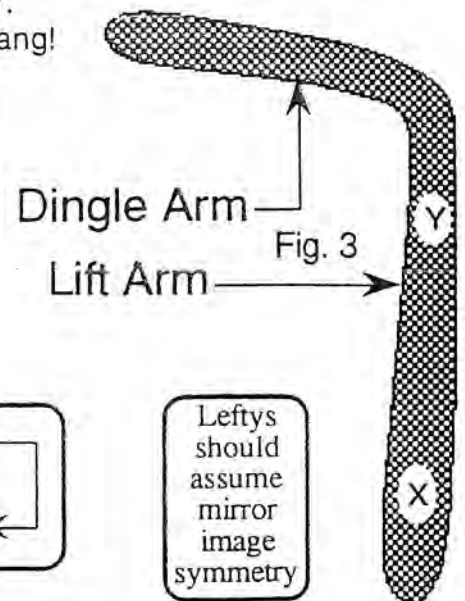
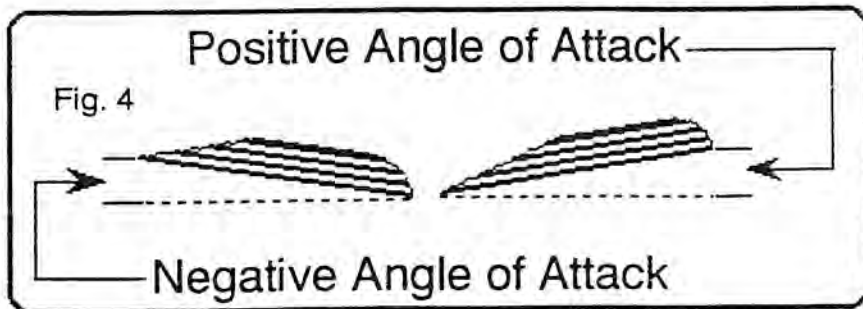
The two most important factors in throwing the MTA boomerang are the layover and incline angles. The MTA boomerang must be oriented absolutely vertical at the moment of release as depicted in figure 1 below. The MTA boomerang must be launched at an incline (figure 2) of between 25 and 60 degrees. The incline angle will vary from boomerang to boomerang depending on the tuning. It is best to use a pinch grip. Throwers who wrap their fingers around the tip tend to twist the boomerang to a non-vertical orientation during the release. It is important to induce as much spin as possible. Most throwers have their best success by holding the dingle arm, rather than the lift arm. Begin each throwing session with light & easy throws until good flight stability is achieved. When thrown correctly, the boomerang will spiral to great heights and go into a stable hover, then return to earth in a stable hover. Always throw with the safety of others in mind. Protect your eyes and face when catching any boomerang.



Tuning Instructions

Every Bailey MTA boomerang has been thoroughly tuned and tested before being sold. If it does not fly well, first make sure that you are throwing it correctly. The dingle arm should have a small amount of positive dihedral and a slight negative angle of attack.

Adjust the lift arm only between locations X & Y in figure 3. Greater stability and a more circular flight profile can be obtained by twisting the tip of the lift arm (X) to an increased positive angle of attack as depicted in figure 4. The addition of negative angle of attack on the lift arm a few inches from the elbow (Y) may increase the height of the flight. Adding dihedral between X & Y will also increase height. The closer the added dihedral is made towards the tip (X), the more stable the flight will be. Generally, you should start by adding dihedral half way between X & Y. Do not overtune a MTA boomerang!



Leftys should assume mirror image symmetry

Thanks to Ted Bailey for the use of this article.

MAX HOEBEN'S TRIBUTE TO BUNNY READ.

It was in April 1979 that boomerang throwers went to Albury to compete. For me it was a great pleasure to meet so many people involved with the promotion of boomerangs in play and sport. The meeting was important to me because there were persons known to me by correspondence only.

Jeff Lewry was traced by me in a special way after receiving a letter concerning his long distance throw with a Jeff Lewry hook. There were a lot of channels for me to get in touch with boomerang fans, producers and throwers. My grief for the Bernard (Bunny) Read and the Lewry families is real and sincere. It was for me an important day to meet Bunny and Jeff at the Boomerang Motel in Albury, as well as to meet his wife, and then the lot of us to have dinner at the BOOMERANG MOTEL.

It is my pride to have a 16 mm film of the factory at Wycheproof, showing the production of the famous Bunny Read and his Wycheproof boomerangs. This will be made into a video recording so that it can be shown to all interested. To me Bunny Read was a 100% Boomerang Man, and so was his wife, Heather, and all the family. It is my wish to pay tribute to Bunny and his family. And to Jeff Lewry and his family and beloved ones. TRIBUTE TO BOOMERANG PIONEERS.

My own son, Petrus Maximillian Hoeben, born 5th January 1945, died at the Wakefield Memorial Hospital, South Australia, on 15th September 1994.

My love, friendship and grievance is with you all.
God bless you.

MAX HOEBEN, HOLLAND.

THE BOY FROM SYDNEY VISITS THE REAL WORLD (MELBOURNE) FINALLY.



So after trying to organise Adam Carroll for at least 12 months to come and visit us, it was finally arranged for him to come to Melbourne in late September to help with some demos I had booked plus spend some time doing some boomerang practice.

My family was holidaying at Chiltern, near Albury on the Vic-NSW border, and I was to pick them up and bring them back to Melbourne, so it was arranged for us to meet Adam at Chiltern and he could follow us back to Melbourne.

We met each other and Craig, our eldest son said he wanted to travel with Adam. An hour later he said it was time to swap...well, for a 7 year old this mini minor van was very noisy and if you wanted a conversation with the other passenger you had to scream.

In went Trent, 4 years old but Adam's company was that good that he was asleep within a few minutes. No major problems and into Melbourne we went.

The next day was booked for a camp at "Wombat Corner" camp -- a school camp that has an accommodation. We are having discussions with regards to the '96 Nationals being held there so it was good to have an interstate thrower check out the venue.

We did a demo, and then broke the kids into groups for tuition on a very wet and sodden oval. There was a lot of slipping and sliding but no major dramas until one kid borrowed his mates boomerang and smashed HER over the head with it!!

I took Adam to watch me play table tennis later that evening, which enthused him that much that he stated 'he hopes he never sees another table tennis match as long as he lives.' He did say that he was only bored out of his brain for the first hour, and then it got worse.

Friday, 30th September, and we were booked to do a demo at the Science Works, one of Melbourne's main tourist attractions--a modern day museum that has a nice oval in the centre of it. A small oval but nice setting not far from Melbourne CBD, and overlooking the entrance of the Yarra River from the Bay. It was a bit gusty as I introduced Sydney's best boomerang thrower onto the arena (Gunter may not agree!). Imagine the crowds' delight as his first throw went up into the air and landed on the roof of the building! It slid down to the ground and a spectator picked it up and prepared to throw it back sideways to a screaming Adam who was saying 'don't throw it'-- these words fell on deaf ears (Melbourne never listens to Sydney!). The boomerang went up into the air, back over his head and into the side of the building from which it came.... now the boomerang has a big chip in one arm.





In the afternoon we did another demo, but this time in perfect conditions. Our commentator, Lee Anne Davies, is a new thrower, and we even had her join this demo. She was running around taking a few catches. So our 20 mins demo came to an end. As we walked off the oval through the exit gate a man was there with his wife and two kids. I said to him, "Great demo, eh what?" He casually replied, "Your commentator has a great figure!" To think he was watching Adam and me....!!

Late in the afternoon we left the Science Works and headed for Werribee, the home of Australia's potentially best MTA thrower, if ever he wanted to be... Bazza Harrison, a table tennis partner, whom I have not beaten in MTA for 2 years, and it's only a hobby to him!

At Bazza's house a great deal of persuasion was required just to get him out of the house, across the road and onto the oval. Barry is right handed and does not have a collection of boomerangs. He has some, but no right hand MTAs. He uses old ones of mine (left) that have been broken. He glues them together and off into the sky they go! Barry had not thrown for awhile, so his form was not real good at the start. He then had his MTA crash and break in two. So I let him use one of mine. Second throw and IT was in two pieces. Into Adam's bag he dives..now Adam was very impressed with this idea and not over happy when they started to crash into the ground. Adam's MTAs were all new, but Barry kept reminding him that it was Adam's idea they come and throw, so he should supply the goods.

After half a dozen crashes Adam's grimaces were becoming increasingly worse, until all of a sudden the MTAs were flying properly. A group of teenagers wandered over to witness big Bazza in full flight as his MTAs were becoming a speck in the sky. We started to teach these guys how to throw and the highlight was when one guy threw a hornet, caught it one handed, low to the ground, without spilling one drop from the stubby in his left hand!

Later that evening we went for a night throw and more drunken teenagers wandered over to witness this spectacle. Their comments ranged from "they could see a skull between the trees", to "they thought that a car with coloured headlights was in the park". We were also informed by one budding Einstein that an archeologist lives in the area.. a person who studies trees!!

Later that evening we had discussions regarding our throw and Barry's form. Adam said that it is lucky Barry doesn't get booked for pinching air space - that his arm is just like a blur when he releases the boomerangs and lucky he doesn't use right handed MTAs, as we are not sure how they would fly in an area where oxygen runs out!!

The next day, Saturday, was Aussie Rules Grand Final day, but I just could not convert this Sydneysider to the beauty of this Melbourne tradition. In 30 knot plus winds we failed to impress some potential new throwers.

That evening he joined the elite number of throwers who have discovered that the creek at the back of my place is a magnet for boomerangs in disguise. One of his new MTAs sank to the bottom of its murky depths. Adam did try to find it in gum boots, but once the slosh and mud got ankle deep finding the boomerang was not so important.

SUNDAY -- atrocious weather - windy and raining, but off we went for an hour's drive to Knoxfield to meet Rob Croll for a comp. Because of the conditions we decided to organise teams of two. Funny thing was where the centre circle was situated: two left handers had to throw over a grandstand, yet this great big oval had plenty of other spots to throw from.

The littlest and big Carters were the clear winners, 2nd was Rob and newcomer friend Sadir, 3rd was Adam and Craig (but Craig did not throw real well). Trick Catching was an interesting event with the great Croll failing to take a catch (the novice threw and the expert had to catch!!) Back to Croll's for the munchies as it was lunchtime and raining.. nothing has changed: nothing to eat and kicked out into the rain not long after arriving!

Sunday evening and Lady Carter (Kay) was doing the ironing. Nothing much on telly so onto SBS. Adam spent 1.5 hours reading the subtitles of Cousin, Cousine .. a very forgettable movie.

MONDAY started well for Adam. I found him being tied up with every bit of available rope by the Carter kids. Finally he was untangled so we were going for a throw. Adam changed his mind and accepted Kay's offer of a cuppa tea. We did have a throw later and Adam lost an MTA in a tree, but we did find it two days later. This day was completed with a ride on my motor bike -- a 90cc Honda scooter.

TUESDAY -Grampians - We went and visited this popular mountain range for a full day. As dusk approached we went and offered a caravan park the services of a free night show for during the peak period. Things were going smoothly until I suggested that all I would require would



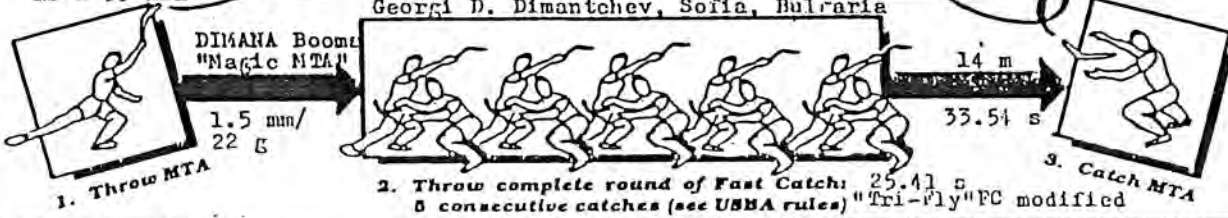
The Supercatch Challenge

Supercatch is extremely difficult but not impossible.
What about you? Are you up to the
Supercatch Challenge?

If you are and you succeed let this newsletter hear.
Good luck!

Sofia's Sudpark
April 19, 1994
11 h 55 min

Georgi D. Dimantchev, Sofia, Bulgaria



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Dear Br. Thomas,

I made my first "Supercatch" (5+1).
I am very happy and proud because I used
made by me boomerangs and my formula:
"accurate return MTA-boom (my "Magic
MTA" is so one) + middlefast, but

securate FE-boom". My assistants
and witnesses were Marin Karavelov
and Vassil Tzvetkov - BG-Boom-Club's
members since 1993.

Georgi Dimantchev

ABS "Tri Fly" FE
modified by me:
profile, weights,
tape-spoiler,
central-hole ...



4th Central Coast Championships



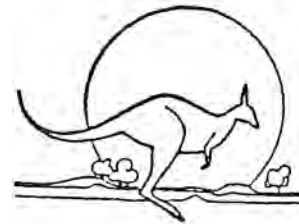
HELD AT ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE, GOSFORD, ON 9TH APRIL 1995

COMPETITOR	ACCURACY	AUSSIE ROUND	CONSEC. CATCH	SAME BOOMERANG
T. PATTERSON	12/6TH	12/10TH	2/4TH	15/3RD
BETTY EASTON	14/5TH	13/9TH	0/E7TH	DNC
KEN ARTHUR	19/4TH	16/8TH	0/E7TH	0/9TH
KEVIN MORAN	34/1ST	30/6TH	1/E5TH	7/E7TH
MARG. PATTERSON	12/E6TH	26/7TH	0/E7TH	14/4TH
NOBU (JAPAN)	23/3RD	57/1ST	3/3RD	7/E7TH
ADAM CARROLL	24/2ND	49/2ND	5/1ST	28/1ST
BR. B. THOMAS	8/8TH	42/E3RD	4/2ND	17/2ND
IAN ARGALL*	5/9TH	31/5TH	1/E5TH	10/6TH
G. WANDTKE	13/5TH	42/E3RD	DNC	DNC

MASAKI 13/5TH

JUNIORS

MEGAN PATTERSON	26/2ND	10/4TH
WAYNE PATTERSON	2/5TH	30/1ST
BLAIR DEWHURST	25/3RD	26/2ND
MARK PATTERSON	27/1ST	2/5TH
JUSTIN DEWHURST	17/4TH	16/3RD



NEAREST THE PIN: (HERB SMITH AWARD) : KEVIN MORAN 15CM.

ARTHUR JANETZKI AWARD FOR AUSSIE ROUND: NOBU 57.

CATCH OF THE DAY: MARGARET PATTERSON.

GIRLS' CHAMPION: MEGAN PATTERSON.

LADIES' CHAMPION: MARGARET PATTERSON.

JUNIOR AUSSIE ROUND CHAMPION: MARK PATTERSON.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SYDNEY SWANS WHO ORGANISED THE MARKING EQUIPMENT FOR US, AND TO THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OF GOSFORD FOR THE USE OF THEIR BEAUTIFUL OVAL.

CONDITIONS WERE GENERALLY QUITE WINDY FOR MOST OF THE DAY. A FEW LUCKY THROWERS (UN-NAMED!!) CAUGHT THE LULLS IN THE GUSTS.. THAT'S LIFE!

IN THE CONSECUTIVE CATCH THROWERS HAD TO CATCH IN THE 10M CIRCLES. EACH HAD 10 THROWS. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WAS GETTING IT INTO THE 10M CIRCLES. MTA AND FAST CATCH WERE OFFERED AS VOLUNTEER EVENTS, BUT NO ONE ACCEPTED DUE TO THE GUSTY CONDITIONS. THERE WAS NO OVER-ALL GIVEN. JUST BY LOOKING AT THE RESULTS WE CAN SEE THAT ADAM CARROLL WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL THROWER ON THE DAY. WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HAVE FOUR JAPANESE THROWERS PRESENT, EVEN THOUGH NOBU WAS THE ONLY CONTESTANT IN ALL EVENTS.





WORLD BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Dear Friends

It gives me great pleasure to officially invite you to the 1996 World Boomerang Championships to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Date : Sunday 24th March to Sunday 31st March 1996

During this week there will be 3 days set aside for the World Team Cup and 2 Days for the World Individual Championships.

I am allowing for 16 Teams to compete

6 throwers per team plus 1 Coach

4 throw, all scores count

Each team to provide 1 judge / official for each event

All throwers to bring a stop watch

Combined Teams Option :

Two countries may get together to form a single team and will be treated as one country.

eg: Belgium / Holland could combine to form 1 Team. 6 throwers + coach

International Teams:

International Men's, International Women's Teams

International teams will be selected to be competitive.

Throwers wishing to apply to be members of international teams please contact me at the address given by 1 May 1995.

Limitations on International Men's Teams only

Limited to two throwers per country.

Open only to throwers from countries without teams competing.

Masters Team :

To qualify as a master you must be 40 years old on or before the 24th of March 1996.

Throwers (men & women) wishing to apply to be members of the Masters team please contact me at the address given by 1 May 1995.

Masters team will be selected to be competitive.

If there is sufficient interest another Masters team will be nominated for selection in round 2.

BOOMERANG SHOW GOES WEST BY ROGER PERRY

AFTER SPENDING 2 MONTHS ON THE TELEPHONE EXTOLLING THE VIRTUES OF BOOMERANGS TO SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, A SEVEN WEEK TOUR OF SOUTH/WEST AUSTRALIA WAS PREPARED. ALONG WITH A FEW HELPERS WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO 41 SCHOOLS WHO TOOK PART IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND NIGHT SHOWS.

OUR VERY FIRST SHOW STRUCK TROUBLE WITH THE AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS COMING ON. LUCKILY A TEACHER HAD A KEY AS KIDS DEFLECTED THE WATER AWAY FROM THE CROWD AND THE SHOW STARTED 15 MINUTES LATER!

ON THE SECOND WEEK OF THE TOUR WE VISITED THE TOWNS OF PEMBERTON AND NORTHCLIFF, WHICH HAVE HUGE TREES MORE THAN 1000 YEARS OLD AND UP TO 100 METRES HIGH..NOT THE PLACE TO GET AN MTA STUCK IN!!

DURING THE WEEKEND SHOW OF THE 3RD WEEK BEFORE THE MAIN SHOW WAS DUE TO START ON CAME THE SPRINKLERS AGAIN. NO, NOT POSSIBLE! ON CHECKING WITH AUTHORITIES I FOUND OUT AN EARLIER POWER FAILURE HAD CAUSED THEM TO RE-SET. I NOW HAD A DEEP FEAR OF WATER. THE SHOW WAS HELD WITH SPECTATORS ON ONE SIDE AND THE NIGHT SHOW ON THE OTHER FOR A VERY INTERESTING EFFECT!

THE 4TH AND 5TH WEEKS WERE EFFECTED BY CYCLONES AND RAIN. LUCKILY WE WERE FAR FROM THE WORST OF IT AND ONLY LOST ONE NIGHT SHOW.

DURING THE 6TH WEEK WE UNVEILED THE NEW MOTHER SHIP BOOMERANG TO A LARGE CROWD IN ALBANY. THE MOTHER SHIP HAS 3 INBUILT COMPUTER CHIPS WITH MULTI LENSES AND IS POWERED BY 8 BATTERIES..WOW!!!

BY THE 3RD WEEK OF THE TOUR WE REALISED HOW VERSATILE THE ERIC DARNELL DANCER WAS. WE TRANSFORMED THIS MODEL INTO A COMPLETELY SAFE NIGHT BOOMERANG THAT ENABLED US TO TEACH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN 2 HOURS.

WEEK 7 AND I AM IN KALGOORLIE, THE GOLD CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA, WITH A LARGE POPULATION AND AM PREPARING FOR THE END OF THE TOUR.

DURING THE 7 WEEKS WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED TO 15,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN AT 41 SCHOOLS IN 17 TOWNS. AN ESTIMATED 20,000 PEOPLE HAVE COME TO 27 NIGHT SHOWS.

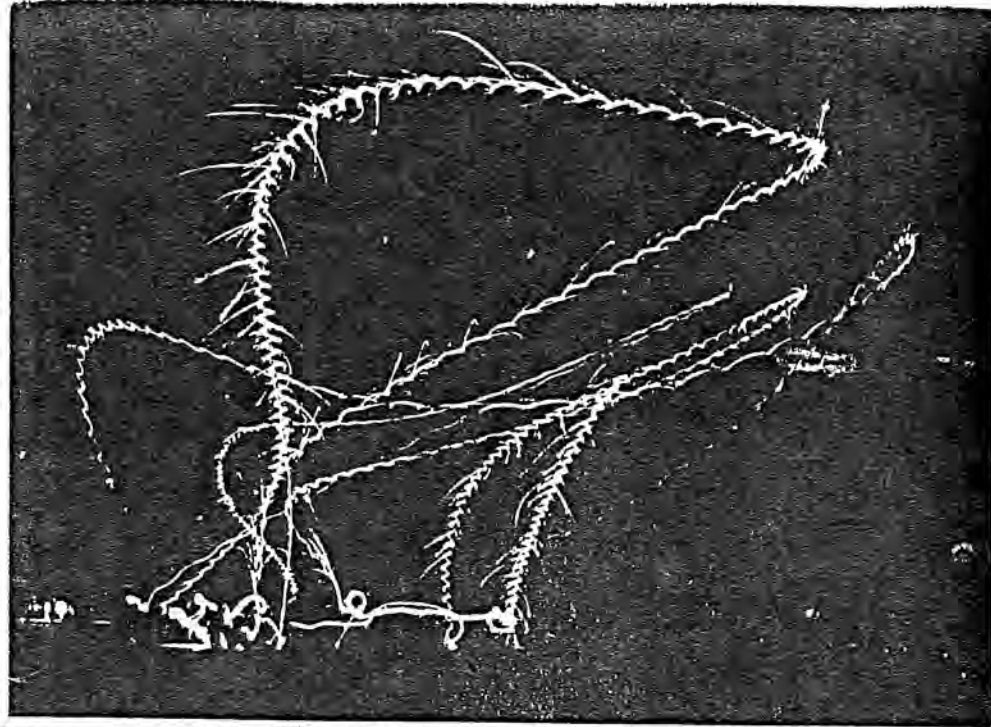
THE NEXT MOVE IS TO THE USA FOR FURTHER NIGHT SHOWS. TOM FITZGERALD IN ST. LOUIS IS ARRANGING THE SCHOOLS AND SHOWS THERE. A TOTAL OF 20 SHOWS WILL BE HELD FROM APRIL TO JUNE IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA.

BOOMERANG THROWING
AUSTRALIA'S 11,000 YEAR
OLD SPORT

REGARDS FROM WEST AUSTRALIA
ROGER PERRY

HAVE FUN 
THROW BOOMERANGS!

ROGER'S NIGHT SHOW IN ACTION!!



B.A.A. MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS *****

The Annual Meeting decided to give BAA members permanent Membership numbers.

The list is being compiled and members can learn their number from their state President, who will be issued with a list as soon as it is completed.

No.1 member is Les Janetzki while No.2 is Arthur. No.3 is Bluey Williams followed by Morris Maxwell and Dennis. Cec Burwell follows them.

PHOTO: Arthur (No.2) and Les Janetzki (No.1) with original Skippy.



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Engineer intrigued by flight

CONRAD Stacey reckons you only have to watch a boomerang fly to see why he is so fascinated by them.

Dr Stacey, who trained as an aerospace engineer, has been making them since he was 12 years old.

"They are really quite marvellous things," he said.

Dr Stacey will put his boomerang throwing skills to the test this weekend when he competes in the annual National Boomerang Titles at the University of Queensland.

He said it was the first time the event had been held in Brisbane and he was looking forward to taking part.

During the past three years he has developed three new prototype models.

He said many of the returning boomerangs on the market at the moment had one major flaw — they did not return.

"We are making ones that do come back," he said.

PLENTY of comebacks . . . aeronautical engineer Dr Conrad Stacey with the labour of his love. Dr Stacey will compete at the National Boomerang Titles in Brisbane this weekend.

BOOMERANG ENTHUSIAST HONOURED

Ken Arthur, a life time resident of Lane Cove, has been honoured for his work with the Australian Boomerang Association. Ken has been presented with the NSW Sports Award from the NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation.

Ken learned about boomerang making and throwing when he was a young boy, from the late Mr Boyling, also of Lane Cove. Mr Boyling learned the art from the Aboriginal people at La Perouse prior to 1930. At that time there was much open space in Lane Cove, and, says Ken, "Mr Boyling used to take about a dozen boys on Sunday mornings and show us how to take a branch of mangrove, shape and square it off. He'd make 5 to 6 boomerangs from the one branch."

Since then Ken has been making boomerangs for himself and many others. He made and threw boomerangs for the years he lived in the country around Canowindra and while he was in the Air Force, in what was then Dutch New Guinea during World War II, he taught the New Guineans how to make and throw boomerangs. As each of his sons reached the age of 10-12 years he taught them also.



In 1979 Ken was introduced to the Boomerang Association of Australia. "From then on", says Ken, "I have entered State and National competitions and have specialised in making boomerangs of the competition kind." Some of Ken's many achievements include Open Accuracy wins, Veterans Champion and Catcher of the Day.

In addition to travelling to demonstrate the making and throwing of boomerangs to many groups, including large numbers of Japanese tourists and Australian school children, Ken has also been involved with the running of the Boomerang Throwing Association (NSW). His work has been widely appreciated. Scores of letters from children exclaiming about the wonderful day's learning and experiences have been sent to Ken.

The Award, presented by local MP Kerry Chikarovski, reflects a life time fascination with boomerangs and is just reward for dedicated service, including over 10 years as Treasurer, to the sport of boomerang throwing. Ken Arthur is an excellent ambassador for this sport, and, Australia.

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BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC. 1995 ANNUAL GENERAL HELD AT THE St LUCIA-BRISBANE UNIVERSITY-no.5 OVAL.

PRESENT-MAREK WASKIEWICZ, Br BRIAN THOMAS, BOB BURWELL, BRUCE CARTER, ROD JONES, KEVIN MORAN, GUNTER WANDTKE, ROB CROLL, NICK GOTTSCHALK, DEAN HOPTON, GRANT HOUNIET, CRAIG CARTER....

APOLOGIES-ADAM CARROLL, SADIR KATAR, KEN ARTHUR, IAN POWELL, BARRAS FAMILY, DAVE MARTIN, IAN SPROUL, BARRIE FORSYTH, ROGER PERRY....
BRIAN KEMP....

Bruce Carter opened the meeting at 2:30 PM-18th March 1995...
He congratulated Bob Burwell on the work he did with regards to organising the 95 NATIONALS...
The minutes from the 1994 A.G.M. were read and received..
MOVED-R CROLL SECONDED-N GOTTSCHALK..

BUSINESS ARISING-NIL

CORRESPONDENCE-Letter from IAN SPROUL was read to the members. It outlined a few suggestions on how the BAA could find some new members.

Also the possibility of investing the WORLD CUP account onto an interest bearing account for which the interest would help fund the BAA (FULL LETTER ENCLOSED)

A discussion followed and it was voted unanimous to transfer the WORLD CUP account as suggested by IAN.

With regards to past members-Br BRIAN THOMAS will list all members and number all past and present members. ALL members will receive a numbered card... On the back of each card will be a contact number of a current BAA member... This motion was put forward by NICK GOTTSCHALK and 2nd by Br BRIAN THOMAS---CARRIED---

INCORPORATION-----DENNIS MAXWELL has resigned from the position of being our CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVE. All relevant paper work has been sent to ROB CROLL. Our new officer-NICK GOTTSCHALK nominated by Br BRIAN THOMAS and 2nd by GUNTER WANDTKE---CARRIED..

SECRETARY/TREASURERS report was read by BC.
Moved by Br BRIAN THOMAS and 2nd by ROB CROLL....

PRESIDENTS REPORT-BC reported that he was very happy to see members enter these NATIONALS in BRISBANE. Financially they caused some problems but the NSW and VICTORIAN association were able to assist BOB. We must learn from this and hopefully future NATIONALS will not run into this problem again. NEXT YEARS NATIONALS will be held just prior to the AUSSIE TEAM to leave for the '96 WORLD CUP IN NEW ZEALAND. The WORLD CUP should be regarded as important for throwers who wish to represent their country. I hope to see our BEST 6 THROWERS enter these CHAMPIONSHIPS so that the SPORT OF BOOMERANG THROWING IN AUSTRALIA, IS PROVEN TO BE SOMETHING FOR ALL MEMBERS TO BE PROUD OF.

IN NEW ZEALAND THERE WILL BE AN OVER 40's team of INTERNATIONAL THROWERS but FIRST PRIORITY for BAA MEMBERS must be THE AUSSIE TEAM. ROGER PERRY and IAN SPROUL from the WEST are almost certain to be going to NEW ZEALAND, and I will also be going over. We must organise a team selection panel today and hopefully our team will perform to the best of its ability.

Money continues to cause problems to the BAA and we do require 20 new members.... Thanks again to BOB BURWELL for his efforts in this YEARS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and we must appreciate the great efforts by Br BRIAN THOMAS in the position as editor of OUR BULLETIN.

I have enjoyed the past 12 months and it is rewarding to see that our sport is gaining publicity as the SYDNEY OLYMPICS edge closer. And before closing I must thank IAN SPROUL for his efforts in the

difficult position of secretary/treasurer. And I thank ROB CROLL and Br BRIAN THOMAS in their efforts in organising tournaments in NSW and VICTORIA.

STATE REPORTS--QUEENSLAND--BOB BURWELL reported that there has been a lot of media interest in the lead up to the NATIONALS. All credit must be directed towards CONRAD STACEY in his handling of the press releases....

WESTERN AUSTRALIA--ROGER PERRY has promised to organise a series of competitions in the WEST over the next 12 months so that the guys from the WEST can be considered for the 96 AUSSIE TEAM through their competition results....

NSW--Br BRIAN THOMAS outlayed the plan for the coming competitions during the next 12 months. He hoped that the 96 NATIONALS could be held in ALBURY and that 1 out of THREE NATIONALS in the future will be conducted in ALBURY....

VICTORIA--ROB CROLL spoke about the coming events in VICTORIA, with the next COMP to be held at SEAMIST horse stud--near GEELONG--23rd--of APRIL--SEAMIST are hoping to make this tournament an annual event and maybe host future STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

FUTURE NATIONALS--much discussion was held regarding FUTURE NATIONALS. It was decided that they should be set out TWO YEARS IN ADVANCE. By having a central location (ALBURY) it will help keep costs down. ALBURY will host the NATIONALS in 96 and then every third year. MELBOURNE to conduct the 97 nationals.... NATIONALS must be held between FEBRUARY and MAY--MOTION moved by DEAN HOPTON 2nd, NICK GOTTS.

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIPS--CONRAD STACEY spoke about what he feels are CIRCUS EVENTS, He wanted the NATIONAL CHAMPION to be decided on AUSTRALIAN ROUND. If there is to be 5 events at NATIONALS, CONRAD wanted 5 ROUNDS of AUSTRALIAN ROUND. BC and ROB CROLL spoke on all events deciding champions not just one.... NICK GOTTSCHALK--feels that INTERNATIONALLY we would quickly fall backwards.--only 15 years ago NO OTHER COUNTRY COMPETED IN BOOMERANG THROWING....

A motion was put forward that AUSTRALIAN ROUND has half the points to decide the OVERALL CHAMPION ... This motion was defeated.... After much discussion it was decided that anyone with their suggestions for the scoring of overall champions, should send their opinions to Br BRIAN THOMAS for PUBLICATION IN THE BULLETIN. ROB CROLL has been working on a points merit system. When completed he will send a copy to THE BULLETIN and to CONRAD STACEY who also will be working on a merit points system.

For now--ALL STATES will run their OWN SYSTEM--NSW will have trophies for the AUSSIE ROUND WINNERS, and in VICTORIA--they will trial a 3 POINTS SYSTEM between 1 and 2nd--2 POINTS between 2nd and 3rd.--1 POINT GAP AFTER THAT....

COMING EVENTS--ALBURY, SEAMIST, WAVERLEY NSW JULY 16, GOSFORD, VICTORIAN TITLES WAVERLEY,--VICTORIAN and BLUF MOUNTAINS COMP.--Also later in the year the WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS will be conducted.

NEXT YEARS WORLD CUP---AUSTRALIA has been invited to send a TEAM of 6 throwers to next years WORLD CUP IN CHRISTCHURCH...

The AUSTRALIAN TEAM will be selected and announced by the FIRST BULLETIN OF 96, to allow throwers time to organise travel arrangements, Br BRIAN THOMAS moved that there be THREE SELECTORS--2nd KEVIN MORAN---CARRIED.

The selectors are BRUCE CARTER CHAIRPERSON--ROBERT CROLL & GUNTER WANDTKE.....

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

BOB BURWELL took the chair for the election of office bearers and declared ALL POSITIONS VACANT.

PRESIDENT--BRUCE CARTER--nominated by ROB CROLL --no further nominations were received..

VICE PRESIDENT--KEVIN MORAN--nominated by BRUCE CARTER--no further nominations so KEVIN was duly elected..

SECRETARY/TREASURER--IAN SPROUL --nominated by ROB CROLL--no further nominations were received...

BULLETIN EDITOR--NICK GOTTSCHALK nominated Br BRIAN THOMAS--no further nominations were received...

PUBLICITY OFFICER---NICK GOTTSCHALK--nominated by Br BRIAN THOMAS... no further nominations were received...

STATE REPRESENTATIVES---SOUTH AUSTRALIA BARRIE FORSYTH... VICTORIA ROB CROLL--NEW SOUTH WALES--Br BRIAN THOMAS QUEENSLAND CONRAD STACEY.