

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello again to all the readers of our Boomerang Bulletin. On behalf of the executive of the B.A.A. we wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brian Thomas, Adam Carroll and Gunter Wandtke have done a mighty job in organising the venue for the 1994 Nationals. All details for the event are in this issue of the bulletin and we look forward to meeting everybody at these titles.

Money problems still exist for the BAA so recently Rob Croll and myself hired a stall at the recent Sports and Hobbies Expo at Melbourne's Exhibition Buildings. We were assisted by Coley Foley, Justin Eisemann and Nick Gottschalk and we were able to raise \$90 for the BAA..

Nick Gottschalk is back from his visit to New Guinea where apart from his commitments with the Red Cross, he spent a lot of time teaching boomerang throwing to interested persons. Nick is a tireless worker for the BAA and he is currently organising a demonstration by the BAA at the Gippsland Games to be held in February. A note from Nick regarding these games can be found in this edition of the bulletin. He has also made contact with the organisers of the proposed 1995 World Cup Kite Flying Championships, and he has proposed that the BAA might do a series of boomerang demonstrations and a possible night throw at these games.....

We are currently having some discussions with some insurance companies in an attempt to find some cheaper insurance, but with the same public liability. Negotiations are moving very slowly, but hopefully we can have something concrete by next years Nationals... A reminder to throwers that boomerangs can be quite dangerous and even if you are having a throw at a local oval and people come up to join in - things could get nasty if someone gets hurt by a stray boomerang.. Recently my good friend Barry Harrison who spent many hours during the past two years throwing with me, had a bad wind gust force his boomerang out of control and hit his 4 years old on the chin, leaving her with a nasty cut on her chin.. The cut was bad and now Barry vows never to throw again, which is a pity as although Barry did not compete, he has taught many people to throw boomerangs during the past 2 years. What concerns me is what would have happened if it was someone else's child he had of hit..

Was just talking to Heather Read and Bunny is just back home after another session in hospital. We all wish Bunny a speedy recovery and we hope to see him up and about in the near future.

One BAA member who is doing fabulous things with new comers, is Miles Jorgensen from Box Hill in Melbourne.. He has a good range of enthusiasts whose ages vary from juniors through to middle aged parents... Miles makes a wide range of boomerangs and has a regular stall at the Box Hill art & craft market. He invites customers and interested persons down to the local oval and what is pleasing is the number of return visitors who drop down just to have a throw and chat with the friendly

guy. Already two members of his group have competed and we hope that this trend improves....

The two members of this Box Hill group who have competed are Justin (REX) Eisemann and Rodney Gilbert who accompanied me on a visit to the Blue Mountain Championships recently. We arrived on the Friday afternoon in Sydney so decided to check out the venue. On arrival at the venue, my travelling partners got out of the car but jumped straight back in.. The reason was that an old Labrador dog was walking towards them barking. The dog was about as old as Roger Perry thinks he is - in the morning after a big night out, and it was travelling twice as slowly as Roger does first thing in the morning. First person we met was Brother Perros McRae so off we went to the oval.. I really should have been on my guard - an interstate visitor at a New South comp - a new thrower in Brother McRae who was armed with a new Queensland boomerang - made by Bob Burwell.. I was leaning over my boomerang bag when whack !!!! belted in the temple by this boom.. Well, Bob, at least your boomerangs do not break when they hit a hard object!

We had a good time in New South - Justin finishing 4th in his first comp and I had the honour of meeting up with someone I have talked to often on the phone and had corresponded with for over 3 years.. Ross OLIVE OIL Linton. Why Olive oil - he was chasing MTA's in work mans boots, yelling strange noises as he ran.. Just like Pop Eyes girl friend!!!! Honestly, just when I thought Boomerangs were for the sane, with Kempy's departure to Singapore, in a couple of months, I have met Olive Oil Linton, and Barrie Forsyth for the first time, slept at Roger Perry's for the first time and travelled with William Tel Blight.. Obviously plenty of whackers still left in our sport!!!!

Met up with Kevin Moran again in Sydney which was great and not long ago had a nice phone call from Mrs. McIntyre - Kev's sister who also takes an interest in boomerangs, and is always passing on info regarding our sport.

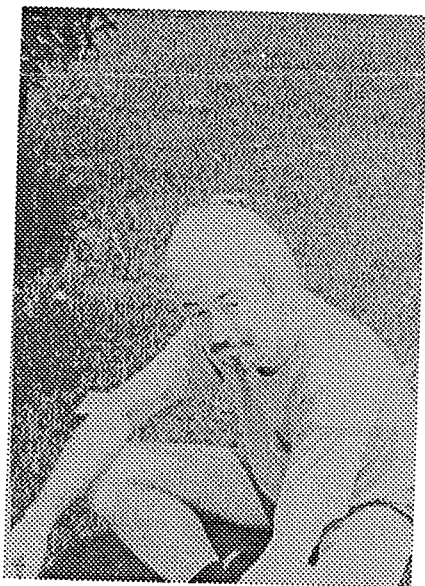
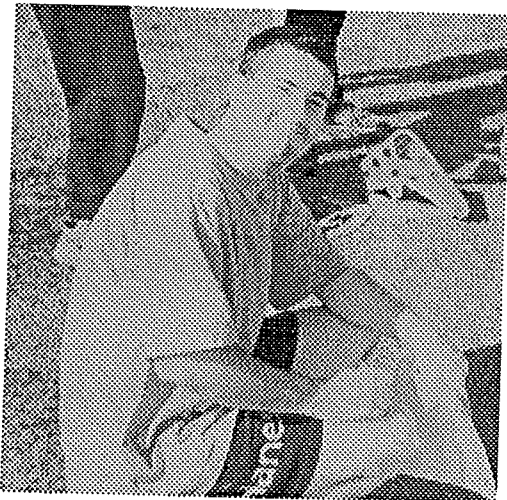
Jeff Lewry, is in the process of putting some tit bits and other information regarding boomerangs onto tape at the moment, and then he plans to send it around for more input by other long time throwers... Not sure what will happen with it, but hopefully it will go to print some where - should be very interesting in its completed state. Jeff is now claiming to be our current longest serving boomerang maker--- 31 years continuous service making boomerangs which is a mighty achievement... I always drop in at Jeff whenever I am in the Albury district and he never ceases to amaze me with his interesting stories.... He is a fine man and a damn god bloke!

The Victorian Boomerang Throwing Association has purchased some safety equipment with funds made available from the Victorian Government with assistance from the anti smoking campaign. The equipment includes HELMETS, GLOVES, ARM GUARDS & SAFETY GOGGLES. The VBTA plans on using these at demos where kids and new comers are involved. Any BAA member can borrow these as long as they pay any shipping fees and replace any damaged pieces of equipment. For further information, please contact me on

In closing, our treasurer of the BAA, Mr. Rohan Johnston has informed me of his intention to stand down from his current position of Treasurer at the NEXT AGM. Rohan is finding it increasing difficult to perform as Treasurer with his studies taking most of his time up.. I thank Rohan for his efforts during the past 3 years and hope that he can keep competing at boomerang tournaments. By giving the BAA plenty of notice of his intentions, it allows members time to consider offering their services and help the association, by considering accepting the position of Treasurer.

I look forward to meeting everybody at next years Nationals in Sydney and I hope that 1994 is a fabulous year for everybody.....

Bruce Carter.
President BAA Inc.



*Intelligent looking lot in Sydney...
Adam Carroll (Top) & Ross Olive Oil*

TREASURER'S REPORT 1993

Balance Forwarded	\$ 683.90
Debit Total	\$1,352.62
Credit Total	\$1,232.92
Balance at End	\$ 564.20

When comparing the Credit Total with the Debit Total it can be seen that the BAA is operating at a yearly loss of over one hundred dollars. We are only able to survive because of the money raised in 1988 for the World Cup has been transferred into the working account. With this money being used for its true purpose, to help finance Australians competing in international competitions, as well as boosting the working account it is quite understandable that this money will soon run out.

Although the above loss does look grim this has been a promising year for the BAA financially. The sale of hats, boomerangs, and money raising activities at competitions has been successful. The people who have undertaken these activities must be thanked for their tireless effort, if it were not for this revenue collection the BAA would be in even more trouble than it is presently in. By continuing these activities it will not be long before we are again in the black.

Keep throwing boomerangs

Rohan Johnston
Treasurer BAA Inc.

B. S. SEEKS AUSSIE BOOM MAKERS!

The British Boomerang Society is trying to track down a number of good boomerang manufacturers and suppliers, from Australia, that their members can access. If you wish to be included on a list to be published in the B. B. S. Journal then write to:-

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The British Boomerang Society,
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Please remember to include Name, Address, and Phone Number as well as information on what you make or supply.

Mark W. Howarth
Editor.

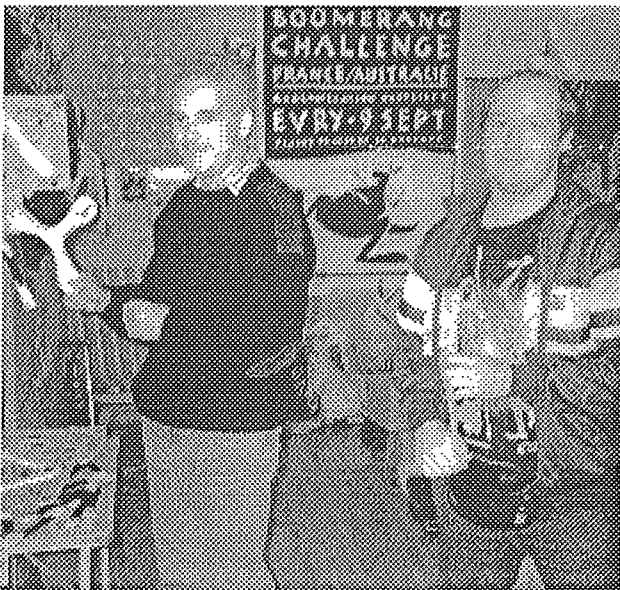
SPORTS & HOBBIES EXPO EXHIBITION BUILDINGS MELBOURNE

In October, Rob Croll and I booked a stall at the Sports & Hobbies Expo. We had no idea how we would go with boomerang sales and were not sure if people would be interested in talking to us about boomerangs

The stall cost us a fair amount of money and for a while it did not even look like we would make enough money to cover the stall. But persevere we did and by throwing inside boomerangs around and selling the Whirlyrangs we at least covered the cost of our stall.. We also put some money aside from our door boom sales and we were able to raise \$90 for the BAA.

We would not have been able to man the stall properly without the help of the three fellows who assisted us. We had Rex Eisemann, (who at the time of the stall had not even thrown in a comp), Colin Foley who made the long drive from Geelong and Nick Gottschalk who spent all day crowded by people. Nick made the long trek from Bairnsdale to help create some interest in Boomerangs, and was at the stall for over 9 hours. We have had only a little feedback from people who purchased boomerangs, but at least we know that there is a few more people out there throwing boomerangs around.

Bruce Carter.



Nick Gottschalk & Rob Croll at the Sports & Hobbies Expo.

1994 GIPPSLAND GAMES Feb. 12th - Feb. 20th 1994

The Gippsland Games have now become an annual event. Every type of sport is represented over a period of up to 2 weeks. Lasts year's event took place in and around Bairnsdale in East Gippsland and the 1994 Games will be hosted jointly by the shires of Warragula and Buln Buln.

The B.A.A. has been asked to give demonstrations and lessons in boomerang throwing on the final day - February the 20th 1994, at Bellbird Park, a large sporting complex at Drouin, 90km's east of Melbourne.. I have inspected the ovals and they are large and lush with grass. There are several ovals there and on the 20th, a Sunday, there will be finals of Netball Competitions, possibly Soccer, the final stages of a push bike race, an Art & Craft market and numerous attractions.

As soon as detailed information comes available, we will communicate with as many throwers as possible, but if throwers are interested in performing on this special day could you please contact either myself or Bruce Carter.

This could be a great opportunity to advertise our sport, especially since the Gippsland Games are held every year and in different parts of Gippsland, reaching as far as Lakes Entrance.

Please, throwers, make a note in your calendar and remember that Drouin is just over an hours drive from Melbourne.

I am in the middle of putting a program together which will include an accuracy competition for the general public. Please let us know if you have any ideas to make this day a success, particularly in regard to promotion.

We will be featuring different boomerangs from various makers and already Rob Croll has donated 3 of his different models that will be thrown by members of the public and given away. If anybody else would like some of their booms on show, please send them to Bruce, but remember they will be given away, but your business will be advertised...

More news later so in the meantime,
Happy throwing and many happy returns..
All the best for the festive season and for 1994

Nick Gottschalk
(051)523697.

The Gippsland Games will be held from Feb. 12th to Feb. 20th 1994.

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NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

A big problem to the BAA (actually its a major problem) is its lack of members. Fees are set as fairly as possible, but the BAA has a terrific outlay in A) insurance and B) the Bulletin.. Without either, the BAA would fold as Insurance is a must in a sport where spectators could easily be hit by either a stray boomerang or just the spectators ignorance of the flight of a boomerang. If there was not a bulletin, members couldn't be informed of what is happening and obviously with no contact, members would drop off as they would not be bothered with a nation wide association that cannot keep in touch with its members.

Past executive committee's have racked their brains trying to come up with different ways of keeping members, yet it still boils down to competition prices. Brother Brian Thomas, has suggested the following. I liked it and immediately had discussions with the Secretary and Treasurer. I hope now to have more comments passed on by you guys the members as we need everybody's opinion.

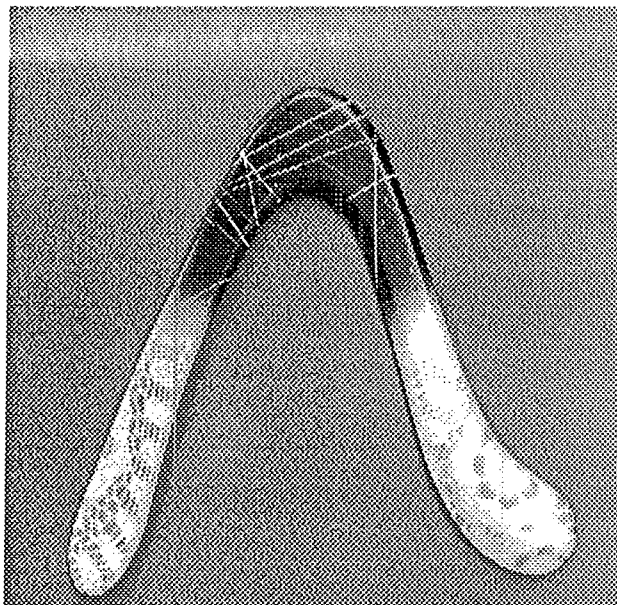
The Proposal *** Members only have to pay \$5.00 per year to the BAA to be allowed to compete in competitions... These members will have no voting rights, and cannot compete internationally representing the BAA. They will not receive the Boomerang Bulletin.. The \$5.00 is only for their first year. For the 2nd year their fee will be \$10.00 and for the 3rd year and every year afterwards their fee will be \$15.00 per year... Our reasoning is that some people want to try out competitions but do not want to pay the required subscription fees... We hope that after competing for a year members would decide to become involved with the BAA and pay full fees and receive the bulletin and have a say at AGM's . This will be monitored closely as we would fold if many members only paid a few bucks, got a mate to be a full member and then just got the bulletin photocopied...

I believe that this idea is full of merit as insurance is the same for us regardless of if we have 2 members or 5000. In other words the newcomers at \$5.00 each does not cost the BAA any extra to have them involved. If they like our sport then we hope that they become members...

We have taken a punt that current members like this idea so we plan to implement it immediately. This is purely aimed at having some new people try out our sport and we hope that our current members decide to pay the current membership fees that are in this edition of the bulletin. We will have discussions regarding these fees at the AGM at the Nationals, but if you have any comments you want to air, please do not hesitate to contact either the Secretary, Treasurer or myself..

This is also a good way of introducing friends or people we know who really did not want to part up with the 30 bucks or so just to try something out that they might not want to do in a couple of months time. I do hope for some feed back on this subject. I can be contacted on (03) 300 2374 phone or fax. Bruce Carter.

BOOMERANG AUCTION



As mentioned in the last President's Report, Roger Perry is generously donating the above boomerang for auction to raise money for the club. The Boomerang is either a competition Hook or MTA. The highest bidder has his or her choice of the following:-

A 50 metre Maple Flying Fox for wind or a 40 metre Aussie Hook for light wind.

Paxolin MTA for wind OR Wood MTA no wind.

Both the Hook and MTA will be flight tuned and ready for competition in either left or right hand. The winning bidder chooses 1 Hook and 1 MTA. Roger will send the booms to them.

Bruce Carter has opened the bidding at \$ 35-00. All bids can be made by contacting the President or the Editor.

MEMBERSHIP

Would all Members please be on the lookout for potential New Members. Over the last few years the club has suffered through dwindling numbers. It is up to us all to try and recruit New Members and keep the club growing stronger. The Membership Application is enclosed in this Bulletin and should be forwarded to the Treasurer together with an enclosed cheque.

Mark W. Howarth,
Editor BAA Inc.

BOOMERANG DEMONSTRATIONS IN NOUMEA

Just over a month or so ago, I was fortunate enough to be asked to do a series of boomerang demonstrations around Noumea, in New Caledonia with Sam Blight. We were there for a week where we did some demonstrations in places you wouldn't even consider throwing, here in Australia... Our first demonstration was near a big school oval, which was off limits, in a 35 metre by 15 metre gravel car park, which was situated behind a double story building which we had to throw over the roof of. Other throwing venues, included a gravel clearance where if the boom went out of control, you went searching through reeds and other long spiky stuff which was up to 2 metres high. It was at this spot, that a German shepherd dog took a liking to me - he bit me and it is no fun saying good dog or nick off or other niceties a dog that did not understand English... Funny thing, I only threw once at this venue so I do not know how the dogs health is but seeing as he bit me, I don't think he would be feeling too well. The only thing to taste worse than this would be a mouth full of Roger Perry on a hot day.

The demonstrations were all part of the lead up to the La Foa Festival in celebration of the harvesting of the potato's. Everything associated with the festival had potato themes so I was quite polite to the organisers and nominated Sam to do the William Tell trick, with a spud on his head - Sam was later to impress me with the way he avoided doing the stunt.

We did a fabulous interview on Noumea radio, in French - now if you reckon my English is bad, try copping my French.. We were interviewed by a person who could not speak English - yet his English is better than my French, so I just grunted and nodded and Sam (who is fluent in French) yakked away.

The Hotel Le Stanley, was the place where we stayed for the week and the staff were impressed by their aussie guests. They keep a book on all international guests who stay at their hotel, and it was pleasing to see that at the end of our visit, they showed us a book, that had all of our press clippings in them... Even the manager of the waiters and waitresses, the Maitre'D, liked our company and choice of food - he hit me over the head with the menu. Sam also impressed everybody at the hotel, when one night after a few wines, he ventured out to the swimming pool with his night flyers, equipped with capsules. They were just whizzing past me into his waiting arms... well most were anyway.. some landed in the ocean which meant that Sam had to wade into the shallow water to collect them and one was even last seen floating towards Tahiti. Some even landed in the 10 foot deep swimming pool which meant that I was the fool who had to jump in too same them..

Our last demo was at the city mall, so we spent a few hours looking for the place where we were going to do a final demonstration and night throw.. No wonder we

could not find the mall - when the time arose and we were taken there - it is actually a car park on the edge of the central business district - 30 metres wide - then a long row of large trees on one side and 4 lanes of traffic on the other.. Length wise was fine - except the breeze was coming from the water which was only 100 metres from where we were throwing. So Sam had 20 metres in which to get his boom up into the air and over the trees. If you dropped the boom look out the ground was bitumen.. Wood boomerangs got badly scratched or damaged, plastic rangs chipped really roughed up. Things were going fine until Sam decided to introduce the locals to the ancient sport by having a super hook land on some guys car as he was driving past at 60 kph's. I had a perigren going perfectly across the traffic and returning, until on a low return the boomerang failed to clear a dump master - a large rubbish refuse on wheels which had been placed on the area where we where throwing, as a boundary marker to keep cars and people from entering into our flight paths. At the end of the demo's we had a talk with the organisers of the Potato Festival and they assured us that there was plenty of room at La Foa. They even guaranteed us 90 metres of open space. What fools we were to believe that things were going to be perfect!

We set off to La Foa, 150 kilometres from Noumea, the day before the festival. We were quite happy to be there the day before to set up, as this festival was very well advertised and the organisers were expecting a crowd of over 8,000 people. - On arrival at La Foa straight to the venue - the La Foa Race Course.. We saw open areas - of dirt and rocks but at least open space. Then we were showed our demonstration area. 90 metres width ways - the race track straight in front of the grand stand... But the breeze coming from over the grand stand.. Area from a stage that had been set up for other performing acts to a fence was 10 metres.... We were able to have this fence pulled down which left us with an area of under 20 metres of open space to play with.. At least the weather was nice - which you would expect from a town which had not seen rain for over 6 months but it was very dusty and dirty as was expected.

The big day arrived, and by 8am it was quite warm.. By 9 and already 3,000 people were in attendance and there was mass confusion as the organisers tried to organise the grand parade - which was led into the main area by a 7 foot fibreglass potato flanked either side by the stars of the Potato Festival, Spud Blight and Potato Carter.

Our first of a series of demos went on at around 10am for 20 minutes. It was well received by those in attendance and a series of stints were performed. We wanted to continue as the wind was perfect and we thought that it could blow up later on but the organisers only wanted a teaser for later on... Ten minutes later it started raining and it did not stop for the next 4 hours.. The place was a mess, mud first then small streams running through the grounds.. We did a couple of small demos later on in the day - in the mud and slosh but it is fair to say that our enthusiasm had been dented, as well as some boomerangs and my left thumb which got

tangled up with my wet T-shirt while attempting to take a catch... Afterwards we went to the La Foa Hotel and were very gracious of the locals in letting us shower and change... My aussie Akubra hat is now stuck to the roof of the La Foa Hotel, along with 400 different caps, which is an impressive display in the main bar.

We were thanked for breaking the drought, and off to Noumea we headed being driven by our host, with one eye, along winding roads at speeds in excess of 155 kph.

No more problems until we were ready to leave, no one remembered to pick us up to take us to the airport so after a series of frantic phone calls and a late dash, we got to the airport, 5 minutes before departure time... Sam made it straight aboard, but I was detained with my 6 foot binghi boomerang. I was asked by customs to do a final demo - on the airport tarmac... I agreed even got the OK from the pilot who stuck his head out of the window of the plane and headed off down the runway, when I was told to come back --- the airport manager was concerned that the plane was already late... Obviously he has seen how long it takes me to take a catch!

It was funny to board a plane, no one in the aisles, put stuff in the compartments, sit down and have the plane taxi along the runway while I was settling into the seat, fumbling with the seat belt... Things did go well, and boomerangs were shown in another country.. I do not know if there will be a repeat performance, but I am happy to have got the chance to work with a real professional in Sam Blight, and to know that our displays were very well received by people who had never had the chance of seeing our sport in action...

Bruce Carter.

“Ça s'en va et ça revient...”

Les deux Australiens venus spécialement pour présenter des démonstrations de lancers de boomerangs dimanche prochain à la fête de la pomme de terre de La Foa, se sont exercés en avant-première jeudi, baie de la Moselle.
Bruce Carter, plusieurs fois champion d'Australie de doublage (lancer de deux boomerangs en même temps), et de M.T.A. (Maximum Time Aloft, tenir son boomerang le plus longtemps possible en l'air), est considéré comme un des meilleurs mondiaux dans ce sport, encore absent aux jeux olympiques. Il est accompagné de Sam Blight, lui-même fabricant de boomerangs à Perth et bien entendu plusieurs fois titré. Pour ceux qui ne sauraient pas ce qu'est un boomerang, ils n'ont qu'à se souvenir de la célèbre chanson de Claude François : "Ça s'en va et ça revient..."

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Bruce Carter & Sam Blight demonstrating Boomerangs in Noumea, New Caledonia.

Boomerangs taking off in a big way among Japanese

By Masayuki Nakatsuka
Yomiuri Shimbun Staff Writer

Along the floodplains of the Tama River early on Sunday mornings, people hurl curved sticks into the air and they don't have to move much to retrieve them.

Members of the Japan Boomerang Association, ranging from high school students to those in their 40s, meet there to throw boomerangs.

It is difficult to throw the boomerang when the wind speed is more than five meters per second, said Yoshinobu Sakimitsu, of the Japan Boomerang Association.

Sakimitsu, who has been throwing the boomerang since he was introduced to it more than 10 years ago while a student in Australia, said boomerangs interested him because they always returned.

Throwers first carefully read the direction of the wind by throwing leaves in the air several times.

With their faces to the wind, throwers must release the boomerang within a range that spans from 60 degrees to the right of the thrower's head to 60 degrees to the left.

Why does that boomerang return? The secret is the shape of the stick. Like the wings of an airplane, one side is flat while the other is curved. This causes the stick to lift up and turn around.

Sakimitsu said the boomerang should be thrown with one edge pointing down to the ground and that the stick should not be parallel to the ground when it is released.

I tried to throw a 40-gram boomerang, keeping in mind Sakimitsu's advice to snap the boomerang when I let go of it so that it would spin. I released it above my shoulders but while in flight it curved to the left and dropped 15 metres away from me.

Normally, it is possible to learn how to make the boomerang return to where it was released after half an hour's practice, and to catch it after two hours' practice, according to Sakimitsu.

The boomerang, which was originally used by the Aborigines of Australia for hunting and warfare, is now popular not only in that country but also in the United States and Europe. Its popularity is increasing in Japan.

The annual World Boomerang tournament will be held in Japan for the first time next summer, while this year's annual Japan Open of the sport is scheduled for this coming weekend in Hiratsuka, Kanagawa-ken.

Japan Open

The 2nd Japan Open will be held Aug. 6-8 at the Hiratsuka-shi Sogo Koen in Kanagawa-ken.

The competition will be held on Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in five categories, including flight duration and accuracy.

Workshops to teach boomerang-making and beginners' classes on throwing the boomerang will be

held on Aug. 6 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An American will demonstrate the technique.

The ground is located 15 minutes on foot from JR Hiratsuka Station.

For more information, call (0463) 35-2233.

For general information, write to the Japan Boomerang Association, 1-15-5 Kudan Kita, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 102, enclosing a return envelope and two ¥62 stamps.

This article was sent to Richard Barras from Mujazaki, Japan.

1981 AUSTRALIA V's U.S.A. INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

In 1981 we had the first of the International Challenges when the USA came out. There were six contests, three Tests against Australia, and three 'local' contests against Victoria, Albury and NSW. The 'prizes' for each of these contests was a banner. As history records we only won One of those banners with the team at Albury. Les Janetzki was Captain and Arthur was Vice-Captain. I have enclosed a photocopy of the winning banner (see next page), since many of our modern day throwers would never have seen it, and it does have a connection with Arthur. You might notice in the results that Arthur beat the current Australian Championships Fast Catch Champion, Adam Carroll, in Fast Catch!! Mind you, Adam had a horror round(s).

Br. Brian Thomas
Boomerang Coach.

*Can you understand this?
I can't, either can Adam!*

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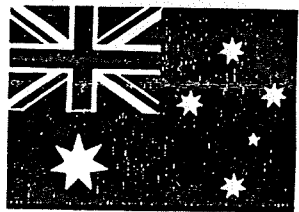
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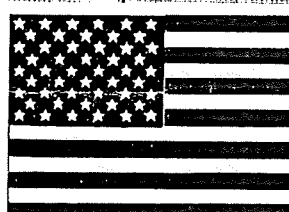
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FINAL DETAILS
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**BOOMERANG**

Cette année la Fête de la pomme de terre accueille deux grands lanceurs de boomerang australiens.

BRUCE CARTER, 37 ans - MELBOURNE.

Considéré comme un des meilleurs lanceurs mondiaux. Actuel champion d'Australie de "DOUBLING", exercice qui consiste à lancer deux "booms" à la fois et à les rattraper dans des mains différentes. Si le vent n'est pas trop fort, BRUCE peut rattraper un boomerang sous la jambe et l'autre derrière le dos. BRUCE a été champion d'Australie dans des catégories différentes, dans l'AUSSIE ROUND (lancer à plus de 50 mètres) et le MAXIMUM TIME ALOFT (plus longtemps en l'air). Malgré une opération des deux genoux en 1992, il a reçu trois titres nationaux en 1993. SACRE BRUCE!

SAM BLIGHT, 39 ans - PERTH.

SAM est un "shaper", fabriquant de boomerangs très réputé. Sa société RANGS existe depuis 12 ans et il pratique le boomerang depuis 20 ans.

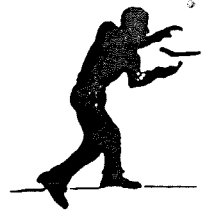
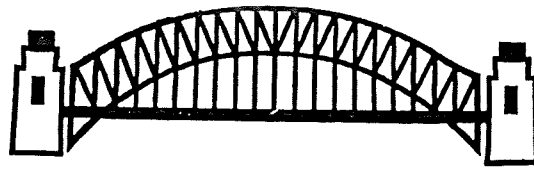
SAM, tout comme BRUCE, a participé à de nombreux "SHOWS" en Europe et détient plusieurs titres nationaux et régionaux. Ses spécialités le "Maximum time aloft", le "Doubling" et la précision. SAM est professeur de boomerang agréé par l'Australian Boomerang Association. Avec son ami "Carter", ils donneront des cours d'initiation gratuitement à tous ceux qui le désirent.

Les boomerangs de SAM et BRUCE sont en vente au stand à la Fête de la pomme de terre.



Bruce Carter et ses deux enfants.

More details from the Noumea Press of Bruce Carter and Sam Blight.



Boomerang Throwing Association of N.S.W
(B.A.A. State Body)

Proudly presents:

The 1994 Australian Boomerang Championships

At the Macquarie University Sporting Fields
Talavera Road, Macquarie Park, Sydney

Program:

Friday 18 March 1994

7 pm Annual General Meeting
(venue to be announced)

Saturday 19 March

Start 1.00 pm

Events

- Accuracy
- Endurance
- Consecutive Catching With Increased Difficulty (CCWID)

Records

[Dennis Maxwell 48/50 1983]
[Robert Croll 58 catches 1988]

Sunday 20 March

Start 8.00 am

Events

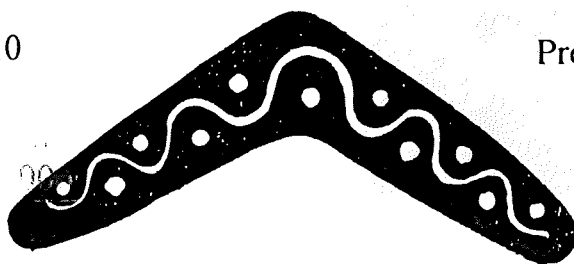
- Fast Catch
- Australian Round
- Maximum Time Aloft (MTAC 100)
- Demonstration Throwing
- Presentation of Prizes

Records

[Robert Croll 20.35 secs 1992]
[Br Brian Thomas 90/100 1983]
[John Gibney 64.45 secs 1991]

Entrance fee \$10

Pre-registration necessary



Footnotes to competitions and program.

CCWID

1. Any catch
2. One hand catch with left hand
3. One hand catch with right hand
4. Any catch under the legs
5. Catch behind the back
6. Catch under the legs with one hand
7. One hand behind the back
8. Hackey sack: kick up boomerang and catch it
9. Catch with the feet (not above knees)
10. One hand catch under the legs with both feet on the ground

Fast Catch: Two rounds, cut off time one minute

MTAC 100: 5 throws

Australian Round: 5 throws

Overall Championship: Placing points for each competition added up

Demonstration throwing:

Please bring along any boomerangs that provide a good spectacle e.g. *big boomerangs and multi-bladers*

Demonstration of throwing hunting sticks at a target could be incorporated. We might also have a round of Suicide (*but only for throwers with safety goggles*). These championships might be a chance to attract some people who are involved with the organisation of the Sydney 2000 Olympics. There are rumours about an involvement of boomerangs in the opening or closing ceremonies of the Olympics. The hopes of the international world rests on our shoulders! We want to make this demonstration outstanding.

The 1994 championships will be produced on video.

Accommodation:

Any enquiries please contact Gunter.

Registration:

Pre-registration is absolutely necessary before March 6th 1994 (*either by mail or phone*) with Gunter or Br Thomas (*registration fee to be paid at the championships*).

Competitors need to be financial members.

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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BALLARAT

SHADOW MINISTER FOR YOUTH, SPORT
AND RECREATION



Mr Bruce Carter
President
Boomerang Association of Australia
21 Fran Street
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Dear Bruce,

As the newly-appointed Federal Shadow Minister for Youth, Sport & Recreation, I am writing to introduce myself to your organisation.

In the short time since my appointment I have been struck by the enormous diversity of sporting interests at a Federal, State and Local level and while all groups are seeking to achieve the same goals, I think it is fair to say there are varying opinions as to how they should be achieved.

As a keen participant and spectator of sport, I am anxious to ensure that the interests of all participants, whether it be at the elite level, or at a club level, are given the opportunity to have an input into future policy decisions. I am also anxious to ensure the Coalition's policy on sport recognises the key role played by those hundreds of thousands of Australians who compete at a club level and also the large number of volunteers who enable that participation to take place.

Australia has a proud international sporting record and I am sure you will support my endeavours to ensure that both the sporting community and the wider community provide appropriate levels of financial and physical support to ensure that Australian sportspeople can compete at the highest level. I am also anxious to ensure that future sports policies, whether at a Federal, State or Local Government level, recognise the need for Australia's children and young people to be actively encouraged to participate in sport, both for their personal development, their general health and also to develop their sporting skills. This encouragement of Australia's children and young people will also ensure we maximise the opportunities available to us to properly assist the development of our elite sportspeople of the future.

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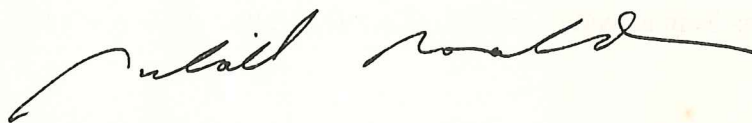
5 LYDIARD STREET NORTH, BALLARAT, 3350. TEL. (053) 314 188. FAX (053) 314 473

In developing the Coalition's sports policy, I am also anxious to ensure that due recognition is given to sports that may not have a large participant base but who are making their own contribution to Australia's sporting and recreation interests.

I would appreciate hearing any views that your organisation has on issues that need to be addressed in both the short and long term and if you are happy to have this input, please address any correspondence to my Ballarat office. I have also written to all State bodies throughout Australia and I am happy to receive input from either the National body or alternatively from individual State organisations.

As I intend travelling throughout Australia to meet various sporting organisations and to attend sporting events, I hope that I may have the opportunity to meet with you. Also if your organisation has any forthcoming events that you would like me to attend, then I would be pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Ronaldson', written in a cursive style.

MICHAEL RONALDSON
Shadow Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation



15th November 1993

An Open Letter to the International Boomerang Throwing Fraternity

Dear Throwers,

As you are no doubt aware, Australia's largest city, Sydney, has been named as the host city for the Olympic Games in the year 2,000. It will probably have occurred to you that this will be perhaps the best chance for a long time to come for us to achieve some real recognition for our sport in the international spotlight. It will certainly be possible to bring our sport to the attention of a huge international audience and may even be possible to have it featured as a demonstration Olympic sport. There is clearly a "window of opportunity" here and following our successful collaboration in hosting the 1991 World Championships, Sam Blight and I feel ourselves well qualified to be closely involved in whatever form this might take.

At this early stage we are interested in opening up the lines of communication on this matter with as many boomerang organizations and individual throwers around the world as we can. We are interested in sharing our ideas as they take form on the best ways to capitalize on the opportunity the Sydney Olympics afford and receiving feedback and suggestions from as wide a sample of active throwers as is possible. We have two motives for this:

1. We wish to have access to as many different ideas as we can to ensure that our thinking on the subject does not develop "tunnel vision".
2. We wish to ensure that the plans which are developed have the enthusiastic backing of boomerang throwing's international fraternity, which will be required to produce a successful outcome.

We will of course also be working closely with the Boomerang Association of Australia which will be the host organization, as well as interested individuals in Australia with expertise and experience to offer.

To get the ball rolling, here are some of our initial ideas for your comment:

1. Year 2000 World Boomerang Championships:

These could be held somewhere on the East Coast of Australia, preferably close to Sydney within a week or so before the Olympics.

Advantages:

- This will gather a good selection of international throwing talent who will get more "bang for their travel buck" by being able to participate in two international competitions on the same trip.
- If held before the Olympics the WBC 2000 could also serve to select the finalists, teams and individual, in the Olympic demonstration events.
- In the event that we are unsuccessful in achieving Olympic demonstration sport status, it will not be hard to divert some of the attention of the international media contingent, already present for the Olympics, towards boomerang throwing as an interesting side line. (Our experiences in Western Australia with sideline participation in the 1984 Windsurfer World's competition, the 1987 America's Cup Challenge and lesser events such as Rally Australia bear this out.)

- The presence of a large international audience for the Olympics will also provide a ready market for competitors wishing to sell boomerangs as means of financing their travel costs.

Possible Disadvantages:

- Accommodation in and around Sydney will be at a premium at the time of the games.
- Venues for the boomerang competitions will have to be arranged well in advance.

2. Indoor Competition as Demonstration Sport.

A special individual and/or teams contest could be indoors in a similar way to the indoor contest held in Perth in 1991. Suitable events might include Fast Catch, Doubling, Trick Catch, limited range Aussie Round and MTA.

Advantages:

- Risk of event cancellation due to bad weather is eliminated.
- Events are closer to the audience and more exciting.
- This also makes it easier for the media to get good TV footage.

Possible Disadvantages:

- Hire of suitable venue could be difficult and expensive, requiring major sponsorship.
- Space restrictions may limit some events.
- Increased danger to spectators will require stringent safety rules.

3. Boomerang Throwing as Part of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Obviously there is a lot of scope here, and as boomerang throwing is one of the very few indigenous Australian sports, it should not be too difficult to persuade the organizers that this would be a good idea. Some of the ideas that are presently kicking around:

- Five boomerangs trailing smoke of different colours to be thrown simultaneously to form the Olympic rings symbol when viewed from above. (requires technical experimentation)
- Lighting the Olympic Torch with a boomerang. (This may not be as difficult as it sounds - any volunteers?)
- Choreographed boomerang demonstration with massed international throwers using different types of boomerangs, e.g. fast catch, Aussie round, MTA as well as more novel types. (suggestions are welcome)

4. Night Demonstrations.

These can be particularly spectacular when done properly. A variety of different boomerangs and lighting techniques including Cylume, L.E.D.'s and sparklers can be used effectively in combination with appropriate music to produce a memorable experience for the audience. I have been producing this type of show for over a year in Western Australia and can report a much more positive public response to them than I have ever managed to achieve with day time demonstrations.

National and International Clubs and Associations Liaison.

Whatever form our participation takes, it will be a great advantage if not essential to present a united front when dealing with the Sydney 2000 Olympic Organizing Committee. It will also be important that our proposals be in a concrete and achievable form before we approach them. We look forward to getting your response and suggestions and would request that your organization appoint a liaison person to correspond with Sam and I to facilitate this. The first things we would like to know are

- the number of active throwers in your organization
- any other recently formed boomerang clubs which you know of

We wish you happy throwing and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

ROGER PERRY
(WBA Interim President)



12/11/98

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS - DIDIER BONIN

Didier Bonin from France, who is world renowned for his great boomerangs and the fantastic art work that goes into each of his booms, has written to the BAA asking if any members would like to trade boomerangs with him, or send some of your boomerangs so that they could be included in a "Boomerang Exposition" that Didier plans to hold in Dijon next year.

For further information you can write to Didier at 15 Rue Vannerie, 21000 Dijon France or for the impatient Didier can be phoned on France 80.73.10.81.

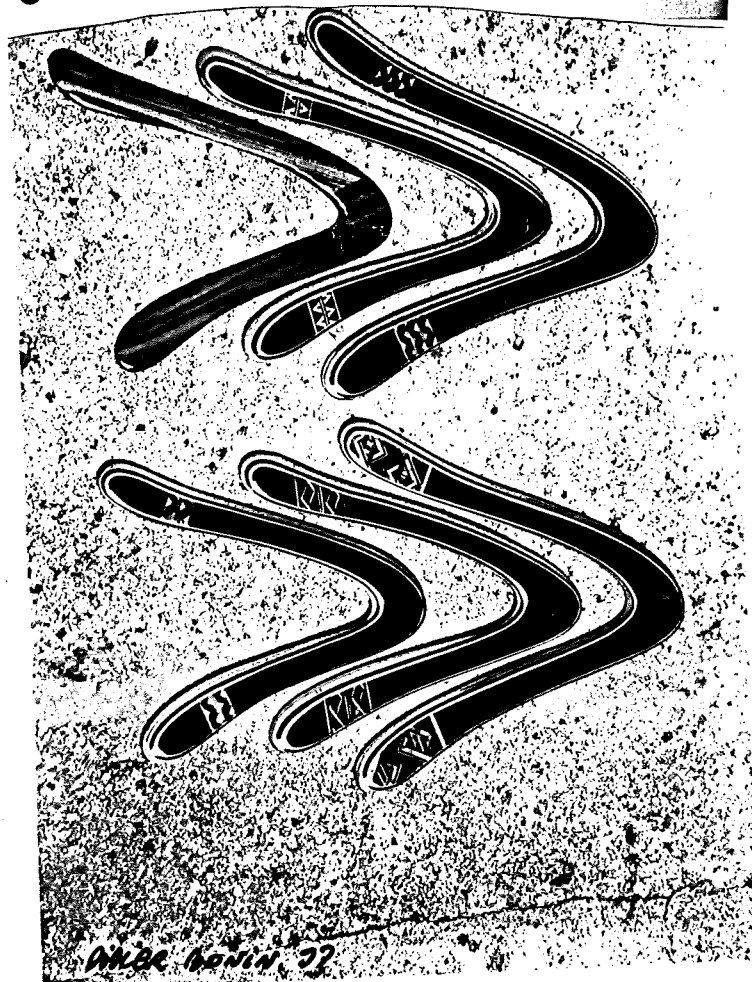
The following pictures are of some of Didier's latest pieces of Boomerang art.



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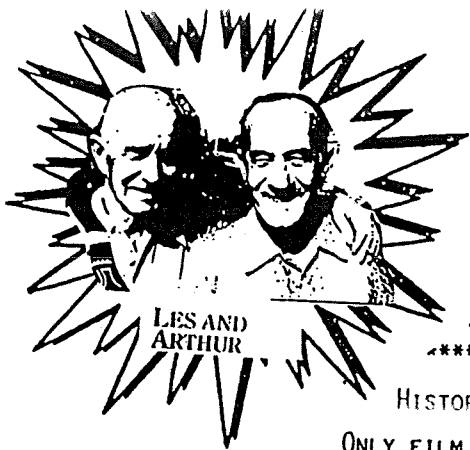


Didier Bonin '73



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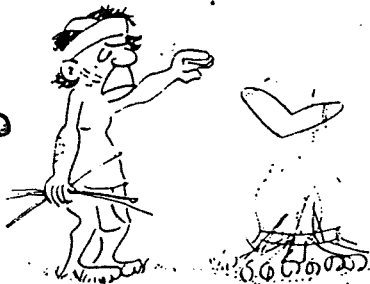
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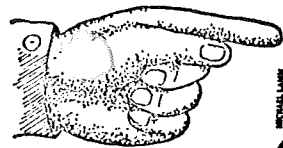
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