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OFFICIAL NAME FOR NEWSLETTER:

As a result of suggestions made regarding a possible title for the newsletter, it is now called the 'BOOMFRANG BULLETIN'

Another popular suggestion was 'Quarterly Return', but as events and corresponding articles tends to be somewhat seasonal, preference was given to a title which is not restricted by a regular time interval. However, as the latter seems a catching title, it has been suggested that after each Annual General Meeting, a comprehensive annual report could be produced, bearing the title, 'Annual Return'.

This publication would include; a financial report, a receipt for dues paid, any alterations to the Constitution, appointment of Executive members, notice of meetings and events for the next year.

It would be issued to all financial members, and to new members when they join the Association.

THIS ISSUE INCLUDES:

- * The programme for the Moomba Championship, to be held on the 4th of march , at Flinders Park opposite the Swan St. Bridge.
- * A report on the Youth Expo exhibit, and the Springvale Championship
- * A report on the Darlington Point 'World Championship'.
- * Reports on demonstrations held in South Australia and Victoria.

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held at 45 Rose St., Mckinnon, Victoria; on Wednesday the 21st of February. Members are requested to be punctual, so that the meeting can commence at 8:00pm.

Topics for discussion at this meeting will include;
Final details of the moomba competition,
An increase in subscriptions to cover the cost of public liability insurance,
Arrangements to be made regarding a venue, for the Australian Annual Championship to be held this year; at Canberra, possibly in April.

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MOOMBA CHAMPIONSHIPS 1973

On Sunday the 4th. of March From 10.00 am till 5.00 pm.
At the oval in Flinders Park adjacent to Batman Avenue, opposite Swan St. Bridge.

All events will be held in accordance with the appropriate competition rules of the Association.

For the main competition, there will be two preliminary rounds, with each competitor having five throws in each round. That is, each competitor has 10 throws in all. The finals will also consist of two series of five throws. The finalists will be those competitors who have the three highest scores in the preliminary rounds, regardless of the number of competitors on those scores. For example, if there were two competitors on 72 points, and two on 68, then all would compete in the final.

For all other competitions, there shall be only one entry allowed per competitor. If time permits, all those who competed in one round, will be given the opportunity to compete in another round of the competition.

For events 4 and 6, each competitor shall have five scoring throws for each round.

Note: Private practice throwing will not be allowed on the oval after 10.00 am. The prize for each event will be in the form of a trophy, to maintain amateur status.

Event 1. MOOMBA BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIP? Heat No 1.
From 10.00 am till 12.00 noon. Entry fee \$1.00

Event 2. SHORTEST TIME FOR TEN CATCHES:
From 12.30 till 1.30 pm. Entry fee \$0.50

Event 3. HIGHEST NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE CATCHES:
From 12.30 till 1.30 pm. Entry fee \$0.50

Event 4. MOST ACCURATE RETURN:
From 12.30 till 1.30 pm. Entry fee \$0.50

Event 5. MOOMBA BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIP Heat No. 2.
From 1.30 till 3.30 pm.

Event 6. LONG DISTANCE THROWING.
From 3.30 till 4.00 pm. Entry fee \$0.50

Event 7. MOOMBA BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
From 4.05 pm. till 4.50 pm.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES will be made by MOOMBA QUEEN
after the completion of Championship final.

Address any enquiries to the Secretary, B. A. O. A. GPO Box 2165T. Meib.

SPRINGVALE YOUTH EXPO:

The BAOA prepared an exhibit for a youth expo which was held at The Springvale town hall in Victoria, on the 10th. 11th. and 12th. of October in 1972.

The exhibit was constructed so that a 'mobile' made up of some twenty boomerangs of all shapes and sizes, new and original, was suspended over the heads of the people as they passed in front of our display.

Included in the exhibit, were the display boards showing the range of boomerangs currently manufactured throughout Australia; and a large scale diagram of the Basic Competition Field Layout. There was also a special board made up by Mr. 'Bluey' Williams, showing the various stages of construction of a ply-wood boomerang. This was a great asset in explaining how a boomerang is made, and why it returns.

Over a hundred information sheets with application forms attached were handed out, and the members who manned the exhibit were kept busy making balsa-wood indoor boomerangs which were in great demand, and went like hot cakes. These toy boomerangs are reasonably safe, and easy to make from 1.5mm (1/16") balsa-wood cut into 225x25mm (9"x1") pieces. Two pieces are crossed and held together by a rubber band, then assembly is complete. Thrown lightly with a quick flick, the balsa 'rang travels in a circle of approx. 3m diameter, and is easily caught.

THE SPRINGVALE BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIP was held during the outdoor Expo on Sunday 15th. October, at Burden Park Springvale. There was a stiff southerly breeze blowing, but a row of tall trees helped to lessen its effect.

Peter and David Lennox competed for their first time in a competition and were pleased with their results. Bunny Read who did so well in his first competition at the Australian Championship, drove all the way from Wycheproof (a round trip of a approx. 610 km.), and after a few promising practice throws, entered the competition only to be disappointed by a run of bad luck, and resulting low score.

Greg Ellis, an up and coming young member, scored well and came third in the final, while our President Mr. Dennis Maxwell, showed some of his old good style which earned him second place. The best performance was shown by 'Bluey' Williams who, acting against doctors orders, and handicapped by a mysterious pain in the chest, showed great control of his throws in the wind, and took off the title.

DARLINGTON POINT 'WORLD' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held on Saturday the 4th. of November '72, the programme commenced with a number of specialized competitions as follows:--

The HIGHEST NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE CATCHES comp. was won by 'Bunny' Read of Whycheproof, who also won the competition for the SHORTEST TIME FOR TEN CATCHES, with a time of 2min. 45 secs.

The MOST ACCURATE RETURN competition was won by Jack Byham of Cobram, with a throw which landed his boomerang 290 mm from the centre peg. Second in the accuracy comp. was Morris Maxwell, who later won the LONG DISTANCE comp. with a throw which went 72m. before returning.

The next event on the programme, was the LADIES COMPETITION which was won by Jan Nolte of Tumut, while Carol Lewry of Bowna came second. Jan, by the way, is the oldest member of the all girl club, formed and run by the veteran thrower Syd Bayliss. Later on, all the girls in the team gave an exhibition of simultaneous throwing, which showed how well they can handle their 'rangs. (Looks like their boyfriends had better behave or else....Ed.)

The LOCALS ONLY competition was won by Ted Cooper of D. P. and second was Roy Johns of Griffith. Roy, a great showman, later gave a spectacular demonstration of throwing his giant boomerangs, and has given an open public challenge backed by \$500 for anyone to throw and catch a boomerang which is bigger than his.

The SFPEAR THROWING Was won by Jack Byham of Cobram.

Eleven competitors entered the 'WORLD' Championship, and after the first round, it looked as though 'Bunny' Read would be hard to beat. He was followed by Carol Lewry, Bruce Kyle, and Jeff Lewry in that order.

At the completion of the preliminary rounds, the positions had changed dramatically, as 'Bunny' missed two scoring throws and lost his lead. Jeff Lewry, the title holder, now had his position challenged by his daughter Carol, and Bruce Kyle of Sydney, who also qualified for the final. The 'wooden spoon' would have gone to Morris Maxwell, as it seems that he he was still trying distance throwing in this comp. with disastrous results.

At the end of the first round in the WORLD FINAL it appeared that young Carol would indeed take the title from her father, and Bruce was only five points behind the Champ. In the second round Bruce equalled his first round scores but did not catch up to the Lewries, and an attack of 'nerves' spoilt Carol's chances. While Jeff, maintaining a high standard, retained the title for the third time in succession. Congratulations once again, to Jeff.

TOTAL SCORES: L. Janetzki 51, A. Janetzki 12, B. Read 60, B. Kyle 66, J. Byham 28, Joe Lewry 56, H. Robb 27, M. Maxwell 0, Jeff Lewry 81, C. Lewry 72.

FINAL SCORES: - Bruce Kyle 50, Carol Lewry 57, Jeff Lewry 65.

PENOLA DEMONSTRATION

The Penola Show Committee, looking for a new attraction for their venue contacted the Association, and it was arranged for some members to attend with compensation for expenses incurred. On Friday the 27th. of October, Bill Knight and wife, Jeff Cooper and wife, and Morris Maxwell, journeyed to South Australia and stayed the night at Mt. Gambier.

At the Penola Show on Saturday, the group was made welcome by Lee Audersley of the Committee, and were treated to a luncheon in the main Pavilion. During the afternoon, our members demonstrated for a few hours and gave lessons to some interested locals, on a ground adjacent to the main arena. Both Margaret Knight, and Lyn Cooper, made their debut of boomeranging in public, although the size of the audience was disappointing.

After being entertained to afternoon tea, the group left the show to visit local points of interest, and ended up giving an impromptu demo next to the Valley Lake at Mt. Gambier. On the Sunday the return trip to Melbourne was made along the coast.

During the afternoon at Penola, two of the locals were noticed examining a certain well known tee-tree boomerang owned by one of our members. Their conversation went something like this:-



A WELL LAUNCHED 1973

Members will be pleased to hear that two successful public demonstrations have already been given this year by an old-time back bencher - Ralph "black-hook" Sinclair.

A brief report on Ralph's activities appears below :-

" DEMONSTRATION FOR MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL YOUTH PROGRAM"

Tuesday, January 9th. turned out to be a typical drought-type day with a hot mid-day sun and a moderately strong wind blowing across the Womens' Recreation Centre oval at Royal Park. A very appreciative audience of about 300 boys and girls from the inner suburbs of Melbourne showed plenty of lively interest and gave encouragement to a point where spontaneous cheering would break out on the occasional catch made after some rather brisk footwork.

Several young lads made a point of meeting me personally after the demonstration and were full of questions which, unfortunately, could not be answered on the spot owing to the fact that they were involved in other planned activities which commenced immediately after my time slot had expired.

I did manage to tell these young people that they could see us all in action at Moomba, and that perhaps we could spend more time with them at that time.

So, loyal throwers, if a little lad or lassie bounces up to you at Yarra Park and mentions the above demonstration, could you please give them an enthusiastic follow-up to boomerang throwing !

GLAXO IN-SERVICE TRAINING CONFERENCE DEMONSTRATION.

This demonstration was given at Monash University on Wednesday, January 24th. in hot blustery weather. The strong wind caused this demonstration to be given in a small pocket of land behind Robert's Hall in Normandy Road.

Only moments before the first throw the wind abated and I managed to get in some rather good flights. The audience, about 30 in number, were very jovial - due mainly to the fact that they had just enjoyed a feast and were doing everything in company time anyway ! The standard of backchat and repartee indicated that Glaxo can expect a vintage year from such a refreshed bunch of representatives ! At the end of this demonstration several spectators tried their luck and results were quite good.

After two senior executives of Glaxo U.K. were presented with two complimentary boomerangs made by Bluey Williams, the meeting was abandoned, but not before twenty quick sales were made of current stocks.

In both demonstrations mentioned above, I threw my proven "black hook" and a Hawes "ML7" which I had with me at the time "

P.S. I'm pleased to record that the international scene is going well with enthusiastic throwing by visitors from Bombay and New Jersey, U.S.A.