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Many thanks for the comments and criticisms on Issue No: 1, and thanks also for the contributions to this issue and the promises of contributions for future newsletters. There has been a lot of activity in the boomerang world during the last three months, and we'll be reporting on some of the highlights in this issue.

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AUSTRALIA DAY 1971 - NUNAWADING  
The City of Nunawading, Victoria, organised an interesting form of celebration. In conjunction with the Naturalisation Ceremonies, a display of "things Australian" took place at the Walker Park Recreation Grounds. The display included sheep shearing, sheep dog handling, log chopping, black smithing and boomerang throwing. Three B.A.A. members took part in the throwing exhibition, and the ideal weather conditions made a spectacular display of their skill possible.

BOOMERANG CONSTRUCTION & THROWING COACHING

During the school holiday season B.A.A. members have been involved in throwing coaching and boomerang making lessons at a number of camps and sports clinics. The enthusiasm and response both from the organisers of the camps, and the children attending them, exceeded all expectations. A report on this form of group activity is being prepared and will appear in the next issue.

EASTERN SUBURBS BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIP - NOVEMBER 22 1970

The sports grounds at the Syndal Technical School were the venue for the Eastern Suburbs Championship in Melbourne. The weather was a bit on the windy side, but it did not detract from the standard of throwing. Perhaps the greatest problem was a passing swarm of bees that attempted to 'shoot down' a few of the boomerangs.

The Championship comprised both Senior and Junior Sections, and the scores were as follows

Senior Section:		Preliminary Rounds		
-G. Rawson	8,8,6,8,8 (38)	12,8,12,8,10 (50)		Total 88
-D. Maxwell	8,8,8,12,10 (46)	0,8,0,8,8 (24)		Total 70
J. Fricker	4,6,10,6,5 (31)	4,12,10,0,6 (32)		Total 63
-R. Sinclair	0,12,8,10,6 (34)	6,0,6,0,6 (18)		Total 52
-I. Williams	0,0,0,8,8 (16)	0,8,0,12,12 (32)		Total 48
R. Schroeder	0,8,0,8,6 (22)	0,4,0,0,8 (12)		Total 34
J. Robb	0,12,6,0,0 (18)	4,0,0,5,4 (13)		Total 31
-P. Hoffman	2,1,0,8,4 (11)	0,6,6,4,0 (16)		Total 27
R. Ffrench	1,4,2,0,4 (11)	0,0,10,4,0 (14)		Total 25
D. Puddefoot	6,0,0,0,0 (6)	0,0,6,6,6 (18)		Total 24
J. Will	0,4,0,2,0 (6)	0,6,8,0,0 (14)		Total 20
C. Pratt	6,0,0,0,0 (6)	0,6,6,0,0 (12)		Total 18
M. Maxwell	8,0,0,0,0 (8)	0,0,0,0,8 (8)		Total 16
G. Fricker	0,0,0,0,4 (4)	6,0,0,4,0 (10)		Total 14

Senior Section: Finals

D. Maxwell	0, 8, 8, 8, 10 (34)	0, 8, 6, 8, 0 (22)	Total 56
G. Rawson	8, 6, 0, 8, 10 (32)	0, 8, 0, 8, 0 (16)	Total 48
J. Fricker	12, 0, 12, 0, 0 (24)	0, 6, 6, 6, 6 (24)	Total 48

Junior Section:

*G. Kennedy	12, 6, 0, 0, 8 (26)	0, 0, 0, 0, 6 (6)	Total 32
>M. Kruse	0, 0, 6, 0, 0 (6)	0, 10, 0, 0, 10 (26)	Total 26
G. Ford	0, 0, 0, 0, 0 (0)	0, 0, 4, 0, 4 (8)	Total 8

Congratulations to Dennis Maxwell and Geoff Kennedy, the two new champions of the Eastern Suburbs.

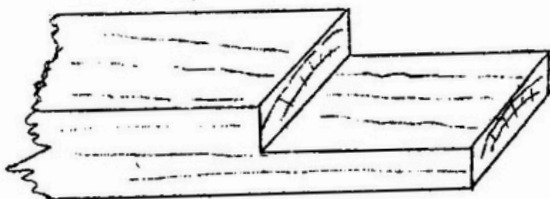
The scoring gives you some idea of just how exciting the events were, and the close scoring in the Senior Section Finals really had the crowd on its toes.

There were only two minor casualties, Peter Hoffman manage to cut a finger on his boomerang, and Hamish Robb broke a pipe while diving out of the way of a low flying boomerang. (The hazards of being a range steward...)



LORIN'S SPLICE - continued...

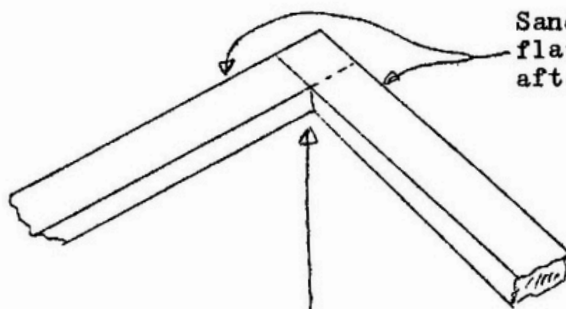
FIGURE 2.



Cut halfway thru, preferably with a kacksaw. Excess wood is then chiseled away to leave shape as shown here.

Apply glue liberally to all cut and chiseled surfaces and clamp firmly until it has set.

FIGURE 3.



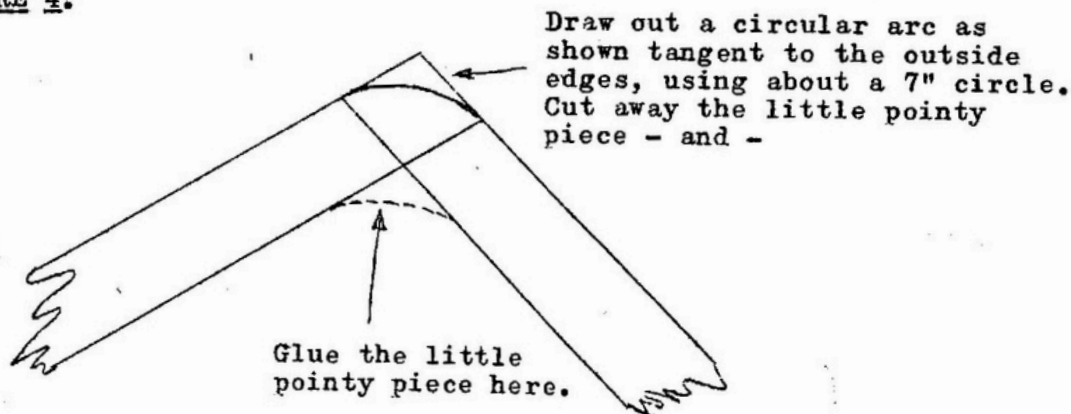
Sand these surfaces really flat before proceeding, after the glue has dried.

Clear away any glob of excess glue from here

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LORIN'S SPLICE - continued.....

FIGURE 4.



NOTES:-

- a) One of the boomerang halves is turned upside down with respect to the other when glueing, if all cuts are made from the same direction. This way the aerodynamic effects caused by any warping of the wood on one arm are cancelled out on the other.
- b) The angle A in Figure 1., is determined by adding to  $90^\circ$  an angle equal to half the difference between the desired elbow angle and  $90^\circ$ . Thus, if an angle of  $116^\circ$  is required, the angle A would be  $103^\circ$ . (half the difference between the desired elbow angle and  $90^\circ$  is  $13^\circ$  and  $13^\circ + 90^\circ = 103^\circ$ .)
- c) Aquadhere or Araldite adhesives are good for making the bond between the boomerang halves. Clamp firmly.
- d) The pointy bit of wood cut from the outside of the boomerang becomes a rigid brace on the inside (see Figure 4.). This is stronger than using a single piece of wood of larger size without the use of this little piece, as it deflects the impact forces cross-grain.

Best wishes,

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COMING ATTRACTION .... ..

The next Newsletter, May 1971, will feature an article by Jeff Lewry, on the art of boomerang throwing. Jeff, as most of you know, won the Darlington Point World Championship in November last year.

FEEES, FUNDS AND OTHER THINGS  
MONEY.....

Just a brief reminder that our financial year ends on the last day of April, and all our Annual fees are due on the First Day of May. Please help keep our kitty out of the red by sending your fees promptly. The current rates are:-

- Over 16 (Senior) \$1.00
- 11 to 16 (Intermediate) \$0.75
- Under 11 (Junior) \$0.50

NEWS TIPS??? LETTERS????

COMMENTS????? ARTICLES?????

Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the Newsletter is invited to send it to the Editor at 14, Elliot Street, Knoxfield, 3180

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Novelty Events will also begin at 11 a.m. and there will be a break from 2 to 3 p.m. while the Radio Controlled Aircraft Club shows its paces. Then the Championship Finals will be thrown between 3 and 3.30 p.m. Please let our Secretary know if you intend competing so that we can get an idea of the number of contestants - of course entries will be accepted on the day itself....

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SNIPPET

We've heard from Alan Eades in the far west of the continent, and he tells us that the new club is really starting to roll, or should we say throwl.... Good luck Alan, and let us have some more news soon.

BOOMERANG IMPORTS INVESTIGATION

We've heard a rumour from Canberra that the importation of boomerangs is being looked at. Has anyone anything to contribute on this topic?

GENERAL MEETING

There will be a general meeting of the Boomerang Association of Australia on Wednesday, February 17th.. The time - 8.00 p.m. and the place - Ralph Sinclair's, 3, Biscayne Drive, Syndal, 3149.

BOOMERANG FOR THE B.A.A.

The B.A.A. has been presented with an aboriginal boomerang by Mrs. Phyllis Douglas, of Mitcham. Mrs. Douglas was given the boomerang by an aborigine on the Nullarbor Plains 30 years ago, and she



Boomerang for the B.A.A. cont. decided to present it to us after reading about the B.A.A. in the local press. Mrs. Douglas felt that we would appreciate the fine old boomerang, and we certainly do. Representation of this nature is perhaps some measure of the interest now being shown in the sport of Boomeranging.

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### A L B U R Y     B O O M E R A N G     B A T T L E

The Australian Open Championship was held at Albury on Sunday, January 31st., and the championship drew competitors from Queensland, Victoria, and New South Wales. It was unfortunate that bad weather in Sydney held up the flights bringing the competitors from there, however the intermittent rain at Albury did not ground the boomerangs. Apart from the heavy showers, the weather was pretty good, and a very high standard of throwing was possible. Nineteen competitors took the field for the Australian Open, and battle commenced, at the end of the preliminary rounds we saw that the three finalists were Jeff Lewry, Geoff Rawson and Peter Lewry.

The preliminaries had been exciting, but the finals were a real drama. The crowd was on the edges of the seats, with perfect silence during each throw, followed by yells, applause, cheers, and howls of dismay as was appropriate. Geoff Rawson was first to throw and set a cracking pace with a first round score of 56, (this score is probably a record for 5 consecutive throws in a major contest). Peter Lewry threw next and obtained 42 points, followed by Jeff Lewry with 39. Geoff Rawson didn't do quite so well in his second round, scoring 14 to give a total of 70. Peter Lewry threw a magnificent 46, giving him a total of 88 points, and the heat was on. The crowd was tense as Jeff Lewry began to throw, his third throw brought him level with Geoff Rawson, but a nil score for the fourth showed that the Australian Open Champion was Peter Lewry.

Detailed scores, throw by throw, for the preliminaries, and finals are given on page 8, together with the results of the other contests.

In addition to the championship and the other contests, the spectators were also entertained by spear throwing demonstrations by Jack Burwell and Jack Byham. Both these spear throwers use the woomera, and some really spectacular feats of accuracy and distance were obtained.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

Preliminaries:

Jeff Lewry	8.8.8.8.8. (40)	10.8.8.8.8. (42)	Total 82
* G. Rawson	8.0.12.8.0. (28)	8.8.14.8.8. (46)	Total 74
P. Lewry	6.8.10.6.6. (36)	0.8.7.8.8. (31)	Total 67
J. Burwell	0.8.8.8.8. (32)	8.0.0.8.12 (28)	Total 60
* R. Sinclair	6.6.6.0.9. (27)	0.6.6.6.6. (24)	Total 51
* I. Williams	9.0.8.8.8. (33)	9.0.8.0.0. (17)	Total 50
D. Maxwell	8.12.0.6.6. (32)	0.8.0.0.8. (16)	Total 48
M. Maxwell	0.12.0.8.0. (20)	8.0.0.8.8. (24)	Total 44
P. Hoffman.	8.0.0.10.0. (18)	6.0.6.0.9. (21)	Total 39
G. Hay	0.6.6.6.6. (24)	0.6.0.6.0. (12)	Total 36
Joe Lewry	8.8.12.0.0. (28)	8.0.0.0.0. (8)	Total 36
J. Robb	8.0.0.10.0 (18)	0.0.6.0.9. (15)	Total 33
C. Lewry	0.0.0.0.0. (0)	6.8.0.8.10) (32)	Total 32
L. Janetzki	0.4.6.6.6. (22)	0.0.0.8.0. (8)	Total 30
J. Fricker	0.0.5.6.8. (19)	4.0.6.0.0. (10)	Total 29
G. Fricker	0.6.0.0.0. (6)	4.0.4.9.2. (19)	Total 25
M. Walsh	0.6.0.6.6. (18)	0.0.0.6.0. (6)	Total 24
J. Byham	0.4.0.8.0. (12)	0.0.0.6.6. (12)	Total 24
A. Janetzki	0.0.0.0.0. (0)	0.6.6.8.0. (20)	Total 20

Finals:

G. Rawson	8.10.14.12.12. (56)	0.6.0.8.0. (14)	Total 70
J. Lewry	0.10.10.11.8. (39)	8.14.9.0.8. (39)	Total 78
P. Lewry	14.8.0.8.12. (42)	10.11.10.6.9. (46)	Total 88

OTHER ALBURY COMPETITION RESULTS:

Most Accurate Return - won by Peter Hoffman, with a distance of 2' 2 1/4" from the peg.

Greatest Number of consecutive catches - Jeff and Joe Lewry tied with a score of 8, and Jeff conceded the event to Joe.

Long Distance Throw - won by Jeff Lewry with a distance of 84 yards

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Before ending the comments on the Albury Competitions mention must be made of the superb organisation carried out by the North Albury Apex Club. It is not an easy matter to run a competition of this nature, and this was a fairly new task for the North Albury Apexians. It was a pity that the weather was a bit damp, and this cut down the size of the crowd, however this was the one thing that the Apexians could not control! So on behalf of the B.A.A., the contestants, and the spectators, may I say thanks North Albury Apex, and congratulations on a job well done.

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