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1997 FALL BOOMERANG AUCTION



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News From The:



The 1998 USBA rankings have been compiled by **Chicago Bob** and posted on the internet. For those of you who are not on the web, the top 15 throwers are:

- 1 - Gary Broadbent
- 2 - Chet Snouffer
- 3 - Mike Dickson
- 4 - Michael Girvin
- 5 - Rob Parkins
- 6 - Mark Weary
- 7 - John Flynn
- 8 - Gregg Snouffer
- 9 - John Gorski
- 10 - John Koehler
- 11 - Chicago Bob
- 12 - Eric Darnell
- 13 - Adam Ruhf
- 14 - Betsylew Miale-Gix
- 15 - Steve Kavanaugh

Note that the top 3 throwers and 5 of the top 10 are from Ohio! Could Ohio have sent a viable team to the 1998 World Cup?

Betsylew Miale-Gix emailed rang-list the following update on USBA activities: The USBA Board is exploring the possibility of participating in a Foster's advertising campaign that would be geared toward the 2000 Australian Olympics. The board is attempting to establish a two way relationship that advances public awareness of the USBA, the art, science and sport of boomerang throwing in addition to utilizing the novelty and athleticism of our boomerang athletes.

The USBA Toss Across America boomerang demonstration and teaching event has been occurring once a year in May since 1990. *The 1998 Toss Across America* will take place on 16 May 1998. To obtain a Toss Host Packet containing information on how to hold a Toss

Across America, as well as suggested illustrative and promotional materials, please write to **Betsylew Miale-Gix** at the address below. The 1998 Toss Across America Packets will be mailed in March, 1998.

Betsylew Miale-Gix
3351 236th Street SW
Brier, WA 98036

The USBA has officially announced the three teams that will compete in the 1998 World Cup.

Team Red
Gary Broadbent
Mike Dickson
John Flynn
Rob Parkins
Chet Snouffer
Mark Weary

Team Blue
John Koehler
John Gorski
Chicago Bob Leifeld
Betsylew Miale-Gix
Adam Ruhf
Gregg Snouffer
Larry Ruhf (coach)

Team White
Tony Brazelton
Eric Darnell
Spike Frazier
Will Gix
Dennis Joyce
Steve Kavanaugh

It should be noted that because of the USBA Team selection procedure, there may be changes to team rosters if a thrower is unable to participate. In that case, all throwers rated below the declining thrower move up one position.

Beverly Wachtel writes for the science radio series *Earth & Sky*. The program answers listeners' questions on the air. *Earth & Sky* is planning to answer the question "How do boomerangs work?" in the near future. Listen for it and let BN know if you hear it.

Tony Brazelton is working on an article about pets and boomerangs for the Winter issue of *Many Happy Returns*. If you would like to share your experiences with Tony (even one-liners), please send him the material as soon as possible. Photos are most appreciated. Mail to:

Tony Brazelton
2405 Lawndale Drive
Champaign, IL 61821

Richard Pollock-Nelson plans to ring in the new year with a *Rocky Mountain Boomerang Night Throw* at Village Green Park. Bring your own night-rangs or use night-rangs that Richard will have for sale. Throwing will start at 8 PM and end with a toss at 5 sec. before midnight so everyone can throw in 1997 and catch in 1998. There will be prizes and trophies. There will also be heaters to keep warm. For more information, call Richard at (303)-368-5933 or write to:

Richard Pollock-Nelson
2530 So. Ouray Way
Aurora, CO 80013

Does anyone have plans to throw in 1998 and catching in 1997? Here is how you can do it. Time moves from east to west. You can position yourself in a state or country on the eastern side of a time zone change. After the eastern time zone has changed to midnight 1998, you can throw and then step back into the western time zone and make your catch! You may need to throw with extra layover so that your boomerang lands behind you. I hope the winds are with you. Let BN know if you do it successfully. You have a whole hour to try and complete this difficult throw!

It is with great sadness that **Michael Girvin** has announced the permanent closing of *Gel Boomerangs*, due to his chronic

back problems and the potential major surgery that lies ahead. All of Gel's remaining stock of boomerangs will be sold directly through *Gel Boomerangs* until everything is gone. Furthermore, the phone number, (510) 658-2469, is now the only contact number for *Gel Boomerangs*. The fax line and 800 number have been disconnected. Michael is one of the top few innovators of American competition boomerang equipment. Collectors and competitors would be wise to purchase as many of Michael's boomerangs as possible before they are all gone. The value of each is certain to go up sharply in the near future. Write Michael for a catalog today:

Gel Boomerangs
2124 Kittredge Street #61
Berkeley, CA 94704

Another sad note for American boomerangers: **Brad Penkala** of *Eye of the Storm Boomerangs* has decided to pull his internet site off of the WWW due to a lack of sales. However, Brad's beautiful lap joint booms did well in the auction. For those who do not own one of Brad's lap joint booms, you are truly missing out on a very fine quality boomerang, both in construction and flight. You can call Brad at 805-692-4987 or write to:

Brad Penkala
4090 La Barbara Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

John Weigel is holding a workshop at the San Diego Navy base between Xmas & New Years for all the guys stuck in the barracks during the holidays. John will donate the blanks (made out of 1/4", 5 ply euro-birch). Abo Steve has even offered to help. This is a great way to entertain Service Men during the holidays.

Ed Caldwell of *Plant*Speak* has entered into an agreement with **John Flynn** to provide a free Aussie boomerang to anyone who purchases **Kelly Sagert's** book, *'Bout Boomerangs, America's Silent Sport* at a cost of not less than 20% below the retail price. USBA members are also entitled to a 30% discount.

You can also purchase *'Bout Boomerangs, America's Silent Sport* for only \$10/copy (+shipping) if you order at least 5 copies before 1 January 1998. Both **John Flynn** and **Gary Broadbent** have taken advantage of this special offer. They provide copies of the book to school libraries as part of the presentation fee when they do boomerang demonstrations at local schools.

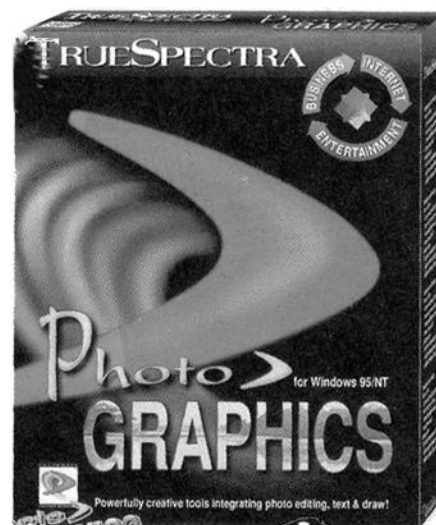
*Plant*Speak* will be providing an update of sports boomeranging news items and updates in a "freebie" package that accompanies book orders. Ed encourages boomerangers to send him information for possible inclusion.

Contact *Plant*Speak* at:

Ed Caldwell
PLANT*Speak Publications
34100 Center Ridge Road
North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Darryl Patton is the new editor of *Wilderness Way*, an excellent magazine that contains articles about primitive technology and survival skills. Darryl is interested in reviewing articles about primitive boomerang and throwstick construction technologies. Do any of the readers make booms or throwsticks with stone tools? You can contact Darryl at (205) 523-5300 (evenings); email at: dpatton@peop.tdsnet.com or by writing to:

Darryl Patton
Wilderness Way Magazine
P. O. Box 8481
Gadsden, AL 35902



Photo>Graphics Software Box

Kendall Davis found an advertisement in the *Tiger Direct* catalog for a software product called "Photo>Graphics" where the ">" character is a boomerang. The graphics application costs \$80.

AUSTRALIA

Rosemary Thomson recently witnessed one of **Bruce Carter's** popular school demonstrations. She relates the following:

"On a beautiful summer evening, a big crowd watched as **Bruce Carter** and his two sons, Craig and Trent threw their boomerangs in an exhibition that had everyone gasping. The headmaster of the Cowes Primary School on Phillip Island, Victoria told me that the crowd was between 450 to 500. Bruce demonstrated with a variety of boomerangs. 10 year old Craig and 8 year old Trent were able to thrill their peers with their ability to throw AND catch - Oohs and Aahs and lots of applause. Watch out for these under 17 champs at the World Championships in St. Louis next year ! By the end of the evening, the youngsters (not only boys but the young girls too) had mastered their plastic lightweight three armed boomerangs and had a eye to their future in boomerang throwing when Bruce brought out *Doctor Death* and the night boomerangs !

My impressions were that Bruce had encouraged and promoted the sport in a positive manner. The entourage create an impression with the brightly painted *Boomerang Bus* and I was very pleased to have coincidentally been at the same country town on the same night and heard about the demo that the Carter family was doing at the local school."

BULGARIA

The Third National Bulgarian Boomerang Championships was held on 9 November in almost ideal weather conditions. Eight members of the Bulgarian Boomerang Club (ranging in age from 12 to 40 years) met at their traditional throwing field in the South Park in Sofia. This included **Stephen Howard** of Santa Barbara, California who currently works in Sofia. Stephen has been throwing since 1970 and has about 200 boomerangs in his collection. There were five events: Endurance, Fast Catch, Accuracy, Trick Catch and MTA100. The top 3 throwers included:

1. **Georgi Dimantchev**
1. **Marin Karavelov**
3. **Alexander Genov**

CANADA

John Cryderman is constructing a 1.5 metre X 1 metre wooden plaque, labeled with the name/state/province/country of 63 supporters who purchased a Cryderman Catalogue. The amount of \$1.00 from each catalogue sale was donated to benefit the 1998 World Cup. The plaque will be raffled at the 1998 Championships. A Herb Smith Sussex Hook will be mounted at the top of the plaque with lettering inscribed: **THE 1998 WORLD BOOMERANG CHAMPIONSHIP SUPPORTERS**.

For those who purchased the Cryderman catalogue and are puzzled about the lack of pricing in-

formation - a price sheet was completed in mid-November. The listing is currently being held up by a Canadian postal strike. Until the strike is settled, you need to call (519)-354-3984 or email: crydshow@kent.net for more info.

Eric Promislow announced that there are two vacancies on the Canadian team for the 1998 World Cup. If you have a connection with Canada, such as "Were you born or lived there?", then there may be a spot on the Canadian team for you. Please contact Eric (email: aj064@freenet.carleton.ca) or write **Stéphane Marguerite** as soon as possible:

Stéphane Marguerite
4031 St-André
Montréal (QC) H2L 3W2
Canada

FRANCE

A Long Distance Competition was held on 25 October 1997 in Troyes. The top 5 throwers were:

1. Lorenz Gubler 132.2m (Swiss)
2. Ingo Frantz 131.8m (Germany)
3. Manuel Schütz 124.2m (Swiss)
4. Michel Dufayard 120.0m (Fra.)
5. Tibor Horvath 118.1m (Swiss)

Yves Caze announces the names of the throwers on the 3 French Teams. They are as follows:

Team 1 : Julien KERJAN, Benoit VINCENT, Eugene CINAL, Yves CAZE, Christophe DAUTRICHE, Jerome ROYO.

Team 2 : Didier BONIN, Franck DOUETIL, Jean luc VILLANI, Yann GIRAULT, Pascal GAGNIERE, Stephane GIGON.

Team 3 : Loofy BOITEUX, Sebastien GUIHEUX, Laurent CRASSA, Christian HECKMAN, Michel DUFAYARD, Philippe PICGIRARD.

GERMANY

The DBC Info has a new editorial staff that includes: **Axel Heckner, Michael Siems, Thomas Scartowicz, Dietmar Reinig, Günter Möller** and **Oliver Thienhaus**. The DBC is soliciting other clubs to participate in a newsletter exchange program. Each club should contact **Dietmar Reinig** who manages the newsletter distribution program for more details. Dietmar's contact information is below:

Dietmar Reinig
Hohlweg 7
64686 Lautertal
Germany

Tel.: + 49 (6254) 1593
Fax: +49 (6254) 842
email: rediboom@rediboom.com

After the exchange is established, newsletters should be sent to:

Günter Möller
TAPIR Sport-Bumerangs
Wilhelm-Busch-Strasse 28
41541 Dormagen
Germany

Tel./Fax: +49 (2133) 40523
Guenther_Moeller@T-Online.De

With 3 German teams planned for the 1998 World Cup in St. Louis, the DBC has issued a list of 20 throwers who are committed to participate on the 3 German teams. The last 2 names are alternates and will move up to fill in vacancies. The teams will not be composed of throwers in sequential order by rank. Instead, all three teams will be optimized to take advantage of individual thrower strengths to insure that Germany remains a potent force in the upcoming World Cup. This strategy gave Germany a victory in New Zealand, 1996.

German (3 Team + 2) List

Rank	Name of Thrower
1	Harald Steck
2	Fridolin Frost
3	Oliver Thienhaus
4	Axel Heckner
5	Gerrit Lemkau
6	Guenter Moeller
7	Oliver Rau
8	Juergen Rode
9	Michael Siems
11	Torsten Fredrich
12	Thomas Szartowicz
13	Georg Bauerschmidt
14	Alexander Opri
16	Heinz-Willi Dammers
18	Dennis Bittner
21	Torsten Gruendel
22	Paul Gajski
23	Lothar Haase

25	Hans-Georg Hoffmann
37	Michael Blanquett

NEW ZEALAND

Congratulations to **Earl Tutty** who had a [non-competition] MTA throw and catch of 2 minutes and 22.71 seconds using an **Axel Heckner Quirl MTA**. It was caught 110 meters from where Earl threw it.

Earl is in the process of putting together a proposal for a boomerang event to take place on New Years, 2000. New Zealand is the first major country to see the light of the new day in the new Millennium. Some lucky thrower may be the first person in the world to throw a boomerang in the 20th century & catch it in the 21st century? Earl plans to organize an International South Island NZ boomerang tour around or about the same time. For more information about this grand event, write to:

Earl Tutty
17 Truscotts Rd.
Heathcote Valley
Christchurch 2
New Zealand

SWITZERLAND

On October 19, a tournament, organized by **Rene Vonlanthen** was held in the town of Dietikon. There were 16 (all Swiss) throwers. The overall winners were: (1) **Thomas Stehrenberger** (Accuracy: 48 P., Endurance 66 P.); (2) **Manuel Schuetz** (TrickCatch 84 P.); (3) **Juerg Schedler** (Aussie Round 79 P.). The 66 points in Endurance was a new Swiss record!

Also, congratulations to **Lorenz Gubler** who set a Swiss Long Distance record at 132.20m in Troyes.

Lorenz Gubler and **Tibor Horvath** are working on a (English) publication about Long Distance boomeranging. They will take the material from their web page and extend it even further. There will be lots of plans, technical info, troubleshooting, etc. The publication will be complete on 15 June 1998. If you have any long distance material (pictures/plans/articles, etc.) that may be suitable for this publication, Tibor would like to hear from you. They would also like to include a list of all throwers who have thrown for more than 100 metres in an official competition. Please send your name, distance, date and competition event information to:

Tibor Horvath
Rebhalderstraße 12
8173 Neerach
Switzerland

WBA

Twenty teams have signed up for the 1998 World Cup: Australia I, Australia II, Brazil, Canada, England, France I, France II, France III, Germany I, Germany II, Germany III, Holland, Italy, Japan, Scandinavia, Switzerland I, Switzerland II, USA I, USA II, and USA III. A deposit of \$1,000/team was due on 1 December, ac-

cording to the instructions on the web page: http://users.aol.com/tbrang2/World_Cup98.html All team organizers should communicate with **Tom Fitzgerald**. Tom plans to have email shortly. Until then, you can call Tom at (314) 839-1604 or write to:

Tom Fitzgerald
1159 Holly River Dr.
Florissant, MO 63031

WWW

Chicago Bob has posted a web page with the 1998 rankings for all throwers who competed in USBA sanctioned tournaments: <http://www.htc.net/~chibob/97ratings.html>

Don Sagert has posted *The Something Catchy Homepage* with various boomerangs, boomerang jewelry, helmets, and Kelly's book plus more. There is a special price on the boomerang jewelry for Xmas only. Visit: <http://members.aol.com/smithgctchy/catchy.htm>

Richard Pollock-Nelson has posted his boomerang web page with information specifically tailored to Rocky Mountain throwing events: <http://members.aol.com/pollocknel/index.htm>

Chicago Bob has posted the 1997 USBA National Ratings at: <http://www.htc.net/~chibob/97ratings.html>

MOTHERS AGAINST BOOMERANGS!!! is a new web page created by **Dallan Reese** to support throwers at the University of Texas at Austin: <http://www.utexas.edu/students/mother/>

Dallan Reese has also posted some photographs of the Egyptian boomerangs and throwsticks that a friend took on a visit to Egypt: <http://www.utexas.edu/students/mother/pics.htm>

Ben Tesch has posted a small page with his WBA logo design

and a link to WBA web page. Ben won the logo design contest last year: <http://www.waste.org/~irq5/design99/wba.html>

Whether you want a single box or a dozen, you can get great wholesale discounts for tri-Fly, pro-Fly and Air Dancers by *SafeSport* at: <http://users.aol.com/tbrang1/SafeSport.html>

The Cleveland Boomerang School has a new web page with information about the groups activities and products. If you go to any CBS throws, make sure you bring a bottle of Valium: <http://www.clevelandboomerangschl.com/>

Etienne Sourd has posted a web page with photos of the 1996 *World Cup in New Zealand*. The page is in French, but the photos can be read in every language: http://www.dsUPER.net/~etsourd/world_boo.html

Laurent Froment has a boomerang page with links to lots of boomerang plans at: <http://services.worldnet.net/booman/myboos.htm>

Olivier Duffez has changed the URL for his web page, which has lots of boomerang plans: <http://www.mygale.org/07/duffez>

Heikki Niskanen has posted a Second Hand Boomerang Shop web page where you can buy and sell one of a kind items at: <http://www.uku.fi/~hniskane/bs.html>

Heikki Niskanen also has a web page with information about the 1998 Arctic Sun Throw which will be held concurrently with the *International Prehistoric Weapons Games* in Kilpisjärvi, Finland on 19-21 June 1998: <http://www.uku.fi/~hniskane/bmm.html>

Martins Ierags from Latvia has a new boom page. You can find great traditional booms at super low pricing. This site has photographs of pre-historic Latvian boomerangs and throwsticks: <http://www.open.lv/home/aivars/>

Edward Cadman of *The British Boomerang Society* has posted a web page for the BBS with great

information on everything from boomerangs to throwsticks. Visit: <http://www.rangsoc.demon.co.uk/bbs.htm>

Ulf Valentin of Denmark has been working on a Java based flight simulator for the WWW. He is getting pretty close to completing his project. The most recent update allows you to make a simple design of a two wing boomerang and see a graphical representation of the boomerang while the different design values are changed. This includes the length of the two wings and angle between them, the density of the material, a lift coefficient, etc.

You can see the center of gravity, the approximate width, height and weight of your boomerang design. You can adjust the wind speed and direction, change the throw angle, tilt/layover, inclination, velocity, etc. You can then put your boomerang in flight and see how it performs when it is thrown. The simulator is a little slow, but it does work well, considering you need to use it on the WWW. If you want to try it out yourself, select "new projects" at: <http://www.image.dk/~valentin>

IN CLOSING

The Fall 1997 Auction is history. A summary of the top auction bids is listed on page 7. A collage of all the boomerangs in this year's auction is shown on the cover. There will be a special Spring Auction to benefit 1998 World Cup Teams. To view the Auction Web Page, set your web browser to: <http://users.aol.com/tbrang2/auction.html>

I was asked by one of the subscribers to give the readers a breakdown on where subscribers are located. I will do this for BN #44 only.

Overseas: Total - 65

France - 13
Australia - 9
Germany - 8
Canada - 8

Japan - 5
Switzerland - 3
United Kingdom - 3
Belgium - 2
Finland - 2
Holland - 2
Bulgaria - 1
Colombia - 1
Italy - 1
New Zealand - 1
Philippines - 1
Scotland - 1
Singapore - 1
Spain - 1
Sweden - 1
Turkey - 1

USA - 168
California - 29
Michigan - 13
Ohio - 11
Washington - 11
Illinois - 9
Pennsylvania - 9
New York - 7
Oregon - 7
Texas - 7
Arizona - 6
Florida - 6
All Others - 53

SUBSCRIPTIONS

This publication is produced monthly. Every issue is packed with 8 pages containing all the information you need to know to keep current with the ever changing world of boomeranging. The distribution of BN currently stands at 161 USA and 65 overseas subscribers. Eight issues of "Boomerang News" costs only \$10 in the USA; \$12 in Canada and \$20 overseas. You can subscribe by sending payment (make check or M.O. out to **Ted Bailey**) with your name, address & phone number to:

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<http://ic.net/~tbailey/Boomerang.html>

FALL '97 BOOMERANG AUCTION FINAL BIDS

The table below summarizes the final results for the Fall 1997 Boomerang Auction. All winning bids include conditional bidding adjustments. There were several bid ties. In all cases, the earliest bid won. There were 75 bidders and 40 lucky winners. The average winning bid was \$58. However, the median winning bid was only \$36. An impressive \$1,873 was generated to benefit 1998 World Cup teams. The amount of \$1,189 will benefit the Scandinavian Team. There were 25 boomerangs with bids exceeding \$100. Bids on the premium throwsticks were between \$180 and \$300. The Janetzki boomerangs took top bid honors at \$451 apiece. The Herb Smith boomerang bids varied from \$105 to \$291 with the Paxolin long distance models going for 2-3 times that of the wooden art models. The Al Gerhards long distance hook sold for \$321. The Cuartas hook and Cryderman Raptor both went for \$161. The special edition Romblad MTAs had winning bids between \$181 and \$222.

No Bid	Manufacturer	Item	94	\$63	Unknown	Bent Elbow Hook	99	\$42	Neil Kalmanson	Mini KR	
74	\$451	Janetzki Bros.	The Admiral	85	\$62	Lorin Hawes	Silky Spinner	179	\$42	Dave Hendricks	Lap Joint
75	\$451	Janetzki Bros.	Bandicoot	61	\$60	G. Dimantchev	Advantage	83	\$42	Steve Glover	Signature boom
70	\$321	Al Gerhards	S/L Distance Hook	80	\$60	Bunny Read	WycheProof Hook	13	\$41	Leni Barker	Lapped "A" Frame
106	\$300	Aboriginal	Throwstick	128	\$60	John Cryderman	Flat Top Hook	3	\$41	Dave Hendricks	Lapped V
107	\$300	Aboriginal	Throwstick	145	\$60	Herm Peeters	Maïdo L/D Hook	49	\$41	George Gray	Throwstick
20	\$291	Herb Smith	Paxolin Marathon	11	\$58	Leni Barker	Lapped Omega	135	\$40	T. W. Smith	Spiro Gyro
177	\$222	Jonas Romblad	Romblad MTA	8	\$58	Leni Barker	S/L Omega	136	\$40	T. W. Smith	Astrick
175	\$220	Jonas Romblad	Romblad MTA	63	\$57	G. Dimantchev	Rotor Tri-blader	137	\$40	T. W. Smith	Whisper
176	\$210	Jonas Romblad	Romblad MTA	43	\$54	George Gray	Distance Hook	138	\$40	T. W. Smith	Paradox II
71	\$199	Herb Smith	Paxolin Duocurve	68	\$52	Ben Ruhe	Book	156	\$40	Dan Neelands	Lapped Omega
109	\$188	Aboriginal	Throwstick	1	\$51	Dave Hendricks	Lapped V	7	\$39	Leni Barker	S/L Omega
174	\$181	Jonas Romblad	Romblad MTA	65	\$51	G. Dimantchev	Masterpiece M	170	\$39	Max Hoebe	Lap Joint
108	\$180	Aboriginal	Throwstick	173	\$50	Jackie Byham	Traditional	41	\$38	George Gray	G. Hook
6	\$161	Oscar Cuartas	Lapped Hook	10	\$49	Leni Barker	S/L Omega	14	\$37	Leni Barker	Lapped "V"
21	\$161	J. Cryderman	S/L Raptor	97	\$49	Brad Penkala	Lapped V	180	\$37	Harri Pietilä	Phenolic Triblander
190	\$131	Bob Foresi	S/L Throwstick	53	\$48	"Sponge" Alberg	Thing tri-blader	181	\$37	Harri Pietilä	Phenolic Triblander
72	\$122	Herb Smith	Hook	171	\$48	Kendall Davis	Tomahawk	163	\$36	John Cryderman	Throwstick
73	\$105	Herb Smith	Traditional	12	\$48	Leni Barker	Lapped V	57	\$36	G. Dimantchev	Magic Keyhole
165	\$102	Siegfried Stiller	Wolfe Art	2	\$48	Dave Hendricks	Lapped V	67	\$36	G. Dimantchev	Paff II
167	\$102	Siegfried Stiller	Eagle Art	91	\$47	Feng	McCloud	95	\$36	Brad Penkala	Lapped V
168	\$102	Fred Malmberg	Lap Joint "V"	62	\$47	G. Dimantchev	Artistic Triblander	157	\$35	Dan Neelands	S/L Paint Sticks
169	\$102	Fred Malmberg	Lap Joint "V"	52	\$47	"Sponge" Alberg	Lil' Mountain	39	\$35	George Gray	Hook
17	\$102	Ted Bailey	Lapped "V"	141	\$46	T. W. Smith	Scythe II	25	\$34	Doug DuFresne	S/L Oregon Hat
146	\$100	John Flynn	Nat. Elbow Hook	96	\$46	Brad Penkala	Lapped V	182	\$34	Harri Pietilä	Phenolic Triblander
166	\$93	Siegfried Stiller	Indian Art	58	\$46	G. Dimantchev	Micro Omega	147	\$33	Michael Girvin	Tri-Blader F/C
114	\$87	J. Cryderman	Throwstick	59	\$46	G. Dimantchev	Uli's MTA	151	\$33	Michael Girvin	Aussie Sunshine
98	\$85	Brad Penkala	Lapped V Attack	60	\$46	G. Dimantchev	Bailey Style MTA	150	\$33	Michael Girvin	Sunset 60
19	\$81	Gerh. Bertling	S/L VW-Kaefer	64	\$46	G. Dimantchev	Magic V/V	149	\$33	Michael Girvin	Weighted Sunset
15	\$80	Ted Bailey	Lapped "V"	66	\$46	G. Dimantchev	Paff II	89	\$32	Michael Girvin	Bat Omega
102	\$78	Neil Kalmanson	Hammerhead I	26	\$46	G. Dimantchev	Omega	69	\$32	Aboriginal	Toy Set
100	\$75	Neil Kalmanson	X	23	\$45	Herm Peeters	Distance Hook	90	\$31	Michael Girvin	Madonna
101	\$75	Neil Kalmanson	Unicorn	9	\$45	Leni Barker	S/L Omega	82	\$31	Tony Butz	V-omega
76	\$72	Carl Naylor	Large Hook	18	\$45	Erwin Brojan	Natural Elbow	162	\$31	Misc.	Posters
16	\$70	Ted Bailey	Lapped "V"	111	\$45	Ben Ruhe	Book	104	\$31	Willi Urban	Comeback Sport
77	\$67	Jack Byham	Traditional	47	\$44	George Gray	Gray Big "U"	186	\$31	Doug DuFresne	Chinook Omega
81	\$66	Bunny Read	Traditional	50	\$44	Aboriginal	Natural Elbow	185	\$30	Doug DuFresne	S/L Omega
184	\$65	Bunny Read	Wyche Hook	187	\$42	Steve Conaway	Aboriginal Hook 2	24	\$30	Doug DuFresne	S/L Outback II
55	\$65	G. Dimantchev	Vector MTA	183	\$42	Bunny Read	Traditional	48	\$30	George Gray	Throwstick
103	\$64	Neil Kalmanson	Hammerhead II	78	\$42	Brian Thomas	Hook	122	\$30	J. Cryderman	Natural Elbow
56	\$63	G. Dimantchev	Vector MTA	93	\$42	Steve Conaway	Ninja Hook	148	\$29	Michael Girvin	Bellen Dancer

SPRING '98 BOOMERANG AUCTION

Another boomerang auction will be held in the Spring, 1998. The primary purpose of this auction will be to raise money for the teams who will compete in the 1998 World Cup which will be held near St. Louis in July 1998. The conditions are as follows:

The total number of auction boomerangs will be limited to 100. Any individual can submit up to 10 boomerangs with a maximum of 5 boomerangs by the same manufacturer. Boomerangs to benefit a 1998 World Cup team will have priority in auction selection. All boomerangs must be high performance competition boomerangs or of a collectable nature: fine woodworking, fine art, historical, Aboriginal, etc. Out of print literature and unusual paraphernalia is also acceptable. All Spring 1998 auction boomerang submittals must be approved by Ted Bailey in advance.

Auction bidding rules will be similar to what was used in the Fall 1997 auction with conditional bidding and a winning bid limit of 20% higher than the next highest bid. There will be an auction fee of 20% of the proceeds for boomerangs that do not benefit a World Cup team.

Spring 1998 Boomerang Auction Deadlines

- 1: Photographs or detailed descriptions of proposed auction boomerangs must be received by Ted Bailey before Christmas Day (25 December 1997).
- 2: Selection of 100 limit auction boomerangs to be made by Ted Bailey on New Years Day (1/1/98).
- 3: Selected auction boomerangs must be received by 31 January 1998.
- 4: Auction Bid Sheets will be mailed out after 28 February 1998.
- 5: Final Auction Bid Sheets must be returned before 15 April 1998.
- 6: Notification of Winning Bids on 1 May 1998.

The Boomerang World Ranking List (WRL) - by Oliver Thienhaus

First I would like to thank all the national controllers and people who have helped me to create the World Ranking List (WRL). Also I would like to make some comments about Ted's article on the WRL in the last issue of BN. This WRL is UNOFFICIAL! It doesn't claim (or ever did) to be the only official WRL, it doesn't claim to be perfect. It is mainly my (and all the people who helped me) point of view as to how to compare the throwers on the globe. The WRL is a preliminary and experimental *Ranking List*. There are several reasons as to why I have helped create this list:

- 1) I have fun doing the list
- 2) I want to push the discussion about international rules (i.e.: Trickcatch)
- 3) We should have a World Ranking List and someone had to make the first step

In January 1997 Guenter Moeller and I had the idea of a global Ranking List, something like a World Ranking List. We thought about a way to compare throwers from all over the world.

We started with a completely different system, which rated the scores with points depending on the weather conditions. 5 different Rating Levels for the weather conditions should be set right after an event has been finished. Then your score was to be transformed into points out of a special list I made, one list for each Rating Level. I was talking about this system with a lot of people all over the world and at the end, everybody said, that this system was too complicated. Then Didier Bonin (F) had the basic idea for the current rating system. After a lot of comments again, I started to work on the World Ranking List with the system like it is now.

Why should we have a system?

Throwers from different continents normally do not meet each other at tournament, so it is not clever, to take the placings for the comparison. We have to take the results. If somebody has another opinion, PLEASE let me know! Again: This is just a try and I'd really like to hear a lot of discussion about this!

OK, from each thrower I take the three best results in each event out of the last 12 months (so the WRL will be updated monthly) and add them. This score is your score in my list and it will be compared with the other scores from the other throwers.

So I get 6 lists in the 6 standard events, the sum of the placings in each list is your Overall-Score in the WRL.

Big problem at the moment: The Americans do not use the Trickcatch 100 rules, like was used in New Zealand 1996. So they don't get any points in one of the six lists! I know, that this might disappoint some Americans, but I think the Trickcatch 100 system, which is currently used in every single country outside the US, is the better one. Why is Eric not on the TOP in the MTA-WRL? He is! On the day, Ted downloaded the WRL, the Portland tournament had not been integrated yet. Now Eric is on the TOP in the MTA-WRL and 5th Overall! Chet only had 3 tournaments, Rob Croll didn't have good results (maybe good placings). If you have any suggestion to change to rating system or anything else, please contact me! (email: oliver.thienhaus@hamburg.netsurf.de)

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Boomerang News Calendar of Events

North America

31 Dec.. 1997	New Years Eve Throw	Rich Pollock-Nelson	303-368-5933	2530 So. Ouray Way; Aurora, CO 80013
16 May 1998	Toss Across America	Betsylew Miale-Gix	425-485-1672	3351 236th St. S.W.; Brier, WA 98036-8421
26 Jul-2 Aug '98	World Cup Championships	Tom Fitzgerald	314-839-1604	1159 Holly River Dr.; Florissant, MO 63031
12/13 Sept. '98	2nd Outer Banks Comp.	John Koehler	757-437-1185	210 60th St.; Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Overseas

1 Feb 1998	NSW State Titles.	Br. Brian M. Thomas	(02) 9369 0675	131 Birrell St; Waverley NSW 2024; Australia
1 Feb 1998	Victorian Seamist Champs	Bruce Carter	(3) 93 00 23 74	21 Fran St.; Glenroy Melb. 3046; Victoria; Australia
1 March '98	Central Coast Champs	Br. Brian M. Thomas	(02) 9369 0675	131 Birrell St; Waverley NSW 2024; Australia
29 March '98	Eastern Suburbs Champs	Br. Brian M. Thomas	(02) 9369 0675	131 Birrell St; Waverley NSW 2024; Australia
2/3 May 1998	Aussie National Comps.	Br. Brian M. Thomas	(02) 9369 0675	131 Birrell St; Waverley NSW 2024; Australia
9/10 May 1998	North Germany Comp	Jürgen Küster	+49 (5741) 12414	Linkestraße 3; 32312 Lübbecke; Germany
30/31 May 1998	Torneo Nazionale Roma B	Maurizio Saba	+31 (6) 653 8053	Via del trullo 122; 00148 Roma; Italy
30 M/1 Jun '98	22.nd Amstelveen Comp	Erik Leferink	+31 (70) 329 7857	Remmersteinstraat 157; NL-2532 AZ Den Haag; Holland
7/8 June 1998	Travemünde Beach Cup	Eckhard Mawick	+49 (451) 70 51 81	Wakenitzmauer 64; D-23552 Lübeck; Germany
19/21 June '98	1998 AMSBC	Heikki Niskanen	+358 17 2633211	Tasavallankatu 10 a 1, 70620 KUOPI; Finland
27/28 June '98	5.th Kiel Week B. Cup	Eckhard Mawick	+49 (451) 70 51 81	Wakenitzmauer 64; D-23552 Lübeck; Germany
11/12 July 1998	1st Aalen Competition	Peter Dürr	+49 (7963) 1311	Eichenstraße 33; 73486 Admannsfelden; Germany
14/15 Aug 1998	6th Bielefelder B. Meet	Lothar Haase	49 (5221) 85 50 70	Kattenschling 24; 32049 Herford; Germany
XX Sept. 1998	7th Berlin Championships	Gerhard Bertling	+49 (30) 215 3008	Potsdamer Str. 150; 10783 Berlin; Germany
Aug/Sep 1998	Blacktown Championships	Peter Lewry	+61 (2) 96 22 29 27	???; Australia
24/25 July '99	Boomerang Cup	Eckhard Mawick	+49 (451) 70 51 81	Wakenitzmauer 64; D-23552 Lübeck; Germany
December '99	Int'l Millenium Throw	Earl Tutty	+64 3 384 5405	17 Truscotts Rd.; Heathcote Valley; Christchurch 2; NZ
2000	World Cup Championships	Rob Croll	(03) 9887-5085	5 Tyson Ct.; Wantirna South; Victoria 3152; Australia