



# BOOMERANG BULLETIN

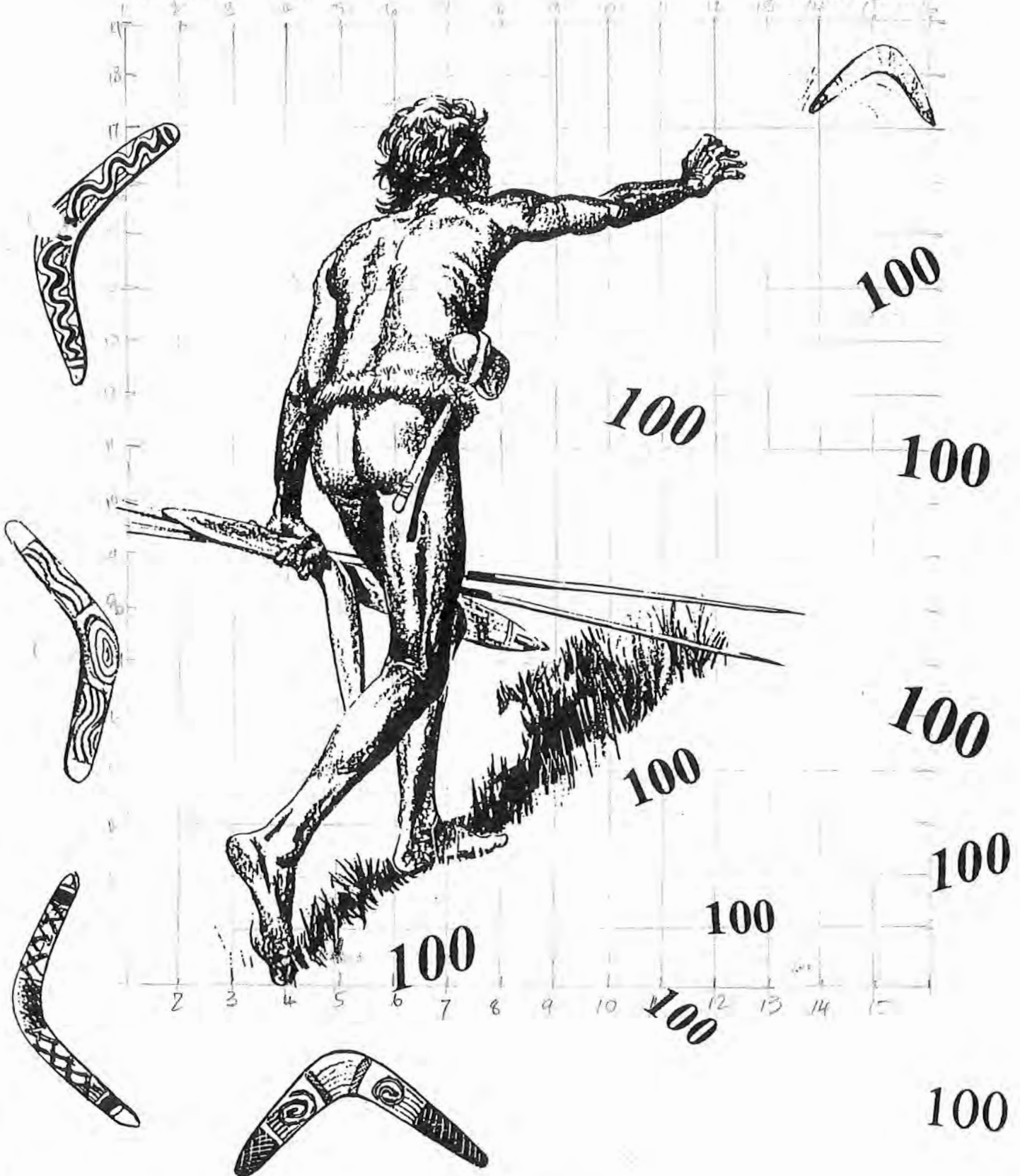


Boomerang Association of Australia Incorporated

*Founded 7<sup>th</sup> May 1969*

November 1998

Number 100



# FROM ONE TO A HUNDRED.

What a long way our little sport has come since **Bulletin No.1**. The keenness of a few throwers to share this Aboriginal sport transferred into the development of the **Boomerang Association of Australia in 1969**. A few events were held in those days. Now the sport has blossomed into the International arena with a dozen or so countries, representing thousands of gifted throwers, fascinated with the marvellous "flying stick". And how that "stick" has developed both in looks and performance during the years! We have **David Schummy's** distance boomerang travelling out 174 metres before returning. **Adam Ruhf's** fast catch rang zipped around five times in 14.5 seconds, while **John Gorski's** MTA floated around for over 17 minutes before descending for a catch. **Yves Caves** (France) has set the latest standard with 80 catches in five minutes.. where will it all end?

The introduction of boomerang throwing to overseas countries has introduced that driving force into the sport that we in Australia sometimes lack. ... **enthusiasm and ambition** Throwers are now scaling the heights of boomerang performances.

What are some of the highlights during the time of our 100 editions? Many great throwers have inspired us and now gone to God. People like Les & Arthur Janetzki, Bluey Williams, Cec Burwell, Dave Martin, Bunny Read, Billy Moore, Stephen Siladi, and Lin Onus to name a few. Happily, all our Presidents, Secretaries and Editors of the BAA are still on planet earth. We thank them for their unselfish efforts to keep this sport going.

I would like to **recognise** these people for their efforts within the BAA:

**Organisers:** Morris Maxwell, Dennis Maxwell, Peter Byham,(1<sup>st</sup> World Cup), Tony Butz (State bodies), Peter Jonson (Coaching manual), Geoff Kennedy (Rules book), Barrie Forsyth (SA), Roger Perry (WA) & Jeff Lewry.

**Performers:** Jeff Lewry, Bob Burwell, Bunny Read, Rob Croll and little Ben Loveland.

**Makers:** Jack Byham, Cec and Bob Burwell, Rod Jones, Bunny Read, Les and Arthur Janetzki, Peter Byham, Lorin Hawes, and Dave Martin.

**Promotion:** Morris Maxwell, Duncan MacLennan, Billy Knight, Jack Byham, Les & Arthur Janetzki, Bruce Carter, Ken Arthur, Bob Burwell, Tony Butz and David Schummy.

There are many facets to a sport and you need good people in all areas for it to succeed. *Many people not named* have promoted the BAA since 1969 and I **sincerely thank all** of them for their efforts.

Recognition to our **overseas organisers** must go to Max Hoeben (Holland), Wilhelm Bretfeld & Gunter Veit (Germany), Jacques Thomas & Didier Bonin (France), Herb Smith (England), Yoshi Sakimitsu (Japan), Georgi Dimantchev (Bulgaria), Maurizio Saba (Italy), Stephane Marguerite (Canada), Ben Ruhe, Ali Fujino Miller, Ted Bailey & Richard Harrison (USA) and many others.

The 1998 World Cup signalled a very professional approach to our sport with the dedication of the German team. They were in the USA a month before to acclimatize and practise. Throwers can no longer rely on "old skills" only. Standards are rising all the time.

The BAA thanks those *many, many sponsors and donors* during the last 30 years who have helped our sport along. It is always encouraging to know there are other people interested in the sport even if they don't throw.

**Duncan MacLennan** is the Aussie who has taught more overseas people to throw than anyone. It was he who first suggested the idea of an International challenge in boomerang throwing. Look what it's led to now!! Thanks, Duncan.

I think the crowning glory for the boomerang world has been the adoption of boomerang symbols for our **2000 Olympic logo**. There will be street signs showing the way to different sporting venues, and all the signs will be based around **boomerang figures**. It is a million dollar promotion we could never have hoped for. Let's hope we can do the right thing by it.

The **2000 World Cup** will be held at the **Latrobe University** in **Melbourne** in **early February**. This will show boomerangs to Australia before the Olympics. **Let's put on a great show!!**

*Finally, the boomerang world is really indebted to the efforts of one man for keeping the sport up and running during its first ten years. That man is **Morris Maxwell**, the honorary secretary during that time. Others did their bit, but none more than Morris. The sport of boomerangs thanks you, Morris!*

Br. Brian M. Thomas, *Editor.*

## VIEWPOINTS

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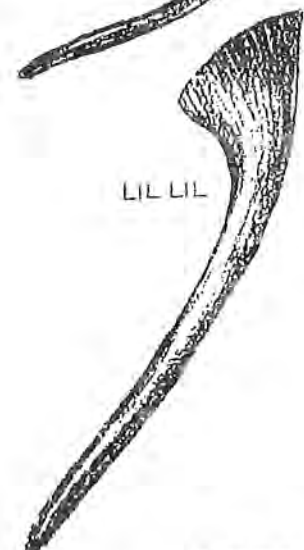
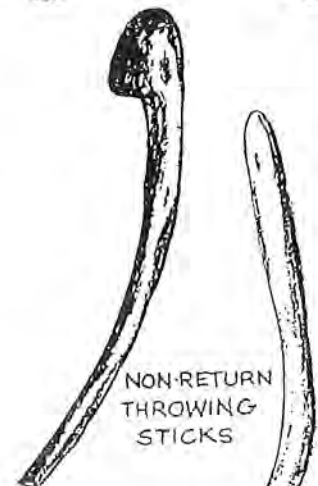
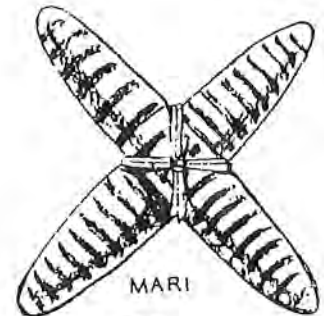


# B.A.A. HISTORY

## BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

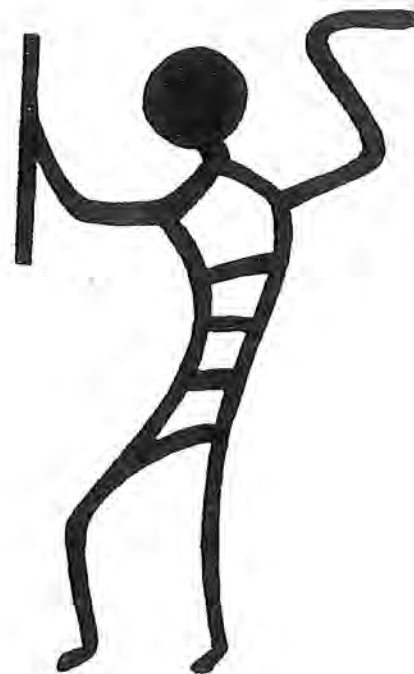
### Foundation Members on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1969

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|-----|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.  | Robert Burns       | <i>Yarraville, Vic.</i>     |
| 2.  | Cecil Burwell      | <i>Dora Creek, N.S.W.</i>   |
| 3.  | Jack Byham         | <i>Cobram, Vic.</i>         |
| 4.  | A.Cole             | <i>East Brighton, Vic.</i>  |
| 5.  | R.Dalman           | <i>McKinnon, Vic.</i>       |
| 6.  | J.Davidson         | <i>Ivanhoe, Vic.</i>        |
| 7.  | Lorin Hawes        | <i>Mudgeeraba, Qld.</i>     |
| 8.  | Peter Hoffman      | <i>McKinnon, Vic.</i>       |
| 9.  | Arthur Janetzki    | <i>North Albury, N.S.W.</i> |
| 10. | Leslie Janetzki    | <i>North Albury, N.S.W.</i> |
| 11. | Miles Jorgensen    | <i>Surrey Hills, Vic.</i>   |
| 12. | Jeff Lewry         | <i>Bowna, N.S.W.</i>        |
| 13. | Dennis Maxwell     | <i>Dingley, Vic.</i>        |
| 14. | Morris Maxwell     | <i>McKinnon, Vic.</i>       |
| 15. | T.Granger          | <i>Clarence Gardens</i>     |
| 16. | Lin Onus           | <i>Belgrave, Vic.</i>       |
| 17. | E.Poulter          | <i>Ferny Grove, Qld.</i>    |
| 18. | C.Pratt            | <i>Glen Waverley, Vic.</i>  |
| 19. | Geoff Rawson       | <i>Doncaster, Vic.</i>      |
| 20. | Jim Hamish Robb    | <i>Knoxfield, Vic.</i>      |
| 21. | C.Scale            | <i>Mordiallic, Vic.</i>     |
| 22. | Robert Schroeder   | <i>Blackburn, Vic.</i>      |
| 23. | Stephen Silady     | <i>Chatswood, N.S.W.</i>    |
| 24. | Ralph Sinclair     | <i>Syndal, Vic.</i>         |
| 25. | W.Topp             | <i>McKinnon, Vic.</i>       |
| 26. | M.Walsh            | <i>McKinnon, Vic.</i>       |
| 27. | I.S.Bluey Williams | <i>Burwood, Vic.</i>        |



## Presidents of the B.A.A.

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|----|------------------|------------|
| 1. | Geoff Rawson     | 1969-1972  |
| 2. | Dennis Maxwell   | 1973-1977  |
| 3. | Jack Byham       | 1978-1981  |
| 4. | Br. Brian Thomas | 1982-1983  |
| 5. | Dennis Maxwell   | 1983-1985  |
| 6. | Peter Byham      | 1986-1990  |
| 7. | Roger Perry      | 1990-1991  |
| 8. | Bruce Carter     | 1991-1999> |



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## Editors of the Boomerang Bulletin

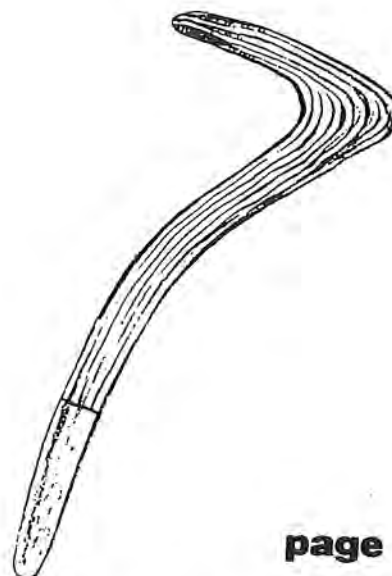
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| 1.  | Jim Hamish Robb   | 1970-1978  |
| 2.  | Morris Maxwell    | 1979-1981  |
| 3.  | Tony Butz         | 1981       |
| 4.  | Peter Jonson      | 1982-1984  |
| 5.  | Murray Lewis      | 1985       |
| 6.  | Robert Croll      | 1986       |
| 7.  | Geoff Kennedy     | 1986-1987  |
| 8.  | Br. Brian Thomas  | 1988       |
| 9.  | Libby Eykelenburg | 1989-1990  |
| 10. | Steve Drummond    | 1990       |
| 11. | Mark Howarth      | 1991-1993  |
| 12. | Br. Brian Thomas  | 1994-1999> |

Newsletter: *BAA Bulletin*, since November 1970.

*Boomerang Bulletin*, new name, since January 1973.

## Secretaries of the BAA

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|----|----------------|------------|
| 1. | Morris Maxwell | 1969-1984  |
| 2. | Di Jonson      | 1984-1986  |
| 3. | Dennis Maxwell | 1986-1987  |
| 4. | John Gibney    | 1988-1990  |
| 5. | Geoff Kennedy  | 1990-1991  |
| 6. | Richard Barras | 1991-1994  |
| 7. | Ian Sproul     | 1994-1997  |
| 8. | Dean Hopton    | 1997-1999> |





# Boomerang Association of Australia's

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1971	Peter Lewry	Albury
1972	Bluey Williams	Swan Hill
1973	Peter Lewry	Canberra
1974	Jeff Lewry	Canberra
1975	Joe Lewry	Albury
1976	Bob Burwell	Albury
1977	Bob Burwell	Albury
1978	Bob Burwell	Albury
1979	Joe Lewry	Albury
1980	Barrie Forsyth	Albury
1981	Dennis Maxwell	Albury
1982	Bunny Read	Albury
1983	Barrie Forsyth	Albury
1984	Br Brian Thomas	Albury
1985	Paul Bryden	Albury
1986	Dennis Maxwell	Adelaide
1987	Paul Bryden	Melbourne
1988	Rob Croll	Canberra
1989	Geoff Kennedy	Barooga
1990	Rob Croll	Melbourne
1991	Jarrold Byham	Barooga
1992	Rob Croll	Leopold, Vic.
1993	Rob Croll	Perth
1994	Rob Croll	Sydney
1995	Bruce Carter	Brisbane
1996	David Schummy	Albury
1997	Rob Croll	Melbourne
	Miles Jorgensen (Veterans)	
1998	Rob Croll	Albury
	Br Brian Thomas (Veterans)	





# 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Open Championships

(Conducted by the BAA)

Held at Albury, N.S.W. on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1971 with 19 competitors.

Competitor	City, State	Points
1. Jeff Lewry	Bowna, NSW	82
2. Geoff Rawson	Melbourne, Vic	74
3. Peter Lewry	Bowna, NSW	67
4. Jack Burwell	Slacks Creek, Qld	60
5. Ralph Sinclair	Syndal, Vic	51
6. I. Bluey Williams	Melbourne, Vic	50
7. Dennis Maxwell	Dingley, Vic	48
8. Morris Maxwell	McKinnon, Vic	44
9. Peter Hoffman	McKinnon, Vic	39
10. Greg Hay	Albury, NSW	36
11. Joe Lewry	Bowna, NSW	36
12. J. Hamish Robb	Knoxfield, Vic	33
13. Chris Lewry	Bowna, NSW	32
14. Les Janetzki	Albury, NSW	30
15. J. Flicker	Albury, NSW	29
16. G. Flicker	Albury, NSW	25
17. Maurie Walsh	Bowna, NSW	24
18. Jack Byham	Cobram, Vic	24
19. Arthur Janetzki	Albury, NSW	20



## Finals:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Peter Lewry</b>	<b>88 points</b>	<b>First Australian Champion</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Jeff Lewry</b>	<b>78 points</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Geoff Rawson</b>	<b>70 points</b>	

**Rules:** Two rounds of 5 throws added together. The *top three scorers* in the finals.

**Finals:** Two rounds of 5 throws, added together. Winner is the highest scorer in the Finals.

**Other events:** *Most Accurate Return:* Peter Hoffman

*Consecutive Catches (in accuracy circles):* Jeff Lewry & Joe Lewry

*Long Distance Throw:* Jeff Lewry

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 1971 **Fast Catch** was born at Darlington Point, N.S.W. It was *the Shortest Time for 10 catches*. Catches had to be taken inside a 7.5 yards circle. *The first winner* of Fast Catch was **I. S. Bluey Williams** (Burwood, Vic) in 4 min 18 secs.





## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

It is a great pleasure to be associated with such a great group of members that we have in the BAA. I especially appreciate the efforts over many years that you have dedicated to the BAA. We would be lost without you.

We still cannot come up with a winning formula for the World Cup. It seems essential that we try and gain new members to help in this quest. Maybe we should announce a team well in advance of the Cup and hope they train together and work harmoniously. I certainly want one more crack at this level before dedicating as much time as possible to help coach our new throwers.

Thanks to Aristocrat for sponsoring our teams to St.Louis. I was proud of their efforts. It would have been better if we were able to practise on the ground the day before the Cup began. Thanks also to Walter Carter, who are sponsoring our Bulletin and to Waverley Press for this edition.

If you want to be considered for the next World Cup Team make sure you attend the 1999 National in Albury on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Congratulations and thanks to all the editors and writers who have contributed to producing our first 100 editions of the Boomerang Bulletin.

*Bruce Carter*, President BAA, 1998.



**7<sup>TH</sup> February 1999** ... NSW State Titles at Oxford Falls at 9.30 a.m.

Organiser: Br.Brian Thomas (02) 9369 0675.

**28<sup>th</sup> February 1999** ... Queensland Long Distance at Tansey Park, Tanah Merah at 3 p.m. Organiser: Dean Hopton (07) 3277 7889.

**7<sup>th</sup> March 1999** ... Central Coast Championships at St.Edward's, East Gosford, at 9.30 a.m.. Organiser: Br.Brian Thomas. (02) 9369 0675.

**28<sup>th</sup> March 1999** ... Queensland Western Suburbs Championships at Forest Lake, Brisbane. Organiser: Dean Hopton (07) 3277 7889.

**11<sup>th</sup> April 1999** ... Eastern Suburbs Championships at Queens Park, Waverley, at 9.30 a.m.. Sponsor: Walter Carter Pty.Ltd. Organiser: Br.Brian Thomas.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1999** ... Australian National Boomerang Championships at Xavier College, North Albury. Start 10 a.m. Saturday.  
Organiser: Br.Brian Thomas (02) 9369 0675.

**June 1999** ... Blacktown Championships at Showgrounds, Blacktown. Organiser: Peter Lewry (02) 9622 2927. 10 a.m. start.

**August 1999** ... Blacktown Aussie Round Championship. 10 a.m. start. Organiser: Peter Lewry . (02) 9622 2927.

**November 1999** ... 11<sup>th</sup> Blue Mts Championships at Mulgoa at 10 a.m.

All 1999 ... Peter Lewry aims to hold a competition every month at Blacktown. Dates to be settled with the Council. Events: Accuracy, Aussie Round, MTA, Fast Catch.

**2000 World Cup ... 4<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> February,** at Latrobe University in Melbourne. Organiser: Rob Croll (02) 9887 5085.

COMING EVENTS



# THE BLUES BROTHER

## ... ON A MISSION FROM GOD

The 100<sup>th</sup> edition of The Boomerang Bulletin is a real achievement for the BAA and all those who have kept it going for over 25 years. It seems appropriate, therefore, to use this occasion to note the achievements of someone who has often written of the achievements of others but not of his own. He's Brother Brian Thomas, Australian National Boomerang Coach and Editor of the Boomerang Bulletin, the subject of more than 100 newspaper and magazine articles, organiser of more boomerang competitions than he would care to count, and winner of well over 100 trophies at all levels of competition. He's the Blues (NSW) Brother ... and he's on a mission from God!

### HERE BEGINNETH THE LESSON



Brian started primary teaching with the Christian Brothers in 1959 in St. Kilda and began boomerang throwing (while recovering from an illness) on a holiday in Tasmania. His first boomerang was a large Lin Onus stick bought at a newsagency in Devonport in 1972. The second was a Hawes Supalooa which proved a good flier, and he was now "interested" in boomerangs. In July 1973, he was transferred to St. Pat's in Albury, and it was from here that he heard of Jeff Lewry at Bowna, went to see him and threw some of Jeff's "hooks". Moreover, Jeff told Brian about the Janetzki Brothers, Les & Arthur, who threw every weekend in Albury. Brian met them and

joined them for a throw twice a week on a regular basis. He was now "hooked".

### LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN

In 1974, Brian went to the Australian National Championships in Canberra - for a windy, cold and miserable experience. Others also felt Canberra was not the best place for the ANCs and Brian mentioned that Albury was not only calmer but also more central for most throwers. The outcome was a change of venue for the ANCs to Albury for many years. Competitive boomerang throwing was really still finding its feet at this time: not only was the BAA in its early days, but Darlington Point was holding "world championships" (on old BAA rules) and Bunny Read was getting interest going in Wycheproof. Brian went to all of these competitions, came second in Albury in 1974, won in 1975, and won the Darlington Point contest in 1976. He was now "competitive".



### THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

The late 1970s were dominated by the superb throwing of Bob Burwell who won the ANCs in 1977, 1978 and 1979 and astounded everyone with his powerful long distance throws of

over 120m. Every year, Bob had a different design of boomerang - he was one of the great early innovators of different competition designs. Meanwhile, in Albury, Les and Arthur Janetzki (with throwing styles totally different from Bob's) were also making innovative shapes. So Brian would find a successful shape, the Janetzkis would make some copies and thus spread the varieties of shapes around. Competitions were suddenly more competitive than ever, and this was important in the years leading up to the first international match, the Australia v. USA Boomerang Cup in 1981. By now, Brian had: won the Aussie Round (or General Championship as it used to be called) 11 times at a championship contest (including the third and final test against USA in 1981); taken 2<sup>nd</sup> place 12 times; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 5 times. (The high fliers at this time all seemed to be B's: there was Bob Burwell, Bunny, Barrie, Billy ... and Brian!). He was now "a force to be reckoned with."



### THE LIFE OF BRIAN

All of this boomeranging had to be balanced with the religious life Brian had been called to follow. Not as free to "do his own thing" as the rest of us, Brian turned this to his advantage (and to ours) by getting publicity for the sport that the rest of us had been unable to get.



Suddenly, the mass media were interested in "The Boomerang Brother" or the sportsman with "Help from Heaven". Over 100 newspaper articles told the world that, "Oh, brother, they DO come back!" and other things we'd wanted everyone to know for years. He was featured in magazines with celebrity sportsmen such as cricketer Tony Greig, showing them how to throw boomerangs instead of cricket balls. The good brother was good for boomerangs, but not just for the publicity he generated for the sport. It was (and still is) his calm, hard-working, non-complaining

dedication to advancement and peace that carried over from his religious life to his boomerang life which earned him the respect and trust of so many people here and overseas.

### FOR THE RECORD

We all know that we can be lucky or unlucky on any given day, with the wind, with our choice of boomerang, with how others are throwing. But to set a new national record is something many dream of and few achieve. Brian has done this not once but 8 times: the Smallest Boomerang (1978), Consecutive Catching (1974, 1977, 1979, 1980), Fast Catch (1976, 1977) and Aussie Round (1983) - which was also a new world record, at 90/100, that was unbeaten for over a decade. And, if records had been kept separately for a Veterans Division (over 50 years of age), Brian would be the current record holder in all five of the most popular events - Aussie Round, Accuracy, Fast Catch, Endurance and MTA.



### AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

Quite aside from his boomerang throwing records did you know: that he developed his hand/eye co-ordination in his early years by playing many sports, including cricket with Keith

Stackpole (legendary spin bowler and opening batsman for Australia) ; that he has taught over two dozen other Christian Brothers to throw boomerangs and had them enter BAA competitions; that he celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1988, Australia's Bicentennial Year; that in 1978 he helped get boomerang throwing officially recognised as a sport and the BAA recognised by the Australian Govt. as the controlling body for the sport in Australia; that in 1981 he was the Australian Captain and coach of the Australian Team in the historic USA v. Australia Challenge; or that he also coached the Australian Team before they took the Boomerang Cup back from the USA in 1984? Well, if you didn't, then you probably also didn't know that: in 1983 Brian went with Barrie Forsyth to Japan at the invitation of some Japanese businessmen in Yokkaichi to give some boomerang demonstrations there, and at the Australian Embassy; that he has thrown boomerangs in : Emmaus, Rome (with 7 consecutive catches in St Peter's Square!), Bethlehem, the amphitheatre at Pompeii, East Berlin (while under communist control, and landing a crossblader on the back of a guard at Checkpoint Charlie!), Brussels, the Vienna Woods, Mainz (at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual German Boomerang Championships), Kiel (with several hundred spectators), Sussex with Herb Smith, the grounds of Blarney Castle , Waterford (home of Christian Brothers' founder Edmund Rice), on the island of Rhodes, from a hot air balloon over Tuross (and back with a catch in the balloon basket!), off The Gap at Watson's Bay and from The Three Sisters at Katoomba! We could also mention that he was born on Sir Donald Bradman's birthday, so it's hardly surprising that he played competition cricket for 10 years (1966-1976), was secretary of the Mersey Valley Cricket Association in Tasmania, and made 183 in one innings, including 16 sixes and 13 fours! Add competition handball, tennis and squash to his past achievements and we can start to realise why, in boomerang throwing, he made it into The Guinness Book of Records for Accuracy (1984 ed.) with a score of 42/50 and once took 1003 consecutive catches with an indoor boomerang. Since 1991 he has been an aged persons' carer and is currently also the Executive Secretary of Caritas Australia in NSW (formerly Australian Catholic Relief).

### WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

So, it's probably not the competition successes that mean the most to Brother Brian Thomas, even within the sport of Boomerang Throwing . The thousands of children and adults who have learned from Brian the simple pleasure of having a boomerang return; the "oldies" amongst us who have (on more than one occasion) been grateful for his authoritative

presence and wisdom at sometimes heated meetings; the scores of throwers who have benefitted from his expertise as the National Coach who is so willing to help throwers improve; and the hundreds of competitors who have enjoyed a boomerang contest because Brian was prepared to organise it, would all say to the editor of this 100<sup>th</sup> edition of the Boomerang Bulletin:

'THANK YOU, BROTHER.  
LIVE LONG AND PROSPER'.



TONY BUTZ

(NSW Coach; Captain/Coach, Blue Mountains Boomerang Team).



**BOOMERANG** THROWING  
AUSTRALIA'S 11,000 YEAR  
OLD SPORT

**HAVE FUN**   
**THROW BOOMERANGS!**





# BOOMERANG INTERNATIONAL RECORDS LIST **WBA**

ALL RECORDS MADE DURING OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS  
PAGE ONE : OFFICIAL EVENTS

LIST N° 22 1997	AUSSIE ROUND	ACCURACY	FAST CATCH	ENDURANCE	MTA 100M LIMITED	ACRO DOUBLING
USA	John "MOLEMAN" ANTHONY 1995 WORLD RECORD 95	Mike FORRESTER Emmaüs 1996 WORLD RECORD 49	Adam RUHF Emmaüs 1996 WORLD RECORD 14"60	Adam RUHF Virginia beach 1996 76	Eric DARNELL Portland 1997 WORLD RECORD 1'44"87	Chet SNOUFFER New Zealand 1996 100
AUSTRALIA	B.Brian THOMAS Albury 1983 90	Dennis MAXWELL Melbourne 1983 Adam CARROLL 48	Bruce CARTER Wangarata 1995 18"88	Rob CROLL Albury 1996 59	John GIBNEY Barooga 1991 1'04"50	Günter WANDTKE N.Zealand 1996 86
GERMANY	Fridolin FROST Wiesbaden 1995 EUROPEAN RECORD 90	Uwe NIEDERSTRASSE Abondance 1993 WORLD RECORD 49	Fridolin FROST Amsterdam 1997 16"93	Harald STECK Amsterdam 1997 71	Fridolin FROST Evry 1989 1'24"67	Michael SIEMS Besançon 1997 WORLD RECORD 105
FRANCE	Yannick CHARLES Troyes 1993 Julien KERJEAN Kiel 1995 86	Ph.PIGGIRARD Evry 1990 WORLD RECORD 49	Grégory BISIAUX Lyon 1991 EUROPEAN RECORD 15"03	Yves CAVES Dijon 1998 WORLD RECORD 80	Stéphane CAUTAIN Angers 1990 57"53	Matthieu WEBER N.Zealand 1996 100
SWITZ	Manuel SCHÜTZ Tentligen 1997 86	Jurg SCHEDLER Abondance 1993 WORLD RECORD 49	Jürg SCHEDLER Burgdorf 1997 18"29	T.STERENBERGER Bosen 1994 Manuel SCHÜTZ Burgdorf 1997 65	David HESSE Burgdorf 1997 1'37"78	Manuel SCHÜTZ Besançon 1997 94
HOLLAND	Max HOEBEN Amstelveen 1989 78	Max HOEBEN Harderwijk 1987 48	Wouter WESSELS Amstelveen 1989 19"60	Wouter WESSELS Duitsland 1992 52	Franck TOURNOY Amstelveen 1990 38"40	Jaap DUIN Besançon 1997 43
BELGIUM	Daniel FOULON Dottignie 1991 70	M. DE CEUNINCK Alain MANGIN Lille 1991 44	Daniel LUYCX Lille 1991 22"12	Daniel LUYCX Chevreuse 1989 50	Patrick MESTDAG Washington 1989 30"27	no score
ITALY	Paulo CRESCIMBENI Bosen 1994 77	Paulo CRESCIMBENI Bracciano 1996 45	Max BELVERDE Verone 1993 20"99	Gianni CAMPANILE Bracciano 1996 53	Paulo CRESCIMBENI Roma 1994 40"82	Paulo CRESCIMBENI N.Zealand 1996 63
JAPAN	NAKABORI Edogawa 1991 70	TAKETOMI HARUKI TAKAYAMA TETSUO Christchurch 1996 36	HISA OKANO Hiratsuka 1992 21"00	MAIYA JUNJI Christchurch 1996 40	HISA OKANO Edogawa 1991 43"66	MURATA HIROYUKI N.Zealand 1996 75
CANADA	Stephane MARGUERITE Ottawa 1997 75	Stephane MARGUERITE Montreal 1997 42	Stephane MARGUERITE Hiratsuka 1994 21"09	Stephane MARGUERITE Ft.Wayne 1994 51	Eric PROMISLOW Emmaüs 1995 37"58	John KOEHLER N.Zealand 1996 78
N.ZEALAND	Earl TUTTY Hiratsuka 1994 56	Gerry SMITH Christchurch 1996 30	Earl TUTTY Hiratsuka 1994 25"48	Earl TUTTY Christchurch 95 58	Earl TUTTY Hiratsuka 1994 32"57	Gorty SMITH N.Zealand 1996
SWEDEN	Ola WAHLBERG USA 1996 81	Jonas RONBLAD Besançon 1997 35	Jonas RONBLAD Hamburg 1992 24"24	Ola WAHLBERG Besançon 1997 50	Ola WAHLBERG Hamburg 1992 35"25	Ola WAHLBERG N.Zealand 1996 61
BULGARIA	Miroslav DITCHEV Kiel 1995 68	Miroslav DITCHEV Bosen 1994 44	Georgi DIMANTCHEV Bensheim 1995 26"26	Miroslav DITCHEV Bosen 1994 49	Georgi DIMANTCHEV Bensheim 1995 31"76	no score
G.BRITAIN	Mark HARRIS Besançon 1997 71	G.SHUTTLEHORTH 97 Mark HARRIS Schrewsbury 1996 37	Mike FULLWOOD Shrewsbury 1994 30"75	Julio CRUICKSHANK Seattle 93 38	Julio CRUICKSHANK Besançon 1997 33"93	Julio CRUICKSHANK Besançon 1997 47
AUSTRIA	Torbit SCHWAIGHOFER Frauental 1993 53	Andreas HAINZL Frauental 1993 44	Andreas HAINZL Deutschlandsberg 1993 23"41	Andreas HAINZL Deutschlandsberg 1993 38	Andreas HAINZL Spitzerberg 1993 37"53	no score
FINLAND	Harri PIETILÄ Besançon 1997 53	Harri PIETILÄ Besançon 1997 35	Harri PIETILÄ Besançon 1997 39"53	Harri PIETILÄ Besançon 1997 28	Heikki NISKANEN Besançon 1997 35"95	Martin WIKSTORM Besançon 1997 24

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## 1998 BLACKTOWN AUSSIE ROUND COMPETITION

at the Blacktown Showgrounds

organised by Peter Lewry on 11th October 1998.

Competitor	Right/Left	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Best 2 rds.	Total	Place
Terry Patterson	Right hand	12	32	26	14	8	6	32+26	58	11th
Margaret Patterson	Right hand	31	6	4	40	12	22	31+40	71	7th
Tony Butz	Right hand	23	45	19	47	38	10	45+47	92	4th
Kyungsuk Kim (m)	Right hand	32	8	40	3	18	26	32+40	72	6th
Yeojin Kim (f)	Right hand	20	2	2	31	inj.	inj.	20+31	51	16th
Belle Park (f)	Right hand	15	0	6	15	23	2	15+23	38	18th
Br.Brian Thomas	Right hand	59	20	33	32	50	16	59+50	109	2nd
John Vogel	Right hand	31	31	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	31+31	62	10th
Shirley Lewry	Right hand	18	27	4	18	20	0	27+20	47	17th
Peter Lewry	Left hand	57	50	28	14	36	6	57+50	107	3rd
Wayne Patterson	Right hand	30	10	0	8	18	22	30+22	52	e14th
Mark Patterson	Left hand	4	10	5	6	4	10	10+10	20	20th
Megan Patterson	Right hand	14	12	12	5	22	15	22+15	37	19th
Kellie Lewry	Right hand	16	32	0	0	20	0	32+20	52	e14th
Sally Lewry	Left hand	45	18	35	6	8	17	45+35	80	5th
Ken Arthur (77)	Right hand	27	6	33	0	35	23	33+35	68	8th
Adam Cavill	Right hand	12	24	24	19	32	2	24+32	56	12th
Scott Raymond	Right hand	4	8	18	24	29	23	24+29	53	13th
Adam Carroll	Left hand	dnc	56	42	55	58	40	56+58	114	1st
Kevin Moran	Right hand	dnc	12	12	17	39	26	39+26	65	9th

Conditions: Very calm for first 5 rounds with slight changing breezes swinging 180 degrees.  
Windy for Round 6.

The idea of the day was to be able to try different boomerangs for the same competition.

Thanks to the Blacktown Council for the use of the Showgrounds and to Peter Lewry & family.  
A great day was had by all, especially our Korean throwers Kyungsuk, Yeojin & Belle.

Congratulations to Kevin Moran, who won the MTA in Delaware, Ohio, & came 3rd Over-all.  
Kevin was Captain of our Old & New Aussie Team at the World Cup in St.Louis.  
At 69 Kevin continues to inspire us all with his great throwing & energy. We're proud of you, Kev.

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# A big comeback



BOOMERANG throwing is a strange sport.

The Germans are world team champions, Foster's beer is sponsoring the American team for the Sydney Olympics and a nine-year-old Australian has become junior world champion.

Devin Schummy has shown the Americans how to throw a boomerang, and now he's hoping for many happy returns.

Following in his father's footsteps, the Australian student has become the world junior boomerang throwing champion in the US.

At the same competition,

Devin's father David became the senior champion, with both Schummys breaking world records.

Devin threw his boomerang 81m, 11m further than the previous record. His dad threw 174m.

"I was really happy and just so amazed that I did it," Devin said. "But I had this little thing in me and I knew I was going to do it finally."

"Now I feel like I really want to break it again. If I've broken it once, I can break it again."

Devin started throwing three years ago after watching his dad, who has been doing it for 25 years.

The last Australian to hold the senior record was in 1984.

There are about 35 competitive throwers in Australia and 110 members of the Australian Boomerang Association.

The sport is popular in America and Europe. The Germans are the world teams champions, being first, second and fourth this year.

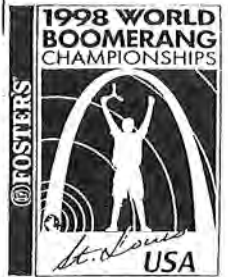
David said Australian competitors found it ironic that Aussie brewing icon Foster's would be sponsoring an American team to demonstrate the sport at the Sydney Olympics.

They are also helping fund the American's bid at the next world championships, in Melbourne in 2000.

# DAY ONE WORLD CUP TEAM RESULTS at ST. LOUIS, U.S.A.

## WBC Monday Overall Scoresheet

Team	Endurance Relay			Accuracy			Austrian Round			Supercatch			Team Relay			Trick Catch/Doubl			Overall					
	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Running Total	Score	Place	Points	Running Total	Score	Place	Points	Running Total	Score	Place	Points	Points	Place				
Australian Aristocrats	51	4	15	124	12	7	22	199	13	5.5	27.5	54	5	14	41.5	02:36.54	7	12	53.5	281	8	10.5	64	9
Australia Old and New	25	18	1	88	16	3	4	216	11	8	12	24	11	8	20	05:02.07	18	1	21	112	18	1	22	16
Canada	40	12	6.5	73	18	1	7.5	221	10	9	16.5	4	17	2	18.5	03:34.27	14	5	23.5	129	15	4	27.5	14
France @crobates.fr	49	5	13	145	5	14	27	267	5	14	41	30	9	9.5	50.5	02:41.83	9	10	60.5	299	5	14	74.5	6
France Blue	49	5	13	143	6	13	26	257	6	13	39	0	18	1	40	02:32.53	6	13	53	294	6	13	66	8
France III	49	5	13	128	9	9	22	239	8	11	33	51	6	13	46	02:38.72	8	11	57	242	12	7	64	9
Germany Young Guns	56	2	17	162	2	17	34	229	9	10	44	77	2	17	61	02:23.65	1	18	79	357	1	18	97	1
Germany Bones	46	9	10	157	3	16	26	289	2	17	43	43	7	11.5	54.5	02:25.77	3	16	70.5	342	3	16	86.5	2
Germany No Mercy	42	11	8	128	9	9	17	276	3	16	33	16	15	4	37	02:49.70	12	7	44	259	11	8	52	12
Italy	30	17	2	83	17	2	4	139	18	1	5	17	14	5	10	02:59.05	13	6	16	122	16	3	19	18
Japan	48	8	11	119	13	6	17	199	13	5.5	22.5	58	4	15	37.5	02:42.22	10	9	46.5	281	8	10.5	57	11
Scandinavia	34	15	4	118	14	5	9	183	15	4	13	14	16	3	16	03:34.52	15	4	20	176	14	5	25	15
Swiss Skandal I	55	3	16	152	4	15	31	274	4	15	46	30	9	9.5	55.5	02:31.95	5	14	69.5	291	7	12	81.5	4
Swiss Skandal II	35	14	5	142	7	12	17	152	17	2	19	19	12	6.5	25.5	03:41.66	16	3	28.5	217	13	6	34.5	13
USA Red	44	10	9	165	1	18	27	295	1	18	45	89	1	18	63	02:42.32	11	8	71	278	10	9	80	5
USA United Blue	58	1	18	128	9	9	27	250	7	12	39	71	3	16	55	02:31.15	4	15	70	309	4	15	85	3
USA THE RAD	40	12	6.5	137	8	11	17.5	204	12	7	24.5	43	7	11.5	36	02:25.25	2	17	53	349	2	17	70	7
International Women	32	16	3	105	15	4	7	168	16	3	10	19	12	6.5	16.5	03:55.29	17	2	18.5	121	17	2	20.5	17





DAY TWO WORLD CUP TEAM RESULTS at ST. LOUIS, U.S.A.

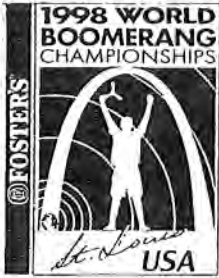
WBC Tuesday Overall Scoresheet

Team	Trick Catch/Doub			Team Relay			Endurance Relay			Supercatch			Australian Round			Overall				
	Score	Place	Points	Running Total	Score	Place	Points	Running Total	Score	Place	Points	Running Total	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place			
Australian Aristocrats	259	10	9	73	03:10.34	10	9	82	26	13	5	87	21	13	6	230	8	11	104	10
Australia Old and New	118	16	3	25	04:13.47	16	3	28	18	17	2	30	7	18	1	123	17	2	33	18
Canada	87	18	1	28.5	05:22.13	18	1	29.5	21	16	3	32.5	10	15	4	190	12	7	43.5	15
France @crobrates.fr	332	1	17.5	92	02:34.53	4	15	107	38	6	12.5	119.5	36	7	11	258	6	13	143.5	5
France Blue	286	6	13	79	02:52.13	7	12	91	38	6	12.5	103.5	8	17	2	213	10	9	114.5	9
France III	274	8	11	75	03:30.15	14	5	80	37	8	11	91	25	12	7	148	15	4	102	12
Germany Young Guns	332	1	17.5	114.5	02:29.81	3	16	130.5	43	1	18	148.5	42	6	13	262	5	14	175.5	1
Germany Bones	276	7	12	98.5	02:44.81	6	13	111.5	41	2	16.5	128	36	7	11	279	3	16	155	3
Germany No Mercy	244	12	7	59	03:06.06	9	10	69	27	12	7	76	47	3	16	243	7	12	104	10
Italy	138	15	4	23	04:24.83	17	2	25	26	13	5	30	9	16	3	158	13	6	39	16
Japan	257	11	8	65	02:42.46	5	14	79	41	2	16.5	95.5	48	2	17	222	9	10	122.5	8
Scandinavia	210	13	5.5	30.5	03:28.78	13	6	36.5	30	11	8	44.5	31	10	9	157	14	5	58.5	14
Swiss Skandal I	310	4	15	96.5	03:11.50	11	8	104.5	35	9	9.5	114	36	7	11	277	4	15	140	6
Swiss Skandal II	210	13	5.5	40	03:15.53	12	7	47	26	13	5	52	30	11	8	130	16	3	63	13
USA Red	294	5	14	94	02:28.59	2	17	111	39	4	14.5	125.5	44	4	14.5	285	2	17	157	4
USA United Blue	311	3	16	101	02:28.52	1	18	119	35	9	9.5	128.5	54	1	18	313	1	18	164.5	2
USA THE RAD	271	9	10	80	02:57.44	8	11	91	39	4	14.5	105.5	44	4	14.5	210	11	8	128	7
International Women	114	17	2	22.5	03:46.27	15	4	26.5	12	18	1	27.5	18	14	5	109	18	1	33.5	17





DAY THREE WORLD CUP TEAM RESULTS at ST. LOUIS, U.S.A.



WBC Friday Overall Scoresheet

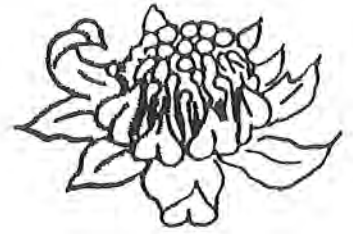
Team	Accuracy			M.T.A.			Supercatch			Endurance Relay			Team Relay			Australian Round			Overall			
	Score	Place	Points	Running Total	Score	Place	Pts.	Running Total	Score	Place	Pts.	Running Total	Score	Place	Pts.	Running Total	Score	Place	Pts.	Points	Place	
Australian Aristocrats	108	10	9	113	128.15	4	15	128	30	9	10	138	24	13	5.5	143.5	02:56.05	8	11	8.5	163	11
Australia Old and New	80	15	4	37	51.12	18	1	38	5	18	1	39	9	18	1	40	04:56.78	18	1	2	43	18
Canada	84	14	5	48.5	60.30	17	2	50.5	16	15	4	54.5	12	17	2	56.5	03:11.56	11	8	4	58.5	16
France @crobates.ft	112	9	10	153.5	78.07	12	7	160.5	28	10	9	169.5	35	5	13	182.5	02:40.67	3	16	17	215.5	6
France Blue	73	17	2	116.5	80.10	11	8	124.5	36	4	15	139.5	37	4	15	154.5	02:45.02	5	14	7	175.5	9
France III	63	18	1	103	64.55	15	4	107	33	7	12	119	32	10	9	128	03:05.06	10	9	6	143	12
Germany Young Guns	137	2	17	192.5	109.40	7	12	204.5	45	3	16	220.5	38	3	16	236.5	02:36.35	2	17	10	263.5	1
Germany Bones	130	3	16	171	110.22	6	13	184	53	1	18	202	39	2	17	219	02:45.88	6	13	13.5	245.5	2
Germany No Mercy	122	4	15	119	108.20	8	11	130	20	14	5	135	34	8	10.5	145.5	03:26.70	14	5	13.5	164	10
Italy	116	5	13	52	60.52	16	3	55	15	16	3	58	24	13	5.5	63.5	03:31.42	16	3	3	69.5	15
Japan	116	5	13	135.5	107.74	9	10	145.5	35	5	14	159.5	35	5	13	172.5	02:56.70	9	10	12	194.5	7
Scandinavia	74	16	3	61.5	143.40	2	17	78.5	26	11	8	86.5	22	15	4	90.5	03:14.85	12	7	11	108.5	13
Swiss Skandal I	115	8	11	151	140.77	3	16	167	47	2	17	184	43	1	18	202	02:47.74	7	12	16	230	4
Swiss Skandal II	86	13	6	69	68.08	14	5	74	22	12	7	81	35	5	13	94	03:36.22	17	2	8.5	104.5	14
USA Red	116	5	13	170	123.71	5	14	184	21	13	6	190	29	12	7	197	02:44.10	4	15	18	230	4
USA United Blue	105	11	8	172.5	166.39	1	18	190.5	31	8	11	201.5	34	8	10.5	212	02:28.46	1	18	15	245	3
USA THE RAD	139	1	18	146	89.53	10	9	155	34	6	13	168	31	11	8	176	03:17.83	13	6	5	187	8
International Women	91	12	7	40.5	76.37	13	6	46.5	8	17	2	48.5	16	16	3	51.5	03:27.09	15	4	1	56.5	17

# 10th BLUE MTS BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS 1998

held at "Winbourne", Mulgoa, on Sunday, 15th November 1998.

Competitors had to use only one boomerang throughout the day.

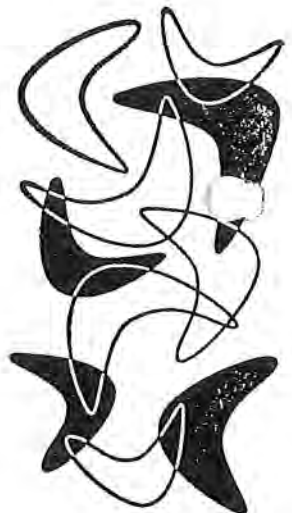
## RESULTS



Competitors	Aussie Round	Accuracy	Fast Catch	1 Hand Catch
Ken Arthur	13+19=32 / 17th	17 / 15th	0 / e17th	0 / e13th
Peter Lewry	55+44=99 / 4th	33 / e4th	52.56 / 4th	4 / 3rd
Adam Carroll	50+37=87 / e8th	10 / 17th	<b>40.80 / 1st</b>	5 / 2nd
Kevin Moran	34+53=87 / e8th	<b>42 / 1st</b>	98.00 / 13th	3 / 4th
Margaret Patterson	8+33=41 / 16th	33 / e4th	66.71 / 8th	0 / e13th
Terry Patterson	46+52=98 / 5th	28 / 7th	90.32 / 12th	1 / e9th
Tomonari Kakizak	28+17=45 / 15th	18 / 14th	111.40 / 14th	2 / e5th
Tony Butz	47+48=95 / 6th	33 / e4th	52.40 / 3rd	2 / e5th
Gunter Wandtke	54+52=106/ 2nd	38 / 3rd	42.65 / 2nd	<b>5 / 1st</b>
Paul Croft (AJ)	44+43=87 / e8th	23 / 9th	55.40 / 5th	1 / e9th
Kim Kyungsuk	28+29=57 / 14th	24 / 8th	62.75 / 7th	2 / e5th
Shirley Lewry	6=dnc=6 / 18th	8 / 18th	3 ct / e15th	0 / e13th
Kellie Lewry	47+41=88 / 7th	23 / e9th	79.40 / 10th	0 / e13th
Yusuke Hayamizu	47+40=87 / e8th	20 / e12th	85.30 / 11th	0 / e13th
Br.Rod Shoebridge	51+51=102/ 3rd	39 / 2nd	73.00 / 9th	1 / e9th
Br.Brian Thomas	<b>68+43=111/ 1st</b>	21 / 11th	61.90 / 6th	1 / e9th
Inze Bont	36+45=81 / 12th	29 / 6th	0 / e17th	0 / e13th
Eddie Siladi	dnc	12 / 16th	dnc	2 / e5th
Holger Ragowski	27+40=67 / 13th	20 / e12th	3 ct / e15th	0 / e13th
<i>Wilhelm Bretfeld, Germany, donated 10 boomerang prizes. Many thanks.</i>				
<b>Nearest the Pin: Kevin Moran 55 mm.</b>				
<b>Peggy Thomas Perpetual Trophy for Aussie Round: Br.Brian Thomas.</b>				
<b>Ladies' Champion: Kellie Lewry.</b>		<b>Best Novice: Yusuke Hayamizu</b>		
<b>JUNIORS</b>				
Mark Patterson	12 / 8th	6 / 5th	4ct / 8th	1 / e4th
Megan Patterson	8 / 9th	4 / e7th	2ct / 9th	0 / e5th
Scott Raymond	45 / 3rd	24 / 2nd	<b>39.24 / 1st</b>	1 / e4th
Adam Cavill	<b>52 / 1st</b>	4 / e9th	52.00 / 3rd	<b>4 / 1st</b>
Peter Lendrum	40 / 5th	11 / 5th	68.04 / 7th	0 / e5th
Michael Lendrum	43 / 4th	2 / 9th	77.44 / 6th	2 / e3rd
Tim Lendrum	36 / 6th	18 / e3rd	40.06 / 2nd	2 / 2nd
Sally Lewry	45 / 2nd	<b>41 / 1st</b>	53.30 / 4th	0 / e5th
Wayne Patterson	23 / 7th	6 / 5th	68.41 / 5th	2 / e3rd
Joshua Burke (7)	dnc	18 / e3rd	dnc	0 / e5th
<b>Nearest the Pin: Sally Lewry 1470 mm.</b>				
<b>Girls' Champion: Sally Lewry.</b>				
<b>Springwood Holden Perpetual Trophy for Aussie Round: Adam Cavill.</b>				
<i>Weather: Very, very hot and fairly calm..at times dead.</i>				
<b>Thanks to Christian Brothers, Mulgoa, for the grounds.</b>				
<b>Thanks also to Springwood Holden for the Junior Aussie Round trophies.</b>				

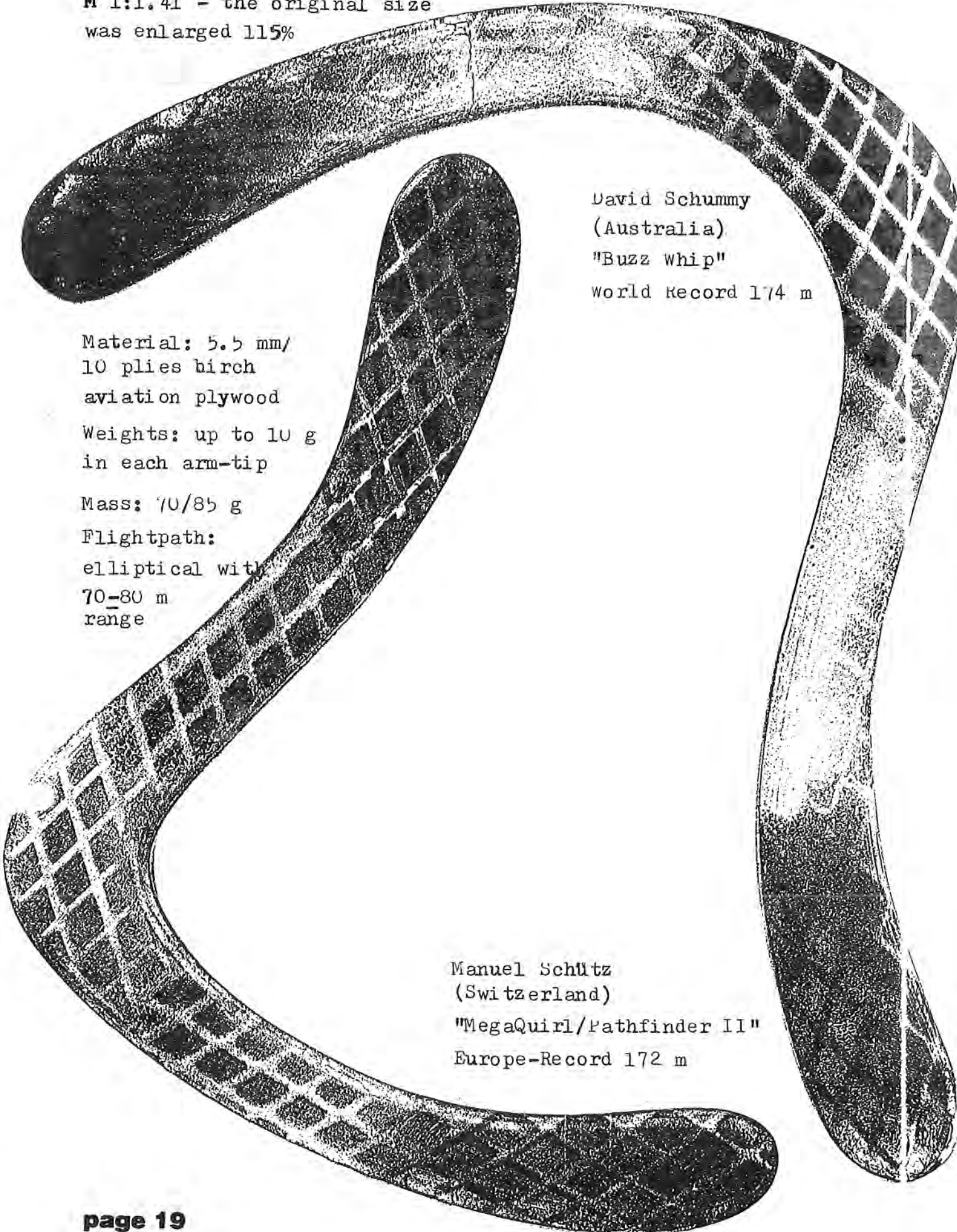


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## CONGRATULATIONS, TRENT!!



Each year the Confederation of Australian Sport votes on the most outstanding performers of the year for the Australian Sports Awards. This is done in several sections. One of those sections is the Best Junior of the Year. Voting has reached the final six in each section. Ian Thorpe, our famous swimmer, is one of the six Junior nominations at this stage. And so is our own Trent Carter!!! To reach the final six in Australian performances is outstanding. It is the first time a boomerang thrower has reached this position. We congratulate the whole Carter family and wish Trent good luck in the rest of the voting.

*Trent Carter, 8, the 1998 Australian Junior Champion, was the youngest Team Member at the 1998 World Boomerang Championships at St.Louis, U.S.A. He was a member of the Australia Old & New Team, which was captained by 69 year old Kevin Moran.*

### **29<sup>th</sup> Australian National Boomerang Championships** **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1999 at Xavier College, Fallon St., North Albury.** **10 a.m. start**

**Sections:** Juniors (Under 16)      **Entry:** Juniors \$10  
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**Events: Juniors:** Aussie Round, Accuracy, MTA, Fast Catch, Endurance.

**Open (Seniors & Veterans):** Aussie Round (1 round each day), Accuracy, MTA, Fast Catch, Endurance, Trick Catching, Distance.

Veteran's Over-all taken on *first five events*.

Senior's Over-all taken on *first six events*.

**Annual Meeting (World Cup to discuss): 7.30 – 9 p.m. Saturday.**

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*Merry  
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