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Wrong stick, Buster! Throw this one, or fetch it yourself!!

Next Edition —

World famous historic boomerang mysteriously disappears en route — full story.

Ian Sproul's report on Japan's 1994 World Cup.

I had a great time over in Japan at the World Team Championships. I think everyone would agree that the Championships were certainly worth going to. Yoshi had put in a huge effort to organise the Championships and that all showed. The opening ceremony was very lavish with brass bands, marching girls, and the Australian Ambassador, who opened the Championships. There were about five other dignitaries who gave speeches welcoming the throwers to Japan. Included in the ceremony was a competitive boomerang demonstration put on by Chet Snouffer and Fridolin Frost, and finally a night boomerang demonstration with fireworks by Roger, Gary and me. It was certainly a very professional show. The only problem with the show was that there were so few people to see it. There would have been only 200 at the most, with a stadium capable of seating 20,000.

The Team Competitions were the best I have ever attended. The major difference with this championship was that none of the throwers had to be involved with line judging, time keeping, etc. Others did that. This was very much appreciated by all the throwers, since the temperatures were in the high 30s and the humidity extremely high.

The accommodation was nothing special, but was quite adequate. The hotel was only a short 5 minutes walk from the stadium. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were provided. All the meals were typical Japanese which I enjoyed very much, and they gave us plenty of variety. After the last day of competitions there was a closing banquet at a near-by restaurant. This gave everyone a good opportunity to thank organisers and sponsors and catch up with all the throwers.

The Individual was the biggest disappointment for me on the way it was run. At first there were only going to be three events: Fast Catch; Trick Catch; and MTA. After much dispute Aussie Round was finally included. With the inclusion of Aussie Round they cut out all practice to save time. The only practice we got was a 30 second practice for the first round of Fast Catch. All other events were straight into it. Another problem I had with the Championships was the scoring system they used, the American system. That is the first 30 people received a score and the rest zero. They did not announce this till half way through the day. For this scoring system you have to use totally different tactics and it is not good enough to throw safely first, but to try and blitz and hope that you can put a round together. This is the first time I have been involved with this type of scoring system and I definitely do not like it, as I think it does not give a true ranking of the skill of the thrower. A good thrower is one that is good in all events, not just one or two events which this system tends to promote.

The throwers I was most impressed with were Chet Snouffer (U.S.A.), Torsten Fredrick (Germany), Yannick Charles (France), Earl Tutty (N.Z.), John Flynn (U.S.A.), Casey Laurence (U.S.A.), Gregg Snouffer (U.S.A.), Thomas Stehrenbeck (Swiss) and, of course, Matthieu Weber (Swiss). Not all throwers I have mentioned finished in the top ten, but over four days of competition they stood out for their skill and consistent throwing.

After the competitions throwers had a chance to get involved in a home-stay program, where you stayed with a Japanese family. I had a few days free after the competitions so I was able to take part. Staying with the family was a great time experiencing their home life and sharing some of their customs. After my stay I have a great deal of respect for their culture. I found them to be very generous, caring and thoughtful. This was not just the family that gave me this impression but everyone I met over there. I spent a great deal of time travelling on the trains and walking around Tokyo at all times of the day. I always felt safe. Not needing to look over my shoulder all the time was so pleasant. I enjoyed every minute of my time in Japan and recommend it to anyone...with plenty of money!!

FORMER EDITOR OF THE BULLETIN, STEVE DRUMMOND OF CANBERRA, RECEIVED THIS WRITE-UP IN A GOVERNMENT MAGAZINE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. STEVE WAS INVENTIVE IN HIS MAKING, EVEN USING OLD COMPUTER BOARDS!



Return to Sender

Australians don't know much about boomerangs.

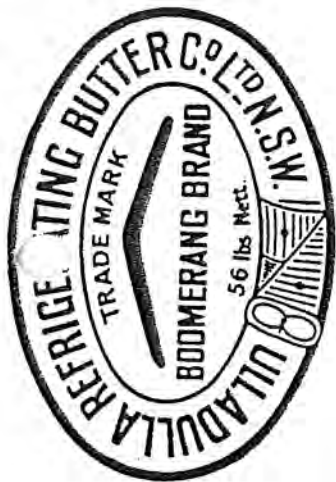
A surprising statement, considering boomerangs hail from Down Under, but in the international sport of boomerang throwing, Australia ranks down the ladder behind countries such as West Germany and America.

But it is not so surprising when you see the high-tech, aerodynamic throwing sticks used in the sport. The space age boomerangs bear little resemblance to the weapons Aboriginal people have used since the Dreamtime.

Steve Drummond, a Departmental job-re-designing facilitator, is bonkers about boomerangs.

He has been throwing them about for four years and his house is decorated with boomerang paraphernalia.

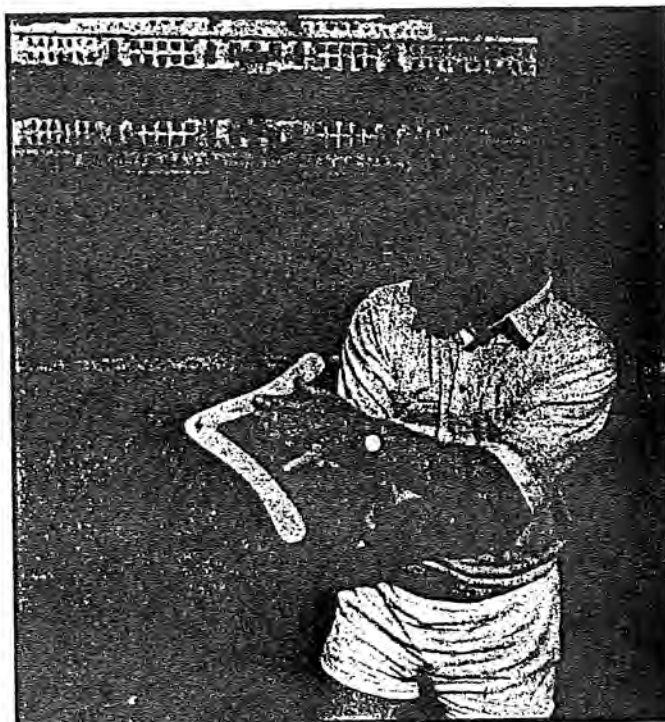
Steve is a prolific maker of boomerangs but he does not sit around a campfire fashioning a



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Enthusiast Steve Drummond demonstrates the finer points of a little-known sport - boomerang throwing.

weapon from a heavy log of n:ulga.

His streamlined boomerangs owe more to modern aerodynamics than ancient traditions. But his boomerangs do come back.

As editor of the Boomerang Association of Australia's Australian Boomerang Bulletin, Steve has seen the seamy side of the sport - fly-by-night operators selling 'guaranteed to return' boomerangs.

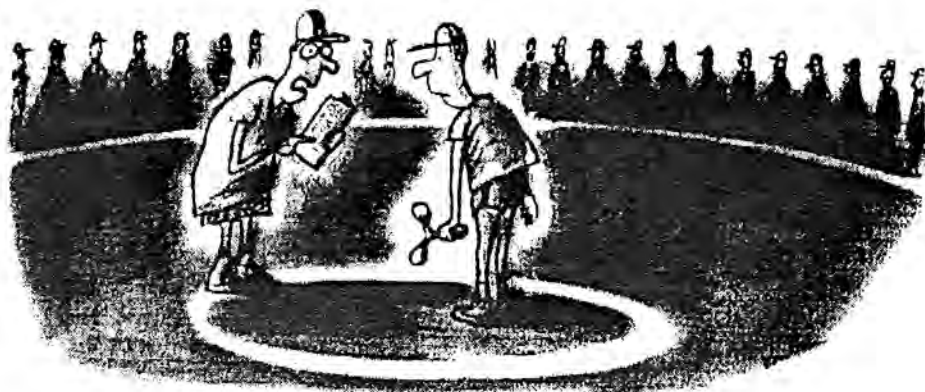
Steve says the cheap and nasties never do return and neither do the disgruntled buyers. It seems many Australians believe boomerangs don't come back.

With only 150 members on the Australian Boomerang Association's books, interest here in the sport is small but internationally it is booming.

'West Germany, the world champions, have something like 2500 members', Steve said.

'They use state-of-the-art boomerangs - carbon fibres, the latest materials.

'But throwing a boomerang is great fun - I'd recommend it to anyone'.



-New rules, buddy : 40 spotters per circle.

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Thanks to Ted Bailey & Olivier.

Alternative Events Hone Skills... But Who Pays The Doctor's Bills?

Gunter Moeller or Dormagen Germany wrote to explain his alternative boomerang event, "The Tapir Terror Round," better known as "Death by Boom Suicide," and, also, as a speed combination of Accuracy, Trick Catch and Fast Catch.

Gunter, who is renowned for his off-the-wall tournaments, introduced the Tapir Round to competition in 1993 and set off a rash of combination-type events, including Speed Trick Catch, which has become a popular game here in the U.S.

As Gunter points out, these events are "Not only good fun to play and easy to follow by spectators, but it gives boomerang throwing a new dimension: to do what you can do quicker than usual!"

In Tapir Terror Round, the thrower is timed to see how long it takes to get: thirty points in accuracy, the first 6 trick catches in order (or 5 accuracy points if dropped) and five fast catches. The clock starts when the first accuracy throw is made and stops when the final fast catch is caught. The lowest combined time for the entire round wins.

Tapir Round World Record

105,81 sec by Wolfgang "Fridolin" Frost from Bad Schwartau, Germany at the Tapir-Cup 1993.

The 20 Best MTA100 Scores In The World (In Competition) of All Time

1min, 24.67 sec.	Fridolin Frost	Germany '89
1min, 11.15 sec	Paul David	USA '91
1min 07.00 sec	Udo Weining	Germany '89
1min 04.50 sec	John Gibney	Australia '91
1min 03.18 sec	Paul Gajski	Germany '93
59.92 sec	Frido Frost	Germany
59.27 sec	Rob Broll	Australia '94
58.54 sec	John Gorski	USA '94
57.53 sec	Stephane Cautain	France '90
56.03 sec	Gunter Wandtke	Austria '94
55.70 sec	Jim Youngblood	USA '91
55.27 sec	Pico Picgirard	France '89
54.56 sec	Didier Bonin	France '93
54.09 sec	Gary LaMothe	USA '89
51.40 sec	Wil Gix	USA '92
51.28 sec	Steve Kavanaugh	USA '92
50.67 sec	John Derden	USA '88
50.58 sec	Gerrit Lemkau	Germany '94
49.37 sec	Doug DuFresne	USA '87
49.01 sec	John Koehier	USA '88

MTA Unlimited World Record

2min 59.96 sec Dennis Joyce USA '87

MTA Feat (Outside Of Competition)

17min 06 sec John Gorski USA '93

source: PROFIL, the newsletter of IART Boomerang Club, France

FRANCE

Didier Bonin has compiled his latest (3/95) listing of official competition records. A summary of all records, by event in the USA, Australia, and Europe follows:

Australian Round

USA	92	Mark Weary (1993)
	92	John Flynn (1993)
Australia	90	Br. Brian Thomas ('83)
Germany	88	Fridolin Frost (1994)

Accuracy

USA	48	Paul David (1991)
	48	Dennis Joyce (1992)
	48	Chet Snouffer (1993)
Australia	48	Dennis Maxwell (1983)
	48	Adam Carroll (1994)
France	49	Philippe Picgirard ('90)
Germany	49	Uwe Niederstrasser ('93)
Swiss	49	Jurg Schedler (1993)

Fast Catch

USA	16.74	Rob Parkins (1992)
Australia	20.35	Rob Croll (1992)
France	15.03	Gregory Bisiaux ('91)

Endurance

USA	75	Rob Parkins (1992)
Australia	58	Rob Croll (1988)
France	73	Matthieu Weber (1991)

MTA100

USA	1:11.15	Paul David (1991)
Australia	1:04.50	John Gibney (1991)
Germany	1:24.67	Fridolin Frost (1989)

MTAunlimited

USA	2:59.94	Dennis Jo (1987)
Australia	2:33.18	Rob Croll (1992)
France	1:38.88	P. Picgirard (1989)

Max Consecutive Catches

USA	817	Michael Girvin (1994)
Australia	765	Rob Croll (1989)
France	802	S. Marguerite (1989)

Juggling

USA	502	Chet Snouffer (1992)
Australia	69	Bob Burwell (1982)
Germany	353	Fridolin Frost (1993)

Distance

USA	134.20	J. Youngblood ('89)
Australia	113.00	Bob Burwell (1982)
France	149.12	M. DuFayard (1992)

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Many Happy Returns

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Thanks to Many Happy Returns for these articles.
P.S. Rob Broll should be Rob Croll, and Gunter
Wandtke should be Australia, not Austria!

From Ted Bailey's
Boomerang News. Thanks.

1995 ALBURY BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS AT XAVIER COLLEGE,ALBURY.

6TH MAY,1995,ARTHUR JANETZKI'S 91ST BIRTHDAY!

COMPETITOR	ACCURACY	SAME BOOM	CONSEC.CT.	FAST CT.	AUSSIE R.	MTA 100	OVER-ALL
BR. THOMAS	38/2ND	54/1ST	3/6TH	48.9/6TH	28/10TH	18.06/7	98.5/4TH
BR. MC RAE	16/16TH	27/9TH	DNC	DNC	4/18TH	DNC	31/14TH
A. JANETZKI	28/6TH	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	15/16TH
T. PATTERSON	26/9TH	30/8TH	1/8TH	4CT/9TH	31/8TH	DNC	62.5/9TH
K. MORAN	23/11TH	17/11TH	4/5TH	40.5/5TH	35/7TH	20.6/5TH	82/8TH
R. CROLL	30/4TH	41/2ND	8/2ND	38.2/3RD	52/1ST	37.4/1ST	123.5/1ST
B. CARTER	42/1ST	35/6TH	9/1ST	33.1/2ND	49/4TH	28.1/2ND	120/2ND
BR. SHOEBRIDGE	27/7TH	8/13TH	6/3RD	64.0/8TH	52/2ND	0/10TH	86/7TH
R. FREEBODY	23/12TH	40/3RD	0/9TH	29.8/1ST	27/11TH	19.4/6TH	86.5/6TH
G. WANDTKE	27/7TH	32/7TH	5/4TH	39.1/4TH	51/3RD	26.4/3RD	100/3RD
M. PATTERSON	30/4TH	10/12TH	DNC	DNC	31/8TH	DNC	38/11TH
MAXWELL	17/15TH	37/5TH	DNC	DNC	46/5TH	DNC	37.5/12TH
JOHN WILSON	25/10TH	40/3RD	3/6TH	53.8/7TH	46/5TH	22.3/4TH	90/5TH

***** JUNIORS *****

MEGAN PATT.	10/19TH	DNC	DNC	DNC	8/17TH	DNC	6/20TH
WAYNE PATT.	14/17TH	7/14TH	DNC	DNC	21/14TH	DNC	17.5/15TH
MARK PATT.	0/20TH	DNC	DNC	DNC	11/15TH	DNC	7/19TH
JAMES MAXW.	14/17TH	DNC	DNC	DNC	10/16TH	DNC	8/18TH
SCOTT MAX.	22/12TH	DNC	DNC	DNC	10/16TH	DNC	13/17TH
TRENT CARTER	20/14TH	DNC	DNC	0CT/11TH	26/12TH	7.5/9TH	37.5/12TH
CRAIG CARTER	32/3RD	22/10TH	DNC	2CT/10TH	26/12TH	17.0/8TH	62.5/9TH

NEAREST THE PIN (ARTHUR JANETZKI AWARD): BR. BRIAN THOMAS 485MM.

LADIES CHAMPION: MARGARET PATTERSON

JUNIOR CHAMPION: CRAIG CARTER

GIRL'S CHAMPION: MEGAN PATTERSON

ALBURY TURNED ON BEAUTIFUL SUNNY WEATHER FOR ARTHUR JANETZKI'S 91ST BIRTHDAY AND THE ALBURY CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE OPENING OF THE COMPETITION TOOK AN UNUSUAL TURN WHEN MORRIS MAXWELL AND HIS SONS, SCOTT AND JAMES, TURNED UP WITH SOME ROCKETS TO LAUNCH. MORRIS WAS ALSO ARMED WITH HIS MOBILE PHONE. WITH THIS HE RANG CARL NAYLOR IN BROOKLYN, U.S.A., SO THAT CARL COULD WISH ARTHUR A HAPPY 91ST, AS ARTHUR PRESSED THE BUTTON TO LAUNCH THE MAXWELL ROCKET A THOUSAND FEET INTO THE AIR. WHAT AN OPENING!! THIS CEREMONY WAS REPEATED LATE AT NIGHT WITH CYALUM LIQUID POURED OVER THE ROCKET. WE SAW THE ROCKET GO UP, BUT NOT COME DOWN. IT WAS FOUND LESS THAN 20 M FROM THE LAUNCH.

ARTHUR THREW IMPRESSIVELY TO GAIN 6TH PLACE IN THE ACCURACY. TROPHIES WERE 29 FRAMED PICTURES OF ARTHUR, IN VARIOUS POSES.. AND SIGNED BY ARTHUR.

MANY THANKS TO XAVIER COLLEGE FOR THE GROUNDS AND ACCOMMODATION.

RAY FREEBODY PROVED THE WILD CARD IN FAST CATCH.. WELL DONE, RAY!

A GREAT DAY WAS HAD BY ALL. BETTY EASTON MADE ARTHUR'S CAKE.. SCRUMPTIOUS!!!

Barrie Forsyth, our outstanding South Australian left hand thrower, is a noted researcher of Boomerang History. He has come up with this enlightening account of the origins of the Victorian Team. Read on!!

re Victorian Boomerang Team - 1858

Gentlemen, there has been some publicity about this being the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Boomerang Association of Australia, in Melbourne. That may well be, but let us not get carried away, for I have recently discovered a photo of a Melbourne team pre-dating the BAA by 111 years!

I have made a close study of the photograph, a copy of which is enclosed. It has been intriguing to note the similarities and differences to the present day.

Firstly, the rear row are obviously the officials - not a boomerang between them, although I could be mistaken about the bloke on the right. The bloke on the left is obviously the judge, as he is holding a "whistle" in his right hand - boomerang throwers were obviously as unruly then as they are today - as well as the shield to protect himself from boomerangs. Man, if you got hit with a boomerang in those days, you knew you had been hit - and you know how hard it is to get a good judge, so why not let him protect himself from stray boomerangs? It's a pretty safe bet (at least as safe as backing the Crows for premiers!) that the judge is a forbear of Dennis Maxwell. He has that 'no-nonsense, let's get on with the comp.' look about him. The other four in the rear row are range stewards. The stewards also have shields, used in the days before the Japanese supplied helmets, and are more warmly dressed than the team, who are able to run about to get warm.

In the front row we have the team, most of whom are identifiable as ancestors of present day throwers. On the left is the great great great grandfather of Morris Maxwell, which is obvious from the beard. Next is the Bruce Carter ancestor, holding his boomerang in the traditional hand and exhibiting a touch of flamboyance with the headband. Frankly, the third bloke in the front row has me a bit puzzled. Perhaps someone with more knowledge of the Melbourne scene can identify him? As he has a shield and not a boomerang, but is dressed in the team uniform, I can only assume that he is a team reserve (there are 5 throwers beside him) and doubles as a

range steward. The young fellow next must be a Croll - no hair on the top lip and lairising with a trick catch on the shoulder. Next comes the playing coach who can't resist showing how to throw even while being photographed! That would make him a Thomas ancestor, but obviously back before the Thomas's got their ends mixed up. I puzzled over the bloke on the right, until I spotted his light coloured boomerang and realised that the shield was a concession to an aging Sinclair to protect his crook shoulder. The slighter build also has the stamp of a Sinclair - he'd never make the 100kg super league!

One thing's for certain, the way they are rugged up and sheltering in the trees, the Melbourne weather wasn't any better back 136 years ago!

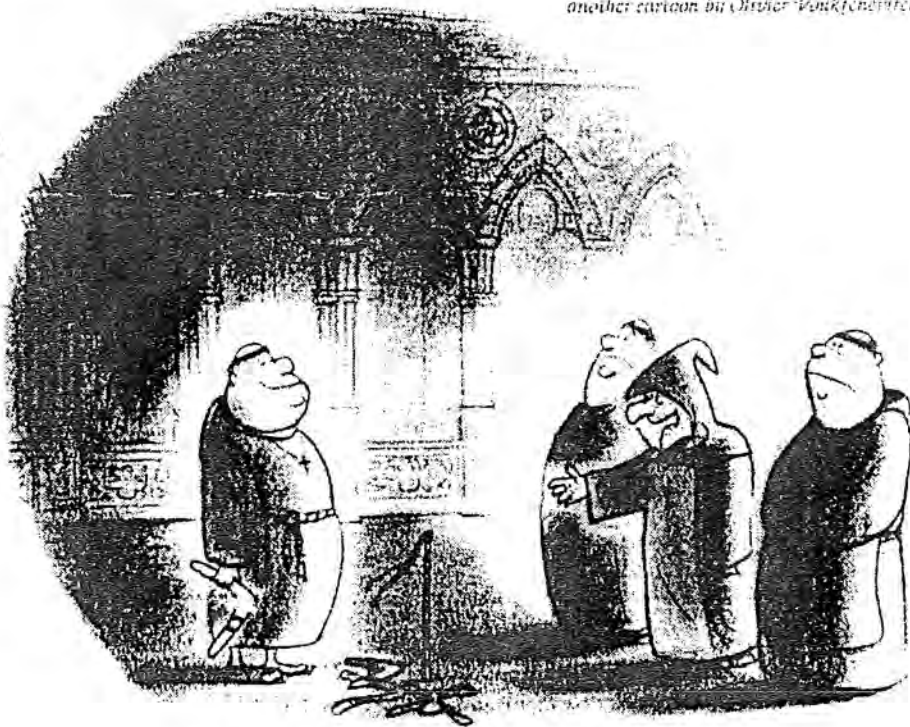
Regards, Barrie

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another cartoon by Olivier Vouktchevitch

A group of men from the Yarra
with a boomerang gained in 1858



- And here is Brother Barnaby, From Melbourne.



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Another great cartoon of Olivier Vouktchevitch
of France from Ted's magazine.

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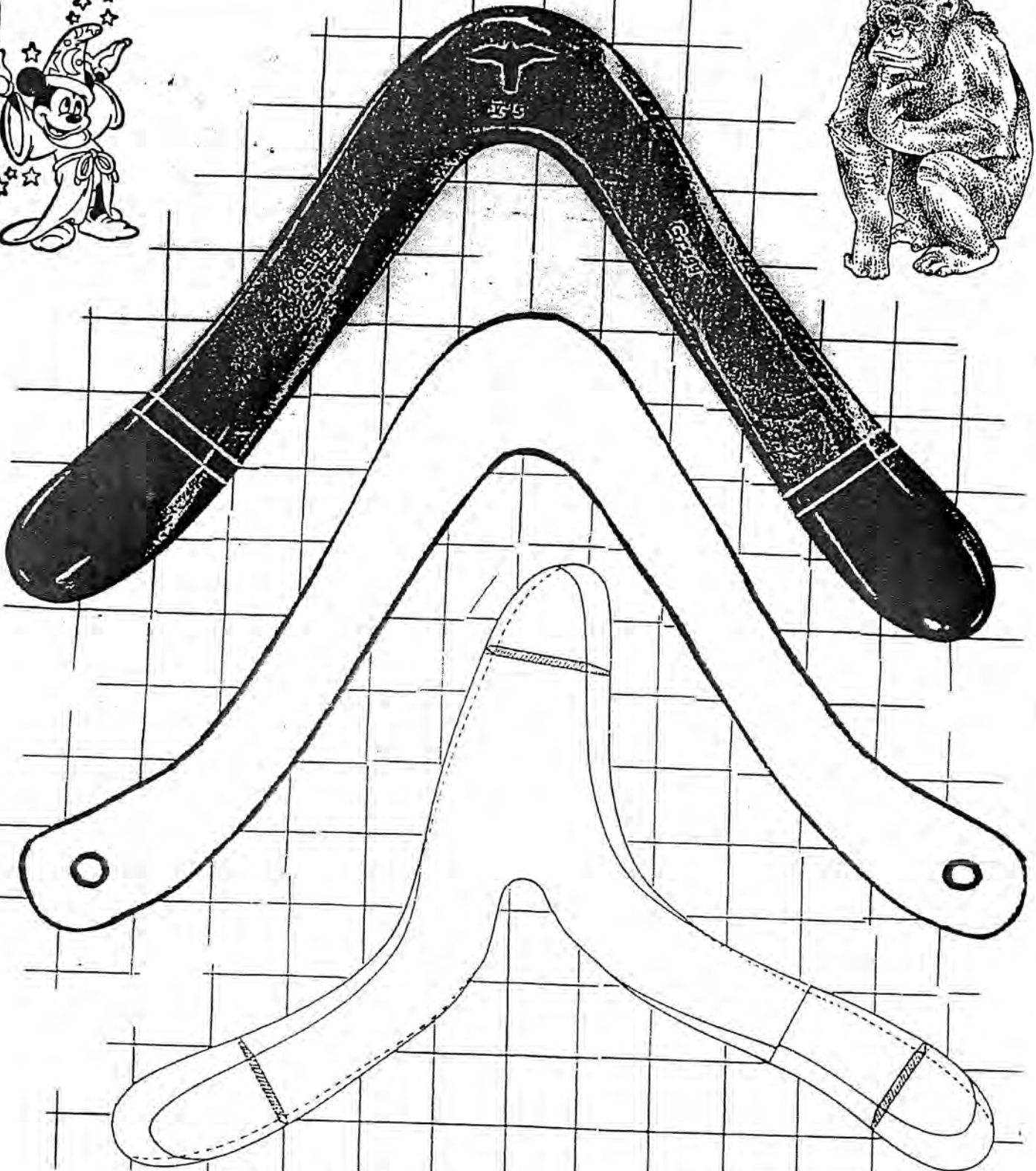


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Boom Plans

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WORLD LEGEND DIES AT 91.

ON AUGUST 6TH, 1995, THE WORLD MOURNED THE LOSS OF MASSIVE LIFE IN JAPAN FIFTY YEARS AGO WITH THE DROPPING OF THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, AUGUST 7TH, 1995, THE WORLD LOST ITS OLDEST AND MOST FAMOUS COMPETITIVE BOOMERANG THROWER WHEN ARTHUR GUSTAV JANETZKI QUIETLY PASSED AWAY IN THE ALBURY BASE HOSPITAL AT THE RIPE OLD AGE OF 91 YEARS 93 DAYS. JUST 93 DAYS BEFORE HE DIED ARTHUR HAD COMPETED IN THE ANNUAL ALBURY BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINISHED 6TH OUT OF 20 COMPETITORS. PRIZES GIVEN OUT THAT DAY WERE 29 FRAMED PICTURES OF ARTHUR, PRIZES TO BE TREASURED BY THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO WIN ONE.

ARTHUR WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST BOOMERANG CLUB, THE ALBURY BOOMERANG CLUB, AND THEN A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, THE OFFICIAL SPORTING BODY OF BOOMERANG THROWING IN AUSTRALIA. THIS WAS FOUNDED IN 1969 AND ITS RULES WERE BASED ^{ON} THOSE OF THE ABORIGINAL GROUP, THE HAROLD BLAIR INSTITUTE. IN 1979 THE SMALL SPORT WAS OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A SPORT AND BECAME PART OF THE CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN SPORT: MORRIS MAXWELL ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND BR. BRIAN THOMAS THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOOMERANG COACH.

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WAS HELD IN AUSTRALIA WITH A USA CHALLENGE IN NOVEMBER 1981 WITH A 10 MAN TEAM WHICH COMPETED IN MELBOURNE, ALBURY AND SYDNEY. ARTHUR AND HIS OLDER BROTHER, LES, WHO DIED IN 1987 AGED 86, WERE CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN OF THE ALBURY TEAM WHICH DEFEATED THE STRONG AMERICAN SIDE.

BOTH ARTHUR AND LES WERE WORLD RENOWNED FOR THE BEAUTIFUL BOOMERANGS THEY MADE. LES MADE THEM FROM BIRCH PLY FROM DISCARDED GESTETNAR BOXES AND ARTHUR DID THE ART WORK ON THEM. THEY ARE THE NUMBER ONE COLLECTOR ITEMS IN THE BOOMERANG WORLD AND SELL FOR HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN THE USA. MOST OF THEIR BOOMERANGS WERE GIVEN AWAY BY THEM.

ARTHUR AND LES GAVE THE SPORT OF BOOMERANG THROWING SOMETHING MOST SPORTS ALWAYS SEEK.. RESPECTABILITY. THEY WERE TRUE GENTLEMEN THROUGH AND THROUGH. A DISPARAGING WORD NEVER CAME FROM THEIR LIPS. THEY WERE FAMOUS VAUDEVILLE PERFORMERS IN THE 20s AND 30s. TOGETHER WITH THEIR BROTHER HAROLD THEY WERE KNOWN AS THE JANETZKI TRIO AND PERFORMED ON THE MARIMBAS AND XYLOPHONES ALL AROUND AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. WHEN THE 'TALKIES' CAME IN THEY RETIRED FROM SHOW BUSINESS AND CONCENTRATED ON THEIR PROFESSION OF SMALL STORE OPERATORS.. GROCERS! LES USED TO RIDE THE BIKE AROUND ALBURY AND TAKE THE ORDERS IN THE MORNING WHILE ARTHUR WOULD DELIVER THEM ON THE BIKE IN THE AFTERNOON.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE OF FOUR YEARS BETWEEN THEM, THEY WERE KNOWN AS 'THE TWINS' BY THE PEOPLE OF ALBURY SINCE THEY WERE SO SIMILAR IN SIZE AND HABITS. THEY TRAVELLED AFAR FOR BOOMERANG COMPETITIONS TAKING PART IN MOOMBA IN MELBOURNE, THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT DARLINGTON POINT, AND SYDNEY COMPS, AS WELL ALBURY, WHERE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE HELD FOR MANY YEARS. THEY WON MANY TROPHIES FOR ACCURACY. BOTH HAD TAKEN UP THE SPORT IN THEIR 60s, AND NOW APPEAR IN EVERY BOOK OVERSEAS THAT COMES OUT ON BOOMERANGS. (MOST BOOKS ON BOOMERANGS ARE PRODUCED OVERSEAS.)

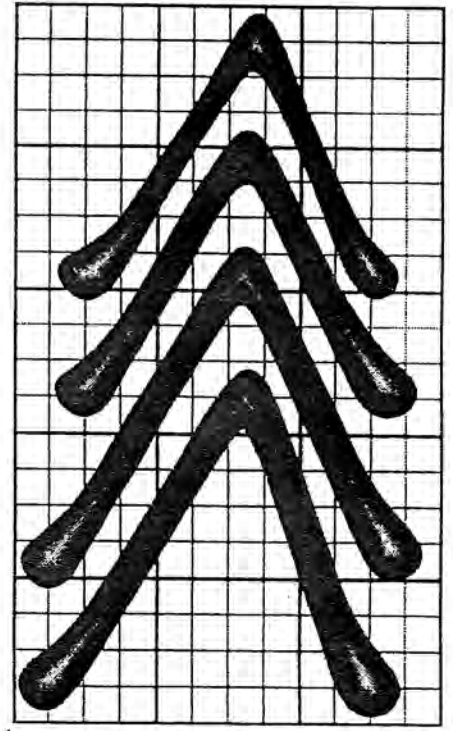
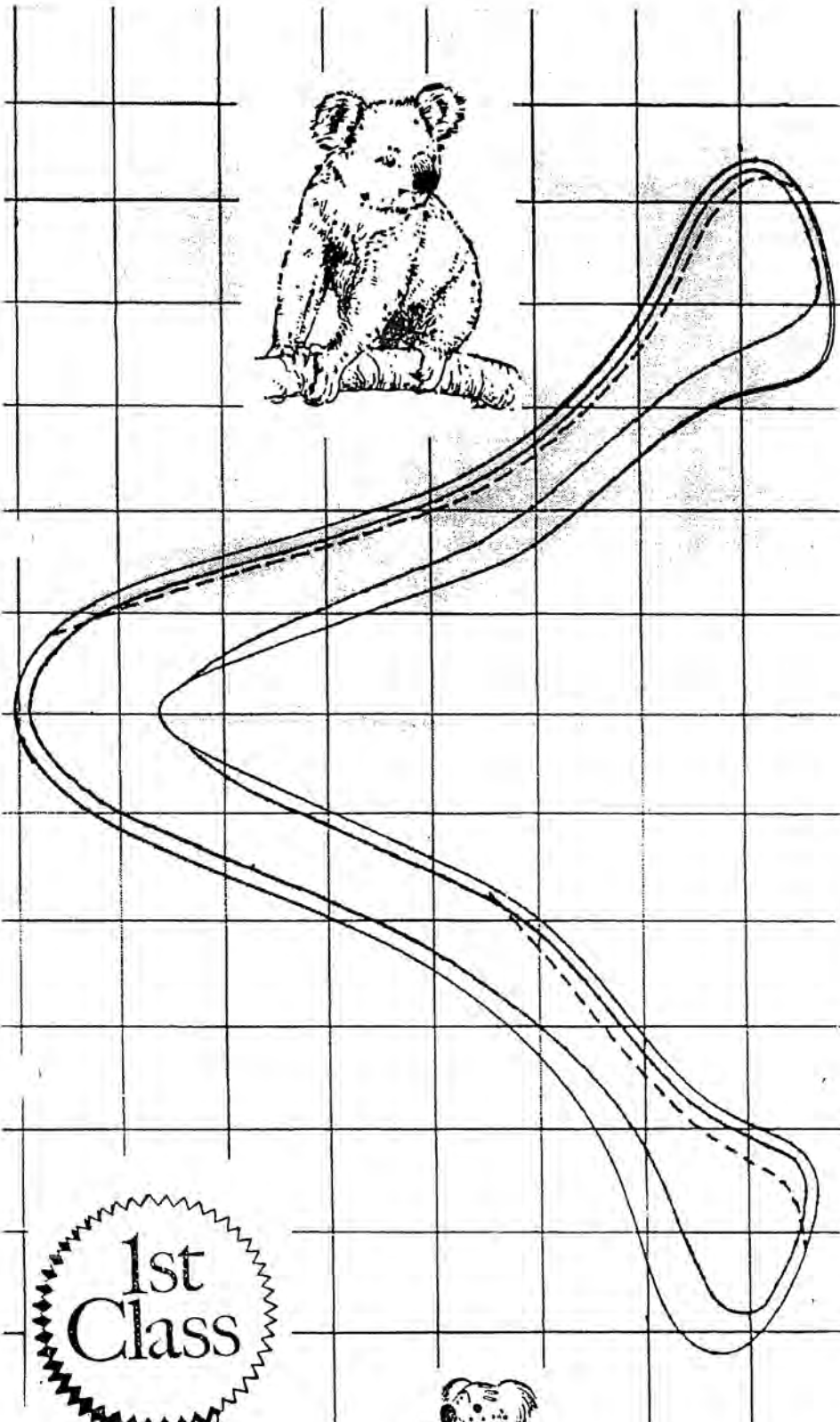
LES AND ARTHUR ARE THE PATRONS OF THE BOOMERANG THROWING ASSOCIATION OF NSW (STATE BODY OF THE BAA). THE PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR THE CENTRAL COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS IS THE ARTHUR JANETZKI TROPHY. THIS YEAR IT WAS ACTUALLY WON BY A VISITING JAPANESE THROWER!

WITH THE PASSING OF ARTHUR JANETZKI, THE BOOMERANG WORLD HAS LOST A TRUE GENTLEMAN AND OUTSTANDING SPORTSMAN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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P.S. ARTHUR JANETZKI WILL BE BURIED ON THURSDAY MORNING AT 10.30 FROM TRINITY UNITING CHURCH, MATE ST., ALBURY.

I AM DRIVING TO ALBURY ON WEDNESDAY TO ATTEND AND GIVE THE TALK.



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Darnell's Boomerang Evolution

In a follow up to last issue's story of the evolution of Axel Heckner's fast catch model, through Eric Darnell's juggling adaptations, to Chet Snouffer's world record winning Pterodactyl jugglers, here is yet another story of boomerang evolution, where one shape is borrowed, modified and adapted technologically to fit a certain competitive niche. It's the story of Eric's 1979 "Wishbone" model, which was popular for windy conditions, and was picked up by Germany's Volker Behrens, who employed innovations such as reduced size, narrower airfoils, and new materials to make a virtual "Wind Cheater." Then Europeans Jonas Romblad and Ola Walberg made their own variations with 1993's 50+ meter paxolin models #1 and #2 shown above, respectively. These models were seen last year as the ultimate Aussie Round wind booms. But that may change, as Eric began doing his own experimenting again, stretching the arms in the third model, and reducing the elbow angle in the fourth to produce a forgiving 50+ meter flight in about any wind condition. All four models are made of 3mm Phenolic and weigh 24, 36, 44 and 46 grams respectively.

*Reprinted from Boomerang News, Issue #9

Booms On The Centerfold

(see page 16 for details)

Page 10: Top to bottom: "Phoebe" model by Ray Fauquet. Materials: 1/4 inch plywood, Rated: Easy to make and use, beginner model.

"Awaze" model by Tibor Horvath. Materials: 5mm or 1/4 inch plywood, or 3mm phenolic (more advanced). Distance: unweighted-30 meters, weighted- 60meters.

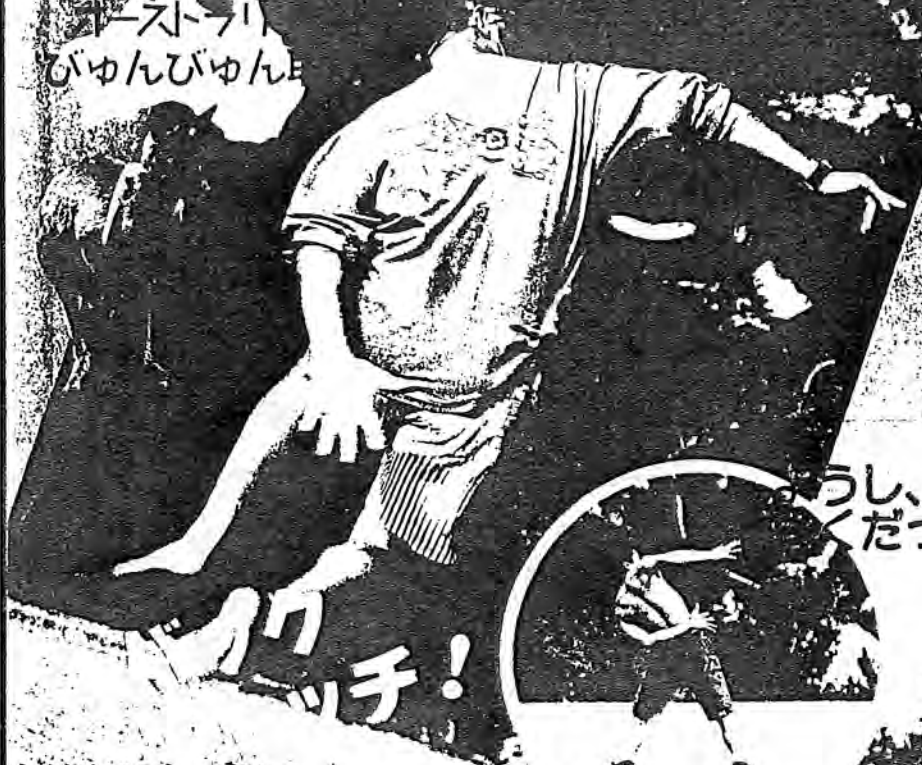
"Pterodactyll" juggler by Chet Snouffer. Material- 4mm plywood, weighted and flapped to fly identical to the second one.

Page 11: "Viper" aussie round model by Ollie Von Kempen. Material- 3mm phenolic, unweighted. Distance- 50+ meters. Good in wind.



all squares are 1" X 1"

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うし、
くだって!

超名人わざ



ジャンボ
キヤッチャン

ほんと
優勝しちゃった!!



オーストリアでは大人も子どももブーメランが大すき! 原っぱに円をかいてそこから投げ、近くにもどすのをきってたり、むずかしいキヤッチを見せあつたり。楽しかったよ!



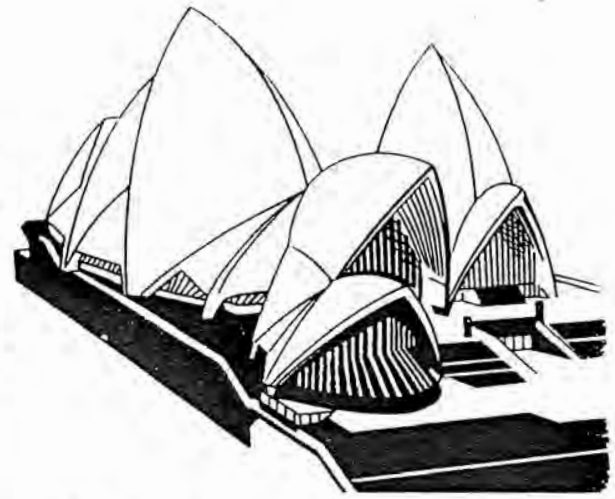
シブニーという町できょう
余りたつので飛び入りさんかだ!



THE FIRST SEVEN PAGES OF THE LATEST JAPANESE COMIC FEATURES NOBU AND BOOMERANGS. THIS PAGE SHOWS OUR CENTRAL COAST COMP. ROGER PERRY IS THE MAIN AUSSIE 'STAR'.

SYDNEY

33.55° SOUTH
151.10° EAST
NEW SOUTH WALES
AUSTRALIA 2000



EASTERN SUBURBS BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS 1995 AT WAVERLEY 16/7/95

COMPETITORS	ACCURACY	AUSSIE RD.	CATCHING ACC.	SAME BOOM.	OVER-ALL
KEN ARTHUR	23/11TH	13/13TH	3/E7TH	50/3RD	156/11TH
GUNTER WANDTKE	30/E6TH	67/3RD	8/1ST*	46/5TH	179.5/3RD
TE. PATTERSON	30/E6TH	15/10TH	4/E4TH	26/E8TH	162/7TH
BR. BRIAN THOMAS	21/12TH	23/8TH	7/E2ND	61/1ST*	172/4TH
MARG PATTERSON	19/13TH	18/9TH	4/E4TH	26/E8TH	156.5/E9TH
BRUCE CARTER	45/1ST*	69/2ND	7/E2ND	35/6TH	185/1ST
KAYE CARTER	25/10TH	28/E5TH	2/12TH	25/E10TH	154/12TH
ADAM CARROLL	38/2ND	70/1ST*	3/E7TH	58/2ND	183/2ND
EDDIE SILADI	26/9TH	14/E11TH	DNC	DNC	75.5/13TH
KEVIN MORAN	32/E4TH	14/E11TH	3/E7TH	25/E10TH	156.5/E9TH
HOLGER RAGOWSKI	33/3RD	28/E5TH	3/E7TH	34/7TH	167.5/6TH
ROSS LINTON	32/E4TH	27/7TH	3/E7TH	21/12TH	159.5/8TH
PIERO VON ARNIM##	28/8TH	33/4TH	4/E4TH	49/4TH	171.5/5TH

JUNIORS

MARK PATTERSON	0 PTS	14 PTS	LADIES' CHAMPION: KAYE CARTER.
WAYNE PATTERSON	10 PTS	25 PTS/2ND	
MEGAN PATTERSON	10 PTS	12 PTS	GIRLS' CHAMPION
TRENT CARTER	16 PTS/2ND	15 PTS/3RD	
CRAIG CARTER	20 PTS/1ST	33 PTS/1ST	JUNIOR CHAMPION
BLAIR DEWHURST	12 PTS/3RD	8 PTS	
JUSTIN DEWHURST	10 PTS	14 PTS	NEAREST THE PIN CHAMPION

THE CARTER CLAN FROM MELBOURNE WENT HOME HAPPY WITH THE OVER-ALL CHAMPION, LADIES' CHAMPION & JUNIOR CHAMPION! THE NIGHT BEFORE THEY TREATED A FEW OF US TO SOME SPECTACULAR NIGHT THROWING. NEW-COMER PIERO STARRED WITH A BORROWED ADAM CARROLL BOOMERANG..A RISING STAR INDEED. AND HIS WIFE, SILVIA, IS A GREAT RECORDER & COMMENTATOR TOO! THANKS TO WAVERLEY COLLEGE FOR THE GROUND..A LOVELY SETTING. SICKNESS KEPT SEVERAL THROWERS AWAY..HOPE THEY RECOVER SOON.

SEAMIST ANNUAL BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS

In March I was invited to meet with the owners of SEAMIST STUD. BAA member, Colin Foley, was living there at the time and one evening he was seen throwing his boomerangs around....

The organiser, Bev, knew that boomerang throwing would fit in with the theme at Seamist, so a tournament was quickly organised.

SEAMIST has holiday facilities on 300 acres. It adjoins the OTWAYS STATE FOREST- 120 kilometres of untouched land, so people can visit Seamist, be taught basic horsemanship, then join in on the organised trail rides through the bush. These rides can last from one hour to all day rides. All riding horses are palominos or chestnuts.

We settled on a midday start to allow visitors to look around the stud and facilities, as well as allowing sleepy heads to arrive on time!

We decided it would be the Victorian Closed Championships. It was an experimental day, to try to allow a comp for spectators too.

From next year this will be the venue where the VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS will be conducted. Next year's comp will be held as a warm up to the WORLD CUP. But be warned...this is one of the windiest places in the world! But it is a beautiful venue.

A new over-all scoring system was used for the first time in Victoria. 1st place...an extra 3 points; 2nd place...an extra 2 points; 3rd place...an extra point.

So, with winds up to 30 knots, 10 competitors entered the battle zone!! AUSSIE ROUND: Rob Croll set an early pace with 23 points. Carter blew this away with 59 points, using a double-weighted Adam Carroll paxolin, which just cut through the wind...and nearly a few spectators...as it soared out 70 metres before deciding to return. Kay Carter let the other guys know that she was back by coming in 3rd.

ENDURANCE: Maybe we should have called this Perseverance or maybe just Hope I can take a catch in 5 minutes of torture. Rohan Johnston, Rob Croll and Carter used kindergarten kids to count their leading scores of 2, 3 and 4!! The rest of the field failed to take a catch between them!

ACCURACY: Back came Kay Carter, well clear until Hubby Bruce fluked a 9 on his last throw to force a throw-off. (Both scored 16). Rohan Johnston had a credible 13, Rob scrambled 14, but claimed that if it wasn't the Carter kids knocking him off, it was their Mum making life difficult for him!

The throwers then took a break because Bev and her crew had a wonderful hot lunch waiting for them at the Seamist Restaurant.

A spectators' ACCURACY COMP was conducted with 42 newcomers showing their boomerang skills. Prizes were awarded to the winning senior/junior boy and junior girl.

So, with full bellies, what could be better than to try TRICK CATCHING out in a mini-gale. SADIR KATTAN, who has only entered 3 or 4 comps, blasted everyone away. He took his first-ever two-handed catch behind his back, as well as a two hander, which was more than enough to beat Rob and the consistent Rohan, who managed one catch each. Sadir immediately told everyone withing yelling distance that he took twice as many catches as anyone else. Look out, the World!!! Croll & Carter...one catch between them.

MAXIMUM TIME ALOFT: The wind, rain and sleet made sure this was the last event for the day. Three throws before we scrambled off. What outstanding times! 1st Rob Croll with 9.44 secs; 2nd John Wilson with 8.05 secs. Rob did have a 32 sec. flight, but it landed outside the field.

Afternoon Tea was served while the over-all was sorted out. The National results were turned around with Rob finishing $\frac{1}{2}$ point ahead of Bruce. Then followed Rohan Johnston and John Wilson.

Kay Carter won the Ladies, while Craig Carter took out the Juniors. Seamist donated two mugs and a Seamist cap to winners. They also donated a Perpetual Trophy which is on display in their restaurant.

Design: Siegfried Stiller



SEAMIST BOOMERANG COMP RESULTS.1995.

AUSSIE ROUND: Bruce Carter 59, Rob Croll 23, Kay Carter 12, John Wilson 10, Craig Carter 6, Colin Foley 4, Peter Robinson 0, Sadir Kattan 0, Trent Carter 0, Rohan Johnston 0.

ENDURANCE: Bruce Carter 4, Rob Croll 3
Rohan Johnston 2.

ACCURACY: Bruce Carter 16, Kay Carter 16, Rob Croll 14, Rohan Johnston 13, John Wilson 8, Peter Robinson 4, Sadir Kattan 2

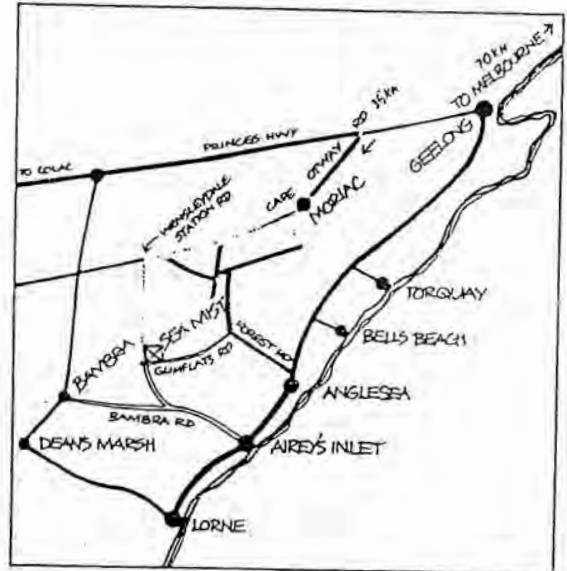
TRICK CATCHING: Sadir Kattan 2, Rob Croll & Rohan Johnston 1.

MAXIMUM TIME ALOFT: Rob Croll 9.44, John Wilson 8.05, Bruce Carter 7.92, Rohan Johnston 7.8, Craig Carter 7.63, Colin Foley 7.21, Sadir Kattan 6.36.

OVER-ALL: Rob Croll 49, Bruce Carter 48.5, Rohan Johnston 34, John Wilson 32, Sadir Kattan 27.5, Kay Carter 27, Craig Carter 23.5, Peter Robinson 19.5, Trent Carter 17, Colin Foley 10.



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COMING EVENTS: BLUE MTS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WINBOURNE, MULGOA RD., MULGOA,
ON SUNDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, AT 9.30 A.M. BR. THOMAS CONTACT.
1996 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT XAVIER COLLEGE, ALBURY, ON 4/5TH MAY.
CONTACT BR. THOMAS.

workshop

Today I want to introduce Finnish birch plywood, also called aircraft plywood as a first class work material to make boomerangs. It has two layers per mm and therefore excellent torsional and breaking strength. Commonly used is 4mm/8ply for fast catch and most other types of boomerangs. 3mm/6ply is very good for MTA rangers and small boomerangs while 6mm/12 ply can be used for big boomerangs and heavy long distance rangers.

Aircraft plywood is slightly heavier than marine plywood and therefore works best with models that are specifically designed for this type of material.

In Sydney aircraft plywood is available from all branches of MR PLYWOOD, the one at Baulkham Hills (Tel 624 3377) having the most comprehensive stock. In Melbourne a company called Austalian Plywood stocks aircraft plywood. I know that there are suppliers in other major cities and will try to compile a list for the next issue.

Current Sydney prices
prices per sheets 120 x 120 cm
and third grade, which is good
enough for our purposes.

3mm/6ply	\$ 52,00
4mm/8ply	\$ 61,50
6mm/12ply	\$ 88,00

Cutting sheets to
size and postal
delivery costs
\$ 25 extra.

Two examples of boomerangs made
from 4mm/8ply aircraft plywood.
Both pages need to be enlarged from
A3 to A4 with a fotocopier.

Robby

This model I developed from an original shape by Dutch thrower Rob Overdyke who won the fast catch at the German Championships 1983 (!) The original was 20% bigger and 5mm thick. This smaller copy I considered to be a rather unremarkable boomerang until I tried to put some coins on. I put a 5 or 10 cent coin on the marked position on the leading arm and 5 cent coins on the other two positions on the underside of the boomerang. With this equipment Robby turned out to be a dead accurate and forgiving boomerang with a range of 30 m plus. It is now my first choice for the

Australian Round in calm conditions or light wind.

Airfoil: Trailing edge 10 mm, leading edge 3 mm wide, leading edge slightly rounded off from underneath.

Holes: 8 mm holes drilled at the three places indicated for stabilizing the flight and slowing down the rotation towards the end of the flight.

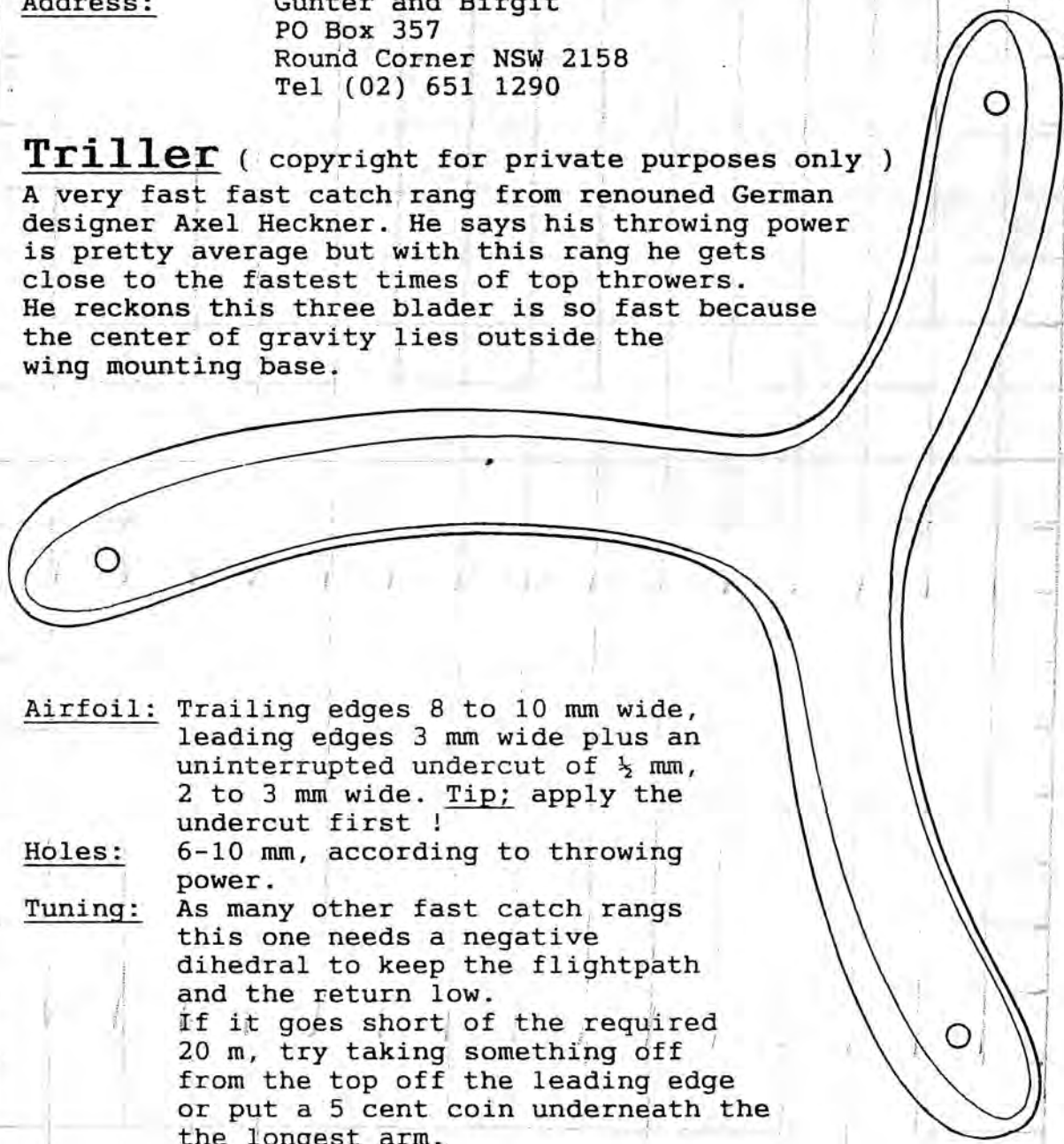
Throw: Only 20 to 30 degrees off the wind straight ahead.

Special offer: I can make a "Robby Rang" for you from aircraft plywood. Plain with clear varnish \$ 20, with fancy colourful decoration (a work of art !) added by Birgit \$ 35 plus postage. It can take some weeks for the making, so don't send any money yet, just ring or write, we let you know when it's ready.

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Triller (copyright for private purposes only)

A very fast fast catch rang from renowned German designer Axel Heckner. He says his throwing power is pretty average but with this rang he gets close to the fastest times of top throwers. He reckons this three blader is so fast because the center of gravity lies outside the wing mounting base.



Airfoil: Trailing edges 8 to 10 mm wide, leading edges 3 mm wide plus an uninterrupted undercut of $\frac{1}{2}$ mm, 2 to 3 mm wide. Tip; apply the undercut first !

Holes: 6-10 mm, according to throwing power.

Tuning: As many other fast catch rangs this one needs a negative dihedral to keep the flightpath and the return low. If it goes short of the required 20 m, try taking something off from the top off the leading edge or put a 5 cent coin underneath the the longest arm.

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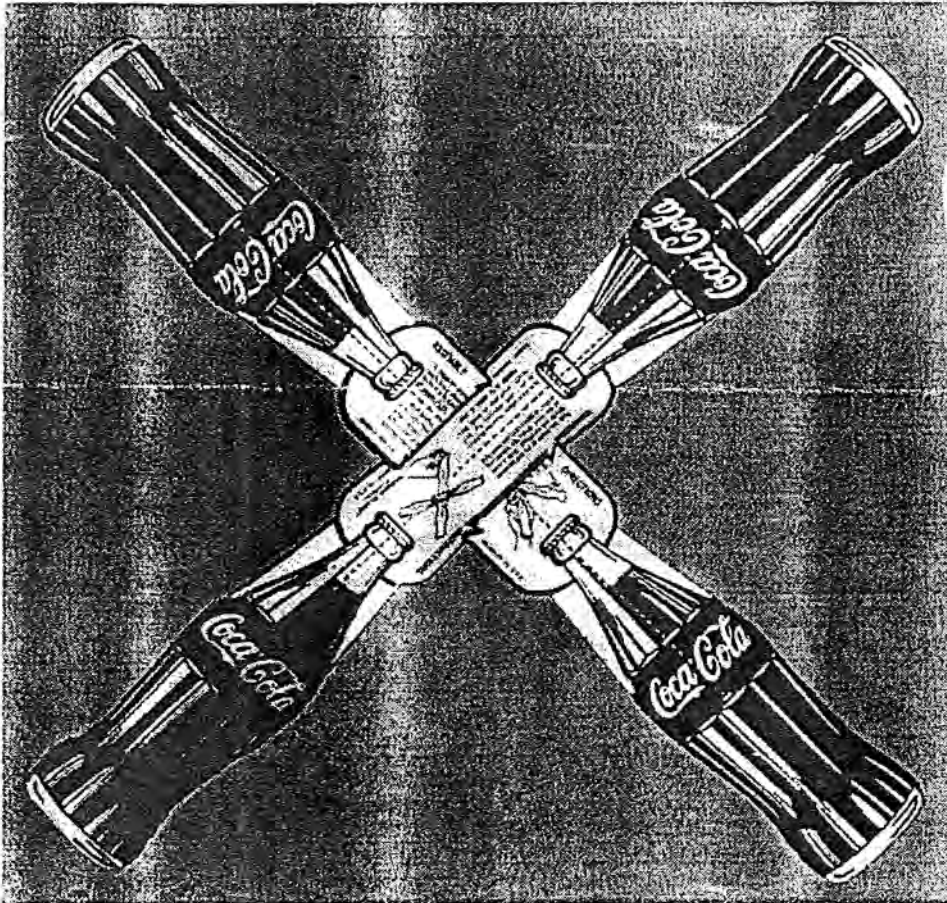
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David Hetrick recently found a pair of weighted *Brist* 4-bladed boomerangs at an antique store, priced at only \$10 each. These were popular boomerangs in the early 1900s. David also found a cardboard four bladed boomerangs with Coca Cola bottles as blade art. The Coke boom was made in 1950 by the Maruel Company. David picked up the *Coke Boom* for only \$20, a bargain for Coke memorabilia.

Coca-Cola Boomerang Found by David Hetrick

Thanks to Ted Bailey for this interesting article.

GENERAL NEWS.....

WORLD CUP IN N.Z. 1996. THE TEAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. ANYONE ENTERING SHOULD NOTIFY BRUCE CARTER IMMEDIATELY.

ARTHUR JANETZKI 91. FOLLOWING HIS BIRTHDAY AND THE ALBURY CHAMPIONSHIPS, ARTHUR SUFFERED MORE HEART TROUBLE, WHICH HOPITALISED HIM. THE DOCTOR DIDN'T THINK ARTHUR WOULD PULL THROUGH, BUT HE IS NOW BACK AT HIS HOSTEL ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY. THANKS BE TO GOD!

ROB CROLL'S FATHER (BOB), IS VERY UNWELL AND IN HOSPITAL. WE EXTEND OUR CARE AND BEST WISHES TO ALL THE FAMILY.