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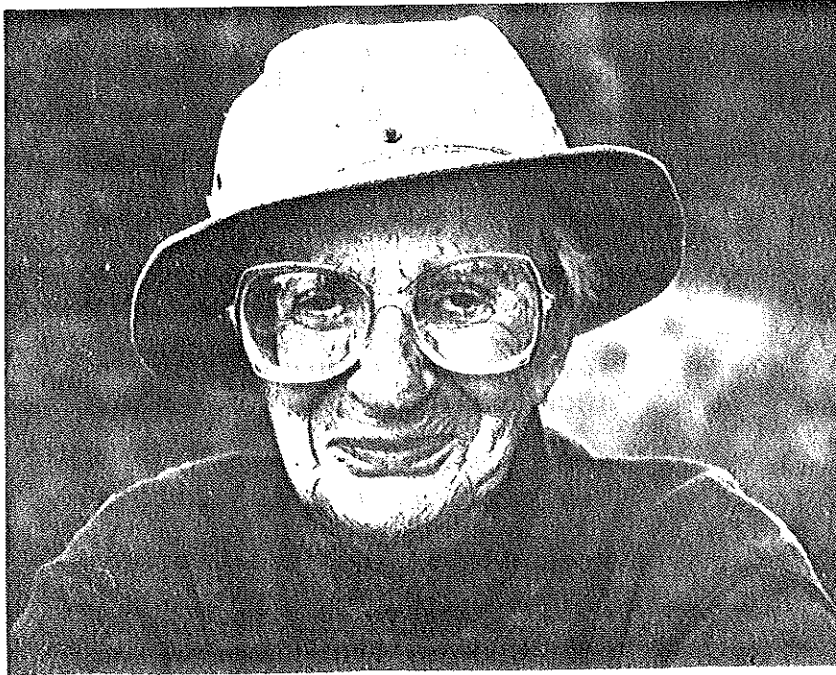
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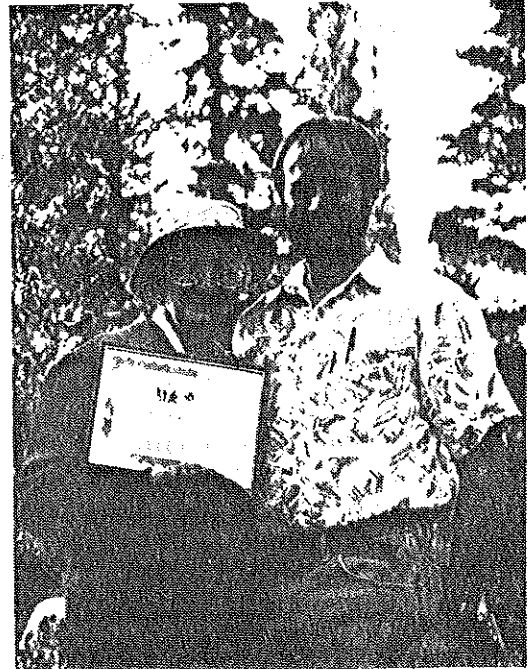
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION, INC.
1390 SOUTH PARIS COURT, AURORA, COLORADO 80012, USA

"TOO LONG HAVE I HUNTED MAMMOTHS ALONE!"

Rich McWhorter



LENI CLUBB -- FELLOW



WAA PRESIDENT, TIM BOUCHER PRESENTING FELLOWSHIP AWARD TO LENI CLUBB.

LENI CLUBB INDUCTED AS FIRST FELLOW OF THE WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION.

On July 11th, Leni Clubb, past President of the Association and active promoter of the atlatl weapon system was presented with a certificate awarding her with the first appointment as a "Fellow" in the organization. The certificate reads as follows:

The World Atlatl Association, Inc., in recognition of outstanding dedication in the encouragement of the membership and the education

of the General Public in the use of the ancient hunting weapon and modern sporting device known as the atlatl and dart, by this proclamation, acknowledges LENI CLUBB as Grand Nabob of the atlatl, and further grants her all of the entitlements and rights of the organization as a Fellow of the World Atlatl Association, Inc.

The award was presented by WAA President, Tim Boucher.

NEVER PLAY LEAPPROG WITH A UNICORN!

WAA ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors and membership was called to order by President Tim Boucher, Saturday, July 11, 1992 at 2 pm in Horseshoe Campground near Fairplay, Colorado. The following is a brief summary of items discussed. Full Minutes of the meeting are maintained in WAA files.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes for the previous year's annual meeting were read and approved.

Doug Bowman had resigned mid-year and Heidi Daetwyler had been appointed to fill out the term of Treasurer.

Bob Perkins failed to renew his membership and his term as Director has expired.

Voting for winners of the Limerick Contest took place with Wayne Brian winning for best whole limerick, and your Editor, Bill Tate for the best last line. Each receives a WAA T-shirt.

REPORTS:

Charles Lilly reported that there were 144 paid members.

Heidi Daetwyler handed out a treasurer's report, and stated that there was \$2,345.26 on hand as of July 8, 1992.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leni Clubb reported that we have been invited to again hold an atlatl contest at Atlatl Rock, Valley Of Fire State Park, Nevada in 1993. The contest will be held during the 2nd week in April.

Officials at Fremont Indian State Park near Sevier, Utah have also asked us to hold a contest. Following a lengthy discussion, it was decided to try to hold such an event as well. Scott Leslie and Leni Clubb will discuss times and dates with the personnel at the park.

Chris Judson suggested that WAA not use replicas of Native American religious items for awards or trophies. A motion was made and carried that establishes WAA policy against such practices.

A motion was made to create a patch with the WAA logo provided such logo is not too complex for a shoulder patch. Leni Clubb was requested to investigate requirements for such a patch and costs etc.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

New officers are as follows:

President: Tim Boucher
Vice President: Leni Clubb
Secretary: Charley Lilly
Treasurer: Heidi Daetwyler
Board of Directors:

Bill Tate
Scott Leslie
Ken Gramstad
Bony Cosyleon
Keith Abernathy (new)
Wayne Brian (new)

A brief report on the atlatl and dart appeared in The Ozark Mountaineer in an article titled "Found Any Atlatl-Heads Lately?" Check the August 1991 issue, Vol. 39, No. 6 and 7, pages 32-33; ISSN 0030-7769. Available from The Ozark Mountaineer, HCR 3, Box 868, Kirbyville, MO 65679 for \$1.95. per C. Lilly.



**GUINNESS BOOK
OF RECORDS**

WAYNE BRIAN
OF MESA, ARIZONA
THREW A SPEAR WITH AN ATLATL
A RECORD 616 FT 10 IN
AT OVERTON, NEVADA
ON 11 APRIL 1992

PETER MATTHEWS NORRIS McWHIRTER

Peter Matthews Norris McWhirter

THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS IS NOT A REGISTERED TRADEMARK OF GUINNESS

In the March issue, Vol. 5, No. 2, of the "Atlatl," This editor made some blatantly degrading comments concerning "The Guinness Book of Records." The Guinness book was the subject of a lengthy editorial in direct response to the U. S. Edition Editor, Mark C. Young's statement that "they" were not interested in further claims for distance records set by atlatl users. It was, I thought, a rather callous and cavalier view held, thankfully, only by the New York office.

Whether as a result of our editorial, or for other reasons, Mark Young submitted the many letters and other correspondence, sent to him by members of the World Atlatl Association, to the London office. It was there that the recent record distance throws were recognized as valuable for inclusion in "The Guinness Book of Records." As a result, in mid June 1992, I

received a phone call from the home office in London, requesting confirmation and further details of record casts. I rushed that material off as the 1993 edition was nearing completion, and a congratulatory letter with a "World Record" certificate was issued by Guinness. This certificate recognizing his 616 foot, 10 inch throw was then presented to Wayne Brian of Mesa, Arizona at the Colorado Archaeological Society's Annual Encampment on July 11, 1992.

Contrary to what I stated in my March editorial, I do plan to buy another copy of "The Guinness Book of Records." Eating ones words never tasted better. (Note, the 1993 issue of "The Guinness Book of Records" goes on sale in October, 1992.



WAA PRESIDENT TIM BOUCHER PRESENTING THE
GUINNESS WORLD RECORD AWARD TO WAYNE BRIAN.

TIME IS NATURE'S WAY OF KEEPING EVERYTHING FROM
HAPPENING ALL AT ONCE.

CONTEST RESULTS

THE MONTANA MAMMOTH HUNT - 92

By Manuel & Helen White

Held, August 8, 1992, the Annual Montana Mammoth Hunt was a great success. There were 16 competitor. Trophies were given to the winners and first three places in the open category. The luncheon was delicious. Help from Helen White, Bill Wicks and John Wilson were indispensable and made the hunt enjoyable.



WINNING MAMMOTH HUNTERS: Back - Sheri McCarter, Boody McLoughlin, Monica McAllister, front - Bob Perkins, Troy Helmick, and Dean Helmick.

MEN

1st -- Bob Perkins
2nd -- Troy Helmick
3rd -- Dean Helmick

1st -- Troy Helmick
2nd -- Jim Roy
3rd -- Manuel White

WOMEN

1st -- Sheri McCarter
2nd -- Monica McAllister
3rd -- Boody McLoughlin

MIGHTIEST HUNTER

1st -- Troy Helmick
2nd -- Bob Perkins
3rd -- Dean Helmick

Plans are already in place for the 1993 and 1994 Montana Mammoth Hunts to be held at Dave and Diane Schwab's ranchette on Birdseye Road in Helena. More information to follow.

FOOTNOTE: There are plans to include the atlatl as an introductory sport event in the 1993 Montana Senior Olympics to be held next Summer. All men and women age 50 or over will be eligible. Please contact Manuel and Helen White, P. O. Box 5058, Helena, MT 59604, phone (406) 227-5020.



DEAN HELMICK PREPARING TO SPEAR HIS 8X9 FOOT MAMMOTH AT 60 METERS.



ATLATL EXHIBIT AND LITERATURE BOOTH WITH MANUEL WHITE, DEAN HELMICK, BOB PERKINS, AND THE McCARTERS IN THE BACKGROUND.

'Tis better to have loved and lost a short person than never to have loved a tall. (David Chambless)

PICTURES BY PATTI

THE ATLATL WORLD OPEN

By Patti Thompson

Casper, Wyoming, June 20, 1992. There were three separate contests, first the accuracy "hunt," followed by the Golf Round, and finally the overall championship.

ACCURACY

MEN

- 1st - Ken Wee of Boulder, CO
- 2nd - Barry Kimball, Denver CO
- 3rd - Troy Helmick, Helena, MT

WOMEN

- 1st - Cherrie Hicken, Rawlins, WY
- 2nd - Patti Thompson, Sandy UT
- 3rd - Shirley Helmick, Helena, MT

YOUTH

- 1st - Daniel Hicken, Rawlins, WY
- 2nd - Amber Hicken, Rawlins WY

GOLF ROUND

MEN

- 1st - Troy Helmick
- 2nd - Daniel Hicken, Rawlins, WY
- 3rd - Bob Perkins, Manhattan, MT

WOMEN

- 1st - Cherrie Hicken
- 2nd - Shirley Helmick
- 3rd - Patti Thompson

CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st - Bob Perkins
- 2nd - Troy Helmick
- 3rd - Roger Hicken



PARK RANGER RICK YOUNG WITH PATTI THOMPSON



SHIRLEY HELMICK



SHERRIE HICKEN



KEN WEE



BARRY KIMBALL



TROY HELMICK



BOB PERKINS



ROGER HICKEN

THE COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
CAS ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

By Leni Clubb, Charley Lilly
and Bill Tate

Twenty-six throwers competed for the coveted "Greatest Honor" award at the CAS Encampment near Fairplay, CO on July 11, 1992. Members of CAS and WAA attended and the following states were represented: Colorado, California, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Montana, and Louisiana. With near perfect weather, and in high mountain air, the following winners add their names to the record books.

PRIMITIVE EQUIPMENT

MEN

- 1st - George Stewart, Windsor, CO
- 2nd - Paul Leininger, Belgrade, MT
- 3rd - Wayne Brian, Mesa, AZ

WOMEN

- 1st - Chris Judson, Bandelier National Monument, NM
- 2nd - Heidi Daetwyler, Dillon, CO
- 3rd - Fran Cosyleon, Pueblo CO

FREE-FOR-ALL (ANCIENT & MODERN EQUIPMENT)

MEN

- 1st - Paul Leininger

WOMEN

- 1st - Eva Cosyleon, Pueblo, CO
(NOTE: EVA WAS JUST 13 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF THIS WIN, AND COMPETED AGAINST ALL ADULT WOMEN.)

LONG DISTANCE THROW

- 1st - Wayne Brian setting another world record at 638 feet, 8 inches (194.67 meters)

GREATEST HONOR AWARD
(CAN ONLY BE WON BY A COLORADO
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBER)

George Stewart

PHOTOS, BILL TATE



LENI CLUB PRESENTING GEORGE STEWART
THE CAS GREATEST HONOR TROPHY.



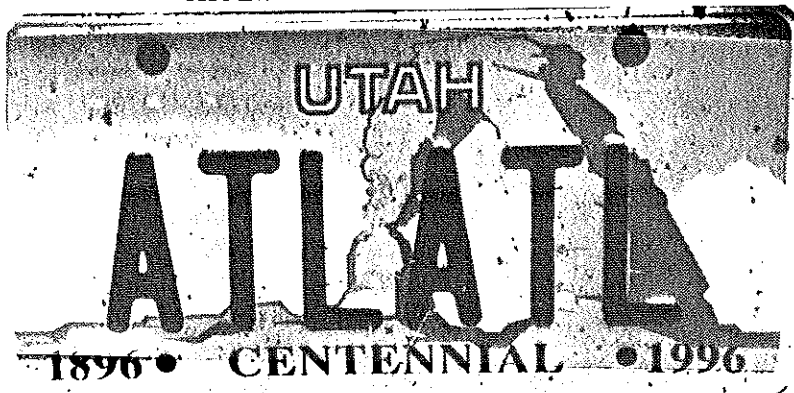
THE WINNERS. L to R: Boney Cosyleon, Leni Clubb, Gabe Cosyleon (for the most Greatest Honors won), Eva Cosyleon, Fran Cosyleon, Paul Leininger, Wayne Brian, Heidi Daetwyler, and Chris Judson.

SCHIZOPHRENIA SURE BEATS DINING ALONE!



NEW RECORD CAST -- Wayne Brian of Mesa Arizona making his bid for the new world's record with a throw of 638 feet 8 inches, (194.67 meters.) As of this writing, Wayne has a new unofficial record of ~~672 feet, (204.83 meters.)~~ 690 FT. (210.31 M.) as of 10/7/92.

There is a new member to the small sub-club to The World Atlatl Association. Ray and Patti Thompson of Sandy, Utah now sport the following exclusive license plate on their car:



WHOLE LIMERICKS

From Wayne Brian:

The abo got stoned on mescal,
He got up but once and he fell,
He shook his gord rattle,
And stroked his atlatl
Then his squaw, with a club, rang his bell

The atlatl was born by mistake.
The first was designed by a flake.
The end came from loose,
And he killed a fat goose,
It no longer was used as a rake.

LIMERICK CONTEST ENTRIES:

There once was a man from Seattle
Who carved out his own atlatl
But his aim was so bad
With the glasses he had

From Wayne Brian

That he shot Randolf Scott off his saddle.
or
So forever his nose they would straddle.

From Helen White:

That it was all an uphill battle.

From Leni Club:

He screamed, "Please don't anyone tattle!"
or
He'd do better with William Tell's apple.
or
He fled and hid in his castle.
or
He should just give up the battle.

From Hallie Cash:

He'd hit all his neighbor's prize cattle.

From Bill Tate:

In hunting for deer, he got cattle.

From Don Tucker's Son-in-law.

His target would always skee-daddle.

No trophy would sit on his mantle.

Who could top his score?, Will any lad'll.

His wife now walks with a waddle.

For the window he broke; he got a paddle.

His dart flew clear to Kliketat'l.

From Don Tucker's Daughter.

His curse sounded like: fiddle faddle.

BOWSPORT ARCHERY, 5940 URBAN DR., MARINE CITY, MI 48039, (313) 765-4717. LONG TIME ARROWSMITH, LOU BECKER MAKES FINE DARTS AND ATLATLS.

BOB BEANE, OF BOWWOODS FIVE, 1821 REDWING ST., SAN MARCOS, CA 92069, (619) 744-9797, MAKES REPLICA ATLATLS, INCLUDING THE SAND DUNE CAVE ATLATL SET.

BILL TATE OF TATE ENTERPRISES, PO BOX 440003, AURORA, CO 80044-0003, (303) 755-5591, MAKES THE ORIGINAL "SPEARCHUCKER" ATLATL KIT AS WELL AS SELLS BOOKS ON ATLATLS AND PRIMITIVE SKILLS.

BEN RUHE, 1882 COLUMBIA ROAD N.W., WASHINGTON, D C 20009, (202) 234-9208, HAS ACCESS TO SOME PITJANTJATJARA WOONERAS (ATLATLS) PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED BY AN AUSTRALIAN ANTHROPOLOGIST.

AZTEC

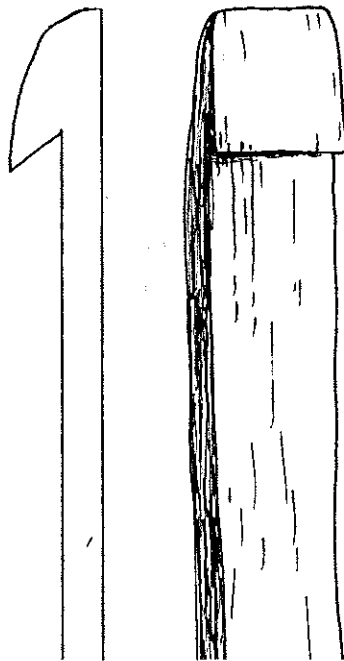
Bill Tate

Anyone passing through the Denver, Colorado area from September 26, 1992 through February 21, 1993 will want to see AZTEC at the Denver Museum of Natural History. AZTEC is a grand display of Aztec life with some 300 exhibits, including only one atlatl, but atlatls do show up on numerous drawings and stone carvings being shown as well.

As this is the only museum in the United States scheduled to get this display, you may want to make some plans for early vacation time.

I was entirely captivated by the exhibit, as I am sure you will be.

The one atlatl displayed in a glass case possessed the most unusual hook or spur I have ever seen. It was in fact a wedge as in the drawing below: Note, that no cameras are permitted at the AZTEC show.



AZTEC ATLATL SPUR. DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE NOCK ON THE DART WAS TROUGH SHAPED? SOMEONE SHOULD TRY THIS SYSTEM OUT AND REPORT ON THESE PAGES.

YUCCA BOB WAS BORN MAR. 13, 4992 BC IN WAYNE BRIAN'S MIND. HIS HAIR IS GREEN AS HE WASHES IT IN WATER USED TO PROCESS YUCCA FIBER.



THAT'S YUCCA BOB. HE'S TESTING WHAT HE CALLS "THE WHEEL". HE SAYS IT ROLL'S AND SLIDES BETTER THAN ANYTHING ELSE



PHILIP NICKELL OF XENIA, OH TRYS HIS HAND AT THE ATLATL AT SUNWATCH MUSEUM, 2301 W. RIVER ROAD, DAYTON, OH. Submitted by Lowell Howard, from the Dayton Daily News. Photograph by Michael Heinz.