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Here we are again, Issue Number 3, and we think you'll find it interesting. The Annual General Meeting is to be held this month, and details of the time and place appear on page 6. The main features this month are as follows:

- Page 2    **The Art of Boomerang Throwing.** This is the first of a series of articles by Jeff Lewry.
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In the next issue - August, 1971 - we will be printing an article on Boomerang Glassfibre techniques evolved by Dr. Brenning James of SPAB fame.

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MOOMBA VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The day was Sunday, February the 28th., and it was windy, with a capital "W", and the wind seemed to change strength and direction every few moments! Nevertheless the 24 competitors who took the field had a lot of fun, and the large crowd were well entertained.

The scores will give some idea of what the wind did to the throwers, so here are the preliminary rounds, throw by throw:

G. Hay	6.6.4.6.4.	(26)	8.4.10.8.0.	(30)	(56)
D. Maxwell	6.8.6.0.0.	(20)	14.6.0.8.8.	(36)	(56)
J. Hammer	0.8.8.0.8.	(24)	6.8.8.8.0.	(36)	(54)
G. Rawson	0.0.8.6.12	(26)	8.0.12.8.0.	(28)	(54)
B. Williams	0.8.8.0.0.	(16)	6.8.8.8.6.	(36)	(52)
J. Fricker	6.6.6.0.6.	(24)	6.0.6.6.6.	(24)	(48)
R. Schroder Snr	8.8.0.0.9.	(25)	0.0.8.0.8.	(16)	(41)
R. Sinclair	0.6.0.6.6.	(18)	6.0.0.0.8.	(14)	(32)
L. Janetzki	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	8.8.0.8.8.	(32)	(32)
M. Maxwell	8.0.0.0.6.	(14)	0.8.8.0.0.	(16)	(30)
P. Lewry	5.8.0.8.0.	(21)	0.0.0.0.8.	(8)	(29)
P. Hoffman	4.6.2.0.0.	(12)	6.6.0.0.0.	(12)	(24)
J. Lewry	0.0.6.8.0.	(14)	0.0.0.6.0.	(6)	(20)
R. Schroder Jnr	0.6.4.0.0.	(10)	0.0.6.0.0.	(6)	(16)
G. Fricker	0.6.0.0.0.	(6)	0.8.0.0.0.	(8)	(14)
A. Janetzki	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	0.0.4.0.10.	(14)	(14)
H. Robb	6.0.0.0.0.	(6)	0.0.0.6.0.	(6)	(12)
B. French	0.0.0.6.6.	(12)	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	(12)
A. Hay	0.0.0.0.4.	(4)	0.0.6.0.0.	(6)	(16)
M. Vasco	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	0.1.0.4.4.	(9)	(9)
Sue Warren	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	0.0.0.0.4.	(4)	(4)
F. Cook	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	(0)
W. Knight	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	(0)

At the end of the preliminaries five throwers were to take part in the finals, since there were tied scores for 56 and 54. A sudden wind shift made it necessary to remark the arena, and then we saw these scores in the final throws:

G. Rawson	0.8.8.8.10.	(34)	9.6.8.8.8.	(39)	(73)
G. Hay	0.6.8.8.8.	(28)	6.10.10.12.0	(38)	(66)
B. Williams	6.6.6.0.8.	(26)	0.10.8.8.0.	(26)	(52)
D. Maxwell	6.6.6.0.0.	(18)	0.8.8.0.8.	(24)	(42)
J. Hammer	0.0.0.8.0.	(8)	0.0.0.0.0.	(0)	(8)

Congratulations to Geoff Rawson, the 1971 Moomba Victorian Boomerang Champion.

Many thanks to the Apexians who acted as judges and range stewards, to our sponsors, and to all the B.A.A. members and their friends who assisted in making the day such a success.

**BOOMERANG CONSTRUCTION AND COACHING WITH YOUTH GROUPS.**

In our last issue we mentioned that B.A.A. members had been involved in coaching boomerang construction and throwing at a number of youth camps and sports clinics. The B.A.A. has a detailed report upon these activities, and a part of this report is reproduced below as an item of general interest, and perhaps as guidelines for any other B.A.A. members who may become involved in similar activities. It is really a check list highlighting the more important aspects of conducting this kind of session.

- i) Working Conditions  
 Check out what work areas, tools and facilities are available.  
 If proper workbenches are not available, lengths of 2x3 secured to table trestles provide an excellent substitute - provided there is at least 1 G-clamp per student.
- ii) Tools  
 $\frac{1}{4}$ -round cabinet rasps, (8" minimum, with handles) are ideal tools. Younger students tend not to respect the sharpness of Surform-type planes! There should also be at least 1 G-clamp per student.
- iii) Glass-paper  
 A medium to coarse glass-paper is quite adequate for finishing purposes. Allow about half a sheet per student.
- iv) Ages  
 There is no need to set an upper limit, but it is desirable to have a lower limit of 10 years. Children younger than 10 have a tendency to tire quickly!
- v) Sex  
 This is not a male-only activity. Girls respond just as readily as boys, and produce first class work.
- vi) Group Size  
 8 - 10 students per supervising adult seems to be a reasonable maximum. For groups larger than 10 get another B.A.A. member to help, or obtain the services of a competent adult, (Handicraft teacher or the like).
- vii) Time Allocation  
 3 hours total time is an acceptable normal. Allocate about 1 hour 20 minutes to "workshop activities" and the remainder to flight-testing





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## NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted to the B.A.A. for consideration at the Annual General Meeting. It concerns amendments to the competition rules as follows:-

The existing accuracy circles, qualifying distance circle, and range circles will be expressed in metric measure as follows:

Accuracy Circles; 2.5, 5, and 7.5 metres radius  
Qualifying Distance; 20 metres radius  
Range Circles: 30 and 40 metres radius.

An additional Accuracy Circle of radius 10 metres be added.

The accuracy scores will be as follows:

Within the 2.5 metres radius circle 8 points  
Within the 5 metres radius circle 6 points  
Within the 7.5 metres radius circle 4 points  
Within the 10 metres radius circle 2 points

Boomerangs that bridge the lines marking these accuracy circles will be awarded the average of the scores for the two circles concerned, i.e. 7, 5, 3, and 1.

A catch within the 20 metres radius circle will be awarded 4 points. A catch outside the 20 metres radius circle will be awarded 2 points.

A boomerang travelling beyond the 30 metres radius circle, but not beyond the 40 metres radius circle will be awarded a bonus of 2 points provided the boomerang is caught, or lands within the accuracy circles, or is caught within the accuracy circles.

A boomerang travelling beyond the 40 metres radius circle, will be awarded an additional 2 bonus points to those mentioned above provided it is caught, or lands within the accuracy circles, or is caught within the accuracy circles.

The notice of motion set out on page 7 is proposed by Morris Maxwell and seconded by Dennis Maxwell.

The diagram below illustrates the proposed amendments:

\*not to scale

