

ATLATL

"Too long have I hunted mammoth alone!"

Rich McWhorter

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LONG DISTANCE RECORD SHATTERED

By Bill Tate

The morning of July 15th, 1995 was gorgeous in Aurora. The sun, already high in the deep blue Colorado sky, was pleasantly warm. Hardly a breath of air moved as Dave Engvall made several warm-up throws along the level, recently mowed, terrace of Toll Gate Creek. The location was chosen because of the level terrain and the kind offer of the Aurora History Museum to use DeLaney Farm for this event. A small crowd gathered, and included among them were photographers and reporters for local television and newspapers. A few onlookers were just curious passersby, but several members of the World Atlatl Association, The Colorado Archaeological Society, the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, as well as staff from the Aurora History Museum were there to officially witness this attempt for a "Guinness" record long distance throw with an atlatl. Finally, at 10:30 a.m., Dave was ready to challenge the previous record of 660 feet, 3 inches set by WAA member Wayne Brian. A record was kept of the challenger's observations following each cast. Comments such as "A little High!...Oops!...That was a good one; good trajectory," were recorded after each of the 21 attempts. The darts were numbered, one through seven, and each was thrown three times. Although a few of his darts fell short of the record, most exceeded the 660 foot mark. In the first flight of seven darts, the final two both exceeded 806 feet. On the second flight, his last dart fell to earth over 842 feet down range and only 1.33 feet off the center line. Finally, growing tired, but still game for one more round, Dave Engvall let loose one more flight of seven, and once again, the last dart in the group was the longest--848.56 feet. That translates to 848 feet 6 5/8 inches (258.64 meters).



Dave Ingvall, St. Joseph, Missouri, pushing it to the limit -- 848.56 feet.

David P. Engvall, Senior Project Engineer for Snorkel Economy Co. of St. Joseph.

Missouri has been working for this day for well over a year. First practicing with more traditional equipment, he gradually developed the rather specialized atlatl and dart used in this record breaking event. Dave promises to draft an article for these pages about his equipment and the mechanics behind this achievement for a future issue.

No newcomer to "Guinness" challenges, Dave already appears in the record books holding two Guinness records, one for use of a sling, 1565 feet, and one for a hand thrown object of 1265 feet. The latter is a weight and string projectile which he calls a WASP.

We wish to thank Peter Faris and Michelle Bahe of the Aurora History Museum for their assistance and use of the throwing field, record keeper Dr. Gordy Tucker of CCPA, surveyor Mike Keeley of CAS, who measured the throws with an electronic distance meter (EDM), and WAA member Charley Brown for assisting in making those measurements. Charley is also to be thanked for purchasing the Guinness Stout with which the new record holder was appropriately toasted.

ATLATL ELBOW, or HOW TO KILL YOURSELF BEFORE YOU KILL YOUR MAMMOTH

By Ray Strischek

I have been making and using atlatls and darts for about a year now, progressing from atlatls made of straight inflexible sticks, through recurved flexibles, to laminated flexible slat construction, all the way to where I am now--laminated flexible recurves with weights.

All was going well. I was finding the right length of atlatl, the right amount of flexibility of atlatl shaft, the right kind of wood, the correct configuration of spur angle to shaft, the right kind of ergonomic shaping of the handle. I read everything I could get from the Ohio University library on the subject and all through the readings there were those references to, and studies of experimentation with atlatl weights. The theories were many, as were the contradictions.

The weights provided power. No they didn't. They made darts fly farther. No they didn't. The weights were for balance so that a person could hold a dart horizontally for hours--not true. The weights were fetishes or a way to designate rank--not true. Some scholars contented themselves with just the act of classifying the weights by shape, size, and weight, such as: butterfly, 3 inches, 10 to 800 grams.

Last month (April 1995), a man in Germany sent me a photo copy of a page from *The Bulletin of Primitive Technology*, which listed articles of back issues including an article on atlatl weights by Perkins. I sent away for it, read it and liked it. Then this guy in Utah calls me in Ohio, and says, "Weights are where its at, man." The next day my father came down for a visit with a bunch of river stones already drilled, saying it was time!

As you probably already know, Perkins recommends weights of 65 grams, but didn't really say why. The rocks my father brought with him were in excess of 100 grams. Although I never got to the point where I could confirm that the weights do act as a means to *tune* flexing dart shafts to flexing atlatl shafts, it was immediately obvious that the weights greatly

reduced side to side wobble of the atlatl during the throwing movement. They acted like a governor on a motor, regulating the acceleration of force put into the throw. This drastically reduced unwanted spurts of force during a throw. Both of these factors greatly increased control of the throw which in turn, greatly increased accuracy.

The trouble started about the third day of using weights. If a 100 gram weight increases accuracy, gee, just think what a 200 gram weight will do. After all, some real atlatl weights weigh in at 800 grams, right? So I spent Day Three throwing darts with a 200 gram weight. By the end of the day I was feeling a little stiff and sore--right arm, back, left side. The next day my left side (I'm right handed) felt like someone had ripped a rib out. My right knee acted like it didn't have a knee cap, only a mush ball of pure pain, and there was a sharp pain dead center in the middle of my back which shot straight through to the sternum. My neck hurt so that I couldn't lift my head. It felt like someone was pulling my head down to my knees and wouldn't let go. There was a sharp pain in the very end of my right shoulder that traveled down my arm to the elbow and felt as if someone had just hauled off and smacked my elbow with a two by four. And, I was actually having trouble breathing.

Next day I went to the doctor. He gave me muscle relaxers, told me to go home, get into bed, wake up in a few days and call him. "You have the worst case of tennis elbow I have ever seen," he laughed, "How'd you do it?"

"Atlatl," I said.

"What's that?" he asked. After I told him, he said "Well, maybe you should use lighter weights." Gee, no kidding?

Three weeks later, three weeks, now only my shoulder and elbow hurt. Yeah, more or less continuously. Can't do a single pushup. Hurts like hell when I try. I don't know what damage I did to myself, but I'm supposed to go in for an x-ray soon. Oh, its getting better, but oh, so very slowly. Sure has put a damper on my accuracy. I have to throw about 30 darts before I can loosen myself up enough to throw with

normal force and close to normal accuracy. Of course I am only throwing light darts now, and using under 65 gram allatl weights. Being an allatl addict, I throw every day, and I'm not about to quit. But, seriously folks, you can do yourself some serious damage with these allatl weights. My advice, use allatl weights of 65 grams or less, or you can kiss your elbow goodbye.

The weights Dad brought down were from 102 to nearly 230 grams. One ounce equals 28.35 grams. Obviously, the weight to use is 2 to 3 ounces. Not everyone, except maybe the local drug dealer, has an ounce/gram scale laying around the house. However, most open all night post office lobbies, besides having stamp machines and copy machines, do offer electronic scales that tell weight and postage amounts. So try your local post office for a "quick fix" on how heavy your allatl weight is, at least it's convenient.

Readers can contact Ray at 10810 Peach Ridge Road, Athens, Ohio 45701 1 (614) 592-1217.



A few weeks ago your editor was contacted by sculptor/artist Lois Montoya Rumohr, concerned with authenticity of the grip for her figure above. She tells me the work will be finished, that is cast in bronze, sometime in September 1995, if everything goes as planned. The artist has several permanent displays in Florida and California and has a bronze portrait bust of the famous Pueblo painter, Pablita Velarde accessioned into the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution. Price on the above has not yet been established, but probably will be in the neighborhood of \$2000 to \$2500. Interested? Contact Lois Rumohr, Estudio Leon, 931 Hacienda Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114.

A STITCH IN TIME WOULD HAVE CONFUSED EINSTEIN.

FOLLOW-UP

Reported in the *Montana Bowhunter*, June 1995, and sent to us by Troy Helmick

There was also a bill in the Legislature attempting to get an ATLATL season in place. The bill would have established a two day season prior to archery season. The MBA (Montana Bowhunter's Association) opposed this bill, but after some discussion the MBA compromised to allow ATLATLS the first two days of archery season for deer only. That was in the Senate Fish and Game Committee. When the bill reached House Fish and Game Committee, they decided (on their own) to amend the bill to allow ATLATLS for the complete archery season. When the MBA got wind of this we got on the phone to key legislators who immediately killed this amendment and sent the bill to a joint committee. At last report, the bill will die in committee...

LIFE IS EXTINCT ON OTHER PLANETS BECAUSE THEIR SCIENTISTS WERE MORE ADVANCED THAN OURS.

ATLATL EVENTS FROM ALL OVER

THE ATLATL WORLD OPEN By Rick Young, Museum Director

The World Open Allatl contest began at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, June 24th. Weather was perfect and the competition proved spirited. There were "sudden death" play-offs to finalize places in several categories.

Both an accuracy throw and a "golf" round were played. In addition to the standard divisions of Men, Women, and Juniors, we added a "Sub-Junior" category so that the smaller kids did not have to compete with 13 and 14 year olds. The Championship round consisted of the top three winners in all divisions.

In conjunction with the allatl contest, there were competitions in several other events. This year's contests included primitive archery, spear tomahawk, and knife throwing, plus flint knapping. We are currently working on plans for an expansion of activities for next year. We will keep you posted in the newsletter.

World Open Finals

	ACCURACY	GOLF
Sub-Junior		
1st	Adam Rosics	Andy Youngberg
2nd	John Kumer	Adam Rosics
3rd	Andy Youngberg	John Kumer
Junior		
1st	Toby Honadel	Toby Honadel
2nd	Devin Corrigan	Devin Corrigan
3rd	Josh Hunt	Jeremy Nels

Women's

- 1st Sherryl Gores Allison Youngberg
- 2nd Stephanie Ross Stephanie Ross
- 3rd Allison Youngberg Sherryl Gores

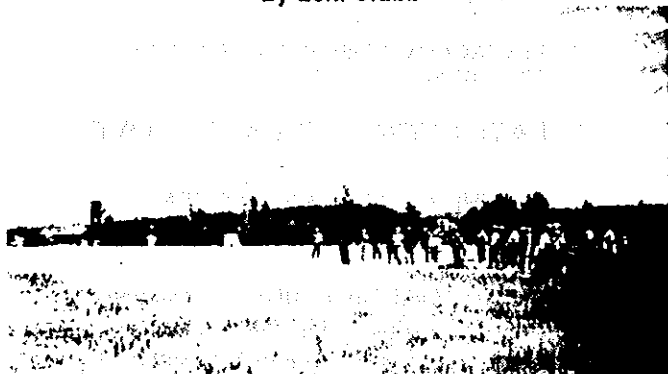
Men's

- 1st Jim Ray Ray Madden
- 2nd Ray Madden Jim Ray
- 3rd Dave Lukowiak Ken Wee

World Open Champ

- 1st Ray Madden
- 2nd Jim Ray
- 3rd Dave Lukowiak

COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, McPhee Reservoir, Dolores, Colorado July 2, 1995 By Leni Clubb



In spite of thunder, lightning, and pea to golfball-sized hail (according to who was telling the story), which damaged many plastic vents on motor homes and even dented a few vehicle roofs the night before, the Tenth Annual Allfall Contest began promptly at 10:00 a.m., with 32 contestants: 21 men, 7 women, and 4 children from ages 7 to 14. Many CAS chapters were represented, as well as WAA members from Missouri, Utah, New Mexico, and Louisiana.

Winners...

KIDS

- 1st Nathan Potter
- 2nd Gwen Leslie
- 3rd Erin Eliason

WOMEN

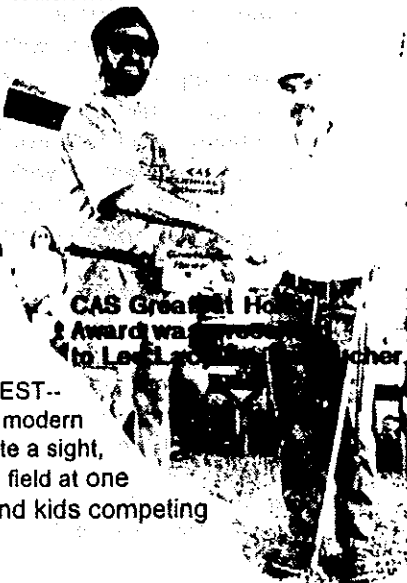
- 1st Chris Judson
- 2nd Eva Cosyleon
- 3rd Fran Cosyleon

MEN

- 1st Ray Madden
- 2nd Lee Lacey
- 3rd Charlie Brown

FREE-FOR-ALL CONTEST--

any type of equipment, modern or primitive. (It was quite a sight, with 29 throwers on the field at one time, men, women, and kids competing against each other.)



First place winners:



Nathan Potter winning a bolo tie; Eva Cosyleon winning a Medicine wheel; Boney Cosyleon winning a black war bonnet dance rib.

(Prizes were all hand-made by Leni Clubb as has been the tradition. Ed Comment.)

The Archaeological Society's Greatest Honor Award went to Lee Lacey of Cortez, Colorado. This is Lee's second time winning the award.

Overall standings for the contest follow:

KIDS

Nathan Potter	28
Gwen Leslie	30
Erin Eliason	30
Kim Pratt	33

WOMEN

Chris Judson	33
Eva Cosyleon	34
Fran Cosyleon	34
Susie Brown	34
Mary Leslie	38
Marilyn Peterson	38
Mary Jo Kraus	39

MEN

Ray Madden	15
Lee Lacey	20
Charley Brown	24
Robert Hamilton	25
Jeff McGill	25
Tim Boucher	26
Bill Tate	26
Keith Abernathy	26
Gabe Cosyleon	26
Bob Mutaw	28

MEN CONT'D

Lloyd Pine	29
David Tucker	29
Michael Theis	30
Scott Leslie	32
Boney Cosyleon	32
Les Herman	32
Bruce Polich	33
Don Owens	33
Paul Cowan	36
Terry Murphy	36
Jimmy Barkley	38

Free-for-all contest, only 40, 75, 60, and 15 meter targets used--no accuracy target used.

Ray Madden	6	Lee Lacey	9
Bill Tate	6	Susie Brown	9
Jeff McGill	6	Bruce Polich	9
Boney Cosyleon	6	Tim Boucher	9
Gabe Cosyleon	7	Tim Lacey	10
Lloyd Pine	7	Les Herman	10
Terry Murphy	7	Michael Theis	10
Charley Brown	8	Marilyn Peterson	11
Keith Abernathy	8	Chris Judson	11
Robert Hamilton	8	Paul Cowan	12
Jim Barkley	8	Nathan Potter	13
Scott Leslie	8	Fran Cosyleon	14
Eva Cosyleon	8	Kim Pratt	15
		Erin Eliason	19

Men, Women, and Kids free-for-all winners shown in bold.

SMOKING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF STATISTICS. FLETCHER KNEBEL

MORE ON EUROPEAN SPEARTHROWER CHAMPIONSHIP

By Pascal Chauvaux

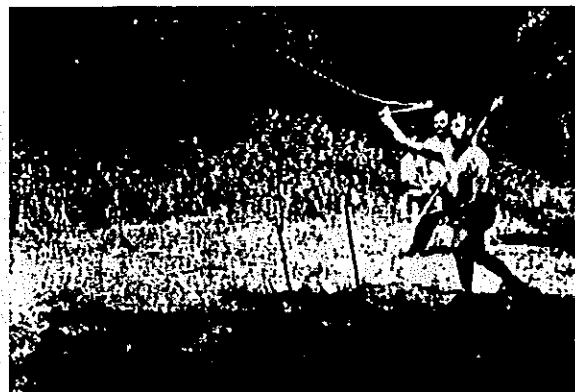


Gérard Dieudonné, Samara organizer, is delivering a W.A.A. Grand Champion Award to Steve Cabaraux

The second spearthrower tournament of the season was held May 28 at Samara, an archaeological park in Eastern part of France. Twenty-five contestants from Belgium, France and Germany participated in the same principle as previous round (3 times 10 distances from 8 to 26 meters).

Results

Place	Name	Score (150)	Hits (30)
1	Steve Cabaraux (B)	75	27
2	Alain Maxence (B)	57	20
3	Dider Cocchi (B)	51	18
4	Pierre Cattelain (B)	45	19
5	Fernand Collin (B)	47	17
6	Jean Spéckens (B)	42	18
7	Ulrich Stodiek (D)	39	15



Christian Iepers (B) is one of those rare all-throwers who tries to use darts without feathers (bravery or bragging?) - Les Eyzies (France)

The third spearthrower tournament was held June 17 at Les Eyzies (Dordogne, France), one of the most beautiful archaeological areas in France. Forty-seven contestants (Belgium, France, Great Britain and Germany) participated in the only category admitted: all primitive material.

Results

Place	Name	Score (150)	Hits (30)
1	Pascal Chauvaux (B)	72	24
2	Steve Cabaraux (B)	48	19
3	Sonja Souvenir (B)	41	20
4	Fernand Collin (B)	47	16
5	Jean Spéckens (B)	43	16
6	Alain Maxence (B)	43	15
7	Didier Cocchi (B)	37	16

The fourth competition has allowed forty participants to meet on July 1 at Le Grand-Pressigny (Indre-et-Loire, France). Again, our 10 targets were scattered in fields and wood. Le Grand-Pressigny is especially known for its flint and its cores. One has found neolithic daggers of Le Grand-Pressigny flint all the way to Switzerland.

Results

Place	Name	Score (150)	Hits (30)
1	Pascal Chauvaux (B)	66	23
2	Bernard Ginelli (F)	59	21
3	Alain Maxence (B)	50	19
4	Thierry Félix (F)	41	14
5	Pierre Matheus (B)	40	14
6	Johann Tinnes (D)	42	13
7	Didier Cocchi (B)	33	14



Jean-Marc Bayet (B) is the last (hero) to join us on the field. Results are not yet good, but he was not fortieth - Le Gd-Pressigny

FREMONT INDIAN STATE PARK, UTAH
 ATLATL CONTEST JUNE 17, 1995
 By Leni Clubb & Bill Tate

The rain clouds cleared just long enough for this annual atlatl contest to be held, then moved back in. It was a chilly morning (frost was noted in the campgrounds) and warm clothing felt good. Park Ranger Pete Weimer and his staff had set up a vicious course, with targets half way up a small mountain and long, long-distance throws were required to get to some targets. It proved to be quite a challenge--especially that throw up the nearly vertical hill.

Thirty-four contestants from four states (Colorado, Utah, Missouri, Montana) braved the weather and competed for prizes. These included 19 men, 6 women, 5 youth and 3 kids. (Note: WAA Secretary Leni Clubb, from California was there, but due to an injury was unable to participate)

THE WINNERS:



KIDS UNDER 11

- 1st Heidi Harver Salt Lake City, UT
- 2nd Tanner Weimer Monroe, UT
- 3rd Tommy Davitt Meadow, UT

YOUTH 11-15

- 1st Allen Olroyd Monroe, UT
- 2nd Layne Sanderup Monroe, UT
- 3rd Mitch Olroyd Monroe, UT

WOMEN

- 1st Fran Olroyd Monroe, UT
- 2nd Karen S. Salt Lake City, UT
- 3rd Susie Brown Arvada, CO

MEN

- 1st Ray Madden Joplin, MO
- 2nd Charlie Brown Arvada, CO
- 3rd Robert Hamilton Ogden, UT

GRAND CHAMPION (Presented by WAA)

- Modern equipment Ray Madden
- Primitive equipment Charlie Brown



PRIMITIVE WEAPONS CONTEST, FORT OSAGE, MISSOURI -- MAY 19-20, 1995

By Richard VanderHoek

This was an interesting contest. The targets were often very small and close, and people just don't practice that way. As Virgil Hayes says, most folks darts are not "spined" for such near targets. Most of us practice from 15 to 30 yards with both atlatl darts and self-made arrows. Those distances may be the most forgiving. I know Virgil set the course up to highlight both the equipment and practice problems. Virgil sees most hunting done up close, so wanted a course that reflected this.

Following the competition, Virgil demonstrated throwing from out of a tree. Except for the greater movement required, it would appear as effective as use of the bow for deer hunting.



I really enjoyed meeting Ray Madden, a nice quiet guy who spends a lot of time practicing, experimenting, and thinking about atlatls and darts. He and his son Dave were impressive to watch. They used fletched dowel or cane darts



with foreshaft and points that totalled about 5 feet in length. Ray was really accurate and Dave was fast. After the contest Dave was putting them into a circle about 18 inches from 20 to 30 yards, I think throwing them with side hand. They didn't rise over more than about 6 inches! I had already decided that long darts were generally

accurate...and here were two people showing how the short light darts, which seem to have been favored in the Southwest and Mesoamerica, could be effectively used. (Editor's note: Virgil Hayes sent me the competition results for this event, but someone has misplaced them. With any luck at all Virgil will have made a copy and can get the figures to me in time for the next issue of this newsletter. Sorry. I do recall that Ray Madden won the atlatl part of the competition, beating several of the archers for an amazing test of skill.)

ATLATL AND PRIMITIVE SELF-BOW BOAR HUNT--1995

By Lou Becker

After much thought and soul searching, we Michiganders decided to move the atlatl boar hunt from Georgia to a location much closer to home. We settled on the "Double D Ranch, a well-organized hunting preserve run by Dannie Carte near McArthur in southern Ohio.

This year all hunters were from Michigan. There was my old friend, Norm Blaker (the only person I know who is more Indian than the Indians, themselves), Bob Love, George Hedgepeth, my 16 year old son, Adam, and myself. We decided that this year we would work in teams, some using the ancient atlatl and others using primitive self-bows and wooden arrows.

The hunt began at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 1995. Adam and I began walking a small creek bed, then moved up a steep hill. (Thank God I had done some walking and jogging for the month leading to this hunt! We flat-landers from eastern Michigan are not used to those southern Ohio hills.) Upon reaching the top of the hill, Adam spotted a large boar about 40 yards away. We stalked the animal and got between 30 and 35 yards from it when Adam drew back his 48 lb. pull bow, loosing his arrow. The arrow flew well, making a perfect quartering shot. The boar started to run, but fell over after about 20 yards. When we ran up



Adam Becker with his large boar.

to it, the boar got up and began to run again. Quickly, I put one of my 4000 grain hunting darts onto the hook of my atlatl and made a hard deliberate throw. The heavy dart struck the hog in the center and came out the

other side. This time he was down for good. I was proud of Adam. He had made an almost perfect shot at over 30 yards, and together, we made a good clean kill.

After field dressing our trophy, we joined George Hedgepeth who had elected to hunt with a primitive bow and with wooden arrows and tie-on Indian trade points. We helped George by doing some "bird-dogging" for him. After about two hours of this, George made a killing shot on a nice sow from about 18 yards.

We rested, had a bite to eat, then decided to help Norm and Bob get their boar. They had passed up shots at smaller animals with the hope of taking a really large one, but by the time we reached them, Norm had



WAA Director and
Author Lou Becker



More Indian than the
Indians Norm Blaker

hit a hog in the leg with one of his flint-tipped darts. (Norm had made his atlatl and darts totally out of natural materials, even using flint tools in the manufacture.)

The hog was off and running with Norm and the rest of us in hot pursuit. I only hope that when I see Norm's age, I'll be in half as good shape. He was running up and down those hills "faster than a jackrabbit on a date." I thought to myself, "This 60 years old. Wonder what he was like as a teenager." When I finally caught up with him, he had the hog cornered, and from 18 yards, threw another dart through the neck. I expected to see the hog however it turned in my direction and I threw a dart. It missed. The boar turned right and came directly at Bob Love. Displaying the same type of courage I had seen, he got him through two complete tours of duty. Norm, Bob stood his ground and shot a flint arrow through the pig's shoulder. This Schwarzenegger of the wild hog world, wasn't out of steam yet. He ran for another 40 yards before finally stopping. I put a flint tipped dart through its heart, the grace," and the boar was done.

We had a great weekend, an exciting hunt with primitive weapons, and wonderful company on a really nice hunting preserve. It doesn't get any better than this.

During the drive back home to Michigan, my son Adam said, "Dad, this was a great weekend. I learned a lot about myself and life in general. This is the type of hunting experience I will remember all of my life."

I know we'll be back next Spring.

FELLOWSHIP AWARDED TO TIM BOUCHER



TIM GETS SPECK FROM BOUCHER AS PRESIDENT COSY...

The award reads: THIS CERTIFICATE IS GIVEN IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING AND VALUED SERVICE TO THE WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS HE HAS DISPLAYED, HIS INDISPENSABLE ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING AND HOLDING SPEAR THROWING EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY DURING THE YEARS THIS ORGANIZATION HAS EXISTED, AND FOR BEING A PUBLIC AMBASSADOR IN THE PROMOTION OF THE ATLATL AND DART BY HOLDING WORKSHOPS, TRAINING SESSIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS, THE WAA ACKNOWLEDGES BY THIS PROCLAMATION TIM BOUCHER AS A FELLOW OF THE WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION, INC. AND GRANTS HIM ALL OF THE ENTITLEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

Signed: Boney A. Cosyleon, President, 2 July 1995

LETTERS

From Francois Regis Valatx
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FRANCE

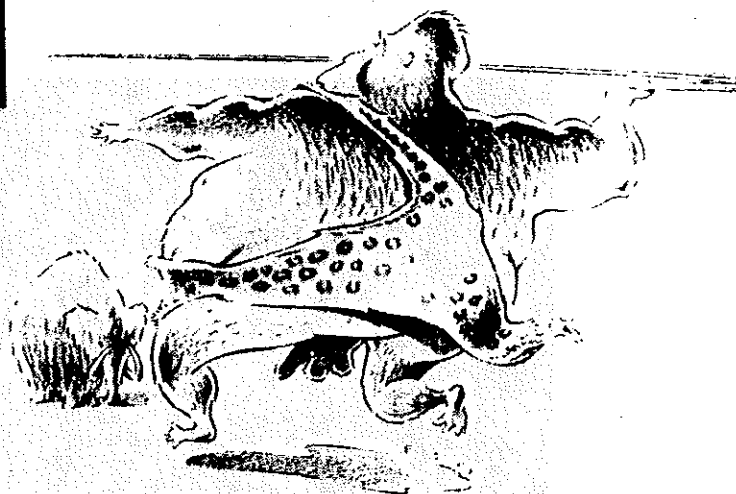
I AM AN ETHNOLOGICAL STUDENT AND AM
LOOKING FOR DOCUMENTS ABOUT

EXPERIMENTAL ARCHERY (ETHNOLOGICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL). DO YOU KNOW SOMEBODY OR SOME ORGANIZATION WHO DOES RESEARCH IN THIS SUBJECT.

THANK YOU, SINCERELY, Francois Regis Valatx
Readers are urged to correspond with M. Valatx.



This sign greets visitors to the museum for the type site of Clovis man along US Highway 70 between Clovis and Portales, New Mexico.



The above drawing by Patrick C. Merewether was printed in Denver's WESTWORD newspaper accompanying a full page article on the then planned world record distance attempt by Dave Engvall. Artist Merewether had no problems understanding just what an atlatl was, as most media people do. He explained that his Mother was an anthropologist and he grew up with an atlatl in the house.

In addition to the full page in *WESTWORD*, Dave Engvall's visit to Colorado, and his Guinness record-breaking atlatl cast has sparked articles in the *AURORA SENTINAL* and *THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS*, plus a minute or so on two local television news reports. We can always use good publicity.

WAA President Boney Cosyleon also made headlines in *THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN*, the major daily of Pueblo, Colorado. The headline boldly states: **Cosyleon masters use of prehistoric throwing stick**, and is dwarfed by the word **ATLATL** in nearly 2 inch letters rimming the top of the piece. That article also sports a large photo of our President in the act of throwing with an atlatl.

President Boney Cosyleon has also been busy promoting atlatls by scheduling 3 workshops in Atlatl manufacture for Colorado Archaeological Society members and guests. A contest is being planned as well.



For the past several years WAA members have been reading pieces by our Belgian member and now, European Director of WAA, M. Pascal Chauvaux. Here he is during the presentation of one of the World Atlatl Association's Grand Championship Awards. You will remember, that Pascal was the first winner of such an award in Europe.

ON TARGET



We now have new members in Surrey, England; Ayshire, Scotland; and Lyons, France, making a total of 7 European members. We also have a new member in Montreal, Canada to make a total of 6 in that country. One of these days I will compile for this column, a list of U. S. states represented, showing the relative numbers.

At our Board of Director's meeting on April 9th, we revised the categories of membership in our By-laws to more nearly represent the needs of the organization. They are:

- a. Individual \$10.00 (Additional \$2.00 for Non U.S. memberships to cover mailing costs.)
- b. Family (any number living at same address) \$10.00 (Plus \$2 non U.S.)
- c. Institutional \$10.00 (Plus \$2 non U.S.)
- d. Supporting \$50.00
- e. Contributing \$100.00
- f. Honorary No dues--no vote.
- g. Fellowship Lifetime membership--no dues.
- H. Exchange No dues. Exchange of newsletters with other organizations.

At the World Open Atlatl Contest in Casper, Wyoming, June 24th, we had 10 WAA members competing, and three of them walked away with the Grand Championships: 1st place, Ray Madden, 2nd place, Jim Ray, and 3rd place Ken Wee. Sherryl Gores took 1st place in the Women's Division. Ken Wee made and presented "Good Sportsmanship Awards" named after WAA members George Stewart for men and Leni Clubb for women.

If you would like a copy of our revised Bylaws and/or a copy of the minutes of the 1995 Annual Meeting, they are available at copy cost, plus postage of \$1.00 each. Both run about 5 pages and would take up too much space to publish in the newsletter.

For some of you...DUES ARE DUE. Check the upper right hand corner of the mailing label.



Leni Clubb

ATLATL

Logo of Chuck Butorajac, P. O. Box 533, Ligonier, PA 15658 Chuck is a goldsmith and artist in addition to a primitive technology expert. At his Pennsylvania shop, he handles atlatls, blowguns, bows, slings, bolos etc. and boasts FREE INSTRUCTIONS & INDOOR RANGE!

ATLATL EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD -- 1995

- July 1-2 European Spearthrowing Championships. Le Grand-Pressigny, France
- 1-3 Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Encampment. McPhee Reservoir Dolores Colorado
- 15 Dave Engvall's Guinness record attempt Aurora Colorado
- 15-18 Eastern Seaboard Atlatl Championships. Waterman Conservation Education Center Apalachin, NY. Contact (607) 625-2221
- Aug 30 Abbaye de Brogne, Saint-Bernard Belgium
- 12 Montana Mammoth Hunt, 3212 York Rd. Helena Montana. Contact, M White (406) 2227-5599
- 13 Michigan Atlatl Assn.--LaPeer Sportsman Club. Contact Lou Becker. (810) 765-4623
- Sep 3 European Spearthrowing Championships. Oerlinghausen, Germany
- 24 Michigan State Championships, Michigan Atlatl Assn at Camp Woodsong, near Ruby, Mich. In Clyde Township. Starts at noon.
- 24 European Spearthrowing Championships. Treignes, Belgium.

Members might like to know that Lloyd Pine, of Baton Rouge, LA is working on a system for measuring relative atlatl skills of throwers from all over the world. The system will use standard targets from set distances and give a numerical ranking to all who participate. This may be the easiest way for U.S. atlatlists to compete with our European and Canadian friends. (The best way, of course, is to travel.)

IS RAY MADDEN THE BEST ATLATLIST IN THE WORLD?

We reported on these pages in the April 1995 issue that Ray went to the Southeastern Moundbuilders Atlatl Contest sweeping the event with three awards. Ray then took the honors at Fort Osage, Missouri, and moved off to compete at Fremont Indian State Park, Utah. Once again, Ray Madden's skills took him to first place awards in the Men's category as well as Grand Champion using modern equipment. Ray continued on his cross-country spree to the Atlatl World Open in Casper, Wyoming where, although he came in second in the Men's Division, he still ended up with a First overall to become the World Open Champion. An exhausted Ray Madden finally visited the Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Encampment Atlatl Contest, and once again took First place among the men, with a decisive victory. Is there any question?

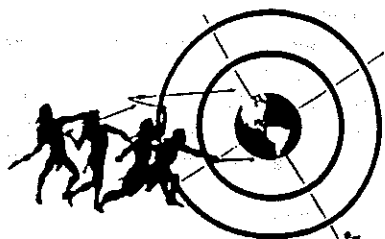


Ray showing his BEST form

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