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# BOOMERANG BULLETIN

This action shot, catches only a blurred outline of boomerang thrown by Jeff Lewry of Bowna; who holds the current record for longest distance.



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New appointments; retirements; and replacements; -- see page 5.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday 14th. September '75-- Melbourne : The SouthEastern Suburbs Championships will be held at the Syndal Tech School oval, Lawrence Rd., Mt. Waverley. Both open and junior titles will be contested. A group of junior throwers from Albury will be attending, which should provide healthy competition for Melbourne juniors. Competitions to commence at 11 am.

Wednesday 24th--Sunday 28th Sept. '75--: During Melb Show Week, a Sports Hobbies, Arts&Crafts exhibition at the Exhibition Buildings will include a display presented by the Melbourne division of the Association. An Exhibit showing different types of boomerangs, how they are made etc. will be maintained. Subject to available space, an indoor demonstration of throwing may also be included. Further details are available from President, Dennis Maxwell, 'phone 03/ 5511 017.

Sunday 12th. October '75-- Kaniva: A competition will be held in conjunction with the 1975 "Little Desert Festival". Members may be present for a demonstration on Saturday the 11th. during show events of the day. Shownight type entertainment will be in progress on the Saturday night. Local contact for further details is Mr. Don Merrett, President of the Kaniva Promotion Committee, 26 Commercial St. Kaniva Vic. 3419. 'phnl or 25.

Saturday 18th. October '75-- Cobram : The first Cobram Championship will be held at the local football ground; commencing 12 noon. Those who are able to attend this function have the opportunity of attending another event the next day at Albury. Such an arrangement makes a "double event weekend". Travel from other areas is more justified. Also, entertainment may be arranged for the Saturday night.

Sunday 19th. October '75-- Albury : Competitions will be held at Jelbarte Park Nth. Albury. This function will be a combination of the Albury Championships and the Annual Inter-school competition for the Weatherall Trophy.

Saturday 1st. November '75-- Darlington Point : Competitions will be held at the Sports ground, adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River. These functions have been conducted most successfully over the past few years by the local town Committee who call the event a World Championship.

January '76-- Melbourne: A "social" competition will be held at the Dingley oval about the middle of next January. A barbeque after the activities will be open to members at Dennis Maxwell's, adjacent to the ground. This gives the event the name- "Chuck & Chew boomerang barbeque".

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February '76 --- Sydney : The Sydney Championships will be held at Centennial Park early next February. Address local enquiries to Supervisor for Sydney Region, Duncan MacLennan.

29th. February '76-- Melbourne : Subject to acceptance by the Moomba Board; Next year's Moomba Championships will be held at the Yarra Park oval-- opposite the Swan St. Bridge; as in previous years.

3rd. April '76--- Albury : The AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976 Will be conducted at the Aquinas College Sports Grounds, off Fallon St. Nth Albury.

Later Bulletins and local notices, will include any further details available of events listed and others as arranged. Enquiries may be directed to the Secretary, your local Supervisor, or other contacts as listed. Should you be planning on attending any function, please give notification as soon as possible. This will allow more efficient programming, group transport etc.

#### EVENTS OVERSEAS

UNITED STATES -- May '76--: The Smithsonian Institution annual Boomerang Tournament will be held about mid May next year; in Washington DC. Enquiries may be addressed direct, to Mr. Ben Ruhe, c/o Office of Public Affairs, Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C. 20560, U.S.A.

ENGLAND-- : A competition was conducted last June by the Orford Youth Centre; using information and rules supplied by the Association. Further events may be held in 76, and a report will follow later.

#### INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

With interest growing in other countries, competitions mentioned above may be the first of many such events to be held overseas during the next few years.

Our honorary Secretary, Morris Maxwell, is writing to International members and associates regarding world-wide activities. When sufficient interest is shown, Morris intend travelling the Globe to meet with enthusiasts and other interested people wherever possible. As an active meeting is a most effective way of bringing enthusiasts together, he intends to arrange competition/meets on a schedule which will enable him to attend while travelling through countries so involved. He plans to be in the United States next May, to assist with the Smithsonian Tournament and any other competitions taking place accross the country during his visit.

Morris would like to hear from anyone who is interested in this venture. He invites any member who may be able to make a trip to America next year to contact him as soon as possible.

POSSIBLE START OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Duncan MacLennan, Regional Supervisor of Sydney, has suggested that a "United States versus Australia" series of competitions be organised. The function would involve a team of American throwers competing against an Australian team: the venue to alternate each year between the two countries. Anyone who may be able to help with this project at all, is invited to contact Duncan or the Secretary, as soon as possible. Suggestions from members regarding a method for selecting a team, are also welcome.

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BOOKS ON BOOMERANGS

The Association's appointed Editor/Collator, Mr. Ken Simpson, has been unsuccessful in his attempts to obtain the services of a publisher for the Association book. As members may recall, this was to be entitled "Boomerang Digest". It was to be made up of articles provided by members and associates. As an example of the difficulties encountered:- apparently Ken had to wait eleven months, for a negative answer from a so-called Australian company.

However, we have the consolation that one of our members has been successful regarding a book of his own. LORIN HAWES, well known manufacturer and Supervisor for the Gold Coast-Tweed Region, has a book written:- "All ABOUT BOOMERANGS". It is to be published next month by the Hamlyn Co. Lorin informs us that he is confident of the book's success and will personally refund the purchase price to any other member who does not find it interesting and useful.

Also, Ben Ruhe reports that a book has been produced by Felix Hess of Holland. According to Ben, the book is Felix's doctoral dissertation and comes equipped with a stereoptician viewer. Later Bulletins will include details of this as they are available.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

Duncan MacLennan and Ken Mazzarol have been appointed their positions by the Executive body in accordance with sections 4 (b) &(g) of the Constitution.

Executive Retirements:- Brian Shattell has resigned due to involvement with welfare work, study etc. James Barrett, our Treasurer for several years has been unable to continue in this capacity due to numerous other commitments. Ralph Sinclair now holds the position of acting Treasurer, pending Exec. approval.

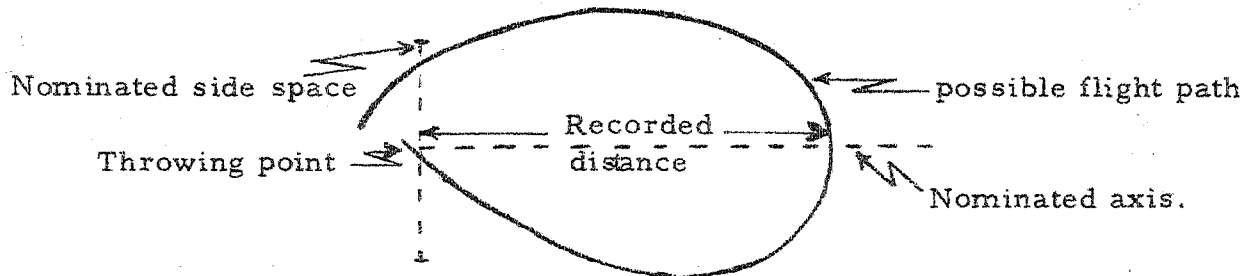
## LONGEST DISTANCE COMPETITION

Before the consolidation of the Association's longest distance competition, there were many obscure claims for "distance records". Such claims have rapidly become irrelevant, since controlled competitions have provided firm definitions for achievements attained. The Longest Distance competition rules, pioneered by the Association, form the only practical method of measuring long distance return throws under competition conditions. The official distance record of 82m was achieved by Jeff Lewry of Bowna, in February 1972, during a competition at Albury.

### PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN THE "DISTANCE" ACTUALLY RECORDED:-

The recorded measurement is the maximum longitudinal horizontal distance, along a nominated axis, that is achieved by the flight of a boomerang; which returns the full distance and within a nominated space either side of the throwing point.

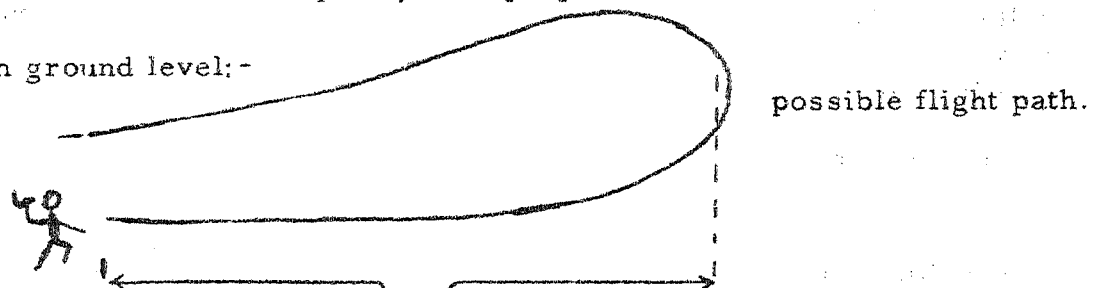
To illustrate principal requirements, here is a birds eye view:-



These established principles are the result of following considerations:-

- \* A horizontal longitudinal measurement is the only type that is practical to make using available measuring aids.
- \* The boomerang must return over the throwing line, otherwise it has not covered the full distance in both directions. In other words, the logical requirement is that the "return flight distance" must be at least equal to the "outward flight distance".
- \* A nominal limitation is set on the return accuracy, so that flight paths which tend to be "U" shaped or worse, do not qualify as a proper return.

Illustration from ground level:-



This is the horizontal distance measured, which must be covered by the flight of the boomerang in both directions. Direction of measurement is nominated by the thrower.

LONGEST DISTANCE COMPETITION RULES

With explanation by Morris Maxwell.

Note; for sections not explained here, refer to explanation of Basic Competition Rules in 'Bulletin 14.

1. General:

- (a) A competition held in accordance with the following rules, is a test of range, with a reasonably accurate return.

This opening section covers the basic principles. The "range" mentioned is determined by the maximum longitudinal horizontal distance along a nominated axis, achieved by the flight path of the boomerang. The "reasonably accurate return" refers to a nominal lateral (sideways) accuracy. Longitudinally, (length wise) the boomerang must have at least 100 % of return. In other words, it must come back behind where it was thrown from, and no more than a reasonable distance either side of the throwing point.

- (b) Such a competition shall be used for all "longest Distance" Championships and consequent records which are recognised by the Association.
- (c) These rules may only be altered in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association.
- (d) Competitors will use boomerangs which are of similar shape to the Australian Aboriginal Boomerang; and must be thrown by hand.
- (e) Competitors will throw from behind the centre point of a "base line" which shall be 40 m in length and placed at right angles to the direction of Nominated flight axis.

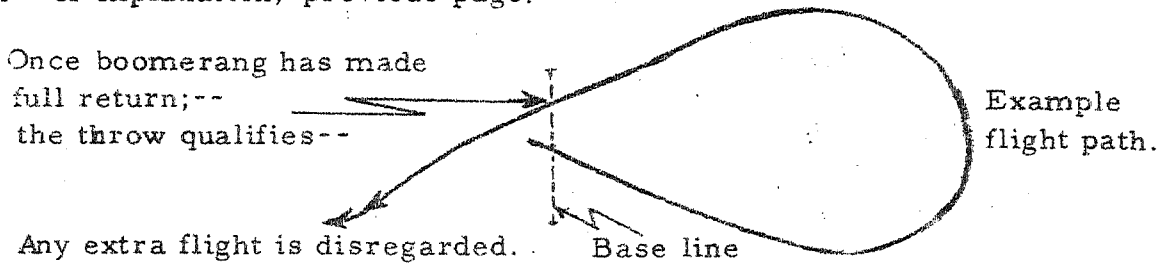
As distance throwing usually requires some "run up", a pace or so either side of centre is taken as being "behind the centre point".

- (f) For a throw to qualify:-
- (i) The competitor must not project any part of his or her body over the base line.
- (ii) The boomerang must return over the base line without interference or,
- (iii) The boomerang must come to rest behind the base line and within 20 m of the centre point without interference.
- (iv) If the boomerang returns over the base line, and then flies forward to land, the throw still qualifies.

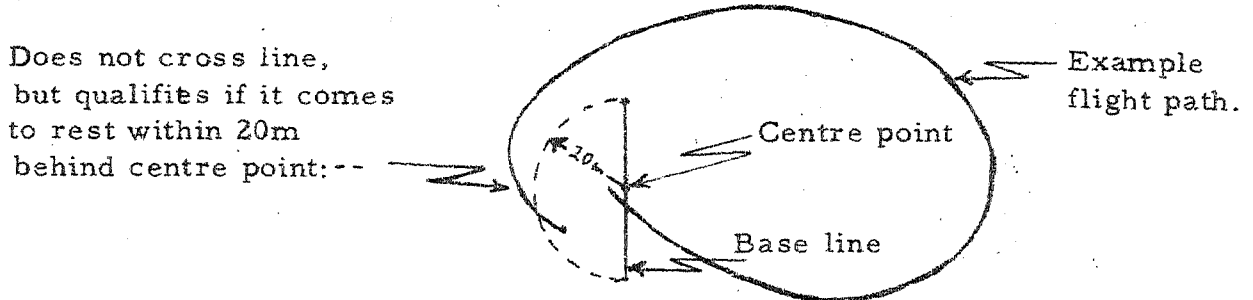
The logic here is that once the boomerang has made a "closed circuit" or tight enough circle, and returns the full distance to cross the base line, the throw qualifies. Any further flight is disregarded, as the boomerang has covered the distance in both directions. See diagram overleaf---

LONGEST DISTANCE COMPETITION RULES: with explanation.

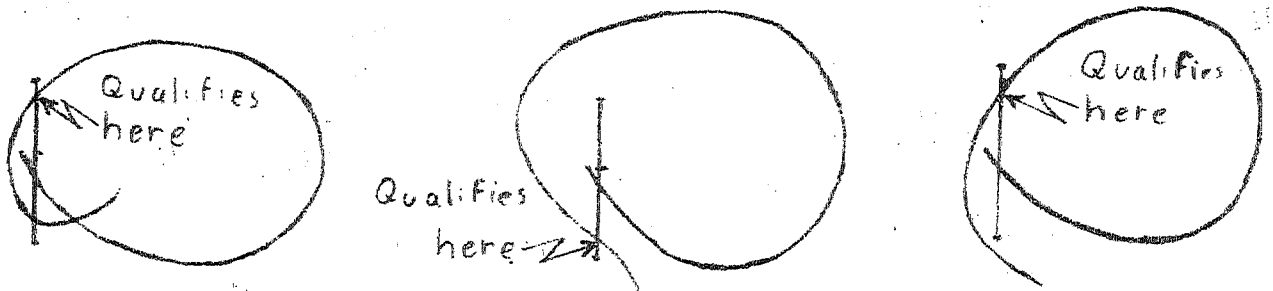
Diagram of explanation, previous page:-



Sub-section (iii) covers the possibility that a boomerang may not cross the base line, but cut back to land close behind it; as shown here:-



Sub-section(iv) covers the possibility of a return flight "banking forwards". In accordance with the basic requirement; once the boomerang has crossed the base line it qualifies and any extra flight is disregarded. Examples:--



It should be noted that a throw which continues on in any direction after crossing the base line, would be unlikely to achieve maximum distance in the forward measured direction. As the energy in throws made by the same person varies little, any throw which qualifies in the basic manner, is likely to be the longest for each contestant.

(g) If the weather is inclement, or very windy, the competition will not be held, unless by vote, no less than 75% of competitors present approve.



LONGEST DISTANCE COMPETITION RULES : with explanation.

2. Field Equipment Requirements:

- (a) The Base Line shall consist of stout cord, or equivalent material, 40 m in length, with a suitable loop for attaching to a centre peg.
- (b) The centre peg shall consist of a metal rod, or equivalent, which is able to withstand the strain of an "axis line".
- (c) The Axis Line shall consist of suitable non-stretching material, bearing appropriate numbered marks at metre intervals, which commence at 55 m from an end which is suitably looped for attaching to the centre peg.

A combination of measured line and long tape measures, have been used on occasion; but one marked line is preferred. Also, tape measures may be subject to damage when dragged about.

- (d) Perpendicular sighting poles shall consist of light wooden battern, rigid plastic tube or equivalent material, at least 3 m in length and strong enough not to bend appreciably when held in a vertical position. Such poles shall be referred to hereinafter as "sight poles."

Standard lengths of rigid P.V.C. electrical conduit of 25 mm or larger diameter have been used successfully. These may usually be borrowed from a local, friendly electrical contractor.

- (e) Sight poles shall be supported in a vertical position by hand or by suitable mechanical means if available. Mechanical supports must be safe, portable, and approved by the Judge.
- (f) Extra equipment may be used providing, it does not in any way impair the function of the competition and is approved by the Judge.

Possible extra aids could be such items as; a right angle guide to square the base line to the axis line and a supporting rack for sight poles.

More elaborate aids could be such items as; an optical range sighting device which records the maximum distance sighted and photographic equipment set up to record "photo finish" shots of the boomerang passing over the axis. One method of obtaining a photographic record, would be to set up a camera far enough to one side of the axis line and approximately level with the likely "cross over point" of the flight. The camera would need to be remotely triggered by a person standing in line with the axis; who would operate the camera when the boomerang was directly over the axis line.

A definite method of matching phot's to throwers would also be required. This could be in the form of a blackboard, or equivalent, with the throwers name in large letters, which is held in view for each shot.

As a "double check", two independant camera setups may be required.

LONGEST DISTANCE COMPETITION RULES : with explanation.

3. Procedures:

- (a) Each round shall consist of five recorded throws.
- (b) Each competitor will be allowed one non-recorded practice throw before the first recorded throw in each round.
- (c) Each throw will be commenced when directed by the Judge.
- (d) If a tie occurs for the longest distance, then the positions will be decided by a throw off of three throws per person. Should a greater distance not be recorded, then the positions will be decided by each thrower's second largest recorded distance; should these be equal, then the third largest and so on.
- (e) (i) The competitor is responsible for nominating the direction of measurement and shall direct the positioning of the axis line, as he or she deems necessary to place it in line with the longest horizontal axis of the flight path which is about to be made.  
(ii) When this has been done, the Judge shall ensure that the base line is at right angles to the axis line, that all sight poles are in position and that all stewards are ready, before allowing the throw to be commenced.

Sub-section(i) deals with an appropriate requirement of skill, as a good thrower should be able to fortell the direction of maximum orbital distance.

Sub-section(ii) gives the Judge full responsibility of ensuring that all is in readiness for the next throw.

- (f) No less than five sight poles shall be positioned at adjacent metre marks on the axis line as directed by the Range Stewards.

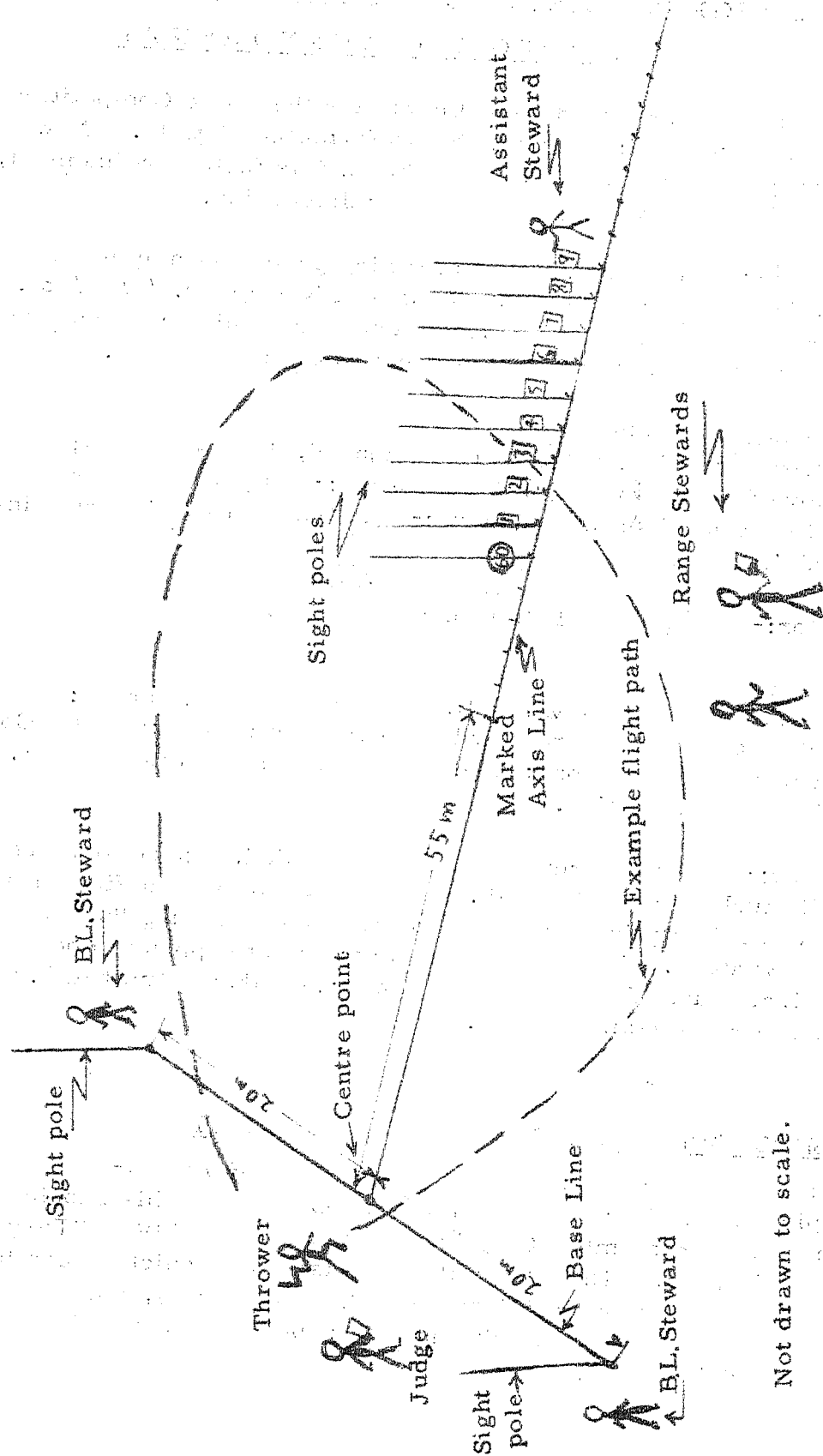
As throws by each person are usually of similar distance, the practice throw gives an indication of range which enables a group of sighting poles to be placed accordingly for folling throws. Normal practice has been to use about ten sight poles.

- (g) There shall be no less than two Range Stewards, who are to take up positions as they deem necessary, in order to best witness the maximum distance achieved by the boomerang's flight over the axis line sight poles.

Standing to one side, the Stewards can easily tell the distance achieved by using the sight poles as "goal posts", giving verticle lines of sight.

- (h) A sight pole shall be positioned at each end of the base line.
- (i) There shall be a base line Steward at each end of the base line, who shall declare whether the boomerang passes over the base line.

4. Judging: -as for Basic competition rules (see BB14 page 11)



Not drawn to scale.

EXAMPLE FIELD LAYOUT:

LONGEST DISTANCE COMPETITION

LONGEST DISTANCE COMPETITION RULES ;  
GM5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

As explained with proposed amendments for the Basic Competition Rules, few precedents were originally available to formulate details. Now that the benefit of several years experience is available and as further refinement, several changes are formally proposed here for discussion.

Further points for or against the following proposals may not be recorded if received by the Secretary after the first of November. (1/11/75).  
With submission of points for discussion on the following proposals, members are requested to use code letter and heading for reference.

N. Re-location of clauses:

Proposed, Morris Maxwell; seconded, James Barrett;  
To remove from section 1(d) the following:- "and must be thrown by hand"  
To add to section 1(e) the following:- "by hand" ; to be inserted immediately after the word "throw".

Points for:- see proposal B. in BB14 page 13.

O. Throwing Position :

Proposed, Morris Maxwell; seconded, Geoff Kennedy;  
That sub-section 1(e) be re-worded to read as follows:- "1(e) Competitors will throw from a position behind a base line and no more than 1.5 m either side of a centre axis line."

Points for:- As some run up is usually needed, a pace or so is taken as being "behind the centre point". However, without a definite limitation, Judges may have difficulty in preventing a contestant throwing "off centre" to gain return advantage. If the base line centre point happens to be the centre point of the circles used for the Basic competition, then a limit of 1.5 m either side of centre is easily policed.

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SHOULDER OPERATION FOR YOUNG STAR -----

Geoff Kennedy, winner of many events and runner-up in last year's Aus. Championships, is recovering from an operation on his shoulder. Melbourne members may remember Geoff's appearance on the ABC's "Target" show earlier this year. The editorial staff wish him a quick return to his old form, so that he can make a good "comeback". Apparently, someone suggested that Geoff rub the affected joint with duck fat; but he thought this sounded too much like a "quack" remedy.

LONGEST DISTANCE COMPETITION ---- PROPOSED AMENDMENTS :

P. Recording distance achieved :

Proposed Morris Maxwell; seconded, James Barrett, that:-

The existing section 4, becomes section 5.

A new section 4 to read as follows:- " 4. Distance determination:

The distance recorded shall be given in whole metres only, and shall be the number of whole metres on the axis line surpassed by the boomerang's flight. In other words, the distance recorded shall be that of the furthest sight pole whose vertically extended axis is encompassed by the boomerang's flight.

Points for :- It is difficult to judge the exact position at which a boomerang passes between any adjacent poles. Due to this difficulty, most Range Stew'ds have already used this standard of measuring. Taking the distance of the next greater metre may on occasion be closer, but it would not be a true indication of the distance actually achieved. Until accurate mechanical aids, photographic devices, etc. become available, and are proved to be reliable, the proposed method seems to be the fairest indication of distance achieved.

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CURRENT GENERAL MEETING BY CORRESPONDENCE ---

REGARDING PROCEDURE :

Items for discussion will be numbered in order of presentation. For example items presented in BB 14 (not originally numbered) are :-

1. National Function over two days? --page 3.
2. Proposed amendments to BCR's --page 13-18.
3. Texas Record claim -- page 19.
4. Recognition of claims outside Australia-- page 20.

General Meeting items in this issue include :- Amendments to Longest Dist. Comp. (commencing on opposite page) and Recognition of largest boomerang to be thrown . ( see overleaf)

To avoid confusion with rule numbers etc. all proposals of this meeting are to be coded by capital letters in order of presentation. This reference code will run from "A" to "ZZ" as required.

To facilitate delivery of enquiries etc.; wherever possible address items direct to the officer or member concerned. For general enquiries etc., some time may be saved if these are sent direct to the Secretary.

METHOD OF SUBMITTING COMMENTS/PROPOSALS -- Request by Secretary:-

When sending letters which include open discussion or proposals, as part of "meeting by correspondence", please mark comments etc. in a clear manner so they may be easily distinguished from the rest of the letter. Also, please keep comments as brief as practical and to the point.

Compliance with this request will allow your expressed views to be transcribed directly. An efficient method of submitting a proposal is to send or deliver it to another member with a note requesting his or her endorsement; and to then send it in.

As well as the General Meeting by correspondence via the 'Bulletins', an Executive meeting is being conducted in a similar manner. If you have comments on any appropriate matter to be dealt with by the Executive body, please mark these as -- "for Association Executive".

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GM 6. RECOGNITION OF LARGEST BOOMERANG TO BE THROWN ::

To date, Roy Johns of Griffith, has an undisputed claim of throwing the largest boomerang. However, no official record of his throws or the actual size of the boomerang used, has been made. Some format of legislation is required to accommodate any challenge which may arise.

The first requirement is to establish a standard method for recording the size. There are several different ways of measuring a boomerang:-

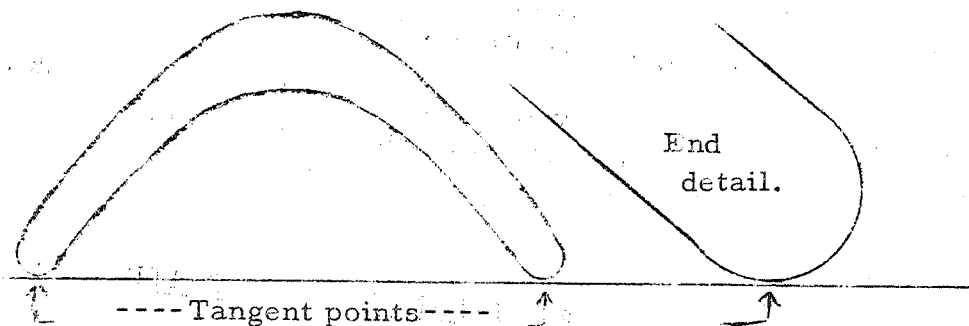
The distance across the tips, or "span", usually forms the greatest straight dimension of the boomerang shape. However, this does not give a complete indication of the boomerang's size, because the amount of bend or "arch" is not measured. Using straight dimensions, one would have to record both the span and the arch to have a complete indication of size. Using this method one ends up with two separate measurements for each boomerang, which makes a comparison difficult.

A simpler method for comparing the size of any boomerang is to take a measurement from tip to tip around the outer edge. This is usually made to an estimated "centre point" on each tip. However, for a standard measurement, a method of finding the exact "edge centre point" would need to be established. This happens to be a somewhat complex task, as a suitable method for determining the centreline of any boomerang arm shape, must first be found.

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continuation -- Largest boomerang thrown; Measurements :-

Points for outer edge measurement which are much more easily determined and definite, are where the tips of any boomerang make contact with a flat surface, to which the boomerang is held in a perpendicular position, forming an "arch". In other words, the tangent points of contact that the edges of the tips make with a straight line. As shown here :-



Proposal--- Q. Regulations regarding recognition of largest boomerang to be thrown.

Proposed, Morris Maxwell; seconded, Geoff Rawson;

1. For any attempt at throwing a large boomerang to be recognised, it must be carried out during a recognised competition and under the supervision of a competition Judge.
2. Notification of such an attempt must be written, and be in the possession of the Association Secretary no later than twenty-eight days before the event.
3. The boomerang used must comply with section 1(d) of the Basic Competition Rules.
4. Throws and any catches made must comply with sections 1(e) and 3(a) of the Basic Competition Rules.
5. Each person shall be allowed five attempts to make a "scoring throw", as described in section 1(f) of the Basic Competition Rules.
6. When a scoring throw has been made, the Judge will ensure that the boomerang is measured in the approved manner. (section 8)
7. Should the boomerang break during the attempt, no measurement shall be recorded.
8. The measurement shall be made in the following manner:-
  - (a) A suitable "straight edged" device shall be held against the outer edges of the two tips.
  - (b) The Judge shall then mark the boomerang in a suitable manner at the tangent points of edge contact.
  - (c) A suitable tape measure shall then be used to measure around the outer edge of the boomerang between the points marked.
  - (d) The measurement shall be recorded in millimetres only and taken to the nearest whole millimetre.

St. PATRICK'S WEEKLY COMPETITIONS ::

Brother Thomas of St. Pat's primary school and Supervisor for Albury-Wodonga Region, has held Junior competitions almost every Saturday morning since last May. A report sent last month by the good Brother goes as follows:-

" The 2nd August saw a best turn up so far with 22 contestants; this included our first female entry. We have been holding three competitions each week: General Championship, Accuracy comps and catching. We have had the proper measurements for the General, and last Saturday saw what I would consider to be the best throwing display seen by the Association. Chris Westall scored 95 without gaining any points for distance. Using a boomerang he made himself, he was throwing about 25-27 metres and had the following scores:- 12, 11, 10, 12, 7, 10, 12, 10, 5, 6. He caught all ten. Would it be a record? I know there have been higher scores, but they picked up points on distance. I would think this must be the most accurate throwing for ten throws. Chris also won the Catching and accuracy competitions. "

Brother Thomas also reports that well known veterans, Les and Arthur Janetzki, are in good form, and he goes throwing with them each Sat. afternoon at the "Hovel Tree" reserve in Albury.

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SOME INTERESTING COINCIDENCES OF DISTANCE COMPETITIONS ::

Article by Jeff Lewry:

During the distance competition at last year's National Titles, Dennis Maxwell made qualifying throws around 70m. Now Dennis has a good strong arm and used a Frank Donnellan boomerang: 70 m out and 70 m back makes 140 m ; very near the 138 m throws (converted from the imperial figure) claimed by the late Frank Donnellan. Another point of interest is that Stephan Silady made throws of about 51 m. Now 51 m out and 51 m back, totals 102 m; which is close to a distance throw claimed by Stephen, which was the imperial equivalent of 100 m.

The 1974 Guinness Book of Records lists a throw of 99.1 m with an "orbital perimeter" of 275 m by Herb Smith of West Sussex. ( the previous edition listed this as a throw of 108 yards "which did not return") These points seem to highlight the most important sporting aspects of the Association;- that of formulating and maintaining uniform rules.

Now for any score in a competition under Association rules, whether it be accuracy, distance or catching, everyone knows precisely what is meant.



GM 7. RESULTS OF REGIONAL MEETING

Here is the first example of how appropriate results of any Regional meeting are to be presented via the 'Bulletins to all members. Items listed are taken directly from the minutes of the combined Albury and Districts first meeting, held on the 29th. of July.

In attendance were:- Br. Thomas, Arthur and Les Janetzki, Jeff Lewry, Sam Hodgson, and Junior member Geoff Hodgson.

Apologies :- Br. Foley, and Carol Lewry.

Br. Thomas chaired the meeting and Sam Hodgson was appointed Minute Secretary.

The following items bear the numbers given in minutes of the meeting. To save space on these pages, only items of full Association interest appear.

3. It was suggested that sawdust be used instead of limil for marking circles. The advantage of sawdust is that it is less messy, cheaper and cannot be washed out by rain. Committee agreed to its use in October competition.

4. A motion was carried to advise the Association of the advertising by Graham Bull of Bull Boomerangs, 26 Leslie St. Brunswick, Melbourne; regarding "returning boomerangs". These boomerangs have been tested and they do not return- they just keep going straight and don't even look like returning. This is for their cheap small standard one that is advertised as a returning boomerang.

10. The following points regarding competitions were recommended:-

(a) Size of boomerangs:- Catching is only one aspect of boomerang competitions and size should not be limited. Logically, if you restrict size because of ease of catching, then you should restrict weight in boomerangs for distance throwing. We do not think this should be done in either case.

(b) Most accurate return:- This section of competitions should be judged on average of 5 throws per person - the reason behind this suggestion is that it eliminates the "one only, lucky shot."

(c) Competition entries:- Competitors should be limited to a number of entries in each section. Most members at the meeting agreed that co competitors should only be able to enter an event once.

(d) Practicing during competitions:- This is a dangerous practice and should be stopped. Albury Region suggests immediate disqualification of any competitor found guilty of such an offence.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

VERY FIRST: Secretary reports that way back in 1970;

A. W. COLE Pty. Ltd. Electrical Engineers and Contractors, applied for sustaining membership of the Association.

A donation was included with the application. Now even without the effects of inflation, said donation covers the requirements for the present sustaining fee. Therefore, A. W. Cole Pty Ltd. of 223 Mckinnon Rd. Mckinnon Vic. is a sustaining member for the current term.

Other sustaining members in order of when payment was received this year are as follows:-

Jeff Lewry of "Yarrakilla's Boomerangs" Bowna NSW. 2644.

Duncan Maclellan's Boomerang School, 176 William St.,  
Kings Cross, NSW. 2011.

Wycheproof Boomerangs, 18 Webster St. Wycheproof, Vic.  
Represented by Mrs. Heather Read.

Gundawarra Boomerangs Pty. Ltd. Box 42, Wedderburn, Vic.  
Represented by Mr. Hamish Robb.

Finders Sales, 311 Park Ave. Monroe, Louisiana, 71201 U.S.A.  
Represented by Mr. R. Harrison.

Col. John M. Gerrish Boomerangs, 4885 S.W. 78th. Avenue,  
Portland, Oregon, 97225.

Represented by Mrs. M. Gerrish, U.S.A.

who has carried on John's business since he passed on as a result of a stroke in April of 1973. Some members may remember Colonel Gerrish from when he visited Australia and attended the National Titles in 1972 at Swan Hill.

