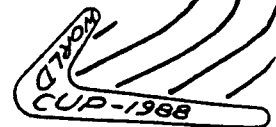


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BROTHER THOMAS WITH  
ROD & LORRAINE JONES.  
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REPORT.

# RINGWOOD CHAMPIONSHIPS

IN A COMPLETE TURN AROUND OF WEATHER FROM LAST YEAR, THE COMPETITION WAS HELD ON AN EXTREMELY HOT AND WINDY DAY GIVING TROUBLE TO MOST OF THE SEVENTEEN THROWERS.

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE JARROD BYHAM GIVING THE SENIOR THROWERS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY BY WINNING THE ACCURACY EVENT AND FINISHING SECOND IN THE AUSSIE ROUND. WELL DONE JARROD !

A SPECIAL MENTION FOR HELEN CLARK WHO FINISHED THIRD IN THE ACCURACY EVENT ONLY AFTER A THROW OFF FOR SECOND WITH ROB CROLL. BOTH ROB AND HELEN WERE ONLY ONE POINT BEHIND JARROD ON 23.

WE (KEN, HELEN, CHERYL & RENE) THANK ALL THE THROWERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR ATTENDING AND THEIR SUPPORT WITH THE RAFFLE, BARBEQUE AND DRINKS. THIS MADE IT A MOST SUCCESSFUL DAY AND THE MONEY RAISED BREAK EVEN. SPECIAL THANKS TO BINGHI BOOMERANGS FOR THEIR DONATION.

ALSO A SINCERE THANKS TO BARBARA FOR ATTENDING THE BBQ ALL DAY IN 35 DEGREE HEAT AND DONATING THE BEAUTIFULLY HAND CRAFTED PRIZES FOR THE RAFFLE.

## RESULTS :

OVERALL PLACING							
AUSSIE ROUND							
M.T.A.C.(100)							
FAST CATCH							
ACCURACY							
BRUCE CARTER	8	1Catch	17.37	1st	44	=5	
ROB CROLL	22	2nd	35.71	1st	16.13	2nd	97 1st 1
GEOFF KENNEDY	5		74.14		13.01		65 4
BRETT DOYLE	3		58.67	2nd	11.50		56 7
PETER BYHAM	8	4Catches	16.10	3rd	42	=5	
JOAN BYHAM	10	DNT	DNT		12		12 12
ASHLEY BYHAM	18	3Catches	11.60		12		12 8
JODIE BYHAM	12	DNT	DNT		2	=13	
RENEE BYHAM	3	DNT	DNT		13	=15	
CHERYL GROENEN	2	DNT	DNT		28	=15	
KEN CLARK	6	114.14	10.08		39		10
JOHN GIBNEY	6	75.27	10.66		34		9
DEBBIE KENNEDY	2	DNT	DNT		17		17
MARK SCHAFFER	16	63.01	14.80	3rd	71	3rd	2
JARROD BYHAM	23	1st	2Catches	13.80	75	2nd	3
HELEN CLARK	22	3rd	DNT	DNT	8		11
RUSSELL CLARK	0	DNT	DNT	DNT	48	=13	

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ACCURACY	
1st	JARROD BYHAM 23
2nd	ASHLEY BYHAM 18
3rd	JODY BYHAM 12

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AUSSIE ROUND	
	JARROD BYHAM 77
	RENEE BYHAM 13
	ASHLEY BYHAM 12

LADIES

AUSSIE ROUND	
	CHERYL GROENEN 28
	DEBBIE KENNEDY 17
	JOAN BYHAM 12

NEAREST THE PIN - ASHLEY BYHAM  
 TEAM RELAY - ROB CROLL, MARK SCHAFFER, JARROD BYHAM & CHERYL GROENEN  
 (ONCE THROUGH - 96.30 Sec.)

# "THE WHOLE TOWN'S TALKING ABOUT THE JONES BOY"

"THE WHOLE TOWN'S TALKING ABOUT THE JONES BOY" HAS BEEN A POPULAR HIT TUNE FOR DECADES. TODAY THE REALITY IS FAR MORE POPULAR!!!

FROM BERLIN TO WASHINGTON, FROM STOCKHOLM TO RIO DE JANEIRO, IN MOST CORNERS OF THE WORLD, THE NAME OF ROD JONES IS A BY-WORD FOR THE BEST BOOMERANGS IN THE WORLD BOTH IN THEIR FINISH AND IN THEIR PERFORMANCE.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE VARIOUS COMPETITIONS THAT ARE HELD IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD...ACCURACY, M.T.A., AUSSIE ROUND, DISTANCE, FAST CATCH, DOUBLING, JUGGLING, ETC...YOU WILL FIND THAT ROD'S BOOMERANGS HAVE PROVED WINNERS IN THESE EVENTS ON MANY OCCASIONS. I THINK THE ONE AREA HE IS STILL TRYING TO MASTER IS THE AUSSIE ROUND. HE HAS GOOD RANGS FOR THIS BUT NOTHING SUPERIOR TO WHAT MANY OTHERS ARE USING.

ROD IS A RELATIVE NEW-COMER TO THE SPORT AND MAKING. I FIRST MET HIM AT THE ORIGINAL QUEENSLAND COMPS HELD AT MUDGEERABA IN 1981. ROD WAS THROWING SOME RATHER HEAVY RANGS MADE BY LES JONES (NO RELATION AT ALL). IT WAS AFTER THIS THAT ROD STARTED TO MAKE SOME HIMSELF. SUCCESS CAME QUICKLY WHEN HE PRESENTED BOB BURWELL WITH A SET OF JUGGLERS JUST AS BOB WAS SETTING OFF FOR THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 1982. BOB ASTOUNDED THE AMERICAN CROWDS WHEN HE EASILY SET A NEW JUGGLING RECORD OF 68 CATCHES, USING HIS BRAND NEW JONES RANGS!

WHILE ROD IS INNOVATIVE IN HIS DESIGNS, HE IS NOT SO PROUD AS TO ADMIT THAT MANY OTHER MAKERS COME UP WITH GOOD IDEAS. THESE HE TRIES TO ADAPT. HIS FIRST MTA RANGS WERE GOOD FOR THE TIME THEY WERE MADE, BUT THEN CAME MUCH BETTER TIMES BEING PERFORMED BY TED BAILEY'S SMALLER AND LIGHTER MODELS. ROD PROCEEDED TO BASE HIS MORE RECENT MODELS ON THIS DESIGN, BUT ADDED A FEW MINOR ADJUSTMENTS OF HIS OWN (e.g. TED HAS THE BOTTOM SIDE ROUGH AND THE TOP SMOOTH, ROD HAS MADE HIS SMOOTH TOP AND BOTTOM.) THIS YEAR, 1987, HAVE SEEN SOME PHENOMENAL FLIGHTS BY THESE RANGS. AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS IN MELBOURNE IN APRIL GEOFF KENNEDY PUT UP A BORROWED JONES RANG IN STRONG WINDS. IT FLOATED OUT OF THE GROUND, DOWN FOUR BLOCKS AND OUT TO SEA. IT WAS LAST SPOTTED BY THE CHASING GEOFF TO BE HIGH IN SKY AND TRAVELLING ONWARDS AT THE TEN MINUTE MARK! (COULD BE THE FIRST RANG IN ORBIT!!) THEN, IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER I WENT OUT WITH HIS BAILEY-LIKE RANG (WHICH I HAVE SINCE NAMED 'ICARUS'). IN TEN DAYS I WENT THROWING FIVE TIMES..ON FOUR OF THOSE DAYS I RECORDED OVER THE MINUTE MARK (1.45.31; 1.27.59; 1.10 & 55secs; 1.30..this one was 1.30 when it entered a tree at about the 70 ft.mark!) Then, on 14th Nov. at LAKE GEORGE (dry) I PUT IT UP, AND IT WENT UP AND UP AND UP..AFTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES VIEWING IT WAS SPOTTED SPIRALLING STILL UPWARDS AT ABOUT 700 FEET OR SO..IT HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE. (Icarus was a Greek character who tried to fly to the sun, but as he got closer the sun melted his wings off!!). SO, WITHIN SIX MONTHS, TWO JONES RANGS HAVE BEEN BEEN

LITERALLY THROWN OUT OF SIGHT! BR. ROD SHOEBRIDGE MADE THE INTERESTING, AND POSSIBLY SADLY TRUE, REMARK, THAT THIS IS REALLY THE FATE OF ANY GOOD MTA RANG, SO MAYBE WE NOW HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON MEDIOCRE ONES FOR COMPETITIONS!!

WHEN THE PROPHET ELIJAH ASCENDED TO HEAVEN IN A FIERY CHARIOT HE DROPPED HIS MANTLE TO ELISHA WHO ASSUMED HIS PROPHETIC WORK FOR GOD. NO DOUBT THE MANTLE OF LES JANETZKI HAS DESCENDED UPON ROD TO CARRY ON THE FINE PRODUCTIONS THAT LES AND ARTHUR GAVE TO THE WORLD.

ANYONE WITH A JONES RANG WILL KNOW THAT THE COMMON FEATURE OF THEM ALL IS THEIR GREAT ACCURACY. THE OTHER COMMON FEATURES ARE THE BEAUTIFUL PAINT WORK AND DESIGNS THAT ROD PUTS ON, AND USUALLY THE HIGH SPINNING RATE THAT THEY RETAIN ALL THE WAY. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS I HAVE SEEN IS HIS LATEST FAST CATCH BOOMERANG, WHICH HE HAS CALLED "THE HORNET". I HAVE HAD IT AROUND IN 24 SECS. IT IS THROWN DIRECTLY AHEAD VERY HARD, BUT IT SLOWS DOWN DRAMATICALLY AS IT COMES IN, MAKING IT VERY EASY TO CATCH. ANOTHER JONES TRIUMPH!

ROD IS RECOGNISED AS ONE OF OUR BEST, IF NOT THE BEST, LONG DISTANCE THROWERS AT THE MOMENT TOO. HIS "DOUBLERS" ARE EAGERLY SOUGHT AFTER AROUND THE WORLD... KNOWN AS "KANGA" AND "ROO".

WHILE HAVING GREAT SUCCESS WITH MAKING BOOMERANGS I KNOW THAT ONE OF ROD'S BIG DISAPPOINTMENTS SO FAR IS NOT BEING ABLE TO COMPETE MORE OFTEN AND BRING UP THROWING RESULTS AS WELL. LIKE MANY OF US, HE HAS HAD SOME OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES IN PRACTICE, BUT ON THE COMPETITION DAYS (FEW AS THEY ARE FOR HIM) THINGS DON'T ALWAYS GO RIGHT. HE HAS HAD HIS SUCCESS, OF COURSE, BUT WOULD NATURALLY LIKE TO SEE MORE. WHO WOULDN'T?

ONE FEATURE NOT MENTIONED ABOUT ROD YET IS THE FACT THAT HE IS A PERFECT GENTLEMAN AND A WONDERFUL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE SPORT. HE IS ALSO A VERY GENEROUS PERSON PREPARED TO SHARE HIS WONDERFUL GIFT OF CRAFTING GREAT BOOMERANGS WITH PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD. FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T MET HIM, HE IS NOT A BIG MAN. YET, IN HIS EARLIER DAYS HE WAS A TRUCK DRIVER AND IS NOW A PLUMBER. HE IS MARRIED TO LOVELY LORRAINE, WHO SUPPORTS HIM ALL THE WAY IN HIS WONDERFUL SPORT. ALTHOUGH RELATIVELY YOUNG, ABOUT 30, HE HAS HAD HIS SHARE OF ILL-HEALTH WHICH HAS THREATENED HIS THROWING CAREER. HE HAS MANFULLY OVERCOME ALL THESE OBSTACLES TO BE WHERE HE IS TODAY. I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT ROD JONES MUST RANK AS THE NUMBER ONE BOOMERANG 'FIND' OF THE EIGHTIES. LET US HOPE HIS CREATIVE TALENTS WILL LEAD US WELL INTO THE 2000s.

*Br. Brian M. Thomas, C.F.C.*

*Australian National Boomerang Coach.*



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE SYDNEY CONTINGENT GREATLY ENJOYED THE CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN THE 1987 ALBURY COMPETITION. IT WAS GREAT FUN WHILE IT LASTED ! TROUBLE WAS, HAVING DRIVEN FOR AT LEAST EIGHT HOURS, AND PAYING FOR ACCOMODATION AND PETROL, IT WAS MORE THAN A BIT DISAPPOINTING TO BE "BLOWN (AND RAINED) OUT". OF COURSE, WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT EVEN THE B.A.A. CANNOT CONTROL THE WEATHER (ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE OUR SUSPISCIONS ABOUT B.T.'s "HOTLINE"). BUT IT WAS MADDENING TO SIT AROUND ON A GLORIOUS SATURDAY, WITH A FORECAST OF BAD WEATHER TO COME ON SUNDAY, WHILE THE EXECUTIVE DID ITS THING.

COULD WE MAKE A MODEST SUGGESTION ? WHY NOT SCHEDULE TWO DAYS FOR COMPETITIONS WHENEVER POSSIBLE ? - THUS ALLOWING FOR CONTINGENCIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ALBURY AFFAIR COULD BE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT (SAY) 2PM ON SATURDAY IF THE WEATHER IS OK . IF IT IS NOT, THE EXECUTIVE COULD CONFER WHILE OTHERS SAMPLED THE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS (OR WHATEVER), LEAVING ANOTHER CHANCE FOR THE COMPETITION TO BEGIN IN REASONABLE CONDITIONS THE NEXT DAY.

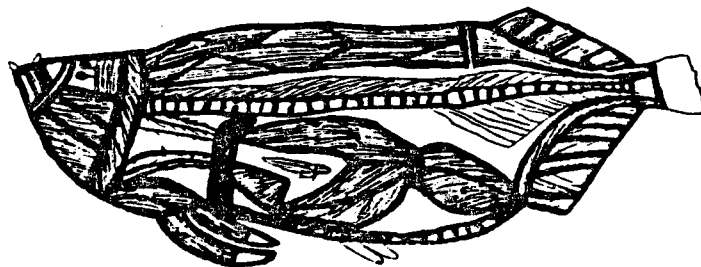
THERE IS OF COURSE THE PROBLEM OF WHAT CONSTITUTES UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS. WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT MELBOURNIANS HAVE MORE RUGGED STANDARDS THAN MOST. PERSONALLY SPEAKING, I ENJOYED TRYING TO GET AN EAGLE TO FLY IN WINDS OF OVER 50 KNOTS, AT A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE. THERE WAS A SENSE OF GREAT SATISFACTION IN GETTING ONE THROW TO LAND IN THE 20 METRE CIRCLE. BUT TRAVELLING TO ALBURY TO SCORE 0 0 0 0 0 IN THE AUSSIE ROUND IS NOT SOMETHING ONE WOULD BE TEMPTED TO TRY OFTEN.

MY SUGGESTION HERE IS SIMPLE. WE SHOULD OBTAIN A WIND GAUGE. WHENEVER THE WIND IS ABOVE SOME GIVEN LEVEL (20 KNOTS ?) THE THROWER SHOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF WAITING UNTILL IT SUBSIDES. IF THE WIND IS CONSISTANTLY ABOVE THIS PREDETERMINED LEVEL, THE COMPETITION WOULD BE PUT ON HOLD, OR HELD OVER UNTILL THE NEXT DAY IF IT IS "DAY 1". THIS RULE WOULD BE OBJECTIVE, SIMPLE TO APPLY, AND FAIR. IF ANY PARTICULAR THROWER WISHED TO GO AHEAD (EG. BECAUSE HE OR SHE HAD TO GET HOME BY A PARTICULAR TIME), HE OR SHE COULD TRY THEIR LUCK. BUT IF ONE PREFERRED TO TEST ONES SKILL, THE OPTION WOULD BE THERE.

THESE SUGGESTIONS DEPEND OF COURSE ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE B.A.A. WISHES TO ENCOURAGE THE ANCIENT AND NOBLE ART OF BOOMERANG THROWING . WE IN THE DISTANT OUTPOST OF N.S.W. SOMETIMES DOUBT THIS, ESPECIALLY WHILE BATTLING THE 28-WHEELERS IN A BLINDING RAINSTORM WHILE RETURNING AFTER THREE-AND-A-HALF EVENTS IN ALBURY.

WHAT ABOUT IT FOLKS ?

PETER JONSON.



EDITOR'S COMMENT:

AS REQUESTED BY PETER, HIS LETTER HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE EXECUTIVE FOR DISCUSSION. THEIR COMMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.

YES IT WAS MADDENING WHILE THE EXECUTIVE DID ITS THING, HOWEVER IT WAS ONLY AN EXECUTIVE MEETING AND THOSE NOT ON THE EXEC. COULD HAVE GONE OUT FOR A TOSS IF THEY WISHED.

I AGREE WHOLE HEARTEDLY WITH THE IDEA OF SCHEDULING TWO DAYS FOR COMPS. HOWEVER IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THOSE WHO WORK SHIFT AND NEED TO JUGGLE ROSTERS TO MAKE IT TO COMPS.

MY SYMPATHIES TO YOU FOR SCORING 0 IN AUSSIE ROUND, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT A FAIR INDICATION OF THE COMPETITION. ONLY FOUR SENIOR THROWERS SCORED ZERO AND THE THROWERS BEFORE AND AFTER YOU CAME SECOND AND THIRD WITH SCORES IN THE SIXTIES FOR TWO ROUNDS. IF YOU HAD WAITED FOR THE VOTE YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN SOME OF THE BEST WIND/RAIN THROWING I HAVE EVER SEEN, WITH SEVERAL THROWERS SCORING IN THE FIFTIES FOR THE SECOND ROUND.

THE WIND GAUGE IDEA SOUNDS GOOD BUT IF YOU GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT IT BECOMES REDICULOUS, REGARDLESS OF THE CUTOFF FIGURE. LETS USE YOUR SUGGESTION OF 20 KNOTS. THE COMP. STARTS ON SATURDAY, THE FIRST EVENT BEING ACCURACY. THE WIND IS AROUND 15 KNOTS AND MOST THROWERS HAVE THROWN. THE WIND INCREASES TO OVER 20 KNOTS AND THE LAST THREE THROWERS ELECT NOT TO THROW. THE WIND REMAINS ABOVE 20 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY. (WE NOW HAVE TO HOLD THE OTHER EVENTS ON SUNDAY AS WELL) THREE THINGS MAY HAPPEN IN THE MORNING :

1) THE WIND IS STILL OVER 20 KNOTS AND THE THREE THROWERS STILL ELECT NOT TO THROW. WHEN DO YOU FINISH THIS EVENT AND RUN ANY OTHER EVENTS ? ALL COME BACK NEXT WEEK ? NEXT YEAR ? OR CALL IT OFF AND EVERYONE GO HOME AFTER STAYING FOR TWO DAYS AND NOT EVEN COMPLETING ONE EVENT.

2) THE WIND IS BACK DOWN TO AROUND 15 KNOTS THE THROWERS NOW THROW AND THE EVENT CONCLUDES. THE NEXT EVENT STARTS AND WE GO THROUGH THE SAME PROCESS AS ABOVE IF THE WIND INCREASES AGAIN.

3) THE WIND HAS SUBSIDED TO IDEAL CONDITIONS. IS IT FAIR THAT THE REMAINING THROWERS COMPETE NOW ? I KNOW WHO'LL WIN !

YOUR ASSUMPTION THAT THE B.A.A. WISHES TO ENCOURAGE THE SPORT OF BOOMERANG THROWING GOES WITHOUT SAYING, AND IF THOSE OF YOU IN "THE DISTANT OUTPOST OF N.S.W." (AS YOU CALLED IT) DOUBT THIS THEN MAYBE IT'S DUE TO THE LACK OF PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT RECIEVED FROM THE N.S.W. MEMBERS. (WITH THE EXEPTION OF "THE BYHAMS" WHO ARE ALMOST VICTORIANS ANYWAY)

I RECIEVED A LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM PETER WANTING TO KNOW WHY HIS LETTER AND A RESPONSE FROM THE EXECUTIVE WERE NOT PUBLISHED IN THE LAST BULLETIN. THREE REASONS FOR NOT PRINTING :

- 1) IT IS THE EDITOR'S DECISION OF WHAT IS IN OR OUT,
- 2) THE LETTER, APART FROM A COUPLE OF SNIPPETS, DID NOT CONTAIN:
  - a) INTERESTING READING,
  - b) INFORMATIVE READING,
  - or c) CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.

GEOFF KENNEDY.



# POINT OF VIEW

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION

### - WHO IS HE ?

IN YEARS GONE BY WE HAD A COMPETITION KNOWN AS GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP. THIS WAS ALWAYS THE MAIN EVENT AND THE WINNER FOR THE DAY WAS ALWAYS THE WINNER OF THIS EVENT, AND GAINED THE TITLE OF CHAMPION.

AS THE B.A.A. PROGRESSED, MORE EVENTS WERE INTRODUCED INTO THE COMPETITION DAY AND THE GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP WAS RENAMED "AUSSIE ROUND".

THE CORE OF EVENTS NOW HELD ARE :

AUSSIE ROUND - 2ROUNDS/5THROWS  
M.T.A. - 1ROUND/5THROWS  
FAST CATCH - 1ROUND/5THROWS  
ACCURACY - 1ROUND/5THROWS  
CONSEC.CATCH - 1ROUND/6THROWS  
INC. DIFF.

EACH OF THESE ARE HIGH TECH EVENTS AND REQUIRE VASTLY DIFFERENT SKILLS FOR A COMPETITOR TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

THERE ARE TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT IN FORCE AT THE MOMENT :

"OLD SCHOOL" - IF YOU WIN THE AUSSIE ROUND YOU ARE THE CHAMPION.

"NEW SCHOOL" - IF YOU WIN THE "OVERALL" USING THE PLACING POINTS SYSTEM, B.A.A. RULE 801, YOU ARE THE CHAMPION.

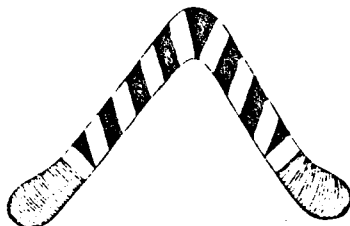
I AM FROM THE LATTER OF THE TWO AND FEEL THAT IF A COMPETITOR WINS OR PLACES WELL ENOUGH IN ALL THE EVENTS DURING A COMPETITION HE DESERVES TO BE CROWNED "CHAMPION". ESPECIALLY COMPARED TO THE OLD SCHOOL OF THINKING WHICH WOULD ALLOW A COMPETITOR TO COMPETE IN ONLY AUSSIE ROUND AND IF HE WINS HE IS THE SO-CALLED CHAMPION.

IF WE CONTINUE WITH THIS OLD SCHOOL OF THINKING, THEN I ASK, WHY DO WE RUN SO MANY EXTRA EVENTS AT A COMPETITION ? ESPECIALLY AT THE NATIONALS, WHY DID WE HAVE 7 EVENTS RUN OVER 2 DAYS ? THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION IS DECIDED BY ONE EVENT.

WHY DO WE HAVE 25 PAGES OF EXPLICIT RULES IN OUR RULE BOOK WHEN THERE IS ONLY ONE EVENT THAT COUNTS ?

THE OBVIOUS ANSWER TO ALL OF THIS TO ME SEEMS SIMPLE. IF YOU WIN AUSSIE ROUND YOU ARE THE AUSSIE ROUND CHAMPION, IF YOU WIN FAST CATCH YOU ARE THE FAST CATCH CHAMPION AND..... AND IF YOU PLACE WELL ENOUGH THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COMPETITION YOU ARE CROWNED THE "OVERALL CHAMPION".

MAYBE YOU THINK I AM BEING A BIT ONE EYED ABOUT THIS, BUT CONSIDER THE 1987 NATIONALS, I WON THE M.T.A.C. AND LONG DISTANCE EVENTS, CAME SECOND IN CONSECUTIVE CATCHING AND PLACED WELL ENOUGH IN THE REST OF THE EVENTS OVER 2 DAYS OF COMPETITION TO TAKE OUT THE "OVERALL". SO WHAT, WHO CARES, NOT ONLY WAS I NOT ANNOUNCED AS THE "AUSTRALIAN OVERALL CHAMPION" AT THE PRESENTATIONS, BUT HAD TO ASK FOR MY TROPHY AFTERWARD. EVEN MY FAMILY WHO WERE THERE HAD TO ASK "WHO IS THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION?".





I ASK THE QUESTION, WHY PRACTICE FOR AND COMPETE IN 2 DAYS OF COMPETITION WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE TO CONCENTRATE ON ONLY ONE EVENT, COMPETE IN ONLY ONE EVENT, AND IF YOU WIN BE ACCLAIMED AS THE BEST THROWER IN AUSTRALIA, THE "AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION"?

WHY AT THE WORLD CUP IN 1988 ARE WE COMPETING AGAINST THE TOP THROWERS IN THE WORLD IN SO MANY EVENTS ? WHY NOT JUST HAVE AUSSIE ROUND ? THE ANSWER IS OBVIOUS!

LETS TREAT THIS SPORT SERIOUSLY AND RECOGNISE THE ABILITY REQUIRED IN EACH EVENT INDIVIDUALLY AND ACCLAIM THE COMPETITOR WHO EXCELS IN ALL OF THEM AT A COMPETITION.

THIS IS MY VIEW AS A COMPETITOR AND I HOPE IT WILL STIR SOME RESPONSE FROM ALL COMPETITORS AND ORGANISERS OF COMPETITIONS.

GEOFF KENNEDY

FOOTNOTE: THIS ARTICLE IN NO WAY REFLECTS ON THE CURRENT AUSSIE ROUND CHAMPION - PAUL BRYDEN. PAUL WON AUSSIE ROUND, WITH SOME OF THE FINEST BOOMERANG THROWING I HAVE EVER SEEN, IN CONVINCING STYLE AND IN TRADITION WAS CROWNED AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION.

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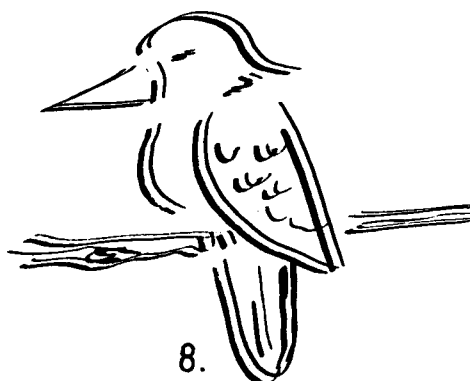
## B.T., THE BIBLE & M.T.A.

FOR THE CHRISTIANS IN BOOMERANGING AND INTO M.T.A. THROWING, THE TWO MAIN SCRIPTURE READINGS WOULD BE THE BOOK OF JOB WITH HIS FAMOUS STATEMENT:

"THE LORD HAS GIVEN, AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY.  
BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD."

WHILE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IT WOULD BE THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, CHAPTER 1, VERSE 9 - 11 :

THEY STILL HAD THEIR EYES FIXED TO THE SKY AS HE (IT) WENT AWAY, WHEN TWO MEN DRESSED IN WHITE SUDDENLY STOOD BESIDE THEM AND SAID, "GALILEANS, WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE LOOKING UP AT THE SKY? THIS JESUS WHO HAS TAKEN FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, WILL COME BACK IN THE SAME WAY THAT YOU SAW HIM GO TO HEAVEN."

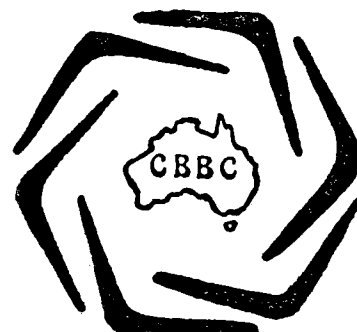


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| 8.  | Open Hunting Stick                          | 3 throw elimination  |
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| 11. | Open Aussie Round Final                     | 5 throws             |

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## COMING EVENTS

JAN.24th.1988 BAROOGA CHAMPIONSHIPS  
CONTACT PETER & JOAN BYHAM : 058 734463  
(Australia Day Weekend)

MAR.6th. 1988 MOOMBA CHAMPIONSHIPS  
CONTACT DENNIS MAXWELL : 03 5511017



**Familie Freizeit**

Die mit zwei auf den Werfer gerichteten Blitzern aufgenommene Langzeitaufnahme zeigt die Flugbahn eines Bumerangs. Eine am Bumerang fixierte Wunderkerze zaubert eine Leuchtspur an den Nachthimmel.

# BULLETIN

## BACK

## ISSUES

THIS IS A ONCE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN  
THOSE SOUGHT AFTER ISSUES OF THE  
"BOOMERANG BULLETIN"  
RIGHT BACK TO ISSUE NUMBER 1!

THE BACK ISSUES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY IN SETS OF FIVE.  
1-5,6-10,11-15,16-20,21-25,26-30,31-35,36-40,41-45,46-50,51-55.

EACH SET COSTS \$10.00 PLUS POSTAGE  
ALL OF WHICH GOES TO THE B.A.A. TOWARD  
"WORLD CUP '88"

ORDER FORM					
NAME :					
ADDRESS :					
PHONE NUMBER :					
1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25	26 - 30
31 - 35	36 - 40	41 - 45	46 - 50	51 - 55	FULL SET
ENTER THE NUMBER OF SETS REQUIRED IN EACH BOX.					

MAIL ORDER FORM TO : THE EDITOR  
BOOMERANG BULLETIN  
6 RIDING WAY  
FERNTREE GULLY  
VICTORIA, 3156.

NOTE: DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH ORDER FORM. YOU WILL BE ADVISED BY PHONE  
OF THE COST INCLUDING POSTAGE.