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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE  
BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.



To the secretary,

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
full name Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)  
Miss. \_\_\_\_\_  
address \_\_\_\_\_  
post code \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no. bus. \_\_\_\_\_  
priv. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation. \_\_\_\_\_

If student please state name of school or college.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If under 16 years of age date of birth. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/19\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for

Junior \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior \_\_\_\_\_  
Family \_\_\_\_\_  
Life \_\_\_\_\_ membership to the B. A. A.

I enclose annual fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE. \_\_\_\_\_

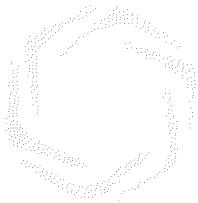
DATE. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/19\_\_\_\_

Explanation to membership subscription, subject to review, period commencing February 1982.

Junior	(under 16 years of age)	\$ 3.00 annual.
Senior	(16 years & over)	\$ 5.00 "
Family.	(any number at same address)	\$ 7.00
Life.	(once only payment)	\$100.00
Sustaining	(minimum annual donation)	\$20.00 annual.

Note--

Boomerang Bulletin subscription is included with membership.  
For subscription to bulletin only, see separate form.



BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.  
 Box 245. P.O. Lilydale 3140.

Competitors registration form.

file No. CRF0680

SECOND CITY OF SYDNEY BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIPS.  
 SUNDAY 20th. JULY 1980. Beauchamp Park, Nicholson st. Chatswood. 9.30a.m.  
 ENTRY APPLICATION;--

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (ful name, block letters please)

of, \_\_\_\_\_ (post code) \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby apply to compete at the above mentioned function and wish to enter the following events, which I tick in brackets,-

Open General Championship.	( )	Pre. ref. fee.	\$1.00	later	\$2.00
Open Accuracy.	( )	"	.50	"	1.00
Open Consecutive catching.	( )	"	.50	"	1.00
Open Same boomerang comp.	( )	"	.50	"	1.00
Open One hand catches comp.	( )	"	.50	"	1.00
Junior General Championship.	( )	"	.80	"	1.60.
Junior Accuracy	( )	"	.60	"	1.20
Junior Consecutive catching	( )	"	.60	"	1.20

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by the Judges's decisions, relevant rules and by-laws of the Boomerang Association of Australia.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/19\_\_\_\_

Note... For any application to qualify for pre-registration it must be received by the secretary of the association at the above address, or the regional Supervisor for Sydney Mr. Duncan MacLennan. 158 William St. Kings Cross. 2011 before Saturday 12th July 1980.

## SECOND CITY OF SYDNEY COMPETITION SPECIAL NOTES.

The Mayor of Chatswood has agreed to sponsor this second city of sydney competition and the council will be supplying some of the trophies.

There will be both Junior and Open sections.

1. General competition will be to standard B. A. A. rules.
  11. Consecutive catching will be run " on the line" with each thrower having one throw at a time.
  111. Special competition will be " the same boomerang competition" (all use the same boomerang, 3 practice throws if desired then 5 scoring throws general championship scoring sysyem).
- IV. Special competition. " One hand catching" ( on the line system)

N. B.

Consecutive catching development. by M.M.

It is good to see that we at last have a catching competition scheduled with contestants in single throwing sequence, this will not detract from the value of records made and should be quicker and more interesting to watch than the individual thrower method. Also, we don't need to hold the " shortest time for 5 catches" at every event.

Once a year would be enough just to let someone try for a new record, if they request to do so.

M.M.

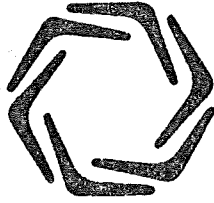
NOTE: Pages 4 & 5 outline the formation of B.O.O.M.E.R.A.N.G. One venue for meeting is listed at the bottom of page 5. The following information, just received, should follow the details regarding the Flemington State School:

"Applications have also been made for the use of Jell's Park in Glen Waverley, Banksia Park in Bulleen, Bayswater Park, Bayswater and a ground in the Albert Park Complex."

# Boomerang Association of Australia

Announcing the

\*\*\*\* B.O.O.M.E.R.A.N.G. \*\*\*\*



Boomerang  
Organisation  
Of  
Melbourne  
Encompassing  
Regional  
And  
Novice  
Groups

A division of the Association in Melbourne is being formed into a body to be called the "Boomerang Organisation Of Melbourne, Encompassing Regional And Novice Groups".

The basic aim of the B.O.O.M.E.R.A.N.G. is to elevate public knowledge and awareness of boomerangs and the sport of boomeranging by:-

1. Providing free public lessons in throwing boomerangs each week in the Melbourne Metropolitan area. (W.P.)
2. Providing an opportunity each week for enthusiasts around Melbourne to practise together. (W.P.)

When weather conditions do not permit throwing, boomerang making and/or decorating or other appropriate activities could take place if facilities are available.

3. Introducing a certificated grading system; which will encourage:-

On-lookers to try and have a go.  
First timers to come back. (no pun intended)  
New throwers to practice regularly.  
Regular throwers to advance.  
Advanced throwers top their scores. And,  
Top throwers to set new records.

4. Organising Annual competitions in different areas around Melbourne, with awards for different grades.
5. Encouraging the formation of local clubs, which could provide more meetings and local competitions etc. After a few clubs have become established, the Annual B.O.O.M.E.R.A.N.G. competitions could include events between clubs. After such inter-club events have become established an Annual "Premiership" could be awarded to the club with most victories for the year.

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The first step by the B.O.O.M.E.R.A.N.G. is to establish 4 or 5 venues around the Melbourne area with a monthly function at each one on a different Sunday to the rest. The primary function at each of these scheduled events is free public lessons. This will produce a cycle of events so that "on any Sunday" boomerang throwing lessons will be available somewhere in the Melbourne Metropolitan area.

The certificated grading system shall be based on points and/or catches taken using General championship, accuracy and catching competition rules. There shall be ten levels of certificated grades and three sections as follows:-

Level	General comp. points required from 10 throws.	Accuracy comp. Points required from 5 throws.	Number of consecutive catches required.
1	For throwing a boomerang with a return.		
2	Any score	Any score	A catch
3	10	5	2
4	30	10	5
5	50	15	15
6	75	20	30
7	100	25	50
8	120	30	100
9	140	35	150
10	160	40	200 until caught. Thereafter new record required.

Subscription to the Boomerang Bulletin will be included with membership of the B.O.O.M.E.R.A.N.G.

Annual fees for membership shall be as follows:-

\$4:00 for anyone regardless of age etc.

\$2:00 for any subscriber to the Boomerang Bulletin.

\$1:00 for any financial member of the B.A.A.

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One venue is already scheduled for this year at the

\*\*\*\*\* Flemington State Primary School, (Melways map

ref. 29 A.11. tram Number 59. tram stop 26.

Lessons and certificated throwing at this venue  
July 13th.

August 10th.

September 14th.

October 12th.

November 9th.

December 14th.

Chris Hengzen is co-ordinator for this venue and he plans a special Christmas competition on December 14th.

## DARLINGTON POINT COMPETITION, 1979.

A fresh northerly early in the morning gave promise of a typical Darlington Point day. However, the breeze abated to Albury proportions and the major difficulty lay in coping with frequent directional changes from north to south through the eastern quarter.

Chris Westall took the early lead in the shortest time for 5 catches only to be successively headed by Barrie Forsyth and then Bunny Read with his second entry. B. Read 32.8 secs. B. Forsyth 36 secs. & 39 secs.

Chris again set the early pace for the highest number of consecutive catches and wasn't headed until Brother Thomas, at his second attempt slipped into a groove to set a Darlington Point record of 129 catches (and all time second to Bob Burwell, s 144 at Albury last year) He did this without taking his jacket off- so look out Bob when he does: (or maybe it was a weightwatchers exercise?) Bro. Thomas 129. C. Westall 11. B. Forsyth 8.

The accuracy event was run as a straight nearest the pin competition. Bunny, the early leader was soon headed by Chris Henzgen who looked a winner until Bro. Thomas arriving late from the catching competition (and 129 practice throws) slipped to the front.

Bro. Thomas 405 mm. C. Henzgen 768 mm. B. Read 1533 m. m. (these results were given in imperial units but I have used a dual dimensioned pocket tape for a quick conversion to avoid the wrath of the Metric conversion authorities).

With the programme behind schedule and no throwers very eager to tackle the distance competition- nor the organisers- with the variable wind conditions- this event was cancelled.

The Riverina Championship resulted in a popular victory for Roy Johns, still promoting the bent stick philosophy in Griffith.

Roy Johns. 35 points. Brian Taylor 28 points Mike Ovington & Glen Walker 12 pts.

The Ladies Championship was dominated by the Knights. This was, not chauvinism but Pauline and her Mother took first and second place.

P. Knight 24 pts. Mrs. Knight. 22 pts. Mrs. Wheeler 21 pts.

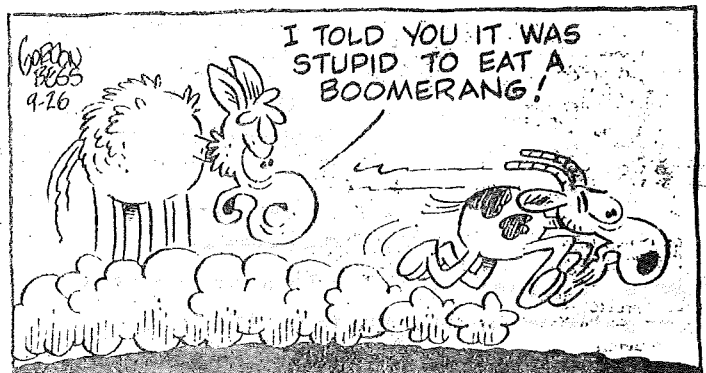
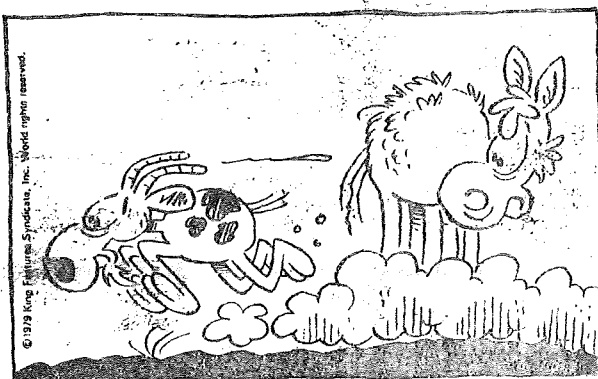
A Junior Championship saw Mike Ovington finish ahead of another Knight. (there were a few there that day) and Brian Taylor.

M. Ovington 60 pts. L. Knight 42 pts. B. Taylor 42 pts.

Bunny Read threw 64 points in the first heat of the World Championship, to be followed by Roy Johns on 50. (who unfortunately "blew up" in the second heat, for a score which I won, not record) and Barrie Forsyth on 48 points. With this good start Bunny was never headed although Joe Lewry challenged strongly from the second heat onward through the final. Bunny thus completes a trio of wins at Darlington Point which seems to be his favorite hunting ground.

B. Read 221 pts. total. J. Lewry 205 pts. B. Forsyth 182 pts.

B. Forsyth.



MOOMBA BOOMERANG COMPETITION.  
2nd. March 1980.

It was great to have Geoff Rawson back competing , and the Reads and Tunstalls from Wycheproof, the Forsyths from Whyalla and Brother Thomas from Sydney. Thank you to these people and all the others who came along to Moomba and had a go. Particular welcome to newcomers George Tunstill, Alec Collings, Alan Thompson, Roselyn Smith and Jamie Davis.

The competition was held in winds gusting from 8kph. to 25 kph. Fifteen seniors and six juniors competed on the day.

Barrie Forsyth of Whyalla, South Australia won the senior general competition with a total score of 150 points from 20 throws.

Geoff Rawson 149 points a very close second with Brother Thomas third with 115 points.

Other scores for 10 throws D. Maxwell. 16. George Tunstill 6. A. Collings 4. R. Croll 46, C. Henzgen 42, M. Maxwell 62, B. Read 44, R. Schroader 10, A. Thompson 6, R. Dobell and B. Knight 20.

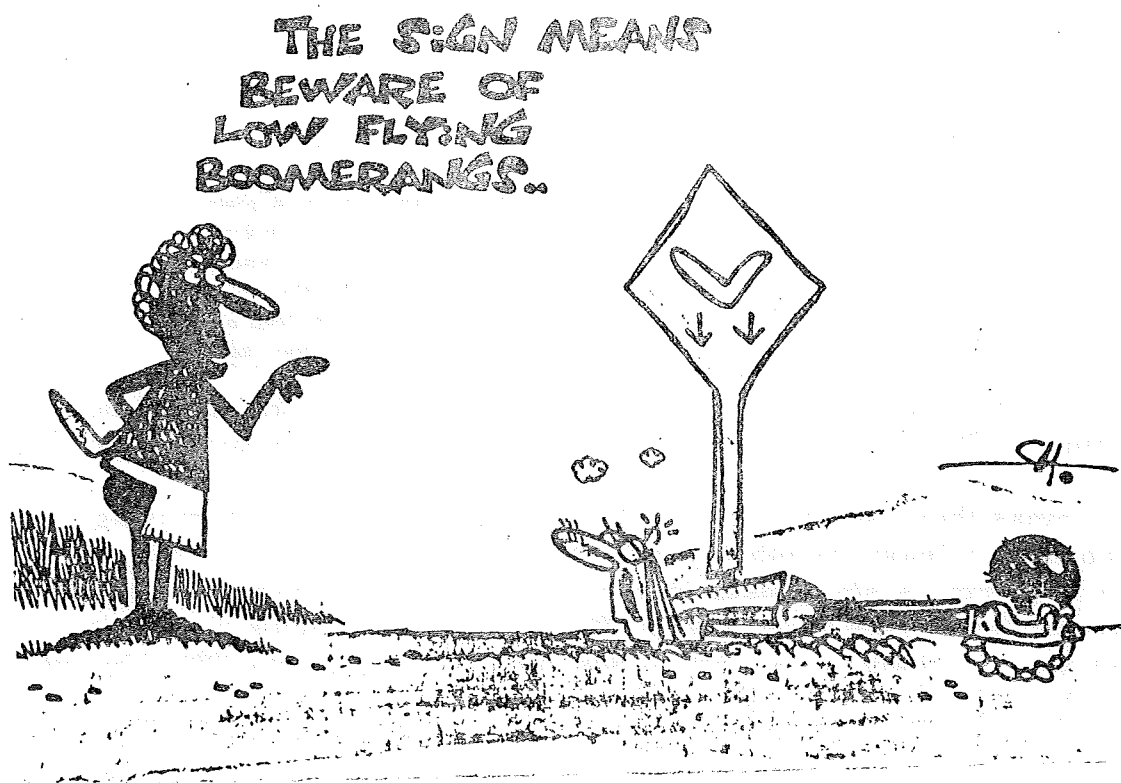
The Junior General Competition was won by Lindsay Knight with 50 points. second was Peter Maxwell with 29 points, third Sharon Knight 16 points, Jamie Davis 3 points, Roselyn Smith and Darren Whitaker also competed.

Most accurate return was Robert Croll with a distance of 1779mm from the pin and highest accuracy score was also won by Robert Croll with 18 points from five other throwers. George Tunstill from Wycheproof was second with 10 pts. and Peter Maxwell third with 8 pts.

Due to the wind conditions all events where made difficult and the catching competition was a really hard one. Shortest time was won by Chris Henzgen, 55 seconds for five catches. Consecutive catches was won by Robert Croll 7 catches.

Miss MOOMBA and the director of Moomba were in attendance at the presentation of trophies and congratulated organisers on a good effort and continuing the true Australian sport.

Dennis Maxwell.





## AUSTRALIAN BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 12th. 1980.

New boomerang record set in train carriage :

Have you ever lured a waitress to your seat with a jumping bean?  
Moved slowly out of a country station to the sound of a train getting up steam?  
Made a genu-wine returning boomerang out of a beer coaster?.

Most of you went to Albury by car. Some of us mad Melbournites decided it would be cheaper and more fun to go on the 'Spirit of Progress'.

While the progress might not have been very spirited, it certainly was fun.

We had one compartment to ourselves and another to share with two eligible young ladies. We left that one to 'Speedy Maxwell' who was full of great aspirations. On the way to the buffet car later I noticed the girls were both reading books and Morris (Speedy) was no where to be seen. (It was called a buffet car because you get buffeted around so much waiting your turn that they don't have to serve you sitting down. You're happy to buy cheese sandwiches and get out)

When the waitress came along the train selling ice-cream and chips, she not only stopped at our door but came right in to watch little red and blue jumping beans bouncing around in a tobacco tin. Next time you see Ralph Sinclair, ask him to show you how to make one with an easter egg wrapper, a ball bearing and a thermometer case.

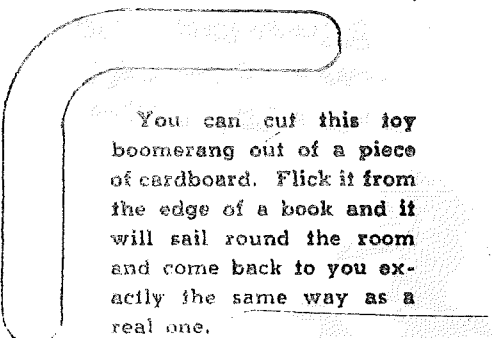
The waitress got one free but Andrew tried to sell one to some sailors. They stopped short of shelling out at the bargain price of \$1.00. Better stick to winning championships Andrew.

At Wangaratta, as the train was moving off, the passengers heard the familiar ch- ch- -ch- -ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch ch Ooooo Oooo "But no black smoke drifted past the windows. Chris Henzgen was in the passage chuffing into a loud-hailer. We asked him to play the didgeridoo too, but he said he'd only brought boomerangs that trip.

WE stayed the night at St Mark's hall and woke up refreshed to start the big day. We are grateful to Ken for arranging a place to sleep.

At 4 O'clock on Sunday morning we woke up not so refreshed to walk through the empty Albury streets to the station. After giving a jumping bean to the new waitress and discussing several brilliant boomerang promotion ideas, we held a mini championship on the train.

Now is the time to reveal a secret which has been hidden for years on page 87 of Coles Funny Picture Book No. 3.



You can cut this toy boomerang out of a piece of cardboard. Flick it from the edge of a book and it will sail round the room and come back to you exactly the same way as a real one.

We cut some from a cardboard coaster. Ideally the cardboard should be a little bit thinner. Chris Henzgen claims a new record of 32.41 seconds for five catches.

If anyone thinks they can equal it, let them do so in an 8ft. X 5ft. moving compartment with at least six other people in it.

It was a long trip. A small band of boomerang throwers wandered out of Spencer Street station like dazed sheep. But we'll be back again next year. Speedy says we only have to recruit 20 new members each (total 200) and we can book a whole train.

Alan Thompson,

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1980.

The ANC, s were again held at Albury under the direction of Ken Ovington, Albury. who organised the preparation of the ground and obtained sponsorship for the trophies which were magnificent.

Missed by his absence was Bob Burwell from Queensland, due to illness.

Albury turned on another great day for throwing with slight wind varying to dead calm. Twenty three senior and twelve juniors competed for the awards.

President Jack Byham presented the awards with the help of Ken Ovington.

Highlights were the win of the General competition by Whyallian Barrie Forsyth, with Bunny Read Whycheproof second.

Barrie created two records on the day with his total of 31 accuracy points from five throws and a gigantic 146 consecutive catches minimum range 20 metre diameter. Bob Burns from Sydney with 35.1 secs. for five catches was an excellent effort.

Andrew Travis from Melbourne won the junior general and shortest time for five catches., and Sharon Knight won the most catches and most accuracy points. Alan Forsyth from Whyalla South Australia threw the closest to the pin.

Thankyou again Ken Ovington for your invaluable support and service to boomerang idologists throughtout Australia.

Dennis Maxwell.

Competitor.	accuracy		catching		general.		
	pts.	dist.	time	5. No.	dist.	accur.	catch.
					heat	final	total.
M. Maxwell.	12	1113	1.08.5	30		64	
B. Burns.	10		0.35.1	8		96	72 168.
G. Turnstall.	10			1		51	
A. Thompsn.	7			1		7	
D. Maxwell.	22	1095	1.06.2	14		57	
R. Croll.	12		0.37.7	10		59	
C. Westall.	26	903	1.20.3	18		95	
D. McLennan.	13					56	
I. Forsyth.	13	883		1		47	
Bro. Thomas.	10		0.58.6	5		108	65 173.
B. Read.	31	441	0.38.1	146.		96	111 207.
R. Sinclair.	7					38.	
C. Hengzen.	1			5.		76.	
G. Rawson.	10	771				58.	
G. Durant.	6					66.	
C. Lewry.	8					95.	
B. Forsyth.	14.		1.17.4	13		105	111 216.
B. Knight.	10		1.30.0	6.		56	
L. Kinght.	2.		2.49.1	6		78.	
L. Nelson.	4			5		73	
A. Janetski	11					40.	
L. Janetski.	0					40	
J. Byham.	27					28.	

JUNIOR AUST. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

	acc. pts.	dist.	catching time 5.	No.	General dist.	Acc.	Total.
		(1)					
A. Forsyth.	8	697		1	8, 9		17
A. Travis.	10		0.53.0	(1) (2)	29, 45		74 (1)
C. Wan.	2		1.51.0	2	8, 10		18
B. Tayler	2	(2)	1.42.0	4	18, 4		22
T. Wills.	14&10			1	6, 17		23
C. MacKay	4		1.35.0	4	21, 17		38
P. Maxwell.	3			5	37, 10		47-3
D. Milostic.	8			1	2, 5		7
M. Ovington.	8		1.24.0	5	25, 25		50-2
F. Riccardi.	4	(1)		2	4, 16		20
S. Knight.	14&21		1.24.0	13 (1)	21, 8		29
J. Knight.	6			1	38, 6		44

TEE SHIRTS WITH B.A.A. EMBLEM.

THIS SERVICE IS FREE TO FINANCIAL MEMBERS  
TO NON MEMBERS THE SMALL CHARGE OF 50 c. IS ASKED.

YOU SUPPLY YOUR OWN TEE SHIRT WITH NAME SECURELY

ATTACHED. TEE SHIRT MUST BE CLEAN AND NAMED.

Tee shirts will be held until a reasonable number are in for printing.

\*\*\*\* NON MEMBERS \*\*\*\*KEEP UP WITH BOOMERANG NEWS.

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Believe it or not, planning is already under way for next year, s Moomba Competition. For some time now the Moomba Comp. has been one of the most successful B. A. A. activities. It fulfils a variety of needs and offers something for each person.

The interested learner generally has an opportunity to find out how a boomerang is thrown. He can have a go himself and can be certain that the first boomerang he purchases will actually return.

The spectator is able to see boomerangs of all descriptions being thrown and caught - often for his very first time. It is a chance to find out about the sport and to witness some of Australia, s top boomerangers in action.

Naturally, for the competitor it is an important occasion, being one of the year, s main annual competitions. It is the traditional start of the boomerang season and helps get people throwing again after some months of inactivity.

The enthusiasts who do not actually throw also enjoy Moomba. The large crowds make proceedings exciting and it is always good to see and talk to everyone again.

Even the B. A. A. member who does not attend Moomba benefits from it. There are the takings from competitors entry fees. Perhaps even more valuable is all of the free publicity and exposure the sport receives.

OF course there are few problems. One is Melbourne, s location - it means quite a journey for interstate travellers. Another is the weather - even locals admit it tends to be rather unpredictable. Then there is the problem of time. it is almost impossible to squeeze tuition, competition and demonstrations all into one day; it is even more difficult to schedule all activities for the hours when maximum numbers of people will be watching,

The planning committee recently held a meeting in Melbourne. These problems were discussed and a number of changes and improvements were suggested. Thoses generally approved included; billeting country and interstate competitors, introducing new events, providing additional types of demonstrations, increasing the amount of spectators involvement, and providing incentives for B. A. A. membership.

The only item which seemed to cause a great deal of discussion was a suggestion to schedule the competition for two days. It was decided to seek the advice of all B. A. A. members on this matters.

Following is a description of each of the five options available, listing the pros and cons of each. Below the descriptions you will find a ballot which we would like you to complete and return. (Country and interstate travellers should keep in mind that billeting will be available) Naturally, it will be impossible to please everyone. However a healthy and quick response should tell us how the majority feels.

#### 1. ONE SET DAY. Saturday 28th. February.

Facts; one day competition to be held that day (Sat) regardless of weather and throwing conditions.

Pros; spectators and Moomba officials will know (in advance) which day competition will occur; Saturday night will be available for a group dinner or for travelling Sunday will be available for a group throw-in, tuition/demonstration, travelling, or for normal Sunday commitments.

Cons; some throwers will have to travel to Melbourne on Friday; there may not be much tuition time for learners and new throwers (on Sat) if the weather is bad then competitors will be stuck with it; throwers will miss out on any normal Saturday commitments.

cont.

2. ONE DAY Sunday 1st. March.

FACTS: one day competition to be held that day regardless of the weather and throwing conditions;

PROS: Spectators and Moomba officials will know which day throwing will occur; Saturday will be available for practice, travel, or for normal Sat commitments;

CONS. Some throwers will have to travel from Melbourne on Sunday evening; there may not be much tuition time for learners and new throwers. if weather is bad, then competitors will be stuck with it; throwers will miss out on any normal Sunday commitments.

3. ONE DAY\_\_CHOSEN. NO SECOND DAY (sat feb. 28&Sun. Marc. 1st).

FACTS: Competitors to assemble on Saturday morning and vote either to hold competition that day(saturday) or the following day (Sunday).

PROS: Throwers will have a choice in determining what day- and in what conditions- they throw; shocking weather on the Saturday can be left alone; good weather on the Saturday can be utilized; in theory, spectators should be guaranteed good viewing; Saturday night will be available for group dinner; if throwing occurs on Saturday then Sunday will be available for demonstration, tuition, a group throw-in, travelling, or normal Sunday commitments.

CONS: Throwers will have to commit themselves for two days; this could present problems with travelling; spectators and Moomba officials will not know which day throwing will occur (however, the printed Moomba program could read "Sat 28th boomerang throwing- to be postponed until tomorrow if excessively windy; throwers will have to front up on Saturday (to vote) even if it is blowing a gale. having thrown on Saturday, competitors may ironically find Sunday, s weather perfect; those with Sat. or Sun. commitments will not be able to make definite plans.

4. TWO DAY\_\_SET. (sat. Feb. 28th. & Sun. Mar. 1st).

FACTS. two day competition to be held both Saturday and Sunday regardless of the weather;

PROS. time will be much more plentiful for tuition, demonstration, and competition; new events can be tried and old ones expanded (e. g. four rounds per person in general championship). throwing can be scheduled for the hours when maximum number of people will be watching. spectators and Moomba officials will know on which days and at what times throwing will occur. competition can start later (e. g. afternoon) enabling some throwers to travel to Melbourne on Saturday morning, any event taking place over both days should theoretically provide a greater indication of expertise (because of the additional rounds and/or variety of throwing conditions) exposure and publicity should be greater over two days; Saturday night will be available for group dinner.

CONS. Throwers will have to commit themselves for the two days, this could present some problems with travelling; competitors could be forced to throw in shocking weather; this could produce poor competition results and have a negative impression upon spectators; throwers will miss out on any normal saturday and sunday commitment

5. ONE DAY\_\_CHOSEN. SECOND DAY OPTIONAL (sat or Sun of both)

FACTS. One day or two day competition; competitors to assemble both Saturday and Sunday; throwing to occur both days if weather permits; if throwers vote to throw on Saturday then competition to be held Sunday regardless of weather;

PROS. This is the most flexible of the options; maximum use can be made of good conditions; there is the possibility of increased time available for tuition; demonstration and competition; this would mean increased exposure and good publicity;

Moomba continued.

throwing in bad conditions can be avoided (at least for one day) at least some "bad" publicity can be avoided; in theory, competitors can be assured of good conditions and spectators can be guaranteed of good viewing; Saturday night will be available for a group dinner.

CONS. Throwers will have to commit themselves for the two days; this could present some problems with travelling; spectators and Moomba officials will not know on which day(s) throwing will occur (however, the printed programme for both days could read "Boomerang Throwing---unless excessively windy) throwers will have to front up (to Vote) on both days no matter how bad the weather is; throwers leading events after Saturday might be reluctant to vote in favour of throwing on Sunday regardless of how good the conditions happen to be; throwers with normal Saturday or Sunday commitments will not be able to make definite plans.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT  
MOOMBA 1981.

Vote forthree according to your preferences.

Place a number "1" beside your favorite. Place a number 2 beside your second choice. Place a number "3" beside your third choice. Please indicate your name and correct mailing address and telephone number below. Return ballot promptly

- OPTION 1 ONE DAY\_\_SET. (sat. 28th. Feb)
- OPTION 2. ONE DAY\_\_SET. (sunday 1st Mar)
- OPTION 3. ONE DAY\_\_CHOSEN NO SECOND DAY. (sat. or Sund).
- OPTION 4. TWO DAY \_\_SET. (sat. & Sund).
- OPTION 5. ONE DAY.\_\_CHOSEN SECOND DAY OPTIONAL. (Sat. & Sund. or both).

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## 1980 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The fourth annual competition was held on Saturday 17th May at Schulz reserve, Whyalla. BARRIE FIRSYTH once again had things well organised although the weather was still a problem with winds gusting 10 to 20 km.p.h. Forty five throwers took part, making it one of Australia's biggest boomerang activities.

Much of the success for the large turn'out must go to Br. BRIAN THOMAS, who spent a week in Whyalla teaching people how to throw. He gave a demonstration lessons at the city's four high schools and at two primary schools. It is estimated that one thousand teachers and students learned how to throw; His visit was sponsored by B. H. P. who, you may recall, had cameras at Moomba filming BARRIE FORSYTH for a promotional film on boomeranging.

In addition to BR. THOMAS there were two other participants from out of town--EDD MITCHELL, a new thrower, from Adelaide, and CHRIS HENZGEN, who travelled from Melbourne to Adelaide by train and then drove up with ED. About six months ago ED happened to be in Melbourne and received his first boomerang lesson when he approached CHRIS, who was throwing at Princes Park.

The junior events saw close finishes in the timed catching and general championship. The main trophy winner was MARTIN MATHEWS who narrowly beat ALAN FORSYTH by six seconds in the shortest time for three catches with a time of 2 minutes 12 seconds.

Young MARTIN also won the Consecutive Catching competition (on count back) with a score of 2. The standard was much higher this year and juniors were required to catch (not only just merely touch) their boomerang.

The JUNIOR ACCURACY event saw DARREN SHAW produce an excellent effort with a score of 14 points. This was easily the most accurate throwing on the day--for both juniors and seniors;

In the JUNIOR GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP only two points separated the winner, COLIN VARNEY, (48 points) from second place getter, MARTIN MATHEWA (46). Both boys had bruises as well as trophies by the end of the day. JOHN MAFFEA came third (23).

The SENIORTIMED CATCHING event was won by CHRIS HENZGEN who took 63 seconds to complete his five catches.

The CONSECUTIVE CATCHING event saw BR. THOMAS battle the elements (and a tired throwing arm) to establish a new South Australian record with 36 catches. It was also his second best personal effort.

Windy conditions produced a close finish in the SENIOR ACCURACY event. After five throws CHRIS HENZGEN and newcomer ED MITCHELL were tied with 8 points a piece. In the throw-off round ED made three excellent throws to score an additional 10 points and win. It was his first ever competition.

THE SENIOR GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP was another close event. In the end only eleven points separated the three finalists. BARRIE FORSYTH finished in third place with 101 points, Another Whyalla thrower, IAN GOLDING came second on 107. IAN is a talented young thrower who catches courageously and throws well. It would be nice to see him at some of the other competitions. The South Australian Champion of 1980 is BR. BRIAN THOMAS, who combined four consistent rounds for a grand total of 112 points.

## 1980 S.A. CHAMP. CONT.

Following the presentations, BRO. THOMAS, ED MITCHELL, CHRIS HENZGEN, and a couple of local throwers gathered at the FORSYTH home for a delicious chicken dinner. The three out-of-towners were then taken on a conducted tour of the B.H.P. iron and steel operations. Afterwards, it was back to Barrie's place for supper. Over coffee, tea cakes and bickies the world's boomerang problems were solved--all except for one, and interesting point raised by BRO. THOMAS.

The situation is a general championship conducted in very windy conditions. A throw goes out just past the 20 metre circle before a gust of wind swoops the 'rang high into the air. The thrower immediately turns and begins running towards where he thinks it will land. He is in full stride by the time it sails past, high above his head. He continues the chase as the boomerang begins its slow descent. After an all out sprint he reaches the hovering object and catches it just outside the 40 metre circle. Naturally he scores 2 points for the catch and none for accuracy. But what about the range?. Does he qualify for the bonus points?.

Overall the South Australian Championships and the events leading up to them were a huge success. Support from the local sponsors was good and media coverage was both plentiful and accurate. The number of participants (45) was more than double that of last years (19) and the standard has come a long way since the first Whyalla competition held 7th. May 1977.

Chris Henzgen.

## FOURTH SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

JUNIOR ACCURACY	DARREN SHAW	14 pts.
JUNIOR TIMED CATCHING	MARTIN MATHEWS.	2m 12 secs.
JUNIOR CONSECUTIVE CATCHING	MARTIN MATHEWS	2 catches.
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.		
	1st. COLIN VARNEY.	48 pts.
	2nd. MARTIN MATHEWS.	46 pts.
	3rd. JOHN MAFFEA	23 pts.
SENIOR ACCURACY	ED MICHELL (Adelaide)	8 pts.
SENIOR TIMED CATCHING.	CHRIS HENZGEN (Melb)	63 secs.
SENIOR CONSECUTIVE CATCHING	Bro. B. THOMAS (Sydney)	36 catches New Record.
SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP		
	1st. Bro. B. THOMAS.	112 pts.
	2nd IAN GOLDING	107 pts.
	3rd. BARRIE FORSYTH	101 pts.

(Moderate winds of 10 - 20 km/hr. all competitors from Whyalla unless stated.)



Spring 1980

By Benjamin Ruhe

World's Record Claim. Al Gerhards of Downingtown, Pennsylvania, threw a boomerang outward 113 meters (123 yards) and brought it back for a complete, accurate return at a tournament last October 20 near Rossllyn, New York. With this throw, he laid claim to the world's distance mark. His distance topped the 105-meter record set by Herb Smith of Sussex, England, on August 11, 1978. Gerhards, 6-foot-6 and 210 pounds, launched into an 8-mile-an-hour wind. On its return flight, the boomerang returned across the baseline 10 yards to his left and carried back another 15 yards. Gerhards believes he could easily have caught it but preferred to permit the boomerang to complete its flight path unimpeded. Gerhards' record throw--the longest of five by him that day all topping Smith's mark--was remeasured twice with a steel tape. Judges included several of the leading boomerang authorities on the East Coast. Gerhards used a boomerang of his own manufacture made of 24 strips of white ash laminated lengthwise in two layers. Three weights were sunk into each end to increase range. The boomerang weighed six ounces and spanned 20 inches from tip to tip, 29 inches when measured along the curve. The throw was made in the middle of an immense field with no obstructions present to shield the boomerang from the wind and permit greater distance outward. Gerhards has applied to the Guinness Book of World Records, which lists a 100-meter throw in 1976 by Bob Burwell of Queensland, Australia, as the world's record.

Smithsonian Tournament. The seventh annual now-you-see-it, now-you-don't, now-you-see-it-again Smithsonian Institution boomerang throwing open will be held June 14, 1980 in West Potomac Park (just south of the Lincoln Memorial) in Washington, D.C. It is being run, as before, by the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program, a membership group. This year, for the first time, the tourney will be co-sponsored by the Smithsonian's prestigious National Air and Space Museum. There will be a variety of individual and team events, plus a demonstration. For rules, write: Boomerang, Resident Associate Program, Arts and Industries Building, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

Challenge Tour. Following my reconnaissance trip to Australia in April of 1979, the effort to organize a U.S. team challenge tour of Australia in 1980 has maintained momentum. Team sizes, venues, rules, and other matters seem to pose solvable issues. What's needed in the first instance is enough backing to make the trip possible. One major private donation from a patron of the sport and indications of possible U.S. and Australian corporate support indicate the fund-raising drive is about half-way there. A committee continues to work on the solicitation problem. We need an additional \$10,000-\$15,000--a small amount considering the astonishing amount of publicity the tour will inevitably generate. Good ideas anyone? Please communicate them to me by letter. The U.S. team will be accorded sponsorship by the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program and co-sponsorship by the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. This is important help, since donations to the Smithsonian are tax-deductible. Additionally, the Smithsonian name adds an important cachet. From the Australian side, we have a pledge of support from Senator Neville Bonner of Queensland, the only Aboriginal senator in Australia. Before entering politics, the Senator was a professional maker of boomerangs. He remains a good thrower. Senator Bonner told me when I visited him that he would not only support the tour but would throw out the first boomerang. He added: "I believe a team of Aussies comprising fifty percent Aborigines could beat the socks off a U.S.A. team."

What's What in Europe. Max Hoeben has been elected president of the new European Boomerang Federation and is busy organizing events and putting out a periodic newsletter. He has scheduled a tournament in his home town of Amstelveen, Holland, May 24-26 and invites U.S. participation. A European championship in Paris is talked of for September. For information on European events and personalities, write: Max Hoeben, Rembrandtweg 197, 1181GH Amstelveen, The Netherlands. His funds are tight. Do enclose a dollar (or more) as a contribution.

U.S.A. Regional Competitions. Boomerang tournaments are now being routinely held in various parts of the country, but word about them can sometimes be hard to obtain for those not wired into the throwing circuit. Following are names and addresses of persons who can be expected to run tournaments this year, preceded by sites: Portland, Oregon---Marjorie Gerrish, 4885 S.W. 78th Avenue, 97225; Baltimore---Dave Robson, 4602 Schenley Road, 21210; Allentown, Pa.---Peter Ruhf, Route 2, Box 67, Emmaus, Pa. 18049; Danvers, Mass.---Nick McAuliffe, 9 Morrill Place, Amesbury, Mass. 01913; and Long Island---Holly English-Payne, 11 Overhill Lane, Roslyn, N.W. 11576. Note that Mrs. Gerrish has already scheduled her annual event. It will be first weekend in June. McAuliffe's boomerang fling is set for Aug. 16 at 1 p.m.

NEW BOOK. Dr. Hanns Peter of the Museum fur Volkerkunde, Vienna, is writing a 200-page study of the boomerang, mainly the non-returner. He heads the Ethnology Museum's Oceania and Australia Department. Peter spent two years--1975-76--studying the subject in Australia, on a grant from the Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Canberra. He measured 7,000 boomerangs and conducted extensive interviews with aboriginals in Central Australia and on Mornington Island, in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

If you want to contribute, address him at: Museum fur Volkerkund, A-1014 Wien, Neushofburg, Austria.

USA Carl Naylor on Boomerang-Throwing. "In a world of crowded space and hectic time, the boomerang teaches the value of creative leisure and elbow room. We have a sport for the future. In an age of teams and computers and violence, the boomerang teaches civilized competition, individual performance, contemplative pleasures, awareness of nature, consideration for others. You can't throw in a crowd. In an age of crowds, we have a sport for human beings. In our time we have seen dreadful and destructive vehicles rocket through space and across our skies. The boomerang's arc is a parabola of innocence, of playfulness, of hope."

NEWS FROM LONDON. John Wray, warden of the Centre for Life Studies at the London Zoological Gardens, invites boomerang enthusiasts to look him up when they get to England. His telephone number is 01-586-3910. He and his group are having a workshop and competition April 26-27, sponsored by the Horniman Museum.

MINUTES OF THE 1980 BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE, FALLON STREET, ALBURY ON SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL

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PRESENT: A total of 43 members were present as per the attendance roll.

APOLOGIES: Messrs. Bob Burwell, Max Hoeben, Bob Schroeder.

MINUTES OF THE 1979 A.G.M.:

The Minutes were read and were confirmed.

(D. Maxwell/G. Rawson)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

As there was no business arising from the Minutes the meeting moved on to other business.

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

After discussion, the meeting resolved to alter the section in the Constitution relating to office bearers. Two new positions were created:

- (1) Editor - for the Association's bulletin and any other publications
- (2) Membership Secretary - to keep the membership roll, collect subscriptions and issue membership cards.

The meeting further decided to limit the tenure of office for all office bearers to a period of three years commencing 12/4/1980, with the exception of the positions of regional supervisors. It was agreed that regional supervisors may be appointed by the Executive Committee for an indefinite period.

The above alterations to the Constitution were approved by 75% of the members present.

As notification of the proposed alteration had not been forwarded in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting, as required by the Constitution, it was agreed to implement the changes immediately and seek ratification of this action at 1981 A.G.M.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

In the absence of other nominations the following were accepted and elected as the Association's office bearers for a period of three years.

President	Mr. J. Byram
Vice Presidents	Bro. Thomas
	Mr. B. Reed
Secretary	Mr. M. Maxwell
Treasurer	Mr. R. Sinclair
Editor	Mr. D. Maxwell
Membership Secretary	Mr. B. Croll

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer spoke to the circulated report. The Association had a credit balance of \$605.28 as at the 1st January, 1980. Outstanding Accounts as at 12/4/1980 total \$325.99. Fees of approximately \$100 were collected at the Australian Championships (12/4/80), giving a current balance of approximately \$440.

The Association's Public Liability Insurance cover is now provided by the Victorian Association of Youth Clubs at a premium of \$11.80 per annum. The premium last year with another company being \$47.10.

The current stock of boomerangs for sale is valued at approximately \$60. After discussion, it was agreed that the mark-up on the sale of boomerangs is to remain the same. More sale outlets are required and members are asked to assist where possible.

Moved R. Sinclair, seconded D. Maxwell that the report be accepted - carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Association Bulletin - quarterly distribution

It was agreed that the Bulletin is to be distributed in February, April, July and November of each year. Closing date for contributions is the first day of the month of distribution. It was suggested that two or more copies be posted to each member.

Membership Fees

The meeting resolved to make no alteration to the current scale of fees for 1980. It was suggested that a numbered membership card be issued to each financial member. D. Maxwell to arrange design and printing of cards and "tear-out" membership forms for inclusion in the Bulletin. D. Maxwell to also design and arrange printing of B.A.A. address slips to be provided to those Boomerang manufacturers who agree to distribute them with their products.

Rules Book

Miss Carol Lewry offered to update the Competition Rules. Draft to be forwarded to D. Maxwell for Executive approval, printing and distribution as the official B.A.A. Competition Rules Book.

Competitions for 1981

An invitation to hold the 1981 Australian Championship at Mitta Mitta was discussed and declined, as the date is too close to the Moomba competition in March. However, an event may be possible in Mitta Mitta, particularly if the American competitors have arrived in Australia.

It was the decision of the meeting that the 1981 Australian Championships are to be held at Fallon Street, Albury on the first Saturday in April.

Proposed Tour of Australia by American Throwers

The meeting was informed that the Americans have raised approximately three-quarters of the money required for the proposed tour. They will select their team at competitions to be held on June 10th, 1980.

GENERAL BUSINESS (Contd.)

Proposed Tour of Australia by American Throwers (contd.)

The Secretary was requested to contact the tour organisers and invite the team to compete in Australia between the 1st March and the end of the first week in April, 1981.

REGIONAL SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Mr. Barry Forsyth reported on various efforts he had made to publicise the sport. Some form of sponsorship may be forthcoming from B.H.P. or other companies.

Details of the 4th South Australian Championship to be held on Saturday 17th May, 1980 was circulated.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: First Saturday in April, 1981 at Albury.