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# B.A.A.Silver Jubilee

BR.THOMAS,55. TRENT CARTER,4. ARTHUR JANETZKI 90.

Four year old Trent Carter blitzed the eighteen man field to win the ARTHUR JANETZKI TROPHY for NEAREST THE PIN. His dad, Bruce managed to take out the OVER-ALL CHAMPION TITLE.

## ALBURY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1994

# EDITORIAL

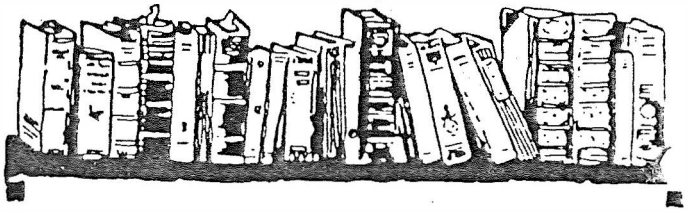
One of our society's most cherished qualities is CONSISTENCY. We like to feel we are getting a "fair go". Democracy is the foundation stone of our life-style.

The BAA has tried to follow this ideal during its 25 years. And we are getting there ... but not quite. Competitions used to consist of 10 throws once (yes, even FAST CATCH). But, as the number of competitors and competitions increased, this did not work out to be practical in a one day competition. So we cut back comps to 5 throws (on some occasions even to 3). Now all competitions are one round to prove yourself ... except for one... FAST CATCH. What makes this the Sacred Cow that cannot be touched? Why should we have 2 rounds? Just to set records?! If so, why can't the other comps be in the same boat? Don't they have records?

Surely 2 rounds helps the better throwers in the OVER-ALL POINTS too. Very often they go for broke in their first round ... and often blow up ... so the next round they can use a safer rang to still out-throw the ordinary thrower with only a T-model Ford rang. Is this fair? The title of Champion often rests on the success of a second round. So why should just one comp have a second round?

If the Musketeers threw boomerangs their cry would have been, "ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL!"

Br Brian M. Thomas



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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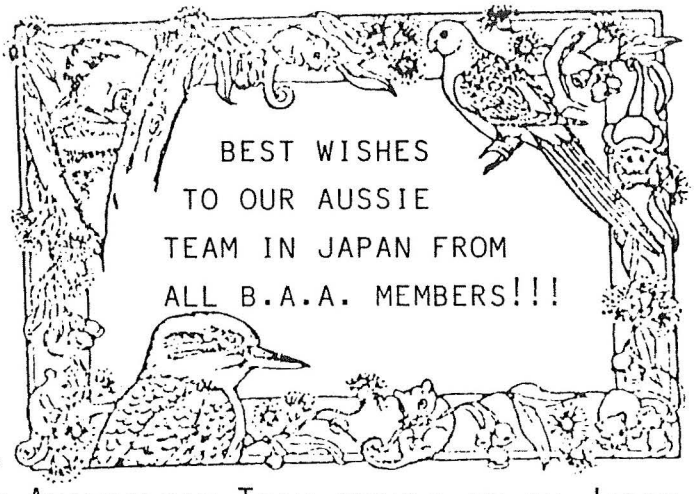



IT IS PLEASING TO SAY THAT THE ALBURY COMPETITION WILL BE SHOWN ON NATIONAL TV ON "THE GREAT OUTDOORS" ON FRIDAY, 12TH AUGUST, AS THE LEAD IN SEGMENT FOR THAT SHOW.

AS YOU READ THIS BULLETIN OUR AUSTRALIAN TEAM SHOULD BE IN JAPAN AT THE 1994 WORLD CUP. WE DO WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS. THE TEAM CONSISTS OF ROGER PERRY (CAPTAIN), IAN SPROUL, GARY MITCHELL (OUR BEST JUNIOR), CONRAD STACEY AND DENNIS MAXWELL.

TEAMS ARE OF 5 MEMBERS WITH 3 THROWERS TO AN EVENT. THE CUP WILL BE DECIDED OVER A 3 TEST SERIES.

ROGER, GARY & CONRAD WERE ABLE TO ORGANISE SPONSORSHIP FOR THEIR TRIP AND IAN PART-SPONSORSHIP. IT IS AN EXPENSIVE TRIP AND WAS OUT OF THE REACH OF OTHER THROWERS, BUT THIS TEAM WILL NOT DISGRACE US.

DENNIS IS A GUEST OF THE BJA AS THE COMMENTATOR, BUT HIS SKILLS WILL ALSO BE USED AS PART OF OUR AUSSIE TEAM.

BOOMERANG THROWING IS BECOMING AN EVER INCREASING POPULAR SPORT IN JAPAN AND THERE IS A CHANCE THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND AUSSIE-JAPAN CHALLENGE COULD TAKE PLACE IN EITHER AUSTRALIA OR JAPAN.

NEXT YEAR'S NATIONALS WILL BE HELD IN BRISBANE ON MARCH 18TH & 19TH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND IN THE BRISBANE SUBURB OF ST. LUCIA. MORE DETAILS WILL BE IN OUR NEXT BULLETIN FROM THE ORGANISER, BOB BURWELL.

IAN SPROUL IS CURRENTLY DRAFTING A LETTER AIMED AT TRYING TO HAVE SOME OF OUR PAST MEMBERS REJOIN THE BAA. WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF NEW MEMBERS AND IT IS UP TO OUR CURRENT MEMBERS TO HELP PROMOTE OUR ASSOCIATION.

IN CLOSING OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO THE READ FAMILY AS BUNNY CONTINUES TO FIGHT HIS ILLNESS. WE ALSO WISH MILES JORGENSEN A SPEEDY RECOVERY AFTER HIS OPERATION ON HIS ACHILLES. HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO RUN AROUND FOR A FEW MONTHS NOW.. FRUSTRATING FOR A KEEN THROWER! AND FINALLY TO MY OLD FRIEND NICK GOTTSCHALK.. GOOD LUCK IN THE SUDAN AS YOU MAKE ANOTHER TRIP OVERSEAS TO THE WAR ZONES TO WORK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS. GOD BE WITH YOU.

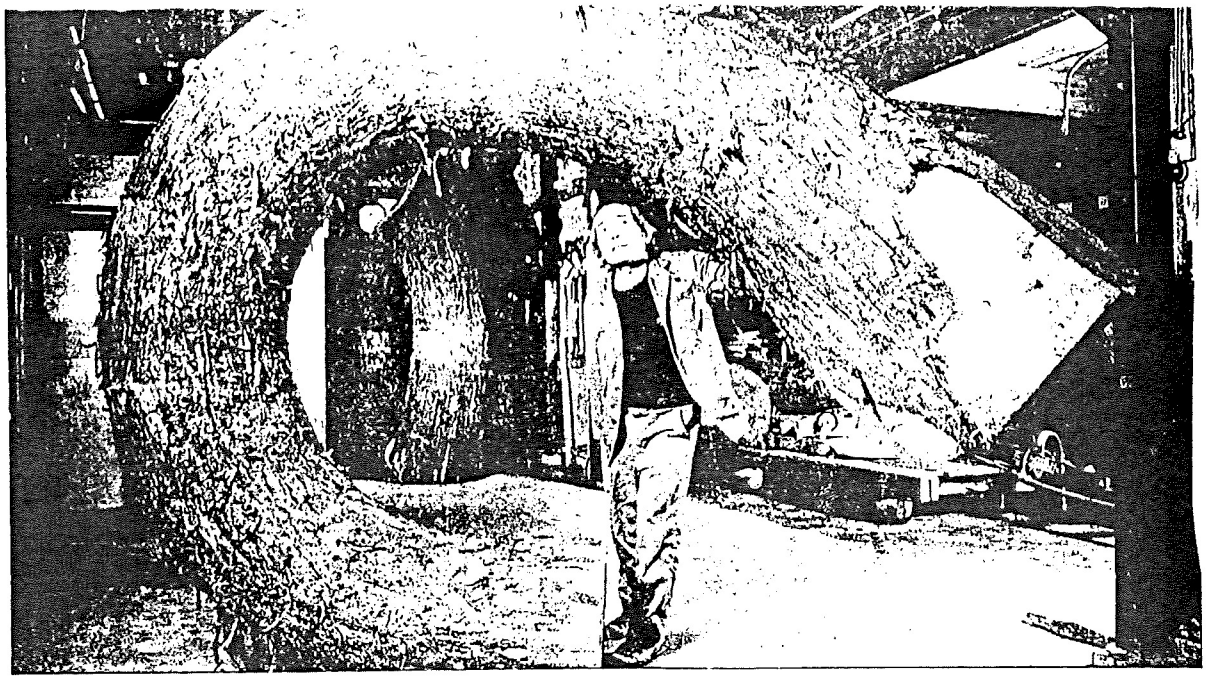
CONGRATULATIONS TO SYDNEY'S 1ST SUPER-CATCH BY ADAM CARROLL ON MAY 30TH AT BLACKMANS PARK.. ANOTHER FIRST FOR LEFTIES!!

REPORTS TELL ME THAT MY OLD MATE ARTHUR JANETZKI IS IN GOOD FORM TOO. GREAT TO HEAR. SEE YOU AT THE BLUE MTS. COMPS ON NOV. 13TH AT MULGOA!

BRUCE

World largest Natural Bonsai ?

# 15 trunks later, mystery remains



**Japanese sculptor Fuji Chuichi posing with his latest yet-to-be-completed work, which is to be shown at the International Contemporary Art Fair in Yokohama.**

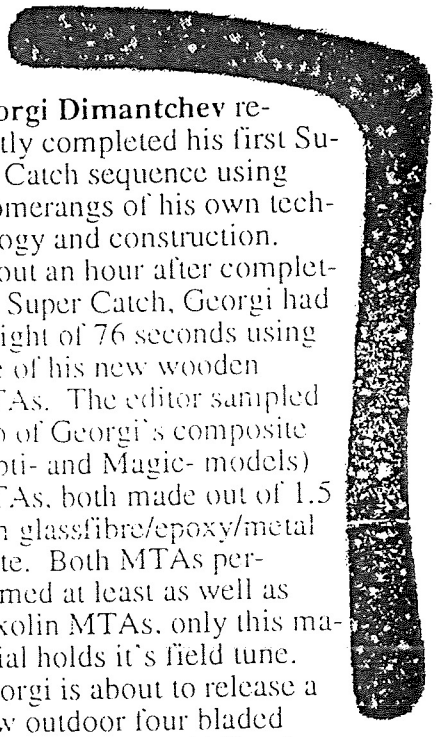
**Every year for the past 15 years, Chuichi has produced one astonising piece of a curled tree trunk.**

**How he does it remains a mystery as the 51-year-old artist has refused to divulge the secret.**

**No heat or chemical process is involved but somehow he manages to turn huge arrow-straight tree trunks, a metre or more in diameter, into gigantic wooden loops.**

**Two of his works have been sold for £125,000 (S$295,000). — Rex Features picture.**

# BULGARIA



**Georgi Dimantchev** recently completed his first Super Catch sequence using boomerangs of his own technology and construction. About an hour after completing Super Catch, Georgi had a flight of 76 seconds using one of his new wooden MTAs. The editor sampled two of Georgi's composite (Opti- and Magic- models) MTAs, both made out of 1.5 mm glassfibre/epoxy/metal plate. Both MTAs performed at least as well as Paxolin MTAs, only this material holds it's field tune. Georgi is about to release a new outdoor four bladed boomerang called "Good Boy". The cardboard backing has a cut out indoor four bladed boomerang called "Nice Baby". You get two boomerangs for the price of one. To find out more about Georgi's boomerang products, write to:

Georgi Dimantchev
Hipodruma 139A-A-23
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Bulgaria

# Ooh la la! Michel just makes it

16 OCTOBER 1993

Question: What B connects Shrewsbury with France and constitutes a record?

The answer, as ever, is to be found in that bible of the quis aficionado, the Guinness Book of Records.

For the record the B in question is a boomerang thrown by a certain Monsieur Michel Dufayard who chose Shrewsbury as the unlikely venue to capture the record for the longest return throw - a mind boggling 489 feet three inches.

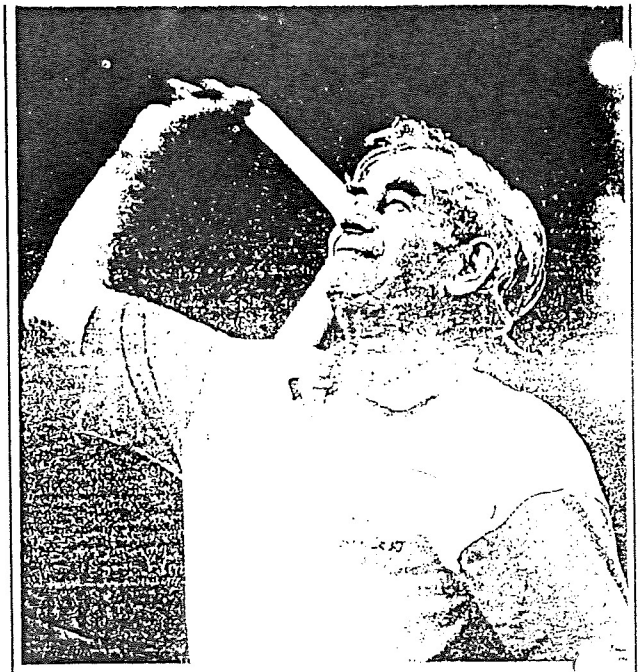
Now out today the 1994 edition puts thousands of facts at the fingertips and will be quoted ad nauseam at pubs up and down the country to settle countless arguments.

The 40th edition is the biggest yet, containing 15,000 up to date records.

Like it or loathe it you can't argue with it, though Monsieur Dufayard might have a little cause to quibble with editor, Peter Matthews, for although his record was set way back in July 1992 he only just makes the stop press section at the rear of the book alongside records set a year later.

Be that as it may we are proud to acknowledge him as an honorary Salopian and record breaker. May his record remain long unbeaten and be properly inserted in the main section next year.

Andrew Wright



● Ken Arthur warms up for the Maximum Time Aloft event at the co...

# Ken always comes back to his hobby

By SHARLA MILLETT

THERE is an art to throwing boomerangs — just ask Ken Arthur.

The Sydneysider has been making and throwing boomerangs for 62 years.

"It is all in the wrist — you have to have a smooth action," he said.

"Some people are a natural at throwing boomerangs and others need to do a lot of practice to get it right."

Ken, 73 in July, was one of the 15 competitors at the boomerang throwing championships at Xavier High School's north campus on Saturday.

"I go in all the competitions but being a bit on the old side I don't usually win anything," he said.

The Australian champion, Rob Croll, and the Australian Round champion, Adam Carroll, both of Sydney, dominated the day but Ken did not mind.

The love affair with boomerangs began when Ken was just a lad in shorts.

"A constable used to take us out bush on a Sunday morning to get wood to make them and he would teach us how to throw," Ken said.

"He learnt how to throw from a La Perouse Aborigine."

In 1944 Ken was an air force motor mechanic in Dutch New Guinea and taught some of the natives how to throw boomerangs.

After his return he spent a year in the bush out Canowindra way at his granny's farm and made some boomerangs from an old white cedar tree.

"I still have one of the boomerangs, more as a souvenir of my granny's farm," he said.

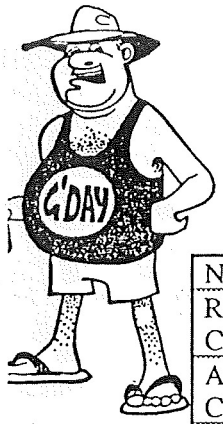
Ken's career slowed down a bit after that, what with marriage, work and raising five sons and a daughter.

"When the boys reached the age of 12, I would make boomerangs for them and teach them to throw," he said.

"My eldest is a Marist brother in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands and he teaches the natives and the children how to throw boomerangs."

It was through his children that he met avid boomerang thrower Br Thomas and joined the Boomerang Association of Australia.

There also was time out during the competition for the birthday of Albury boomerang-thrower Arthur Janetzki who was 90 on Saturday.




# SILVER JUBILEE ALBURY BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS
## HELD AT XAVIER COLLEGE, NORTH ALBURY, ON SATURDAY, 7th MAY 1994.

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| NAME | FAST | ACCURACY | AUSSIE | MTA 100 | CCWID | OVER-ALL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rob Croll | 27.36/3rd | 34/e9th | 44/10th | 29.17/2nd | 7/1st | 169.5/2nd |
| Adam Carroll | 23.65/1st | 33/11th | 52/6th | 21.91/7th | 6/5th | 163/5th |
| Ken Arthur | 63/11th | 12/17th | 16/15th | 17.24/11th | 3/e8th | 126.5/14th |
| Br Brian Thomas | 36.18/5th | 41/3rd | 66/4th | 17.70/10th | 4/e6th | 161.5/6th |
| Gunter Wandtke | 25.79/2nd | 34/e9th | 37/e11th | 28.16/4th | 6/2nd | 164/4th |
| Dave Martin | 54.90/9th | 35/e6th | 48/e8th | 16.47/12th | 3/e8th | 144/8th |
| Andrew Travis | D.N.C. | 40/4th | 49/7th | 41.91/1st | 6/3rd | 139.5/9th |
| Br Rod Shoebridge | 40.36/8th | 20/15th | 48/e8th | 20.74/9th | 2/12th | 137.5/10th |
| Inze Bont | 37.16/6th | 42/2nd | 62/5th | 28.42/3rd | D.N.C. | 132/11th |
| Kevin Moran | 59.75/10th | 35/e6th | 18/14th | 21.87/8th | 4/e6th | 144.5/7th |
| Dennis Maxwell | 40.02/7th | 45/1st | 69/3rd | 22.38/6th | 3/e8th | 166.5/3rd |
| Morris Maxwell | 4ct/e13th | 28/13th | 73/1st | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 90/15th |
| Bruce Carter | 32.08/4th | 40/e4th | 72/2nd | 26.72/5th | 6/4th | 171.5/1st |
| Craig Carter | 4ct/e13 | 22/14th | 37/e11th | 0/e13th | D.N.C. | 128.5/13th |
| Trent Carter | 0/15th | 35/e6th | 20/13th | 0/e13th | D.N.C. | 129.5/12th |
| Arthur Janetzki | D.N.C. | 13/16th | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 22/17th |
| Ken Ovington | D.N.C. | 8/18th | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 20/18th |
| Brigit Adams | D.N.C. | 31/12th | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 26/16th |

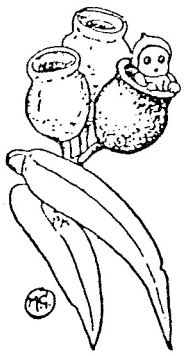
CHIEF REFEREE: Georg Petran

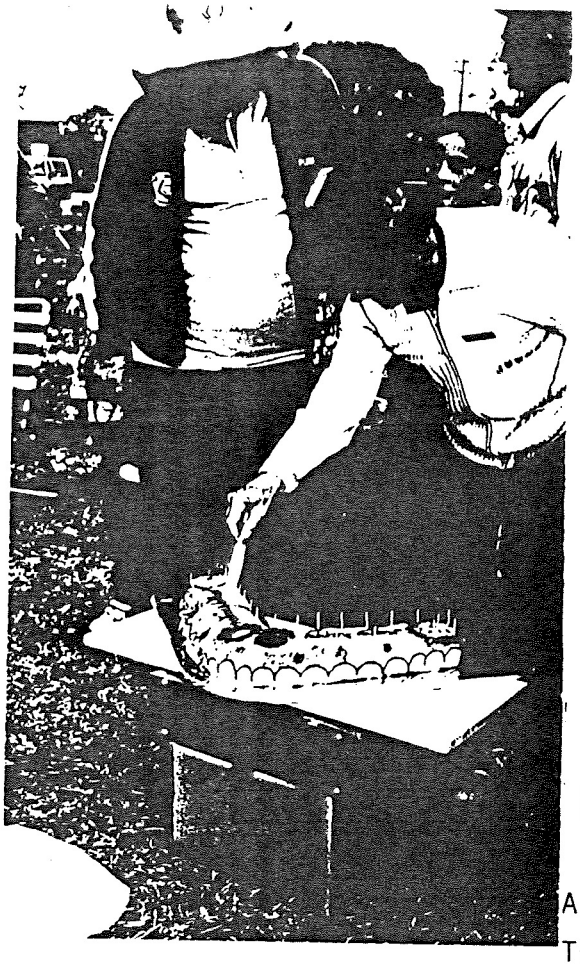
CATCH OF THE DAY: Ken Arthur (72 years old)

NEAREST TO THE PIN: Trent Carter (4 years old)

ON MAY 6th ARTHUR JANETZKI TURNED 90.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SPONSORED BY THE ADVANCE BANK.





CAKE MAKERS: BIRGIT WALTER & GUNTER WANDTKE.

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1994 SAW TWO GREAT LANDMARKS FOR THE BAA. THE BAA TURNED 25, AND ARTHUR JANETZKI TURNED 90!

ON MAY 6TH ARTHUR WAS 90. THE SS & A CLUB SAW A GLITTERING GATHERING OF BAA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO HONOUR THE GREAT MAN. FOUNDING MEMBERS LIKE JACK BYHAM (& BRONYA), DENNIS & MORRIS MAXWELL, JEFF LEWRY (& BARBARA, WHO TURNED 50 THAT DAY) WERE ALL THERE TO CELEBRATE. HE EVEN SCORED TWO BIRTHDAY CAKES. ONE FOR THE NIGHT MADE BY NIECE ANNE SMITH (SPIKE'S WIFE), AND A BOOMERANG SHAPED ONE BY BIRGIT WALTER & GUNTER WANDTKE, WHICH WAS CUT & EATEN ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AT THE ALBURY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

MAY 7TH WAS THE DAY OF THE LITTLE MAN. 90 YEAR OLD ARTHUR THREW IN THE ACCURACY COMP SCORING 13, WHILE NEAREST THE PIN WAS WON BY 4 YEAR OLD TRENT CARTER, SON OF BRUCE, WHO WAS BABYSITTING TRENT AND 6 YEAR OLD BROTHER CRAIG BOTH BOYS COMPETED IN ALL EVENTS!! THE DAY WAS FILMED BY THE GREAT OUTDOORS WITH PRESENTER BRIGIT ADAMS SCORING 31 IN ACCURACY AFTER LESSONS FROM AUSTRALIAN COACH, BR. THOMAS. ARTHUR RECEIVED EXCELLENT MEDIA COVERAGE PRIOR TO THE DAY. MORRIS MAXWELL TOPPED IT OFF BY WINNING AUSSIE ROUND WITH A JANETZKI 'SKIPPY'. BY THE WAY, TRENT THREW AN ABSOLUTE BULLSEYE TO WIN. SOME COACH HE HAS!!!

½DAVE, DENNIS, BR. BRIAN, JEFF, ARTHUR, ROB & MORRIS

THANKS TO XAVIER HIGH FOR THE GROUNDS TOO.

BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Gymnasium, Macquarie University, Sydney N S W

on Friday, March 18th, 1994, at 7.00 pm.

Br. Brian THOMAS declared the meeting open at 7.20 pm in the absence of President Bruce CARTER, whose arrival from Melbourne was delayed. Br. Brian THOMAS extended a welcome to all present, particularly to those who had travelled great distances, such as from Western Australia and New Zealand.

Present: Br. Brian THOMAS, Rob. CROLL, Ian SPROUL, Ross LINTON, Guenther WANDTKE, Earl TUTTY (NZ), Kevin MORAN, Robert BURWELL, Ken ARTHUR, Nick GOTTSCHALK, Colin FOLEY, Bruce CARTER and Adam CARROLL.

Apologies: Dennis MAXWELL, Barry FORSYTH, Br. Rod SHOEBRIDGE.

Minutes: The minutes of the 1993 A.G.M. were read and received as a correct and true record.
Moved: Ross LINTON Seconded: Ian SPROUL
CARRIED

Matters Arising: Discussion took place on eligibility to qualify as "Australian Boomerang Champion". It was clarified that a person, who is not an Australian citizen can carry the title of Australian Open Champion, but not the title "Australian National Champion".

Correspondence: Letter from the City of Sydney Olympic Organising Committee advising that no major sporting events are to be conducted in the City of Sydney during the Olympic Games in the year 2000.

Coming events: May 6th 1994 Arthur JANETZKi's 90th birthday.
May 7th 1994 ALBURY (NSW) Competition.

Order of events: The order of events for the National Championships on Saturday and Sunday, March 19th & 20th, was discussed and confirmed.

1.00 pm Saturday, March 19th: ACCURACY, on the line, no warm-ups.
ENDURANCE, 5 minutes, 20 m minimum distance, 2 competitors simultaneously.
CCWID: After lengthy discussion the definitions of certain catches were finally clarified. Throwers to be briefed prior to competition

8.00 am Sunday, March 20th: Fast Catch
Aussie Round, (in groups of 3 throwers)
MTA, one practice throw, 5 throws.



President Bruce CARTER, Colin FOLEY and Adam CARROLL arrived.
President Bruce reported that the Insurance premium had been paid.
The auction for a maple Roger PERRY boomerang had raised $ 50.00 and the successful bidder had been Colin FOLEY.
The 1995 Nationals are to be held in Brisbane, Queensland.
It is hoped to stage the 1996 Titles in Tasmania!
There is also talk about a 1996 World Cup in France.
It was reported that Secretary Richard BARRASS and Treasurer Rohan JOHNSTON had resigned just prior to the A.G.M. President Bruce CARTER expressed his thanks to them for their contribution to the Boomerang Association of Australia.
An American airline In-flight magazine will feature an article on boomerangs.
The joining fee for BAA membership will no longer apply. New members can initially join for a membership fee of $ 5.00 for the first year only. This entitles them to insurance cover, but they will not receive the quarterly Bulletin.

Elections: Our New Zealand visitor Earl TUTTY took the chair for the election of office bearers. All positions were declared vacant.

President: Br. Brian THOMAS nominated Bruce CARTER. There were no further nominations and Bruce was duly elected or re-elected.

Vice President: Nominations were received for Rob CROLL and Roger PERRY. By show of hands Roger PERRY was elected.

Secretary: Nominations for Guenther WANDTKE and Ian SPROUL were received. Following discussion, particularly in regard to access to a computer, Guenther withdrew his acceptance and Ian SPROUL was elected.

Treasurer: Ross LINTON proposed that, for practical purposes and reasons, Secretary Ian should hold the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Ian accepted and was duly elected.

Bulletin: Editor Br. Brian THOMAS
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It was decided to again approach the Federal Minister for Sports in view of financial assistance to send a Naticnal Boomerang Team to Japan for the 1994 World Team Cup.

President Bruce CARTER declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

# Boomerang Kings

By Terry McGoverne

● Arthur Janetzki, almost 90, and revered for his boomerang throwing skills.

ARTHUR Janetzki, slim, slight, spruce, will be 90 on Friday, May 6.

By the longevity yardstick he is at the top of the perch, for most people have fallen off by then.

For his boomerangs and the skill he had at throwing them, Arthur is widely known, even revered.

Americans, fascinated by boomerangs and their comebackability, will pay very well for a Janetzki.

Les, Arthur's brother, died in 1987 ending the duo's extraordinary connection with the sport of boomerang throwing they were principals in establishing.

The two came to Albury soon after World War II and bought a mixed business in Jones St they ran until about 1960 when they retired.

They were out shopping one day when they passed Jeff Lewry's butchery. Jeff, now a colorful Bowna identity, was into boomerangs as a sideline. When things were quiet he would run off a few on his buzz saw and put them in the window with the meat, hoping for a sale or two.

Arthur and Les intrigued, dabbled in and bought one. After a while the hot summer warped it. It would neither go away, nor come back in the manner prescribed and intended.

Les decided he would make his own, using Lewry's as a model.

Pleased with the result he made more. Arthur decorating them with Aboriginal designs he found at the library. From them he devised his own style of boomerang art.

He would french polish first, then paint on the motifs and finish with a couple of coats of clear gloss.

The brothers signed them JM for Janetzki made. Then they named them after the Aboriginal tribe Pintubi.

For as many individual shapes they made they gave names — Skippy, Long Tom, Dingo, Waltzing Matilda, Admiral's Hat, Tom Thumb, the Golden Hook, Gemini, Knobby and The Red Baron.

One they named the RJR, Janetzki Rolls Royce, after hearing so many throwers refer to them so glowingly.

When Les died, Arthur lost enthusiasm for a while, then gradually returned to boomerangs using old Gestetner packing cases made of

English 4mm plywood. His favorite design was Red Baron, a V-shape with knobs on the ends.

The baron stands up to wind well and runs out of spin towards the end of its flight, making it easy to catch.

Les and Arthur were known for their high throwing style, expecting the boomerang to drop gradually and land in easy catching range.

Brother Brian Thomas, of Waverley College, Sydney, who became a firm frind of Athur and Les during his time at Aquinas College (now Xavier) and was the Australian national boomerang coach in 1992, wrote a paper about them in which he said the qualities they brought to the sport were gentlemanliness, kindness, patience, thoughtfulness and respect for other people. They never offended anyone.

They were so close to each other in their ways that they were often regarded as twins by Albury people. In conversation one would repeat what the other had just said.

Jean Zuber, a Frenchman interested in boomerangs who visited Australia, was asked on his return home if he had met the Janetzkis.

"Yes, in stereo," he responded.

Brother Thomas recalled how he had regularly spent Tuesday and Saturday afternoons throwing boomerangs with Arthur and Les during his time in Albury.

If Les stopped for a Minnie or a smoke, so would Arthur. They wore the same style of clothes and hats and carried matching boomerang bags — black leather satchels holding about a dozen boomerangs.

Only a gift shop in Dean St Albury, ever sold the boys' boomerangs.

The shopkeeper took a couple at a time, rather regarding them as window decorations and selling them for $6 or $7.

Today they change hands for as much as $1000.

Arthur and Les sold very few in their time, preferring to give them away.

Nor would they take orders, feeling it put them under mental pressure.

In the recent history of boomerang throwing, the Janetzkis stand alone.

They joined Jeff Lewry in forming the Albury Boomerang Club, the first in Australia.

Their boomerangs are displayed in many countries.

Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales were presented with Janetzki boomerangs when they came to Australia together.

Arthur and Les were captain and vice-captain of the Albury team which defeated a visiting American team in 1981. It was the only defeat the visitors experienced.

COMING EVENTS: 1994 BLUE MTS. CHAMPIONSHIPS AT "WINBOURNE", MULGOA.
ENQUIRIES: BR. BRIAN THOMAS (02) 369 0675 DATE: 13TH NOV.
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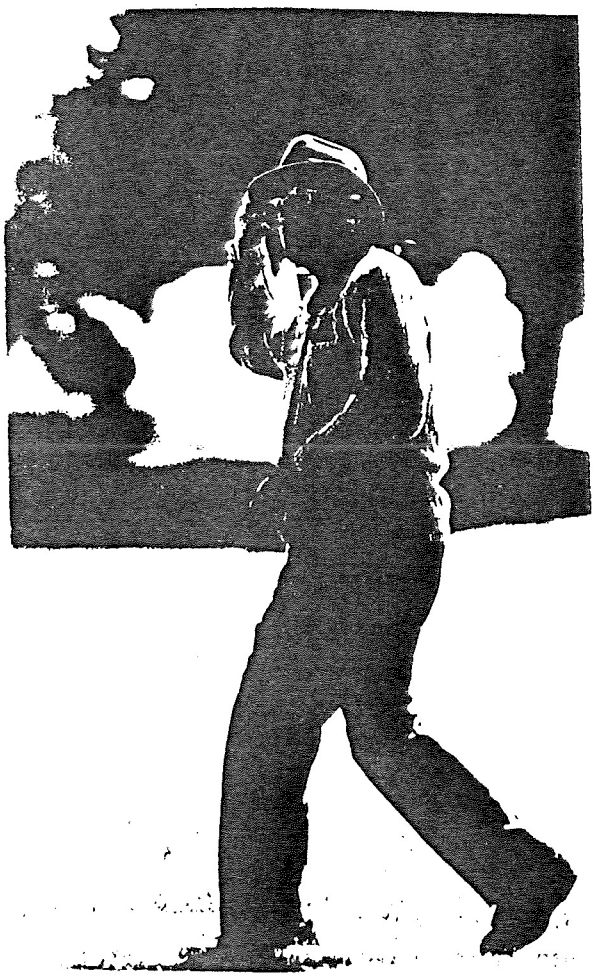
# ARTHUR IN ACTION



# 25 YEARS OF BOOMERANG COMPETITION

## by TONY BUTZ

(Tony joined the BAA in 1973. He was the founder and first secretary of the BTA of NSW; Australian referee of the first Aust. v. USA test series; and editor of the rule book for BAA competitions)

FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE...

1994 marks the Silver Anniversary of the BAA. It is therefore a good time to look back on our first quarter century of competitions.

1962
Competition rules were originally drawn up by Aboriginal throwers Bill and Eric Onus and Bob Burns in 1962 for use in an annual competition run for the Harold Blair Aboriginal Children's Project in Victoria, held from 1963 onwards. Meanwhile, Les and Arthur Janetzki, Jeff Lewry and about 20 others were forming the Albury Boomerang Club; and Ralph Sinclair, Dennis and Morris Maxwell, Lorin Hawes and others were having competitive throws too.

1969
Morris set about getting these interested parties together on 11th September 1969, to form a national body, the Boomerang Association of Australia. Jim Davison was the first president and Morris Maxwell the Honorary secretary. A lot of input was given by Ralph Sinclair and Ces Burwell who had been using boomerang "games" since 1948. Dennis Maxwell proposed a Quarterly Newslettter to keep interested people informed.

1970
In the BAA Newsletter No.2, Feb.1971 (costing 5¢ !) the results of the 1970 (Melbourne) Eastern Suburbs Boomerang Championships were reported. These consisted only of The General Championship (known also today as The Aussie Round) for seniors and juniors, with 10 throws per person in two rounds of 5, and the same for the three top scorers going into a final round. Dennis Maxwell won the senior finals and Geoff Kennedy the junior finals. There were only three accuracy circles in use at this time.

1971
The same Newsletter reports on the Australian Open Championships held in Albury on Sunday 31st Jan. 1971, with the above contest plus: Most Accurate Return, won by Peter Hoffman at 2' 2¾ " from the peg. (We had not gone metric yet!).
Greatest Number of Consecutive Catches (Jeff & Joe Lewry with 8 catches each).
Long Distance Throw won by Jeff Lewry (84 yards).
There were also spear-throwing demonstrations by Jack Burwell and Jack Byham.

In the Victorian Championships at Moomba, five throwers were allowed into the finals of the General Championship because of ties on both the top and second top scores. This foreshadowed a rule change in later years.

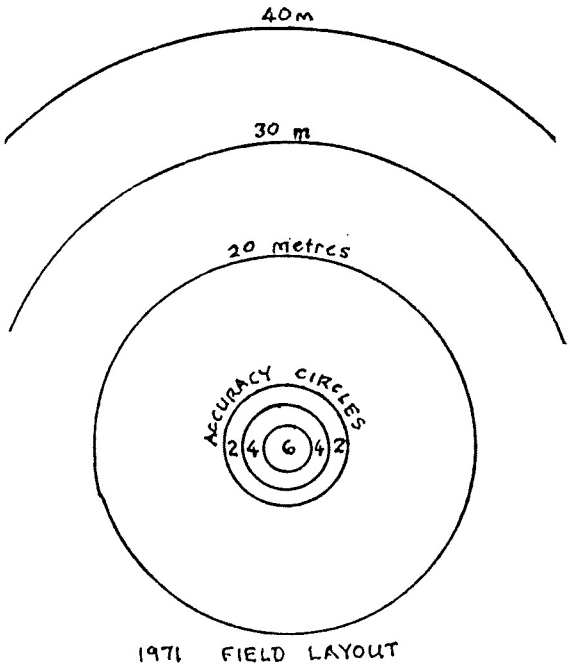
For the AGM an amendment to the rules was proposed by Morris Maxwell and seconded by Dennis Maxwell that:

"the existing accuracy circles, qualifying distance circle, and range circles will be expressed in metric measure as follows:
Accuracy circles: 2.5, 5, and 7.5 metres radius.
Qualifying distance: 20 metres radius.
Range circles: 30 & 40 metres radius. "

In addition, it was proposed to award 2 bonus points if a boomerang travelled over 30 metres diameter and was caught and/or landed in the accuracy circles; and an additional 2 bonus points for the same over 40 metres:

There was a great deal of hot discussion, the end result being that an experimental competition using the new rules would be held to allow a practical evaluation.

Meanwhile, it was reported (Newsletter No.4, Aug. 1971) that Lou Lapota, an Australian fencer, had started a boomerang throwing craze in France in the Bois de Boulogne and that boomerangs could be seen flying at about 260 French beaches after Jean Pierre Willman made plastic boomerangs available.




1971 FIELD LAYOUT

1972

Hamish Robb (editor of the Newsletter) visited Steven Silady (who had formed another group, the Australian Boomerang Association), Bruce Kyle and Duncan MacLennan all in Sydney, with a view to getting NSW support for a national body. It was discovered that there also existed:

the Tumut Girls Boomerang Club run by Syd Bayliss;
Boomerang throwing lessons on Groote Eylandt run by George Baker;
the Willoughby Park Boomerang Club run for children by Tony Butz under the auspices of Willoughby Council;
the continuation of the Albury Boomerang Club.

It was not until Feb. 1972 that the new rules (above) were formally published in just two pages of Newsletter No.6 ! The BAA president, Geoff Rawson, also emphasised:

(1) the need to get boomerang throwing recognised as a sport rather than a "carnival side show act";
(2) the BAA's recognition of "only one National or State Championship annually"; and
(3) that the BAA did not recognise "any competition which claims to be a 'World Title' event" as there were no international competitors, or indeed any "World Federation of Boomerang Clubs" at that time.

Only General Championship results were published, but for the first time (in May, 1972, Newsletter NO.7) the results were broken down to show the catch, accuracy and range points for each throw.

For the 1972 [illegible] competition rules were drafted for approval, covering a "Distance competition, Consecutive catching, Most catches in a given time, and Accuracy competition". A trial run of these events was held at Jelbart Park, North Albury, on Sunday 16th July 1972, as the "Albury Champion of Champions" Boomerang Competition. Points were calculated for the first three placegetters in each competition (10, 6 & 1 points for the General Competition; and 5, 3 & 1 for the other competitions). Geoff Rawson was declared Champion of Champions with 11 points.

Most commented very favourably on these new rules, but it was pointed out that the highest scorer in the first round of the General Competition, Arthur Janetzki, did not even make it to the finals on the present scoring system and that seemed inequitable. Consideration was also given as to whether more than one range steward was required for each distance circle and also the best way of marking circles on the ground.

1973

The Quarterly Newsletter became The Boomerang Bulletin, but continued the numbering system from the Newsletter days and reported that the 1973 Moomba Competitions saw the new competitions in full flight, the contests and winners being:

Shortest Time for Ten Catches: Bunny Read (2 min. 28 sec.)
Most Accurate Return: Les Janetzki (1.82m in a howling gale)
Highest No. of Consecutive Catches: Bunny Read (no result given)
Distance Throwing: Dennis Maxwell (73 m)
Moomba General Championship: Geoff Rawson (67 points in final).

Meanwhile, the National Titles had been switched to Southwell Park in Canberra (in order to encourage Federal Govt. support) where 16 km/h winds caused trouble for many throwers. It was the occasion of the "First Official Australian Distance Title", won by Brian Shattell with a 64m throw.

In Bulletin No.11, Dr Lorin Hawes of Hawes Boomerangs, Qld., argued that "if the records are to have any significance at all, either here or internationally, they MUST be set under conditions of zero wind". Later discussion indicated this was not a practical option. The Bulletin had now come of age, not just reporting events and competition rules and results, but being a forum for discussion.

Bulletin No.12 again emphasised that the BAA did not recognise the Darlington Point competition as "World Championships" due to the lack of overseas involvement, but at the same time indicating the desire of the BB for international competition. (Tothis point, government recognition of boomerang throwing as a sport was delayed because the federal Govt. was receiving claims from both the BAA and ABA that each was the governing body for the sport).

1974

The AGM considered Canberra was too wet and windy too often and decided to move the Nationals back to Albury in 1975.

(....TO BE CONTINUED.)

## Pteranodon

Zeit: Kreidezeit (vor ca. 100 Millionen Jahren)
Spannweite: 7-8 Meter
Fangt Fische



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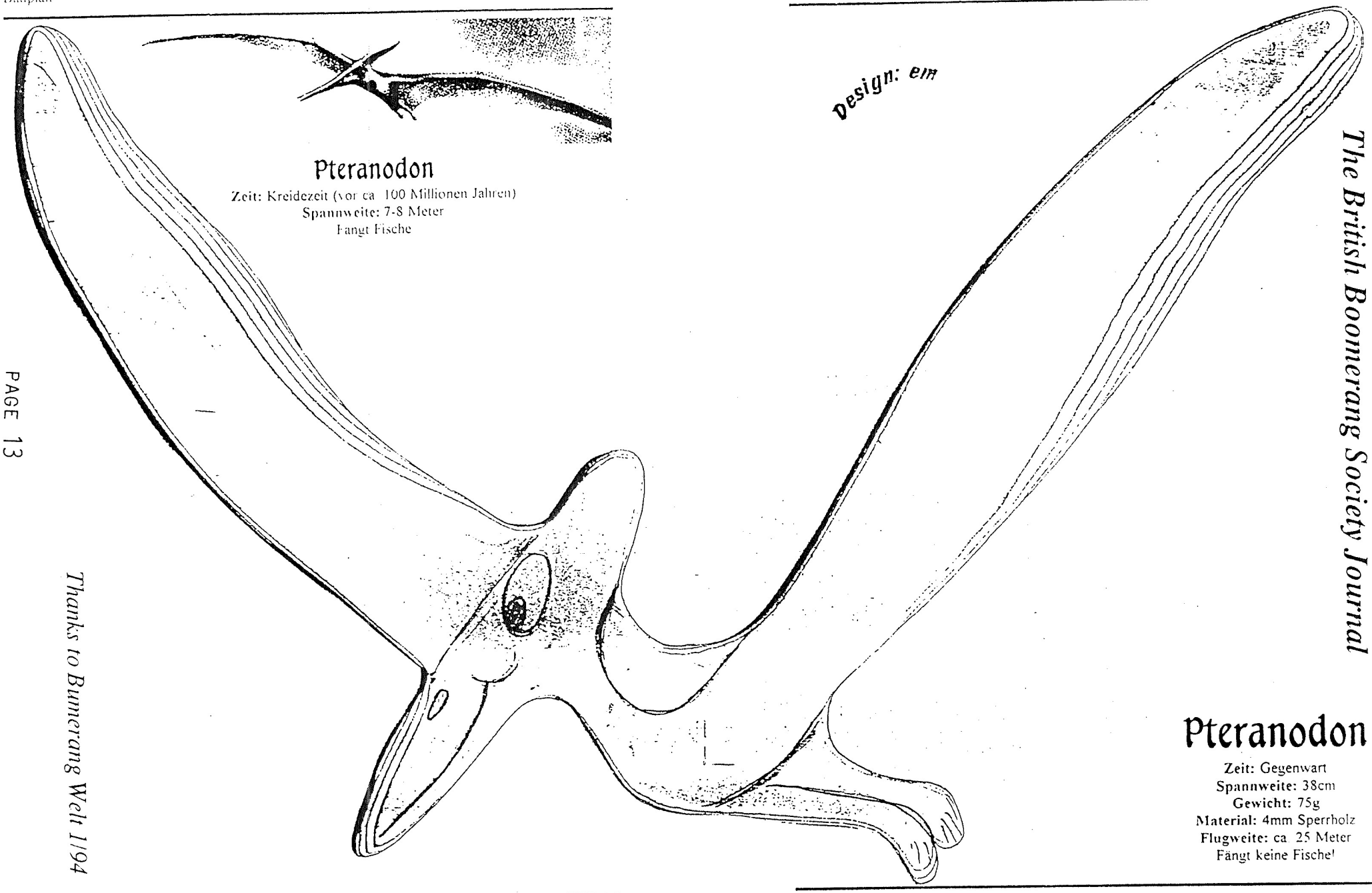

## Pteranodon

Zeit: Gegenwart
Spannweite: 38cm
Gewicht: 75g
Material: 4mm Sperrholz
Flugweite: ca. 25 Meter
Fängt keine Fische!

## W.A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
1st MAY 1994
WIRRABIRRA OVAL

| COMPETITOR | CCWID | FAST | AUSSIE RD | MTA | DOUBLING | ACCURACY | OVER-ALL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Christine Metzakis | 3/8th | 4ct /8th | 8/10th | 0/11th | 1/6th | 8/12th | 23.5/11th |
| Ryan Perry | 0/12th | 4ct/8th | 0/13th | 20.53/8th | 1/6th | 21/9th | 23.5/11th |
| John Metzakis | 5/4th | 3ct/11th | 28/6th | 28.41/6th | 1/6th | 34/2nd | 46/6th |
| Gary Mitchell | 5/4th | 42.62/3rd | 34/4th | 27.0/7th | 3/4th | 23/7th | 53/4th |
| Steve Pankhurst | 7/2nd | 41.0/2nd | 8/10th | 30.0/3rd | 7/1st | 26/4th | 61/3rd |
| Ian Sproull | 8/1st | 47.39/4th | 48/2nd | 30.8/2nd | 5/2nd | 28/3rd | 70.5/2nd |
| Roger Perry | 6/3rd | 29.63/1st | 33/5th | 34.5/1st | 5/2nd | 36/1st | 73.5/1st |
| Craig Walton | 4/7th | 2ct/12th | 6/12th | 12.3/10th | 0/7th | 14/10th | 18.5/13th |
| John Edwards | 0/12th | 60.01/5th | 10/9th | 20.74/4th | 1/6th | 23/8th | 36.5/7th |
| Steve Crew | 5/4th | 2ct/12th | 42/3rd | 28.66/5th | 2/5th | 26/4th | 48.5/5th |
| Angie Leicester | 2/10th | 4ct/8th | 19/7th | 0/11th | 1/6th | 11/11th | 27/10th |
| Leone Metzakis | 3/8th | 60.02/6th | 16/8th | 0/11th | 1/6th | 26/4th | 36.5/7th |
| Brian Anderson | 1/11th | 60.07/7th | 56/1st | 12.79/9th | 0/7th | 4/13th | 31.5/9th |
| Novice Throwers | | | | | | | |
| Cory Cochone | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 13 | D.N.C. |
| David Feddelsen | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 10 | D.N.C. |
| Jane Feddelsen | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 3 | D.N.C. |
| Lisa Edwards | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 12 | D.N.C. |
| Grant Perry | 2 | 2ct | D.N.C. | 17.55 | 2 | 0 | D.N.C. |
| Shane Foster | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 0 | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. |
| Luke Edwards | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 34 | D.N.C. |
| Naomi Foster | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | D.N.C. | 0 | D.N.C. |

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Championships of W.A. were held recently at Wirrabirra Primary School Oval. All the local crew turned out on an overcast and threatening kind of day. First event was Accuracy in dead still conditions: first-up novice, Luke Edwards, aged Four and a half, made us feel bad with a score of 34, which included Closest to the Pin. I was very happy to start with a win as Accuracy is certainly my biggest headache.

Next event was MTA in a moderate wind. Scores were very close with little assistance from thermals. Grant Perry gave us all a shock when he turned up from a Soccer match and, with his first throw of the day, had a 36 second flight ... unfortunately he dropped it.

With Fast Catch came the wind, as the scores indicate, with only four throwers able to break the 1 minute.

After lunch our usually favourite event, Aussie Round, was held in swirling and gusty winds. Brian Anderson turned in an amazing round of 56 along with Ian Sproull on 48.

Next event was Trick Catching. Ian Sproull won this ahead of Steve Pankhurst.

Last event was Doubling. Steve gave a great display of Doubling in windy conditions.

Gary Mitchell, last year's Australian Junior Champion, continued his good form by taking out the W.A. Junior Title and finishing fourth over all.

The Over All placings for the W.A. Titles were: 1st Roger Perry, 2nd Ian Sproull and 3rd Steve Pankhurst.

Roger Perry



## SECOND EASTERN SUBURBS BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS
HELD AT QUEENS PARK, WAVERLEY, N.S.W.
ON SUNDAY 26th JUNE 1994

| NAME | ACCURACY | FAST CT | AUSSIE | DOUBLING | M.T.A. 100 | OVER-ALL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GUNTER WANDTKE | 41-1st | 53.35-1st | 60-3rd | 6-e2nd | 26.35-2nd | 188-1st |
| ADAM CARROLL | 33-e3rd | 4ct-e4th | 63-1st | 7-1st | 31.5-1st | 187-2nd |
| BR BRIAN THOMAS | 33-e3rd | 5ct-e2nd | 63-2nd | 4-5th | 20.8-4th | 172-3rd |
| DOUG BOYLING | 16-11th | 3ct-8th | 38-6th | DNC | DNC | 89-14th |
| BIRGIT WALTER | 22-e6th | DNC | 10-e12th | DNC | DNC | 56.5-16th |
| MARGARET PATTERSON | 8-13th | 0 ct-12th | 8-15th | 1-e9th | 0-e10th | 130-10th |
| BR DE PORRES MCCRAE** | 22-e6th | DNC | 2-16th | 0-12th | 0-e10th | 106-13th |
| DAVE MARTIN** | 34-2nd | 4 ct-e4th | 58-5th | 5-4th | 16.5-5th | 169.5-4th |
| KEITH ANDERSEN** | 7-14th | 4 ct-e4th | 10-e12th | 3-e6th | 14.5-8th | 142.5-e8th |
| LUKE WILSON* | 18-9th | 5 ct-e2nd | 35-7th | 1-e9th | 25.5-3rd | 158-5th |
| GUY MARTIN* | 12-12th | 2 ct-e9th | 28-8th | 6-e2nd | 0-e10th | 146.5-7th |
| ROSS LINTON | 20-8th | 2 ct-e9th | 16-10th | 3-6th | 16.35-6th | 149-6th |
| EDDIE SILADI | 30-5th | DNC | 59-4th | DNC | DNC | 67-15th |
| JOHN MARTIN | 2-e15th | 2 ct-e9th | 15-11th | 1-e9th | 0-e10th | 129.5-11th |
| TERRY PATTERSON | 17-10th | DNC | 10-e12th | 3-e6th | 12.0-9th | 113-12th |
| DARREN MARTIN* | 2-e15th | 4 ct-e4th | 27-9th | 1-e9th | 14.8-7th | 142.5-e8th |

* Under 16 Years ** 60th Year and over

Nearest to the Pin - Eddie Siladi 82.7 cm.

Catch of the Day - Br Brian Thomas (Fast Catch)

Ladies Champion - Birgit Walter

Girls Champion - Michaela McNally

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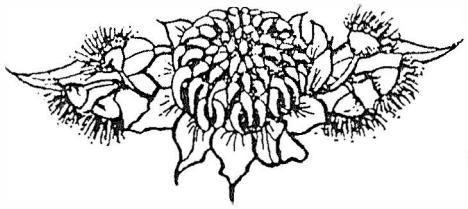

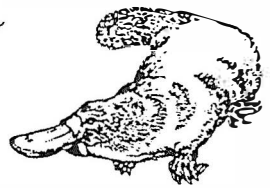

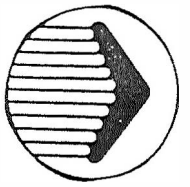

# SECOND EASTERN SUBURBS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## JUNIOR ACCURACY CHAMPIONSHIP

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Geordie Malone 26 | 2nd Oliver Fity 22 |
| 3rd Wayne Patterson 18 | 4th Guy Martin 16 |
| e5th Luke Wilson 8 | e5th Michaela McNally 8 |
| 7th Darren Martin 7 | 8th Danielle Santos 6 |
| 9th Mark Patterson 1 | |

## WINNERS

| UNDER 60 | 60th YEAR & OVER |
|---|---|
| ACCURACY - GUNTER WANDTKE | DAVE MARTIN |
| FAST CATCH - GUNTER WANDTKE | KEITH ANDERSEN |
| AUSSIE ROUND - ADAM CARROLL | DAVE MARTIN |
| DOUBLING - ADAM CARROLL | DAVE MARTIN |
| M.T.A. 100 - ADAM CARROLL | DAVE MARTIN |

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## THINGS

### BOOMERANG

Behold! wood into bird and bird to wood again,
a brown-winged bird from the hand of a brown man.

Elbow of wood from flexed elbow of bone
To a swift hawk has amazingly grown

that mounts the sky, sun in its wings,
up, up, over the far tree fluttering

where it turns as if seized with doubt in the air,
looks back down to the man carved there

and, afraid of the gift of sudden blood,
beats back to his hand and melts once more to wood.

—WILLIAM HART-SMITH

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Sunday 19th June - a boomerang tournament was organised at Flinders Park beside the National Tennis Centre. The weather was fine, but cool -around 12 degrees, light to no wind - but the ground was damp after a full nights rain. Spectators were high in number - we were surrounded by the Tennis centre, the Sports & Entertainment centre and Olympic Park..so people had to wander past us to visit any of these attractions.....

This was to be the start of a series of tournaments throughout winter as a lead up to the Victorian titles....Only Rob and Bruce and the 2 Carter critters competed but as the comps are held frequently we are sure to gain a few more competitiors...

ACCURACY B Carter 39 Rob Croll 34 Trent 24 Craig 20

FAST CATCH Bruce 21:45 Rob 3 c. Craig 2cTrent -

TRICK CATCH Rob 7 Bruce 6 Craig & Trent 0

MTA (100)Rob 35:7 on his last throw..4 drops previously

Bruce 21:61 Craig & Trent 0 but both managed 15 seconds plus flights but failed to catch their boomerangs.

AUSSIE ROUND Bruce 69 Rob 66 Trent 12 Craig 8

DOUBLING Bruce 6 Rob 2

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This was a prelude to the Waverly comp which was held at Braeside park on Sunday the 3rd of July...

Joining Rob & Bruce for this comp were Dennis Maxwell, Brett Doyle & Ian Powell a first time competitor who did extremely well in terrible conditions..

The wind ranged from 20 knots plus with gusts probably reaching in excess of 35 knots.....

TRICK CATCH---Rob 3 catches Bruce 2 Ian 3rd in a throw off Dennis & Brett zero catches in the very strong wind..

AUSSIE ROUND Bruce 17 (all scored on his first throw ) Brett 16 Rob, Dennis & Ian all scord 14 - in a throw off for 3rd. Dennis scored the massive score of 8 points to finish 3rd.

FAST CATCH Rob 4 c Bruce 8 Ian 3c. (Bruce finishing 2nd in a throw off Dennis & Brett 1c.

ACCURACY Rob 30 Brett 10 Bruce 9 Dennis 8 Ian 4

MTA Rob. 11:9 Dennis 10:45 Bruce 9:5 Ian 6:8 Brett no catches...

ENDURANCE Rob 8 Brett 6 Bruce 4 Dennis 1 Ian 0

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Overall Rob from Bruce, Brett 3rd Dennis 4th Ian 5th.. But the fun did not finish there...Bruce had 2 booms lost - one in the middle of scrub which was finally found and another in a large tree which was finally knocked down..Brett had his favoured Wind Eater high up a large gum tree....No amount of things thrown into the tree could knock it down..so up goes a tyre lever tied up by a plastic cable..Cable breaks and tire lever is still in the tree...(2nd tyre lever lost chasing other peoples booms in the past 12 months. Brett's boom was finally rescued after 2 hours of trying to knock it out of the tree

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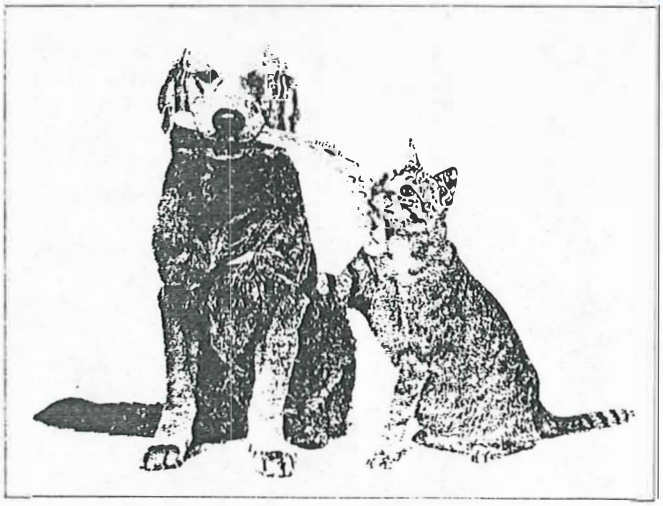
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