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**Congratulations Tim Lendrum
BAA 2008 Nationals Overall Champion
New Record Holder for Trick Catch Doubling
Read On**

Tim Lendrum Receives Trophy

from David Schummy



EDITORS COMMENT

**It is almost forty years since the inaugural meeting to form the;
“BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA”.
1969 was when it happened.**

Much has happened since that time. Some things may bring a smile to your face; some things create a quizzical look. We have had moments of great pride coupled with a sense of achievement. We had had members from the very young, through to (without being rude) the very old.

There have been times when our membership has been substantial. Other times our numbers have been very low. We are currently at a low membership ebb. Forming a top notch competition team, from small numbers is quite a challenge. When numbers are plentiful it is hard enough.

As I witnessed at the nationals, I am sure whoever is selected will compete at their very best. There seems to be something very special when boomerang people go out to compete. Be it free throw practice, state or national tournaments to international events. I always see members do their very best.

Do they always win? No. But when you try your best you will never loose either.

If we work together off field as well as we do on, our association's performance results must surely improve.

I understand people are different. They have different ideas, different physical abilities, the girls and the boys are certainly different. We should share a common goal to see that our passion for boomerangs brings us together to promote that passion.

For a group as small as ours, we seem to have disagreements so convoluted so disruptive that it is a sometimes a wonder that we survive at all.

Am I talking about our current members? Yes I am, but the same would apply to other time frames throughout our near forty years.

Will things be different in the future? If my observations of peoples personalities over the last fifty years is anything to go by, NO!

Please prove me wrong.

I get many enquiries about boomerangs from all around the world. One came to me recently from Richard Harrison, (The Boomerang Man).

Question;

Bob, in recent memo from Ted Bailey, he stated that Aussie Round was 50 meters....and that the 40 meter(or 40 yard) was installed by the Ruhe/Ruhf family, for USBA contests.

For the life of me, I can't recall which is the correct, “ORIGINAL” distance. I can only remember this event as being 40m Aussie Round.

I know you've been in contests most of your life, so I expect you have the correct ans.

Burwell's Answer.

Good Day Richard

Yes BAA updated Aussie round to 50 metres sometime between 1980 and 1983. I need to do some more research to find out when, "Exactly". There are scant reports in Bulletins to record contest rule changes. Dennis & Morris Maxwell may have hard copies of changes and I will enquire so as I can incorporate it in my next BAA Bulletin. At this time there is a reference in a Bulletin in 1983 that Bunny Read was the first to score a maximum 20 points from one throw in Aussie round. This indicates to me that 50 metres range was then being used. I will see if I can find out what range the USBA used when I went over in 1982 & 1984. I think we were both close to singing from the same prayer book at that time. 1984. From memory I was using my "Large Lazy 7" which was my specific 50 metre development for 50 metre Aussie Round.

Other things of interest also changed with, "World Championship Throw." now "Aussie Round." over the years. I posted a couple of JPEGs that are photo copies of BAA rules from 1970, and USBA 1986.

Regards Bob

I posted a general enquire to BAA members to ask for assistance. Tony Butz provided a response. In brief this is what it said,

Aussie Round 50m range

For those who came in late ...

[There is already a summary of some competition and rule changes from 1962 onwards, that I previously wrote up for the BAA 1994 Silver Jubilee. It might help others researching the sport to refer to my article "25 Years of Boomerang Competition", published over 3 consecutive editions of the BAA Boomerang Bulletin (Nos. 83-85, August 1994 – February 1995).]

How and when did the 50 m circle get added? The short answer is: in 1982. But there's more to it than that.

Bob Burwell's response.

These were my words. "There are scant reports in Bulletins to record contest rule changes." I sure was off the mark.

Thanks Tony. Your contribution is gratefully received.

My memory of past events is generally clear in my mind, but my nature is to verify my reports as far as possible with valid historical documents. My aim when presenting information, is to be as accurate as possible.

I would like to collate information about competitions, and games from as far back as I can verify. If possible it could be published as a special edition.

Please let me know if you are interested and I will then do it.

The range for "Aussie Round", in 1970 was 40 yards. It was changed to 40 metres, then in 1982 to 50 metres.

BAA Nationals 2008 Report by David Richardson.

2008: it's been thirteen years since the Nationals were last held in Brisbane. For the weekend of May 3rd and 4th, thanks to the work of David Schummy and Bob Burwell, throwers from Western Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales came to join the locals at the Beenleigh Multi-Sports fields, on the southern fringe of Brisbane.

The field was in fine form, though David warned us off entering the scrub or the river that surrounded the field on two sides -- apparently sharks were known to come the many kilometres inland to Beenleigh! The field itself was in good shape, and after weeks of rotten wind all seemed to have calmed down just in time for the competition.

FASTCATCH. (Minimum range. 20 metres. Cut off. One minute.)

Our first event was Fast Catch, and the wind conditions were reminiscent of Albury -- light, but deceptively shifty. This would indeed be the start for both days, and on both days the wind strength would gradually grow (but remain deceptively shifty!)

Those deceptive winds, and a bit of over-ambition, put local David Schummy in trouble early, as a series of near-misses resulted in his first round being a poor 57.08 seconds. At the other end Rob Croll set the pace early with a trouble-free 26.44 seconds, before Tim Lendrum narrowly passed him with his first round of 25.76 seconds. I thought I'd slipped past them both come my round, but apparently I had a bit too much of the tidy and not enough of the raw speed, falling short with 27.08 seconds.

Rob Croll



Dean Hopton



Tim Lendrum



The conditions had out-smarted many of the other competitors, with Queenslanders Bob Burwell and Dean Hopton the only other throwers to make their five throws in the first round -- although Dean had to make his last catch after the minute expired.

With the first round settled, the faster throwers went all out, and universally fluffed it. With the wind slowly picking up, one of the few improvers in the second round was junior Jordan Neville, who had a scrappy first round but was the sole finisher in the second round, squeezing his fifth catch in just before time expired.

ENDURANCE (Minimum range. 20 metres.)

Somewhat unusually, and perhaps cruelly, "ENDURANCE" was featuring early, and once more Rob was leading the way early as he steamed out the first few minutes on 50-catch pace. Fatigue and an abrupt gust that blew one of this returns clear over his head, and almost out of the twenty metre circle, took its toll and he eventually had to settle for 38 catches during his five minutes. Tim's run was very similar; but he managed to push on and eventually make 41 catches, taking the lead. Three others made over 30 catches; myself on 31, which included a disastrous start before I ran off about 27 catches in a row, David Schummy on 34, and competition "sleeper" Dean, whose 35 pushed him into third.

Paul "OJ" Craft (no relation to the Paul "AJ" Croft from Sydney!), in his first formal competition, was also doing well, as he collected 27 catches. Bob Burwell was throwing beautifully, but his catching could not keep up with his initial reliable returns. At the other end, the not-too-healthy Gary Neville was having trouble making range, but he plugged away and was applauded for getting a couple out and back.

Paul Craft



Chris Metzakis.



David Richardson



On a side field, some novice invitees of Paul Craft were also showing a fair bit of talent -- we probably should have got them in the competition itself, even with a late start, because they were very keen. In particular, one of them, a hefty Pacific Islander, ended up fascinated by, and very handy at, MTA throwing.

Friend with Paul Craft



**Peter Lewry
Complete with Anna**



Jordon Neville



After lunch (everyone likes a rest after Endurance!)

ACCURACY.(First round. Range, Minimum 20 metres)

The next event was Accuracy. With the wind gradually picking up, but still manageable, the results were disappointing. In fact, only three throwers managed to beat 20 points! Leading the way, and opening his account with the only perfect 10 for this round, Paul Craft scored 32 out of a possible 50 points. Behind him, on 26 and 23 points respectively, were the reliable Rob and Tim. Trailing the pack, with a total of just six points between them were David Schummy and Peter Lewry -- ow!

ACCURACY.(Second round. Range, Minimum 20 metres)

I'll skip out of order now, to when Accuracy was completed on the following day. In fairly similar conditions, nearly everybody improved. For those that didn't -- well, just look at my woeful score! The man who is still a joint holder of the Australian Accuracy-50 record, Rob Croll, showed his class as he pulled to the lead ahead of Paul. Both nearly got a surprise as Dean belted out 34 from his first four throws, including the only two perfect tens of this round. Unfortunately, Dean then threw a zero to finish his accuracy round, and had to settle for one point less than Rob for the second round, and third place overall for the event (Paul Craft held on for second place overall).

AUSSIE ROUND(Round one. Range out to 50 metres)

The first round of Aussie Round was the final event for the first day, and four throwers would quickly claim a lead over the pack: Tim Lendrum (69 points), Dean Hopton (64), Bob Burwell (63), and Rob Croll (61). Tim was the only one to make a perfect throw of twenty points (with his first throw), but otherwise had to scramble a bit to make his catches each time. Dean was throwing a Schummy hook, with an elegant long and low flight indicative of that maker's predilection for long-distance throwing. Bob was looking pretty effortless too, while Rob was using his old favourite, that little blue three-blader -- and it actually made the 50 metre distance a few times too, rather than the annoying 49 metre range he usually coaxes out of it.

After that, it was a long way back to Peter Lewry, who clambered to 40 points after his first throw scored zero. The two David's were just behind him, also having had some throws ground out frustratingly short.

And with that, the first day was complete. In the overall rankings, Tim was leading the way, with Rob on his tail, and a mild surprise was Dean in third. The events done for the day, the BAA Annual and General Meetings were held in the grandstand, finishing just before the mosquitos swarmed out of the river at dusk...

FIRST COMPETITION DAY ENDS

The second day had an eventful start, of sorts. Tim forgetfully left his boomerang case at the field overnight, and on arrival we found the contents of his case widely distributed over the adjacent field -- luckily the overnight bandits were merely bad and persistently curious throwers, and his record and title-winning collection (minus, unfortunately, a watch and Leatherman) merely had to be retrieved from the hectare it was spread over...

MAXIMUM TIME ALOFT.

(Throw and catch within the 100 metre diameter circle.)

That done, it was time for MTA. The wind was low, just a few pitiful puffs, and I had the first throw of the day. Out went the Adam Carroll snake-shaped Skyrocket, and lo, it hung for 31.25 seconds. What then followed was an extended chase for that time, with plenty of decent throws, but not enough hover in the dead conditions. After the first round, junior Jordan Neville was in second place, having got another Adam Carroll model, the Oxygen, to stay up for 22.69 seconds. The second round saw some improvement, with Tim (27.93 seconds), Rob (25.94) and Bob (24.72) creeping closer to my initial time.

Come the third round, and David Schummy finally made a legal catch, creeping into third place with the round's best time of 25.75 seconds.

The fourth round increased the log-jam of times between 24 and 27 seconds, but there were no position changes. Several throws from the likes of Tim, Rob, and David Schummy had threatened to take the lead, but the conditions were simply not kind for hovering, and they fell out of the sky too rapidly.

I couldn't improve my overall time with my final throw, but I'm claiming my subsequent advice to Jordan ("just a bit higher") saw him abruptly jump into second place, as he scored a very elegant 28.14 seconds. But he couldn't hold onto that spot, as David Schummy immediately pipped him with 28.93 seconds.

Oh, I'd like to say that was the end of the event, but Tim still had his final throw. And up it went, and this time it managed to hold onto the sky just that bit longer, and he triumphed with 33.96 seconds. I have to mention this marks the third time in recent years I've had the first throw in MTA, set the time to beat, and then Tim has won it with his final throw. Argh!

TRICK CATCH DOUBLING. (Minimum range 20 metres.)

Trick Catch/Doubling was next, and the wind was starting to pick up, with the same shiftiness as the previous day. Practice started disastrously for me, as I snapped my favourite trick catch rang (the one I set the Australian record with last year) with a warm-up foot catch. I probably lost a bit of my composure at that time, and would ultimately end with a fairly miserable score (39 points). David Schummy and Rob Croll would manage slightly more handy scores (60 and 48 respectively), but this event would well and truly be made memorable by eventual winner Tim Lendrum.

You will recall in the last Bulletin I made a call for the Trick Catch/ Doubling 100 point barrier to be broken -- and I'm very happy to say Tim did exactly that. With little fuss, he made all twenty of the catches, setting a new Australian record. I was spotting for him during his doubling, but his throwing was reliable and he knew exactly where they were at all times. Having achieved the perfect round, Tim was entitled to start again, and see what bonus points he could add onto that 100 points (you continue throwing until a drop is made).

This round didn't last as long, with the "singling" foot hackey catch defeating him, but he still had 114 points, twenty points more than my Australian record of one year ago, and the honour of being the first Australian to complete a perfect round. Hurrah!

While their scores this year may not illustrate this, I want to make specific mentions of the efforts of Jordan Neville and Paul Craft in this event. Jordan is an possible star in the making -- with rangs he didn't know, he was so close to scoring substantially better. Paul was a complete novice to this event, but with a little coaching he also had a stack of oh-so-close misses. Practice with a good set of doublers can improve both their scores rapidly in this event.

AUSSIE ROUND (Round Two. Range out to 50 metres)

To finish the day, and the competition, we had the second round of Aussie Round. By now, picking the direction and strength of the wind was a constant task -- assume it was the same as during your previous throw, and you might be in for a rude surprise. From the first round, you'll recall, we had four clear leaders (Tim, Dean, Bob, and Rob), and it was going to be a challenge for any others to even approach their score. But one in particular would take on that challenge -- local David Schummy, after two errant catches to begin his round, came home in a hurry with 54 points from his last two throws (including a perfect 20). With 74 points added to his lowly first round of 33 points, he had at least given himself a chance. As it turned out, he had run down one of the front leaders, with Dean relegated to fifth place for the event.

Bob Burwell, scoring 50 points in the second round, held off David's charge, and his total of 113 points would deliver him third place.

That left top place to be decided between the two men who had controlled the competition -- Tim Lendrum and Rob Croll. Tim had an eight point lead from the first round, but his third throw was an unusual one for the one-time joint world record holder for Aussie Round -- a zero! Rob followed up with a perfect 20 throw, and as we waited for the scores to be tallied, no one knew who had won the event. And the end result? Rob, by a solitary point, 123 to 122.

But for those counting the overall points, that narrow victory would not be enough to turn the tide. For the third time in four years, Tim Lendrum was the Australian champion. The pressure had come from Rob Croll, who had won the two events (Aussie Round and Accuracy) Tim had not. And after being tied for overall honours with myself going into that final event, David Schummy's 74 points had earned him third place.

Congratulations to them all, and Jordan, Bob, and Chrissie for claiming the Junior, Veteran, and Ladies championships. Thanks to the Queensland guys for putting it together, and we look forward to continuing the Australian Championship in one year's time in Albury.

Name	ACCURACY			AUSSIE ROUND		
Name	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points
Tim Lendrum	49	4	4	122	2	2
Rob Croll	61	1	0	123	1	0
David J Richardson	24	10	10	82	7	7
David Schummy	27	9	9	107	4	4
Peter Lewry	32	7	7	84	6	6
Bob Burwell	41	5	5	113	3	3
Paul Craft	54	2	2	75	8	8
Gary Neville	8	12	12	0	12	12
Jordon Neville	18	11	11	39	9	9
Dean Hopton	52	3	3	98	5	5
Christene Metzakis	37	6	6	29	11	11
Leonie Metzakis	28	8	8	38	10	10

Rob Croll Accuracy Winner

Rob Croll Aussie Round Winner



Name	ENDURANCE			FAST CATCH		
Name	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points
Tim Lendrum	41	1	0	25.76	1	0
Rob Croll	38	2	2	26.44	2	2
David J Richardson	31	5	5	27.08	3	3
David Schummy	34	4	4	57.08	5	5
Peter Lewry	16	7	7	160.00	9	9.5
Bob Burwell	14	9	9	52.79	4	4
Paul Craft	27	6	6	85.00	8	8
Gary Neville	2	11	11	600.00	11	11
Jordon Neville	15	8	8	58.84	6	6
Dean Hopton	35	3	3	64.06	7	7
Christene Metzakis	10	10	10	160.00	9	9.5
Leonie Metzakis	-	12	12	-	12	12

Tim Lendrum Endurance winner

Tim Lendrum Fast Catch Winner



Leonie Metzakis capturing some of the contest moments

Name	Maximum Time Aloft			Trick Catch Doubling		
	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points
Tim Lendrum	33.96	1	0	100	1	0
Rob Croll	25.94	5	5	48	3	3
David J Richardson	31.25	2	2	39	4	4
David Schummy	28.93	3	3	60	2	2
Peter Lewry	19.58	7	7	6	10	10
Bob Burwell	24.72	6	6	9	9	9
Paul Craft	17.14	9	9	16	7	7
Gary Neville	0.00	10	10	-	12	12
Jordon Neville	28.14	4	4	27	5	5
Dean Hopton	17.17	8	8	20	6	6
Christene Metzakis	-	12	12	15	8	8
Leonie Metzakis	-	12	12	-	12	12

Tim Lendrum MTA Winer

Tim Lendrum Trick Catch Winner



Name	Division		Overall Winners Placing	
	Division	Gender	Overall Points	Place
Tim Lendrum	O	M	6	1
Rob Croll	O	M	12	2
David J Richardson	O	M	31	4
David Schummy	O	M	27	3
Peter Lewry	O	M	46.5	9
Bob Burwell	V	M	36	6
Paul Craft	O	M	40	7
Gary Neville	O	M	68	12
Jordon Neville	J	M	43	8
Dean Hopton	O	M	32	5
Christene Metzakis	O	F	56.5	10
Leonie Metzakis	O	F	66	11

Tim Lendrum 1st Overall

Rob Croll 2nd Overall

David Schummy 3rd Overall



David Richardson's response to my enquire, when asked about Glen who is a regular contributor to Boomerang Talk.

Glen in Victoria

Glen lives in Moe, but comes to Melbourne maybe once each month.

Hopefully Glen will meet some of us Melbourne guys for a throw sometime. Glen is likely to join the BAA.

NOMINATIONS for MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Comment by David Richardson.

Nominated for the Management Committee were Bob Burwell, Leonie Metzakis, Bruce Carter, and Peter Lewry.

Peter and Leonie accepted their nominations, and therefore will fill the remaining two Management Committee positions, alongside the automatic selections of myself as President, Dean as Treasurer, and Tim as Secretary.

Message received from David Richardson

Thanks to those who wrote or called about last week's update.

Since then: Jarrod Byham has confirmed his attendance for the World Cup. As a result of this, and a possible table tennis conflict that arose mere hours after my last update here, Trent Carter has withdrawn his nomination, and hence his possible further subsidy is no longer an issue.

We will wait until Sunday June 15 for an answer from others (eg. David Schummy), and if then needed/wished by the chosen team members, top up the team using overseas sources (we have several good throwers interested).

Contribution from David Richardson

There are two sub-committees needed – the Management Committee, per the constitution, and the International Federation of Boomerang Associations (IFBA) representatives.

For the latter, we need two representatives: I propose Leonie continue in her role there, and I take Tim's previous position. This makes sense due to our presence at the IFBA meeting in Seattle, my role as president, and Leonie's history and possible position in the 2010 World Cup. (Tim's happy with that.)

The Management Committee, which is there to expedite actions when needed, includes the President (myself), Treasurer (Dean), and Secretary (Tim), plus two more committee members.

Any decisions made by the Management Committee, and payments out in general, will be reported here to the rest of the committee, preferably beforehand.

EMAIL from David Richardson.

As previously detailed, the quest to complete the Australian team for Seattle is ongoing. Here is an update, and a proposal for discussion.

Craig Carter, Rob Croll, and David Richardson are all confirmed attendees.

The Aussie selections possible that I'm aware of are David Schummy, Ian Sproul, Jarrod Byham, and Trent Carter. I believe we can create a very decent team from these throwers. I rate Ian as the least likely to be available (young family etc), while David Schummy and Jarrod Byham will be subject to work commitments. Only Trent Carter has confirmed he is available.

There is a catch with Trent Carter though. Due to his age and recent heavy demands from his table tennis side of life, he has indicated he has financial difficulty getting to the World Cup.

I am therefore proposing that, similar to our decision in 2004 with the then same-age Craig, the BAA provide some additional sponsorship (\$1500 as before?) to allow Trent to join the team in Seattle.

He's very fit, and could contribute particularly in trick catch, MTA, and running events (for those that haven't seen him recently, he's had a growth spurt to pass Craig in height!). It must be said that, while young and with huge upside, boomerangs are unlikely to replace table tennis as his #1 sport.

As final payment is due July 1, we need a definite answer by, say, June 15 from all involved -- obviously earlier is better. We have identified some overseas options to fill out the team if we don't have enough Aussies (you *need* five throwers, and six allows a bit more flexibility).

It should be noted that the costs to the BAA otherwise in sponsoring entry to World Cups has declined in recent times -- the cost in 2004 was ~A\$700 per person, 2006 was ~A\$650 per person, and 2008 is ~A\$550 per person.

Could we therefore have some feedback on the above, in particular on the proposed additional sponsorship for Trent Carter.

(A general note: when replying, be sure to do so to committee@baa.boomerang.org.au , not just to the previous person, such as myself in this case.)

Email contribution by Gary Neville.

Hi everyone, especially those who I am just meeting via the internet like Barrie Forsyth.

Here are a couple of my thoughts.

After speaking with Tony Butz, with regard our Australian team. I agree with him that for us to send a team to the 2008 WBC is very important. It keeps us involved with the world scene with boomerang throwing.

Personally, I would hope, that we can put together a full contingent of 6 throwers who are our best available, without relying on mavericks from overseas.

Whoever puts their hand up to compete must be of an acceptable standard.

It is such a personal expense, combined with the time off work, that it is a shame that all successful competitors, that actually make the team, can't be subsidised even further than the nomination fee! Perhaps we could organise raffles and other fundraising to subsidise our representatives in the future. I am thinking, as an example that boomerang people around Australia could sell, say "AIR Dancers".

As well as promoting our sport, the "Air Dancer" is a great and safe item to introduce people to the art of boomerang throwing. Profits could be spent on the national team that also promotes our sport world wide. In this way everyone could become involved in helping our National Team.

On the other side of this, there are some NSW members who feel strongly that competing in these titles, should not be a priority for 2008.

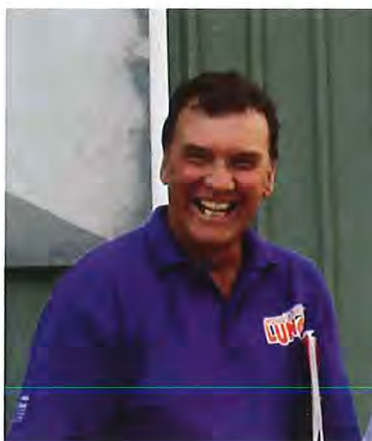
I certainly feel that later in the year other issues need to be seriously addressed. Here are some that come to mind.

How are we developing our sport at the 'grass roots' level?

- We need to think of ways that we can encourage more young people into our sport.
- Veterans/Masters? As a lot our boomerang throwers are aging should we modify expectations for older competitors?
- NSW has some point scoring variations for people of all ages who are incapable of moving to make a catch or can't throw the required 20 m in distance.
- Should we re-classify veterans and use the term, "Masters" to bring us in line with other sports? Could there be various levels in masters? eg. 50, 60, 70 + .
- Minimising travel for all to be able to attend the Nationals? Is sharing a good thing? The QLD members did a great job at Beenleigh. Many thanks!

Ok, I'll get off my high horse for now. I just wanted to have a bit of a say. Don't anyone feel that they need to respond to anything at this stage. Good luck, David in getting the team together. If you field a majority of Victorians, someone else has suggested that it would be great if you could get together as a team before you left. Bruce Carter would be great to help in getting everyone's minds and boomerangs on track.

cheers to all from Gary Neville.



CONTRIBUTION FROM ROGER PERRY.

Hello Boomers Many congrats to the new WA champion Gary Mitchell. We must all make way for the new young throwers coming through.

Second place was Roger then the evergreen Ian Sproul who hasn't lost much followed by Grant Perry who unfortunately blew MTA with all of his flights too good and landing outside the circles.

Matt was a little unlucky with a dropped 55sec catch.

Conditions were almost too good with at times no wind which was tricky in itself.

The 4 WA members of the "OzFrog" team backed up on Sunday for team events. Scores were very encouraging after the WA individual results. Every competitor improved dramatically on the individual day.

Once again, congratulations to Gary Mitchell. We all look forward to seeing these young throwers do well in Seattle. Regards Roger

Uniform for the OzFrog team members



**Results of Western Australia Boomerang Championships
Held In Perth Western Australia 17th May 2008**

Name	Trick Catching			Fast Catch		
	Catches	Place	Points	Best Time	Place	Points
Roger Perry	41	6 th	3	27.23 secs	1 st	10
Grant Perry	62	1 st	9	4 catches	8 th	1.5
Gary Mitchell	60	2 nd	7	36.89 secs	6 th	4
Matt Barker	52	5 th	4	35.20 secs	5 th	5
Ryan Perry	28	7 th	2	4 catches	8 th	1.5
Christene Metzakis	18	8 th	1	34.46	4 th	6
Josh Smith	58	3 rd	6	45.68 secs	7 th	3
Ian Sproul	53	4 th	5	28.32 secs	2 nd	8
Lance Thomas	-	-	-	32.09 secs	3 rd	7
Leonie Metzakis	-	-	-	-	-	-

Name	Aussie Round			Maximum Time Aloft		
	Total Points	Place	Points	Best Time	Place	Points
Roger Perry	62	2 nd	8	31.36 secs	2 nd	7
Grant Perry	63	1 st	10	Nil Qualified	8 th	1
Gary Mitchell	54	= 3 rd	6.5	41.72 secs	1 st	9
Matt Barker	54	= 3 rd	6.5	23.94	6 th	3
Ryan Perry	-	-	-	29.04	4 th	5
Christene Metzakis	34	7 th	2.5	-	-	-
Josh Smith	37	6 th	4	30.49 secs	3 rd	6
Ian Sproul	53	5 th	5	24.41 secs	5 th	4
Lance Thomas	34	7 th	2.5	12.72	7 th	2
Leonie Metzakis	29	9 th	1	-	-	-

Name	Endurance			Accuracy		
	Catches	Place	Points	Total Points	Place	Points
Roger Perry	50	1 st	10	60	7 th	3
Grant Perry	40	4 th	6	67	3 rd	7
Gary Mitchell	42	3 rd	7	69	1 st	9
Matt Barker	34	5 th	5	63	4 th	5.5
Ryan Perry	20	8 th	1.5	-	-	-
Christene Metzakis	20	8 th	1.5	47	8 th	2
Josh Smith	30	7 th	3	63	4 th	5.5
Ian Sproul	45	2 nd	8	69	1 st	9
Lance Thomas	33	6 th	4	62	6 th	4
Leonie Metzakis	-	-	-	22	9 th	1

Overall Results		
Name	Points	Place
Roger Perry	41	2 nd
Grant Perry	34.5	4 th
Gary Mitchell	42.5	1 st
Matt Barker	29	5 th
Ryan Perry	10	9 th
Christene Metzakis	13	8 th
Josh Smith	27.5	6 th
Ian Sproul	39	3 rd
Lance Thomas	19.5	7 th
Leonie Metzakis	2	10 th

**Western Australia.
Group Photos of Competitors.**



**From the left
Ian Sproul. Roger Perry. Gary Mitchell. Matt Barker. Grant Perry.**



**From the left.
Christene Metzakis. Ian Sproul, n Jemma. Leonie Metzakis. Roger Perry.
Lance Thomas. Gary Mitchell. Matt Barker. Josh Smith. Grant Perry.
Angie Perry.**



Competitor	Aussie Round	Placing	Accuracy	Placing
Tim Lendrum	73+64 = 137	1 st	45	1 st
Wayne	38+34 = 72	7 th	30	4 th
Margs Patterson	38+53 = 91	6 th	33	2 nd
Terry Patterson	38+13 = 51	10 th	21	= 8 th
Margherita McCaughey	22+25 = 47	11 th	26	6 th
Angelo Mulloso	25+27 = 52	9 th	21	= 8 th
Rhonda Mulloso	23+33 = 56	8 th	11	10 th
Br. Rod Shoebridge	50+43 = 93	5 th	32	3 rd
AJ Paul Croft	52+73 = 125	2 nd	28	5 th
Peter Lewry	54+60 = 114	3 rd	24	7 th
Shirley Lewry	42+53 = 95	4 th	19	9 th

Competitor	MTA Best Time	Placing	Make a boomerang	Placing	Total
Tim Lendrum	42.41 sec	1 st	50	1 st	1 st
Wayne	19.9 sec	5 th	12	5 th	4 th
Margs Patterson	14.64 sec	6 th	0	9 th	= 6 th
Terry Patterson	Did not throw	11 th	6	6 th	9 th
Margherita McCaughey	0	10 th	5	7 th	8 th
Angelo Mulloso	22.10 sec	3 rd	34	3 rd	= 6 th
Rhonda Mulloso	6.39 sec	9 th	Did not compete	11 th	10
Br. Rod Shoebridge	19.12 sec	4 th	27	4 th	3 rd
AJ Paul Croft	12.41 sec	7 th	4	8 th	5 th
Peter Lewry	22.19	2 nd	46	2 nd	2 nd
Shirley Lewry	9.20 sec	8 th	Did not compete	11 th	7 th

Message from Peter Lewry July 2008

G'day Folks. Here are the dates for our comps for the rest of the year.

SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2008

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2008

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2008 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HAVE FUN SEE YOU THERE.

The next comp is at St Dominic's College. Copeland Street Penrith on 24th August.
thanks.

Contribution from Morris Maxwell

Dear Mr. President and the rest of Committee, First, my belated congratulations to the new appointees. Actually a note of thanks would probably be more appropriate, as we are spread so thin and our sport needs all the support it can get, especially here in OZ. So THANK YOU for your continued active support and for taking on your new role, as the case may be.

In regard to the extra committee members for the Management Committee, I would like to nominate Leonie, as she is immediate past President, making her most appropriate; and Bob Burwell. I know Bob is very busy, but the role will probably only require the occasional important decision, requiring a good knowledge of our group and rules etc along with sound reasoning, and Bob is well qualified on both counts.

Cheers, Morris



Contribution from Barrie Forsyth

I have no objection to any of the possible team members named in your email 21/5.

Neither do I have an idea of current relative ability.

I agree with a subsidy for Trent Carter

Regards

Barrie Forsyth



Greetings, from Ted Bailey USA

I would like to announce that Gerhard Walter from Austria may have set a new world record by making the largest returnable boomerang. I am not sure what the current world record is, but I remember that someone in Australia (Bunny Read?) Made, and threw an 8 foot (244 cm) boomerang many years ago. I can remember seeing a video of the eight foot monster in flight. Very impressive! Gerhard has recently made a boomerang with a span of 259 cm (8.49 feet) and with a weight of 1045 gm (37 ounces). The boomerang was made out of Fir and it has epoxy tips. The flight range is 25 metres. Gerhard has posted a web page where you can see photos and view a movie of what is possibly the World's Largest Boomerang. If you are aware of a working returnable boomerang with a larger span than 259 cm, please let Gerhard know by email at: gerhard8010@yahoo.de Also, please let me know. The web page is in German and can be found at the following link:

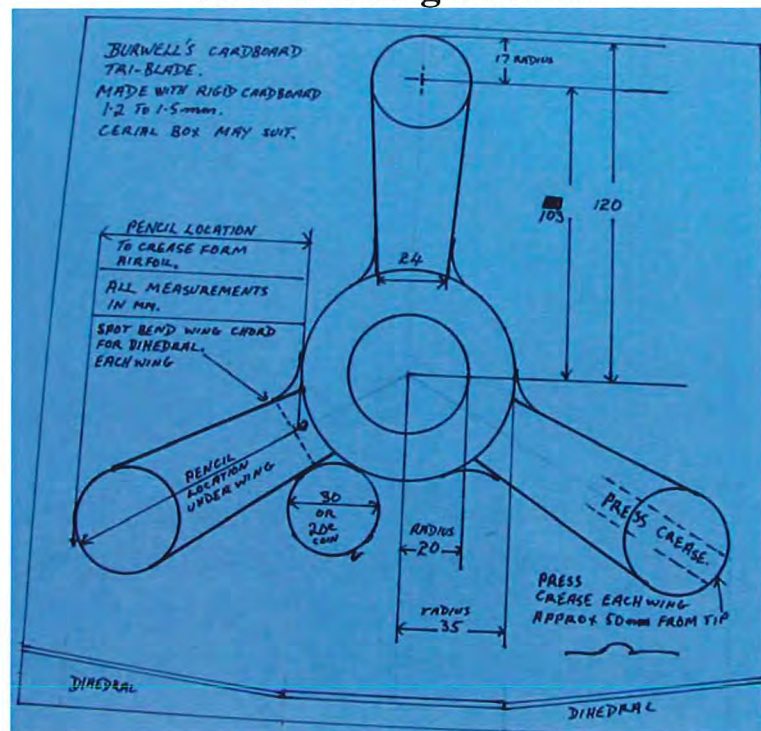
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Many thanx, Ted



(Burwell) I'm working on it!

And working on this.



Contribution from Maurizio Saba (Email) Italy

Hi Friends,
during the last Beach Boomerang Tournament in Viareggio, Frido Frost set the Aussie Round record to 99 points!!! Some time later Alex Opri set the Accuracy record to 99 points!!! In the same event Valentino De Chiara set the record for the Over50 category to 92 points!!!
Check the results

Maurizio Saba



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