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COMPETITION REPORTS In this issue we provide descriptions of the 1972 Moomba Championship, and the 1972 Australian Championship. In response to a number of requests from members for a more detailed dissection of the individual scores, we have changed the report format to conform with the official score sheets; individual scores for each throw are now provided to show the catching, accuracy and range points in that order, (e.g. 4.2.2 reflects 4 points for a catch, 2 points for accuracy, and 2 points for range) Please note that the First Round Scores are printed first, and the Second Round Scores on the next line. Round Totals and Final Totals are also provided. We hope this format meets the requests, if not please don't hesitate to tell us.

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FEES-N-FUNDS If you haven't yet paid your 1972-1973 fees, now's the time to hit your piggy bank. Our new Financial Year began on May 1, and the Treasurer wants some more money in the kitty! (Also if you want to vote at the Annual General Meeting, you must be Financial!) The current Rates are Senior (Over 16) \$1.00 Intermediate \$0.75 and Junior (Under 11) \$0.50.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING This will be held on Wednesday May 24th. 1972. See full details in this issue.....

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DARLINGTON POINT COMPETITIONS The tentative date for the annual contests at Darlington Point is Saturday November 4th. More details will be available in the August Newsletter.

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) ( ) ( 1972 MOOMBA CHAMPIONSHIP ) ( ) (

This Championship was held under ideal weather conditions on Sunday March 3rd at Yarra Park, Melbourne. A total of 21 throwers took part and the spectators were treated to many fine examples of the skills required in Competition Throwing. Not only did the Melbourne weather relent and allow almost perfect throwing conditions, but the schedule was maintained, and this was a credit to the organising sub-committee.

The three finalists in the senior section were Jeff Lewry (Bowna NSW), Geoff Rawson (Doncaster, Vic.), and Bluey Williams (Burwood, Vic.), and the exciting final scores were 79, 80 and 84 respectively. Bluey Williams is the 1972 Moomba Champion, and at one point it looked as though there was a tied score for the Champion title, however the committee examined a protest regarding scoring related to a boomerang that touched the ground in flight. The protest was allowed, and Bluey is the undisputed title holder.

The Junior title holder is G. Ellis. The junior throwers put on a magnificent display, and it was pleasing to see a number of new faces in this section.

The individual scores are listed below :

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Name	Throws 1 to 5					Total	
G. Ellis	0.3.0.	4.0.0.	4.8.0.	4.6.0.	4.1.0.	34	55
	4.0.0.	4.5.0.	0.0.0.	4.0.0.	4.0.0.	21	
B. Williams	4.5.2.	4.3.4.	0.0.0.	2.0.4.	4.2.4.	38	80
	4.0.2.	4.0.2.	4.2.2.	4.6.4.	4.2.2.	42	
J. Lewry	4.6.4.	4.6.4.	4.3.4.	0.4.4.	4.6.4.	61	115
	4.8.4.	0.2.4.	4.3.4.	4.5.4.	4.0.4.	54	
D. Maxwell	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	2.0.4.	4.2.4.	4.2.4.	26	62
	4.0.4.	2.0.4.	2.0.4.	4.0.4.	4.0.4.	36	
%. Sinclair	4.8.0.	4.4.0.	4.7.0.	4.8.0.	4.8.0.	55	72
	0.0.0.	4.2.0.	0.0.0.	0.2.0.	4.5.0.	17	
G. Rawson	4.4.4.	4.8.4.	4.4.4.	4.6.4.	4.4.4.	66	119
	4.4.4.	4.6.2.	4.6.4.	4.2.2.	4.1.2.	53	
G. Hartney	0.0.0.	4.0.0.	4.0.0.	4.6.0.	4.0.0.	22	47
	4.0.0.	4.4.0.	4.0.0.	0.0.0.	4.5.0.	25	
R. Ffrench	0.5.2.	0.0.0.	0.1.2.	0.2.0.	0.0.0.	16	26
	0.8.2.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	10	
M. Maxwell	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	00	5
	0.0.0.	0.1.4.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	5	

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PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Name	Throws 1 to 5					Total	
H. Robb	4.8.0.	0.4.0.	0.0.0.	4.2.0.	0.0.0.	22	57
	0.8.0.	0.6.0.	4.6.0.	4.3.0.	4.0.0.	35	
W. Knight	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	4.4.2.	0.2.2.	4.3.2.	23	33
	4.2.4.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	10	
G. Vasco	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	4.1.0.	4.0.0.	0.0.0.	9	33
	4.0.2.	0.0.0.	4.0.2.	4.0.2.	4.0.2.	24	
A. Janetzki	4.4.4.	4.0.2.	4.0.2.	4.0.0.	4.4.2.	38	63
	4.3.2.	4.2.2.	4.2.2.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	25	
L. Janetzki	4.1.2.	0.0.0.	4.0.2.	4.1.2.	0.6.2.	28	53
	4.0.2.	0.0.0.	4.0.2.	4.3.2.	0.2.2.	25	
P. Bando	0.0.0.	4.4.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	8	10
	0.0.0.	0.2.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	2	
G. Baker	0.0.0.	0.6.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	6	11
	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.5.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	5	
B. Page	0.8.0.	0.4.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	4.8.0.	24	35
	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	4.0.0.	0.0.0.	4.3.0.	11	
P. Turnbull	0.0.0.	0.2.0.	0.0.0.	0.3.0.	4.4.0.	13	32
	0.0.0.	0.2.0.	4.0.0.	4.8.0.	0.1.0.	19	
B. Everett	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.6.0.	0.6.0.	0.0.0.	12	18
	0.0.0.	0.4.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.2.0.	6	
R. Burns	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	4.0.0.	4.0.0.	8	13
	0.0.0.	4.1.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	5	
R. Schroder	4.0.4.	0.0.0.	4.1.4.	4.0.4.	4.0.4.	33	63
	4.0.4.	0.0.0.	4.0.2.	4.0.4.	4.0.4.	30	

FINAL ROUNDS

J. Lewry	4.1.2.	4.8.2.	4.1.2.	4.7.2.	4.0.2.	47	79
	4.0.4.	0.0.0.	0.0.0.	4.0.4.	4.8.4.	32	
G. Rawson	4.0.4.	4.0.4.	4.2.4.	4.0.4.	4.0.4.	42	80
	4.6.2.	4.0.2.	0.0.0.	0.6.4.	4.2.4.	38	
I. Williams	4.2.4.	4.4.4.	4.0.2.	4.0.4.	0.2.4.	42	84
	4.0.4.	4.4.2.	4.4.4.	4.0.2.	4.0.2.	42	

\*\*\*\*\*COMPETITIVE THROWING\*\*\*\*\*

A list of handy hints for competition throwing must, of necessity, be largely a repetition of points already made in previous articles; however it is hoped that reiteration of the most important points will bring them home more forcefully to throwers.

Remember that a Boomerang is a "flying machine" and spin is what makes it fly - the snappier your release, the faster your Boomerang will spin, and consequently the better it will fly. Concentrate hard on this point: Unless your boomerang makes a quite audible "swishing" noise during it's entire flight, you are not giving it enough spin.

It is important to be thoroughly familiar with your Boomerangs, for you must be able to "nominate" your throw before the Boomerang leaves your hand; that is, know in advance what the approximate flight path will be, and also know how to alter your throw in order to alter the flight path to suit varying conditions. You must know in advance roughly where your Boomerang will land, otherwise you just don't have time to be in the "right" position for a good catch.

Catching is very important and separates the winners from the losers very promptly. In the Eastern Suburbs Championship of November 1970, the three placegetters had 20 throws each (10 in eliminations and 10 in final). Of these 60 throws, 45 were caught! In the Australian Open the 60 throws netted 51 catches between the three placegetters. At the Darlington Point World Championship in November 1971, the score was 50 catches from 60 throws. To take it further, total points scored at this last mentioned Championship by the three placegetters was 495 of which 200 points or 2/5 was scored from catches.

Practice catching...!! Good, clean catching!.... More important, practice being in the right spot to take a catch.

There is a tremendous difference between throwing for your own pleasure in the local park, and throwing in a competition. In the park you can think you are doing extra well, with a few magnificent throws, mixed up with a lot of not so good ones. These sessions are generally thrown in conditions which suit you, otherwise you go home. Championships are run at the whim of the weather. Your time to throw is decided by ballot, a hawk-eyed judge will separate your "good" throws from your "bad" ones with varying scores. You will get no second chances; indeed you will get only one sighting throw to test conditions. All this adds up to pressure on you, pressure on your nerves, and "competition nerves" are a disease which some throwers get and some don't. If you get a good dose of competition nerves, it is similar to being stricken with palsy!

COMPETITIVE THROWING Cont...

However, recognising the difference between competitive throwing and throwing for fun will do a great deal towards helping you to be able to control your nerves.

Boomerang throwing has great possibilities as a sport, but for it to develop, gain in popularity, and become a truly National Sport, there needs to be a lot more competitions run with a lot more competitors. Recently there seem to be the same few names turning up in the prize lists of Championships, and this needs altering. The only way to alter it is for new competitors to turn up and have a go.... New Competitors nerves will be shot to pieces in their first competition, but with experience they will improve, so will their throwing and final scores. The author sincerely hopes that some of the material in this series was of some use to somebody!!!

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ALBURY    SHOWS    CANBERRA    THE    BOOMERANG    -    Allan   Hay

Early last year, I received an invitation to travel to Canberra for a weekend in November and demonstrate Boomerang Throwing... The occasion was to be the Warramunga Progress Association Festival. Warramunga is a suburb of Canberra. Myself, my son Greg, and Arthur and Les Janetski comprised the Throwing Team.

We left Albury early Saturday morning and threw for the first time about 11.30 am. In all, we gave four demonstrations throughout the day. Conditions for throwing were most unfavourable with gusts of wind up to twenty knots. Despite this, some good throwing and a few fine catches were demonstrated.

People from many countries throught the world were present and took a keen interest in the demonstrations and the construction of the boomerang.

Most of the people present had not seen a boomerang in the air.

Our hosts for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. John Phemister, former Albury residents. They really looked after us. We were entertained on the Saturday night at a party and taken on conducted tours of Canberra in free time on Saturday and Sunday.

So successful was our trip that we have been invited to the Festival in 1972. We were so impressed with our reception that we have gladly accepted the invitation and are now looking forward to November 1972.

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## THE AUSTRALIAN BOOMERANG THROWING CHAMPIONSHIP - 1972

The Australian Title was held at Swan Hill, Victoria, on April 29, and was one of the finest displays of throwing yet seen. The huge crowd of spectators were enthralled by the spectacle and we are sure it was one of the major attractions of the Pioneer-Shakespeare Week Carnival Day.

We would like to thank the organising committee, chaired by Neville Beasley, for their help and interest. It was their willingness to provide a good venue, and their assistance in organisational work that made the successful day. We would like to make special note of the efforts of Pat MacFadyen, the secretary, in sorting out the last minute details, and her husband Jack, who became well versed in the intricacies of ground marking, scoring, and judging.

The main highlights of the contest were the entries from the USA, and Wycheproof. Colonel John Gerrish, a long established boomerang expert, from Portland, Oregon, put up a first rate score in his first major competition in Australia; and Bunny Read, from Wycheprrof, Vic. made it through to the finals in his first taste of competitive throwing.

The preliminary Rounds were held in windy conditions, which proved to be the downfall of some of our well known throwers, but the overall standard of throwing and scoring in the preliminaries was indicative of the high standards being achieved. The finals were held in ideal weather conditions, and this enabled the three finalists, Bunny Read, Jeff Lewry, and Bluey Williams to show their expertise, and delight the spectators. Bluey and Jeff were almost neck and neck at the end of the first round of the finals, and in the second round Bluey consolidated his position, and carried the champions trophy back to Burwood, Victoria.

The Junior Champion was Carol Lewry, (from Bowna NSW), who also won the Tyrros Trophy for her excellent overall performance in the contest. The Junior Champion's Trophy was donated by the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement, and we were priveleged to have Richard Dwyer, the Mayor of Swan Hill make the presentations to the Champions and runners up.

The individual scores, throw by throw are provided below, for both the preliminary rounds and the finals.

### PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

J. Gerrish	0.4.0 4.2.0	0.0.0 0.2.0 0.6.0	18	
	0.0.0 0.0.0	4.0.0 4.2.0 0.2.0	12	30
P. McHugh	0.0.0 0.0.0	0.0.0 0.0.0 0.0.0	0	
	0.0.0 4.6.0	4.4.0 4.3.0 4.6.0	35	35
B. Read	4.5.0 4.4.0	4.8.0 4.5.0 4.3.0	45	
	4.7.0 0.2.0	4.6.0 4.3.0 4.6.0	44	89
B. Knight	0.0.0 4.6.2	0.0.0 0.0.0 0.0.0	12	
	0.0.0 0.0.0	0.0.0 0.0.0 0.2.2	4	16

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