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Bill Moore



Stephen Silady

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am very pleased to announce a special Team Competition to be held on Sunday the 29th of September, at the Ardlie Street Reserve in Westmeadows (Melway Ref Map 6 A6).

The Comp. will commence at 1pm and continue until 6pm. A BBQ will be held at the Carter's at the completion of the Comp for interested persons.

This Comp will run on the same lines as our last Team Comp held at the North Melbourne Football Ground, so persons interested in competing MUST PRE REGISTER.

The teams will be graded so that they are of equal standard, and prizes will be presented to the winning team members.

The most thrilling thing about the competition, is that it is part of a Spring Fun Day, sponsored by the Airport Motel, who have kindly donated a night for two people (except a Saturday Night), for the Over All Champion.

I believe that this is the best 1st. Prize that the B.A.A. has offered its members in the past 20 years.

This Competition is being very well advertised, with over 5,000 pamphlets being distributed within the local community, and the local paper and radio are advertising this special day.

The reason that it is a late start is that the oval is pre booked until 1pm. so it is very important that Competitors are ready to throw as soon as the oval is free.

We are offering stalls to Boomerang Makers / Distributors at a cost i.e. if you want to sell your equipment, the B.A.A. will ask you to donate some trophies, such as something for each winning team member, and the next company maybe organises something for each member of the runners-up team etc etc. Any one interested in having a stall, please contact me A.S.A.P.

I have been having discussions with the Department of Sport & Recreation, and it is pleasing to announce that the B.A.A. Inc. have the use of TWO window cabinet displays in the Sport & Recreation's building in Lonsdale Street. This display will be for 2 weeks in the middle of December, so whilst I have enough equipment to fill the cabinets, if anybody has something of special importance, that they feel should be displayed, please contact me or send it off to me BUT make sure that it is well labelled on the back with the owners name on it....

####VALE####

Recently two B.A.A. members and keen Boomerang enthusiasts Stephen Silady and Bill Moore passed away. On behalf of the Boomerang Association of Australia Inc. we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these two wonderful gentlemen....

I was never fortunate enough to meet Stephen Silady, but I have read and heard all about the man from many other Boomerang enthusiasts. I have been very impressed with his endeavour to make the Boomerang a

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT.

household word.

A couple of years ago, I was dragged by Brian Kemp to place called Wool Wool, near Colac in Victoria to visit a Boomerang maker called Bill Moore.

I had a great day with Bill, and really enjoyed his stories, sincerity and his great love for the Boomerang.

We have lost a great deal of information and history with the passing away of these two fine Boomerang greats.

Rob Croll, has an article about Bill and Stephen further on in this issue of the Bulletin. Rob has known both the men for a long time, and held both guys in high esteem. He is also well known by both families, so it is fitting that he should put together a tribute on behalf of the B.A.A.

Since the last Bulletin was published, the B.A.A. held a Teams Competition at the North Melbourne Football Ground.

Seventeen throwers entered, and the standard of competition was very high. More importantly, everyone enjoyed themselves.....

The field included some of the Aussie Hot Shots, fresh from the International standard competition in Perth. The field included Jarrod Byham, Blimp Doyle, Carter, Kempy back from overseas, Rob Croll, Mark and Richard Barass, Nick Gottschalk, Rohan Johnstone and Mike Fullwood.

When the dust settled, we discovered that it was close in the Overall from 2nd. to 8th., BUT a former Aussie Champion, former USA Champion, and a former Aussie representative had cleared away from the pack to win the event clearly. CONGRATULATIONS DENNIS MAXWELL.

I've had quite a few complaints about the B.A.A. in general in the short time that I've been President. It is sad to see so many knock the Association, but it is also sad to see so many members confused with what is happening. We (the current Executive) are trying to fit all the pieces together that seem to be missing, and without pointing the bone at anyone, I feel that the B.A.A. is slowly getting its act together.

The B.A.A. Publicity Officer, Nick Gottschalk has been asked by the Red Cross to help out in Kenya.

In this Bulletin there is a short letter from Nick, explaining his where-a-bouts. We wish Nick a safe trip and we will await for further news on his return back to Australia later on this year.

Things are moving nicely regarding the 1992 nationals to be held in Leopold in Victoria, next March.

Richard Barass is organising this tournament and he has included in this edition of the Bulletin, information regarding possible accommodation, if required.

The Western Australian Boomerang Association, has put in a request for the 1993 nationals to be held in Perth.

The Executive is considering their application, but we must also consider other offers if they arise.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT.

The planned proposal from the West is also included in this edition of the Bulletin.

### WORLD CUP - UPDATE

It is now fairly certain that the World Cup to be held in Japan next August has fallen through, although the Japanese Boomerang Association have not officially notified the B.A.A.

It is hoped that maybe the next World Teams Cup would be held in Germany instead, but now things look like maybe Canada in 1993.....

I hope to have more concrete plans, so as to inform our members by the deadline for the next Bulletin.

I have written many letters overseas, but as yet, things are totally confusing.

That is all from me for now. I am pleased that quite a few members have contacted me regarding B.A.A. issues.

It does prove that our members are still concerned with regards to the direction that the B.A.A. is being pointed towards.

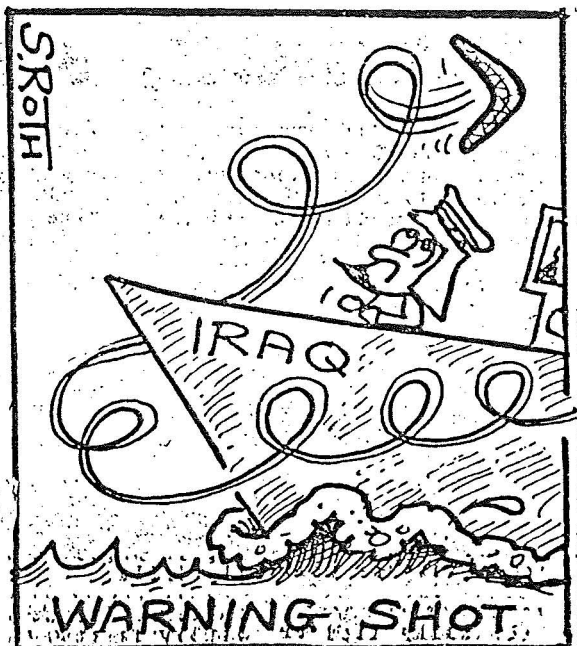
The Executive is working hard towards gaining new members AND keeping its current members informed of the goings on concerning Boomerang events and issues.

Don't forget our Competition in September, but if anyone has a few spare bucks, hop on a plane to France.

A Boomerang Competition is to be held for 40 throwers, over 2 days, with 1st. Prize being a Weeks Accommodation in the Mountains for 3 people. The French are really progressing well with the Boomerang and its really capturing people's imaginations over there.

CHEERS

Bruce Carter  
President.



## TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 1991

For the period 20/05/91 to 29/08/91 \$

Bank Balance as at 20th may, 1991 1,166-92

Income:  
Subscriptions 175-00  
Transfer Sales 164-00  
Bank Interest 10-50

TOTAL 349-50

Expenditure:  
Confederation of Sport 400-00  
Insurance 592-25  
Bulletin 100-00  
Bank Charges 1-05

TOTAL 1093-30

Bank Balance 29th August, 1991 423-12

The books of the Boomerang Association of Australia Inc. are now up to date. All cheque accounts have now been transferred. The time taken to transfer accounts meant that some charges took longer than expected to be paid, however delays will not re-occur.

The bank balance of \$423-12 is better than expected however any ideas to increase revenue would be greatly appreciated. The five hundred dollars to be paid into this account from the World Cup account will also increase the balance.

Rohan Johnston  
Treasurer.

## MY BOOMERANG - ROB CROLL

My Boomerang I throw and throw  
Why it won't come back I do not know  
I throw and throw with all my might  
The way it flies is an awful sight

I'll ask someone what should I do  
To get this thing right back to you  
So I asked Jacky what can be done  
He said watch me I'll show you son

First hold the end and face the breeze  
Then throw it out with gentle ease  
You snap your wrist and do your best  
Then leave the Boomerang to do the rest.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### NICK GOTTSCHALK HEADS OFF TO KENYA

The B.A.A. Publicity Officer, Nick Gottschalk, has been asked by the Red Cross about the possibility of helping out in Kenya.

Being the fine citizen that Nick is, he did not hesitate in offering his services.

Nick has forwarded a short report about this trip and we all look forward to further news when he arrives back in Australia later in the year.

On behalf of the B.A.A. Inc. I personally wish Nick all the best and we look forward to his safe return.....

Nick writes

Dear Friends,

Just over a week ago, I was asked by the Red Cross (26/06/91), to work in a hospital for International Red Cross. There is very little information available to me in regard to locality, climate, etc. even the size of the hospital or type of equipment, if any, is unknown until I go to Geneva for a briefing. No Australian has worked there before and I'll be the only Australian going from here.

All very exciting, quite a challenge. I've had my "medical" as well as 6 different vaccinations and I'll be spending a little over one week in Melbourne Hospitals brushing up on parasitology.

Off to Geneva on Friday the 19th of July and then on to Kenya. Chances are there won't be much, if any time for writing until my return to Australia, so don't expect any reports or letters until my return.

From Geneva I fly to Nairobi in a Twin-Otter plane, then a two and a half hour trip to the hospital near Sudanese border.

Still don't know anything about the climate or vegetation. Will it be dry heat or high humidity? - Jungle / flat or hilly?

There will be two surgical teams, nursing staff and myself. Altogether 19 people from 8 or 9 different countries, mostly Europeans. My nearest neighbour will be a New Zealander.

Needless to say, I will take a few Boomerangs with me, but I doubt whether I will have time to throw them.

Incidentally, Africa is going to be the 5th continent for me to throw my sticks. - Quite a record, which leaves only Antarctica and South America.

Regards and best wishes to everyone.

So long from  
Nick Gottschalk.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ADVERTISEMENTS

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30th NOVEMBER 1991.**

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### AUSTRALIAN BOOMERANG TITLES LEOPOLD VICTORIA 08/03/93

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as they may demand THREE nights accommodation

Richard Barras.

# *NEWS IN BRIEF*

## EDITOR'S APOLOGY

AUSTRALIAN BOOMERANG TITLES  
LEOPOLD VICTORIA

THE CORRECT DATE SHOULD  
READ 08 / 03 / 92  
NOT 1993

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## ROGER PERRY TRIUMPHS IN EUROPE

Roger recently returned from Europe with the news  
that he had won the French Overall Championship and  
had put in good performances in the German and  
Belgium Championships.

CONGRATULATIONS ROGER WELL DONE!

Roger reports that the next International Cup will be  
held in Germany late August 1992.

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## COMING UP IN OUR NEXT ISSUE THE BULLETIN SHOP

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## COMING EVENTS

### SPRING TIME - TEAMS COMPETITION

**SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 1991**

First prize for the Overall champion

**A night for TWO people at the Airport Motel  
Westmeadows**

**10 minutes from Tullamarine Airport**

**Value of the prize is in excess of \$70**

The room has a spa and the prize includes  
a Continental Breakfast

For this competition - to be held on the picturesque  
Westmeadows Reserve - Melway Map 6 - A 6. Hire of  
the oval paid for by the Airport Motel. Reduced Motel  
rates for any Boomerang Competitors.

It is planned to grade the throwers BEFORE the  
actual Competition Day in an attempt to make teams as  
even as possible.

**THERE WILL BE A TROPHY FOR EACH  
WINNING TEAM MEMBER**

**We are also offering stalls for Boomerang Makers**  
(Those interested in a stall contact Bruce Carter)

The Competition will commence at 1.30pm and be  
completed at around 5.30pm.

**Cost: \$5.00 ENTRY FEE**  
**Entries close 25 September 1991**

To enter or for any enquiries contact Bruce Carter

**Private: (03) 300 2374**  
**Business: (03) 305 3643**  
**FAX: (03) 305 3579**

21 Fran Street, GLENROY VIC. 3046.

This competition is a follow up to the very success-  
ful teams day held at North Melbourne Football Ground  
in June.....

Over 5,000 pamphlets will be distributed advertising  
the day and the local community radio will be advertis-  
ing the competition... The local newspaper is also  
hoping to cover the actual competition...

## COMING EVENTS

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:

A Gridiron Display (American Football)  
Marching Girls  
Highland Bands  
Scottish Dancing

A basketball demonstration will be held in the hall at  
the oval. There will be a Police Horse Display and the  
Fire Brigade and St. Johns Ambulance will be on hand  
to talk to the public

The local Scout Troupe will be putting on a sausage  
sizzle for a small fee.

Tea, Coffee and Cold Drinks will be available to be  
purchased.

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### EVENTS

1. Accuracy - 5 throws
2. Trick Catching - 10 catches
3. Aussie Round - 5 throws
4. Team Super Catch - every person to have 3  
MTA throws in team super catch - Each persons best  
MTA time will be recorded as their MTA throw in the  
Individual standings .... Only 1 time will be recorded  
for the teams SUPER CATCH.
5. Doubling - 5 double throws - 10 possible points
6. Team Relay

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### ALBURY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 5TH & 6TH OCTOBER 1991 - Zavier College Albury

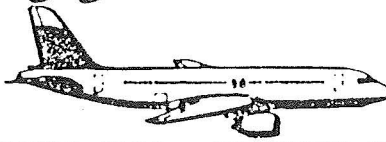
Main Events Sunday 6th October 9-30 am Start  
Other Events Saturday 5th October 10-30am Start  
Contact Rob Croll.

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### SYNDAL CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday October 27th 9am Start Contact Rob Croll.

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# SPRING FUN DAY

When? 29th September

Where? Westmeadows Reserve

Bridge Street, Westmeadows

MAP REF. 6-A6

**COMMENCES 1 P.M.**

*ATTRACTIONS:*

POLICE HORSE DISPLAY, ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE,  
MARCHING GIRLS, GRID IRON FOOTBALL DISPLAY,  
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## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1991

#### OVERALL SENIOR

1st.	Jarrold BYHAM	102.5
2nd.	Rob CROLL	100.5
3rd.	Br. THOMAS	100.0

#### OPEN FAST CATCH

1st.	Rob CROLL	32.18
2nd.	Jarrold BYHAM	37.21
3rd.	Paul BRYDEN	39.94

#### OPEN MTA

1st.	John GIBNEY	1min 4.55 sec. ***
2nd.	Br. THOMAS	30.48 sec.
3rd.	Jarrold BYHAM	26.50 sec

#### OPEN ACCURACY

1st.	Russell CLARK	30
2nd.	Brett DOYLE	28
3rd.	Br. THOMAS	27

#### OPEN TRICK CATCH

1st.	Jarrold BYHAM	11 ***
2nd.	Bruce CARTER	7
3rd.	Rob CROLL	6

#### OPEN AUSSIE

1st.	Br. THOMAS	51
2nd.	Paul BRYDEN	47
3rd.	Rob CROLL	46

#### LADIES OVERALL

1st.	Susan JOHNSTON	
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#### LADIES ACCURACY

1st.	Susan JOHNSTON	18
2nd.	Helen CLARK	6
3rd.	Joan BYHAM	6

#### LADIES CONSECUTIVE CATCH

1st.	Janet BARRAS	5
2nd.	Susan JOHNSTON	4
3rd.	Helen CLARK	3

\*\*\* Australian Record

## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1991

#### LADIES AUSSIE

1st.	Susan JOHNSTON	16
2nd.	Helen CLARK	16
3rd.	Janet BARRAS	8

#### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st.	Mark BARRAS	
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#### JUNIOR ACCURACY

1st.	Jodie BYHAM	27
2nd.	Mark BARRAS	22
3rd.	Susan JOHNSTON	16

#### JUNIOR FAST CATCH

1st.	Ashley BYHAM	130.94
2nd.	Susan JOHNSTON	154.12
3rd.	Renee BYHAM	200.00

#### JUNIOR AUSSIE

1st.	Mark BARRAS	50
2nd.	Susan JOHNSTON	43
3rd.	Ashley BYHAM	30

#### JUNIOR CONSECUTIVE CATCH

1st.	Mark Barras	
2nd.	Ashley BYHAM	
3rd.	Susan JOHNSTON	

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## THE BULLETIN SHOP

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CONTACT BRUCE CARTER!

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## INAUGURAL B.A.A. TEAM COMPETITION - 21/6/91

Name-	Team Name	Accuracy	TRICK CATCHING	FAST CATCH	DOWNBOWS	CLIMB RINGS	SIX RINGS	MAC	RAY	Team Best	Ind. Best
BRUCE CARTER	KEMPY'S KATTS	13	3	61.8s	5	10	8	24.53	2ND		3R
ROHAN JOHNSTONE		13	3	1 Catch	1	35	5	18.83		5TH	
BRIAN KEMP		9	4	46.77s	3	0	0	-		7TH	
BAZZA HARRISON		5	0	2 Catches	1	15	3	7.24		12TH	
		2	5	1	5	1	5	5	3	27	1ST
ROBERT CROLL	CROLLY'S CROWS	13	3	42.15s	2	32	4	14.8	4TH		4TH
MIKE FULLWOOD		13	1	58.0s	2	10	3	9.8		6TH	
SIMON ZANONI		5	2	-	0	20	0	-		14TH	
MARK BARRASS		17	1	1 Catch	0	15	1	10.17			
		3	2	5	2	2	3	3	5	25	2ND
DENNIS MAXWELL	DENNIS'S DUCKS	18	4	57.17s	3	39	4	14.85	1ST		1ST
BRETT DOYLE		17	2	2 Catches	0	30	0	-		9TH	
NICK LOTSCHAK		13	2	1 Catch	2	20	0	-		11TH	
CHARLIE JOHNSTONE		5	0	-	0	15	0	-		16TH	
		5	3	2	3	5	2	1	1	22	3RD
JARROD BYHAM	RICKY'S ROOSTERS	9	5	57.05s	3	57	1	10.31	3RD		2ND
PETER ROBINSON		17	1	1 Catch	1	15	1	8.36		8TH	
VICKI HOWELL		5	0	-	0	8	0	-		15TH	
RICHARD BARRASS		5	0	3 Catches	0	20	0	-		13TH	
		1	1	3	2	3	1	2	2	15	4TH

## STEPHEN SILADY & BILL MOORE TRIBUTE

The Boomerang Association was saddened by the loss of two of the most interesting Boomerang identities recently.

Stephen Silady was a great promoter of the sport of Boomerang Throwing and made his living by selling Boomerangs. He was also the founder of The Australian Boomerang Association which paralleled the Boomerang Association of Australia Inc. Along with his wife, he produced a book about Boomerangs and will be sadly missed by all.

On November 15th 1964, Stephen won the title of Australian Distance Champion, with a throw and return of 95 yards ( 86.86 metres ) at St. John's University Oval, Sydney. The press gave this some publicity with headlines " A Boomerang Champion " and " A Migrant Wins Boomerang Title " as a news item. The title was officially recognised at the Australian Boomerang Championships at Olympic Oval, Rosebud, Vic., January 16, 1966, when I retained the title the title (110 yards 97.05 metres) and at the Boomerang Championships at Parkes Boomerang Festival on April 30th, 1966 (120 yards 105.88 metres). Stephen was born in Yugoslavia and was a naturalised Australian. Soon after his arrival in Australia in 1938, he went out to La Perouse ( a scenic headland opposite Captain Cook's landing place at Botany Bay) to see whether the crooked stick being thrown by aborigines there really did come back. Ten years later, in 1948, Stephen was taught to throw Boomerangs by the master thrower, Frank Donnellan, when he asked him to make a mound for a competition Boomerang.

As a tool-maker, he was the first in the world to make a moulding die for a returning boomerang to the design of Frank Donnellan, who acknowledged advice given to him by a great aviator.

These plastic Boomerangs are all of equal perfection and accuracy so that all throwers have the same chance in contests. They are not toys - they are competition Boomerangs designed by Frank Donnellan and Sir Charles Kingsford Smith.

Bill Moore a veteran of Word War II called himself a Boomerang Crank. He spent the last fifty years making and preserving different types of boomerangs. Bill made some the most beautiful Black Wattle Boomerangs and also made moulds of the best Boomerangs he had out of brass so that these shapes and angles would never be lost. Bill had a great knowledge of Boomerang shapes and designs, he also spent many years researching how to make Boomerangs fly in different ways.

Bill lived in a wonderful place called Wool Wool near Colac in Victoria, on his sister's farm, and was often seen riding his motor bike. His Boomerangs were kept in a gypsy van in hessian bags which he would get

out and tip them on the ground. Then he would ask me to test fly them were upon he would alter them accordingly with a pocket knife . As I threw the boomerangs his dogs would be jumping about me and trying to get any of the boomerangs that didn't come back close enough , one always tried to bite me on the bum!.

I once showed Bill how an MTA boomerang flew and he said that he was so impressed with its flight that he wondered if he had been wasting his time making his natural wood models. I assured him that he was making a great contribution to the world of boomerang throwing, by making traditional models and that they as accurate as any boomerang .

I was fortunate indeed to have been able to learn some of Bills secrets and spend some wonderful times enjoying the art of Boomeranging with him.

Rob Croll.

## NEWS FROM THE WORLD BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION

During the recent World Boomerang Championships (Perth, Western Australia April 12th - 21st 1991) the World Boomerang Association (W.B.A.) was formed to advance the sport of boomerang throwing, to formulate uniform competition rules and to provide an information network for competition level throwers and enthusiasts, all on a worldwide basis.

The interim office bearers of this new organisation are:

PRESIDENT: Roger Perry, 155 Fremantle Rd, Gosnells WA 6110 AUSTRALIA  
VICE PRESIDENT: Chet Snouffer, 51 Troy Rd, Delaware Ohio 43015 USA  
VICE PRESIDENT: Kim Galeazzi, Rotwandstr. 52, 80004 Zurich SWITZERLAND  
SECRETARY: Eric Hazel, 9 MacKinlay Pl. Winthrop WA 6150 AUSTRALIA

In addition to the office bearers, the following National Representatives were elected:

USA: Greg Snoufer, 340 Troy Rd Delaware Ohio 43015  
FRANCE: Olivier Vouktchevitch, 282 Rue Lecourbe, 75015 Paris  
HOLLAND: Inge Engwerda, Westerlaan 60, 8071 EG Nunspeet  
CANADA: Stephane Marguerite, 2114 Rue de Chambly,  
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AUSTRALIA: Robert Croll, 26 Latona Ave, Knoxfield, Victoria 3180  
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BRAZIL: Carlos Martini, CX Postal 13074, CEP 02398 Sao Paulo  
BELGIUM: Hubert Foulon, Hieveldstraat 123, 9110 St, Amandsberg 33

The names of representatives for Sweden and Poland are expected to be forwarded by mail in the near future.

The immediate goals of the W.B.A. are:

1. Investigate and initiate official incorporation of the World Boomerang Association.
2. Examine requirements for W.B.A. membership in the General Assembly of Sports Federation (G.A.I.S.F.)
3. Examine feasibility of having boomerang throwing included as a demonstration sport at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.
4. Compile a dossier of media coverage of the sport of boomerang throwing worldwide to assist in efforts to attract sponsors for future national and international boomerang events.

A major role of the W.B.A. on an ongoing basis will be to assist in the staging of international boomerang events by providing management advice based on the experience of similar past events, competition formats and rules, media information and videos.

It is also envisaged that a W.B.A. magazine will eventually be published on a regular basis to allow maximum worldwide dissemination of relevant boomerang news. (cont. over page)

Any ideas for raising funds to get the W.B.A. up and running would be gratefully considered by the organisers. One such idea is to issue a "W.B.A. Approved" sticker to boomerang manufacturers whose products meet W.B.A. criteria (to be formulated). The stickers could then be sold (at cost plus a small levy) to the approved manufacturers for application to their boomerangs. This would have the collateral advantage of assisting first-time boomerang buyers to avoid the disappointment of trying to learn to throw with a non-functional boomerang.

### The Next WORLD BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Unfortunately it has proved impossible to hold the next W.B.C. in Japan in August 1992 as previously planned. There is still a possibility of holding the W.B.C. there sometime in 1993. Failing this there is interest in Canada in holding the W.B.C. there in 1993 with sponsorship by a radio station.

As the popularity of boomerang throwing continues to grow, it is envisaged that the W.B.A. will become increasingly involved in the allocation of international events as well as general promotion of the sport worldwide. At this stage you can help in this regard by forwarding copies of press coverage of boomerang throwing from the last twelve months as well as any future coverage to W.B.A. Secretary, Eric Hazel at the above address.

The office bearers and national representatives welcome all questions and suggestions from interested parties regarding the organisation and function of the W.B.A. It should be noted that all positions listed above are of an interim nature until the next World Boomerang Championships and that W.B.A. has been conceived to advance the sport of boomerang throwing throughout the world.

Sincerely,

ROGER PERRY  
Interim President W.B.A.



NEWS FROM WEST AUSTRALIA.....

The dust has finally settled here in the West after the marathon World Championships which proved a success for all that took part.

We are now ready for more boomerang action and would like to take this opportunity to offer the hosting of the 1993 Australian Championships.

I appreciate for many this would involve a long trip and that the cost would be high than if the event were held in the East all the same I feel that we are ready to stage this event and will try to offset thrower costs.

Our proposal is as follows...

- \*\* Venue Gloucester Park site of the World Championships.
- \*\* Date mid April as the winds are lightest at this time.
- \*\* Accommodation we would look at billeting all that make the trip to Perth for the championships.
- \*\* Competition breakdown day 1

Trick Catching, Fast Catch, MTAC, Aussie Rd, Doubling, Accuracy.  
AGM to be held that night.

DAY 2

Teams Competition.

This day will be run to International rules and events Endurance will replace Fast Catch as one of the events.

It is proposed that we stage a Western Australia versus the Australian allstars which would appeal to the media there would not be a limit on teams but the idea would be for WA to pick there best 4 throwers and the rest of Australia to pick there best 4 throwers remaining would form other teams.

All 4 throwers would compete in every event of the day.

Prizes and trophies would be arranged for both days by our association and we would attempt to find sponsorships to offset thrower costs.

These championships would be an ideal occasion to have Australias best throwers compete in both formats and in readiness for the World Championships for 1993.

We are hopeful that our proposal is successful and that throwers from around Australia can make our proposed 1993 Australian Championships.

Other news from the West is that we are staging a competition every month for all throwers and a competition every 2nd week for the state squad these competitions are proving a bonus with many throwers improving dramatically.

NEWS FROM THE WEST CONTINUED..

Another bit of news is that we are preparing a proposal for the Health Foundation and are hopeful of receiving a grant to promote boomerang throwing as a sport in schools.

This grant would be a pilot test which if successful would flow onto other states.

Briefly the programme would involve teaching sports teachers the fundamentals of boomerang throwing and easy fun events for the introductions into schools.

Clinics would be set up in the various suburbs to teach children and adults.

The money from the grant would go towards the following equipment and coaching staff.

## Basic video on how to throw a boomerang, games to play, safety and how to become involved in the clinics.

## Instruction book with how to throw, games to play, history of safety, and would also include making and advanced competition and the boomerangs used.

## Wall chart with how to throw and safety hints for schools.

## 3,000 boomerangs which would be given to the various schools for introducing the sport.

Money would also be spent on coaching staff introducing the sport in country areas and would also go towards carnivals and interstate competitions for children.

The money is from taxes of the tobacco industry and at present they have 11 million dollars to spend.

We have looked thoroughly into their requirements and the boomerangs as a outdoor activity for children and adults fits perfectly into their criteria.

We expect to start the campaign in early January to mid February and be full operational by March.

The grant is of a one off nature and organisations must show that they will be self funding after the initial grant this would be achieved through children and adults paying a registration fee to join the club in their area.

Lastly we will be having achievement awards for the standard reached by children and adults starting with beginner, novice, advanced, expert and International standard.

To attain an award the thrower will have to achieve the standard set for each category.

For further information on this please feel free to write to me, you can pick up brochures on the Health Foundation from Govt offices.

In the last edition of the BAA I was heading for Japan in fact its Europe my time will be spent competing at the German, European and French Championships plus various demonstrations including the World Surfing Championships.

## BOB CARTER – BOOMERANG HERO?

At the recent legend's football match, between Carlton and Fitzroy's teams from 1971, the B.A.A. was asked to do a demonstration, if possible at half time.

I rolled up with my family, in pouring rain, at Princess Park, hoping to meet a few members at the gate, to help with the demo.

As usual, I was late, so it didn't really worry me to find no one outside the ground, waiting to get in. I just assumed that the Boomerang throwers were already inside the ground as it was less than 10 minutes to the start of the match.

We went inside, and the first thing we noticed was that the crowd was quite large, actually over 8,000 people braved the very bad weather conditions, and headed off to the commentary box.

I met up with the officials who organised this throw, and even arranged for the commentator, to give the B.A.A. a plug and that we were doing a demo at half time. They also asked that all the B.A.A. members at the ground assemble below the main grandstand, just before half time.

Seeing as it was still raining, I decided that after talking to our members, I would sneak back to the warmth of the commentary box, and give a description of the throwers. – Fine except – no one turned up.....Next thing I know, it's half time, and the commentator is advertising the half time spectacular, featuring BOB Carter.

No where to go except out onto the arena, and I immediately discover that the ground is under water. It was that wet that I felt like Humphrey Bogart dragging the African Queen, through water that was knee deep. Fair Dinkum, I was waiting for the leeches to jump on me.

So I splashed my way out some 40 metres from the fence and discover another problem – 350 people on the oval, and all seemingly within 10 metres of me. – How could I possibly throw without killing someone?

Then this booming voice came over the microphone, Bob! throw the boomerangs, come on now Bob do your thing. – Well I'm wondering who the hell this Bob character is, what was I doing there and where do I throw?

I had to make a decision, as there was no way I could throw with all these people nearby, and they obviously were not going to move, so out with the trusty Darnell super Zoy, and up into the air.....

Stupid on the mike is still yelling out go Bob, I'm still showing him my appreciation my waving my thumb up in the air towards him, and it's still raining..

First throw not too bad and a one handed catch.....Gee the people even noticed and I'm getting applauded, so off into the air again, splash through the water like Humphrey, he only had a boat to drag along, I had my weight, 300 people to dodge, and some goose still screaming out go Bob! Down came the Boom, up went the leg, under the leg – a perfect DROP! The

boomerang nearly drowned, I thought that I would have to borrow a face mask and snorkel in an attempt to try and find the thing.

Better throw doublers, as the only things I could throw had to go straight up into the air, no room at ground level. – Off went the doublers, 1st. one easy catch, 2nd boom, miles away and I'm looking sillier by the minute and bucket mouth is still screaming out go Bob...Better throw a MTA, off it went I'm yelling at people to get out of the way, water is splashing everywhere and my runners are leaking quicker than the Titanic.....

Take the catch, people clap again, actually my booms were the only things caught all day it was that wet. – So off with a big MTA. Bucket mouth even timed it – 39 seconds he said, but I must say that his watch must be pretty quick, I take the catch, the crowd goes wild, and the people on the oval suddenly have dispersed. Well they finally got the message, I wander back to my boom bag which is ready to float away, get ready to throw again, when suddenly I look around and the footballers are in position and the game is ready to commence. Grab my bag and a quick exit from the oval, up the stairs and back to the wife for some sympathy. I mean my runners were soaked, I was half drowned, and everything was muddy.

After the match, we were walking back to our car, when some kids started yelling out Ho, Bob. I kept walking, when it finally dawned – they were calling me.....

The next day on the radio, and some commentators were talking about the game... They then got onto the subject of the half time entertainment..

It was pointed out that there was some guy named Bob throwing Boomerangs at half time. They couldn't really say whether or not he was good as they couldn't see him through the crowd, so they decided that he was all right, for no other reason, than – well he threw them up into the air, but they didn't have a clue what happened after that, so I must have been O K.

The things we do for fame.....

Bruce (Bob) Carter.

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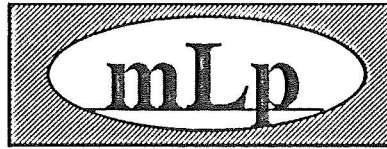
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