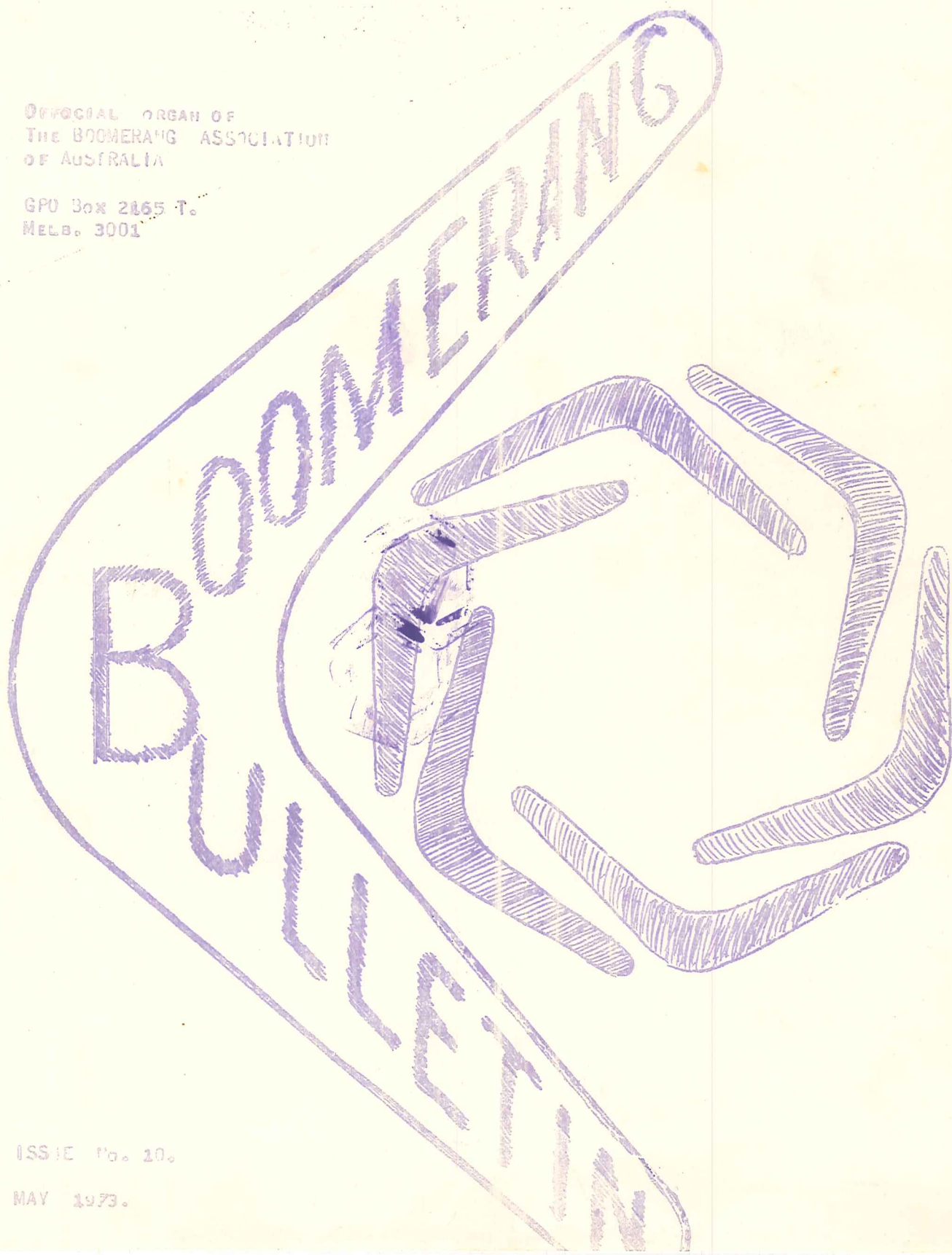


OFFICIAL ORGAN OF
THE BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

GPO Box 2065 T.
MELB. 3001



ISSUE No. 10.

MAY 1973.

BOOMERANG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

C.F.O. Box 2165T, Melb. 3001

BULLETIN No. 10. MAY 1973

This year the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, will be held at 45 Rose St., McKinnon, Victoria. On Wednesday the 27th. of June.

Members attending are requested to be punctual, so that the meeting can commence at 8:00 pm. Members making postal votes, should do so as soon as convenient.

Items on the AGENDA will include:-

- Annual Treasurers report.
- Election of Executive members:-
 - President, two Vice Presidents,
 - Regional Supervisors,
 - Secretary, Treasurer.
- Alterations to Constitution.

As stated in sections 4 and 5 of the current Constitution; Nominations for Executive members, and proposed alterations to the constitution, must be in the Secretary's possession not less than twenty-eight days prior to the AGM.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS;

Are now due for the year first of May '73 till 30th. April '74.

Because of increased costs, and Insurance coverage being obtained by the Association; subs have been increased to \$2 Senior, \$1:50 Intermediate, and \$1:00 Junior. Technically, members have till 31/7/73 to pay, but would you please do it now while it is fresh in your mind.

All members who joined the Association, and paid their first subs after the 31/12/72, are automatically covered till 30/4/74.

INSURANCE

The Association now has a PUBLIC LIABILITY policy with indemnity to \$100,000; for all official functions. This covers members during competitions and approved demonstrations, for any damage or injury which may occur without reasonable precautions being taken.

DARLINGTON POINT 'WORLD' CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year the interim World championships will be held on,
SATURDAY The Third of NOVEMBER 1973,
on the oval at Darlington Point in New South Wales.

This function is now conducted by the DARLINGTON POINT
ADVANCEMENT Committee, which has been formed in lieu of
the Darlington Point War Memorial Swimming Pool Fund Raising
Committee.

Address any enquiries to Mr. A. Brooks, Honorary Secretary
of the DFAC, Carrington St. Darlington Point, N.S.W. 2706.
Or contact your local Executive member.

REGULAR 'BOOMERANGING' MEETINGS

To promote active interest, the Association plans to develop
regular Regional throwing meetings. Initially, these could take
the form of certain venues attended at certain times by at least
one experienced member, on a roster system. The experienced
members present could then give lessons to any other members
who are able to attend occasionally, and to any potential members
who may turn up. If the weather is inclement, instructions in
boomerang construction could be given at venues where facilities
are available.

The very keen boomeranger, Bill Knight has recently commenced
giving demonstrations every Sunday afternoon, at
the ROCK BANK LION PARK, on Ballarat Rd. near the 17 mile post
from Melbourne.

All members are welcome to attend, and it is hoped that most
members in and around Melbourne will be available to help out
occasionally.

Any members who would like to spend a Sunday afternoon at the
park, could ring Morris Maxwell on 58-4160, or simply turn up.

Boomerangs will be available for sale at the park.

Admission Free.

MOOMBA COMPETITIONS - 1973

Once again the Association conducted a highly successful day at Flinders Park Oval.

The morning of Sunday the fourth of March was sunny, with light variable winds. Although the sun remained out for most of the day, the wind strength increased and scoring consequently decreased. Wind gusts of 30k/h were recorded.

Attendance was good; both competitors and spectators. A large crowd watched 16 entrants competition in the main event and there were sufficient starters to run 4 other events. The specialised events held the public's interest between the preliminary rounds, finals, and trophy presentations later in the afternoon.

This year the Association conducted a full days programme which included a number of specialised competitions in addition to The General Championship. This kept the organisers on their toes, and Dennis Maxwell perspired steadily all day. Ralph Sinclair, lost early in the pebble, was later discovered amid a pile of hydrogen balloons and associated equipment. These balloons enhanced the presentation, and one was even used for target practice. Morris Maxwell pushing things along with the assistance of a megaphone seemed to spend a lot of time explaining finer points of the rules to the female stewards who were assisting with the competitions.

The events were climaxed with the presentation of trophies at the end of the day by the very lovely Moomba queen. Several younger members had to be held in check, but the presentations went off without a hitch and provided a fitting close to the programme.

The events went as follows:--

SHORTEST TIME FOR TEN CATCHES;

Here we saw Bunny Read win comfortably with a time of 2min. 28secs. Bunny can run like a rabbit(ha ha), and this proved most helpful for this event. Dennis Maxwell was runner up in this event with 3 min 14 sec. His claim for an 'Advancing years bonus', was disallowed.

MOST ACCURATE RETURN:

Les Janetzki, that great old performer, cleaned up this event with a return that finished 1.82 m from the peg. It was blowing a gale at the time, so Les did well to score under 2 metres. "What about moving over Les and giving the young blokes a go?"

MOOMBA COMPETITIONS. Contd..

HIGHEST NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE CATCHES;

Bunny Read again, closely followed by Bill Knight. While scoring was low, it must be remembered that wind conditions were very poor. This event always proves a 'crowd pleaser' and in still conditions it can provide some really tense moments.

DISTANCE THROWING;

Dennis Maxwell, throwing his well known 'Donellan flyer', won the title with 73 metres. Brother Morris was close behind with 72 metres. Jeff Lewry on 68m took third place much to his disappointment. Jeff, who has throw a record of 82m could not find form, and will be seeking a comeback (ha) at the next meet.

MOOMBA GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

The preliminary rounds produced some tremendous scores. In the first round young Carol Lewry Scored 52 to make a great start. The surprise of this round was the veteran Les Janetzki, with a 47.. Both Les and Carol threw exceptionally well and proved again that age is no barrier in this sport. With over 50 years difference in their ages, these two competitors showed us all up.

The second round saw Carol go to a staggering total of 102. This is the highest score ever thrown in Moomba preliminaries. Peter Lennox, competing for the first time had a creditable 71, followed by Geoff Rawson on 68 points.

The finals were thrown into increasing wind, and quickly developed into a battle between Carol Lewry and Geff Rawson. Carol thrww steadily and returned a 36 and a 30. Geoff threw a very average 24, but managed a 43 to pass Carol by one point, and take off the title. Peter Lennox, although returning only 16 showed great potential in reaching the finals as this waa his first appearance at Moomba.

The day really belonged to Carol, who at 15 has alifetime of throwing ahead of her, and is already more than holding her own in major comps.

Congratulations to all winners, and the Association's thanks to everyone who by competing, or acting as officials, made the day such a success.

It was good to see 'Bluey' Williams present; just out of hospital recovering from a major operation. "Hope to see you back in the firing line soon Blue."

Continued-

MOOMBA COMPETITIONS

GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP Total Scores :-

A. Janetzki 28, C. Edsall 51, J. Cooper 51, C. Kennedy 23,
L. Janetzki 55, C. Lewry 102, J. Lewry 61, C. Vasco 7,
P. Lennox 71, R. Schroeder 31, G. Rawson 68, B. Read 47,
W. Knight 60; D. Maxwell 59, M. Maxwell 14, R. Sinclair, 28.

FINAL P. Lennox 16, C. Lewry 66, G. Rawson 67.

INGLEWOOD DEMONSTRATION

On Australia day, Three members from Melbourne attended a demonstration at the Lions Club carnival. These members, Peter Lennox, Jeff Cooper and Bill Knight, joined with Hamish Robb to put on an excellent display of boomeranging. Hamish was our Secretary last year, but had to stand down from this position, as he is starting a new business at Wedderburn. The crowd enjoyed the demonstration, and all four well travelled members recieved a letter of thanks from the Inglewood Lions Club.

Bill Knight and Jeff Cooper also attended a demonstration for Fibermaker' of Bayswater last year in aid of a children's christmas party. Both gave a fine exhibition, but Bill broke one of his best boomerangs. They were later presented with pavlover plates as a token of thanks

WIND RECORDINGS --Next Page:-

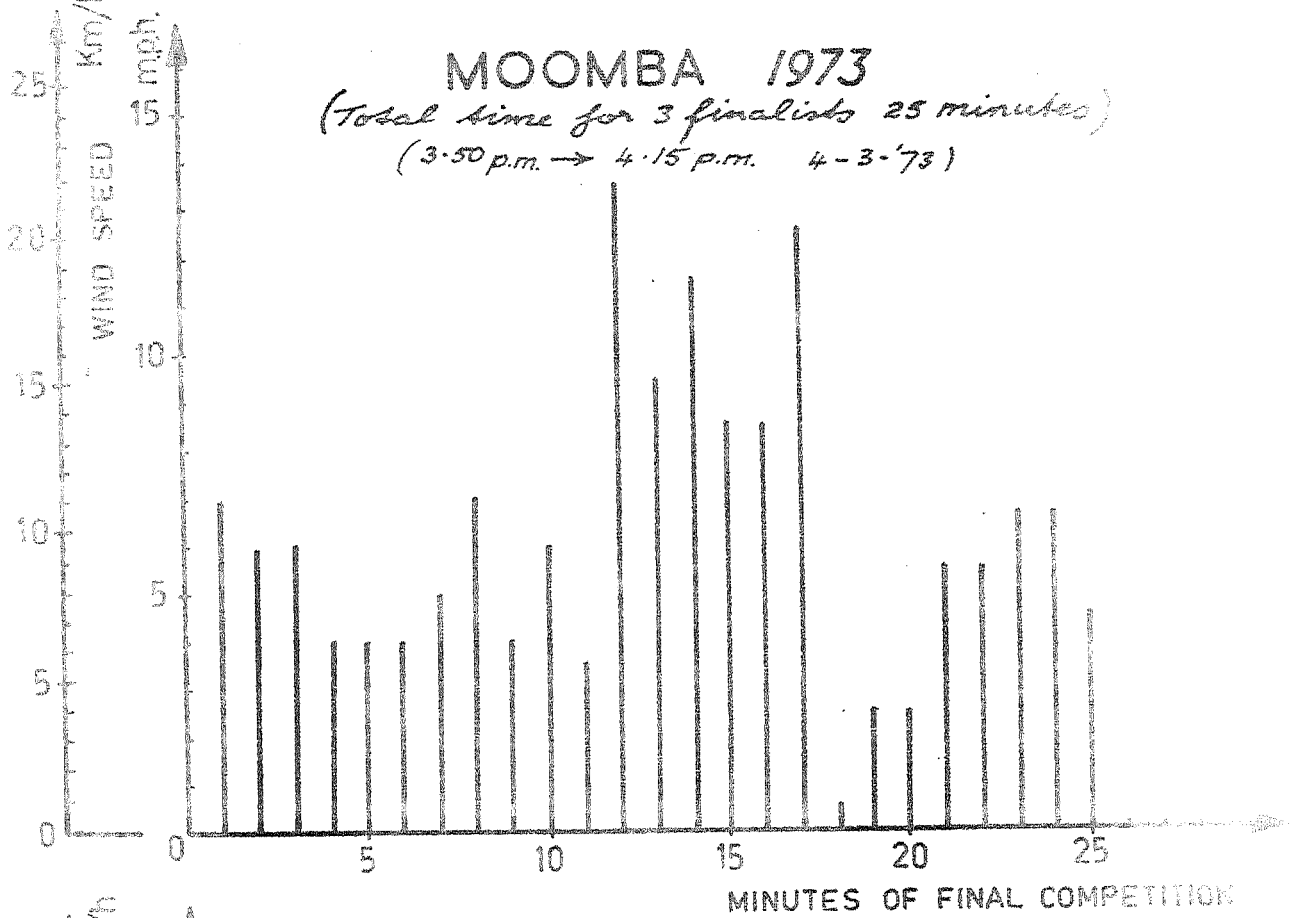
Thanks to Mr. Ralph Sinclair, the Association has had the use of an Anemometer in recent months. Recordings were taken at the Moomba competitions, and also during the Australian Championships at Canberra.

Mr. Sinclair has prepared a chart of readings taken during the finals of the General Championships at these functions, and and these are displayed on the next page

MOOMBA 1973

(Total time for 3 finalists 25 minutes)

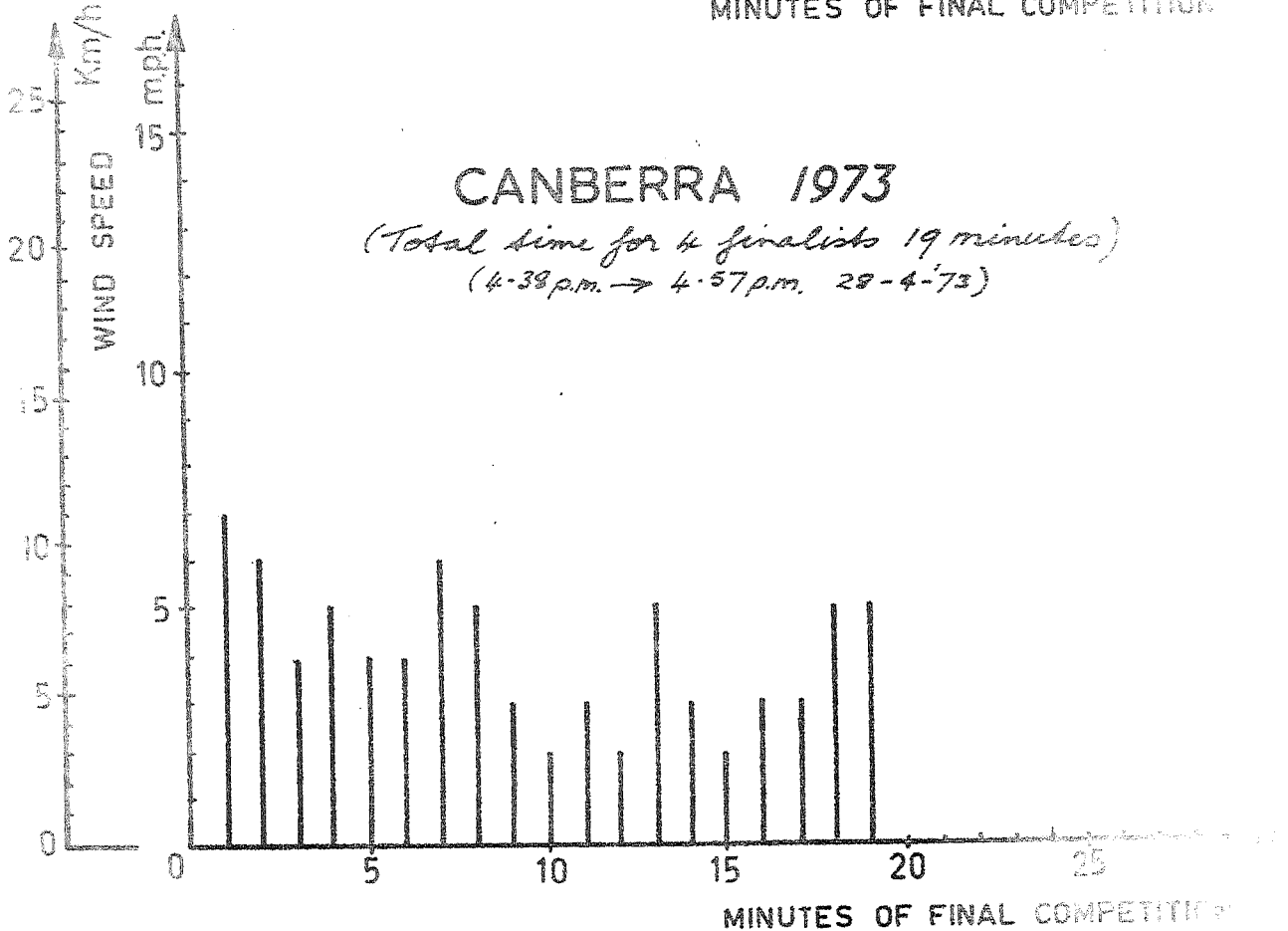
(3:50 p.m. → 4:15 p.m. 4-3-'73)



CANBERRA 1973

(Total time for 4 finalists 19 minutes)

(4:39 p.m. → 4:57 p.m. 28-4-'73)



1973 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year the National Titles were decided at Southwell Park in CANBERRA, on the 28th. of April.

The weather was fine, but with occasional wind gusts of up to 16 k/h. (10 m/h)

All eastern states were represented, and we look forward to the day when Regional Associations have been established throughout Australia, and are each able to sponsor their representatives to vie for the National titles.

The programme commenced with the first heat of the General Championship. Unfortunately the 1972 Champion, 'Bluey' Williams was not able to defend his title this year, as he was still on 'the mend' from the operation he had in February.

The following is an account of each contestant's efforts, in the order of throwing for the GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP:--

Sue Griffiths of Sydney was the first thrower. Sue, who had not entered a competition before, fared reasonably well, and scored better than a number of male contestants with a total of 33 points.

Peter Lewry, who won the title at Albury in 1971, scored well to enter the final with a total of 88 points.

Jeff Lewry, well known personality and ardent competitor from Bowna, kept close to his son's score to qualify for the finals with 84 points.

Allan Lilley of Queensland, taking part in his first competition, struck some bad weather, and managed to score 14 points.

Bruce Kyle, the well dressed sportsman from Sydney, who has had regular success at the Darlington Point competitions; was also upset by the wind, and scored 48 points.

Ralph Sinclair, who had some vague excuse about tired arms after flying up from Melbourne, discovered that his old favourite 'black hook' boomerang should finally be pensioned off. His scoring improved in the second heat, and he totaled 24 points.

Leanne Read, who arrived with her family from Whycheproof was competing for her first time after only a few months tuition by her father. Her total was 42 points.

Morris Maxwell, using a boomerang loaned to him by Bluey, was satisfied with his score of 54 points.

Lorin Hawes, well known manufacturer from Queensland, Who is a great exponent of 'still air' throwing, fared well in the wind with a total of 56 points.

Sunny Read, the well travelled and very keen contestant from Whycheproof in Victoria, maintained his standard to enter the finals on 81 points.

AUST. GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP Continued:--

Graham Hartney, who flew from Melbourne with Ralph Sinclair, and probably had the same excuse, tried throwing boomerangs which he had made that morning, and even used new throwing techniques, but was put off by the wind to score 27 points.

Jack Byham, Manufacturer, and very experienced thrower from Cobram on the Murray, literally knocked himself out trying.

When going for a catch, his shoe slipped, Jack tripped, and hit his head back on the ground. Undaunted, Jack went on to qualify for the final with an equal score to Bunny's of 81 points.

Carol Lewry, who at 15 years of age, is a veteran of many competitions, had some trouble with the weather, which lowered her usual standard. Carol's score was 55.

Robby Burns of Sydney, who has contested at Darlington Point, and a veteran of demonstrations throughout N.S.W., struck a patch of bad gusts, and scored 33 points.

Brian Shattell, also from Sydney, and a prodigy of the late Frank Donnellan, with some accurate throwing in gusty conditions scored a total of 62 points. A few years ago, Brian represented Australia with a demonstration at the Expo in Tokyo.

Chris Edsall, a prodigy of Bunny Read's tuition, at 15 years of age travelled on his own from Melbourne by train. He showed good control and catching ability, which gave him a total of 64 points.

James Lewry, only 6 years old, displayed promising skill. Although his throws did not quite have the necessary range, a concession for his age allowed him a score of 21 points.

THE GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS were held as the last event of the day, and opened with Bunny Read. He achieved maximum points for catching and range on every throw, and these added to his accuracy score gained him third place on 89 points. This is the second year in succession that Bunny held this position as he also came third last year at the Australian Championship at Swan Hill.

Next was Jack Byham, who with shorter range throws attained fourth place with 85 points.

Jeff Lewry, as usual achieved maximum range, but missed a catch on one throw which might have made all the difference, apart from his accuracy points. Jeff's was 97 which earned him second place.

PETER LEWRY REGAINED THE TITLE with accurate throwing of medium range, and good catching, which brought his score to 100 points and first place. Congratulations Peter.

1973 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS Continued:-

The second event on the programme was the SHORTEST TIME FOR TEN CATCHES, which was won by Dr. Lorin Hawes, who with short range accurate throwing made the ten catches in 2minutes, 19.6secs.

HIGHEST NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE CATCHES, was won by Carol Lewry who in blustery conditions, made three catches.

MOST ACCURATE RETURN, was won by Bunny Read, with a distance of 1.82m from the center peg. Runner up in this competition was E. Lang of Canberra, whose boomerang landed 1.88m from the peg.

FIRST OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN DISTANCE TITLE:

The distance competition at Canberra was the first to be held during an Australian Championship under the control of the Association.

This event was WON By BRIAN SHATTELL, with a throw which carried his boomerang over a point 64m from the throwing mark, before returning to qualify.

Relative calm conditions which prevailed during the distance competition, upset the achievements of some contestants who had practiced in windy weather. Among these throwers were; Jeff Lewry holder of the record 82m., and Jack Byham, whose boomerang seemed to travel a phenomenal distance, but did not quite make the return to qualify.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1974

Next Year, the National titles will be held again in CANBERRA

They will again take place on a Saturday during April, apart from Easter. A different venue may be used.

The programme will be similar to that of this year's function with possible improvements. Anyone who could assist, or who requires information regarding group travelling concessions, accomodation etc., is invited to contact the secretary of the Association, or local exucutive member.