

# The ATLATL

"Too long have I hunted mammoth alone!"

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1997 ISAC Winner

Contributed by Lloyd Pine

This year's prize for the world's best atlatlist, goes to Ray Strischek, of Athens, Ohio. Ray's outstanding score of 93-2X set new standards for the International Standard Accuracy Competition. This fabulous score was set on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and kept second place winner, Michigan's Jim Gilligan at bay following his 88 count earlier that month. In third place was Pascal Chauvaux, of Belgium, last year's winner, scored an 87-X. Rounding out the top ten are: Steve Cabaraux of France, 86, Gary Fogelman, from PA, USA,



Jim Gilligan, 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

85-2X, Chris Pappas of NY, USA with 85, Laurent Bernat of France with 84, Charlie Brown CO, USA 84, Lou Becker MI, USA 83-X, and Rodger Klindt, NY, USA with 83. The next issue of *The Atlatl* will contain scores of all participants reaching 70 or higher.

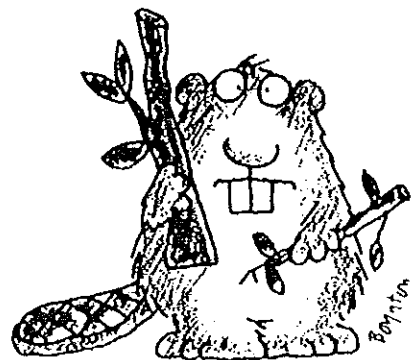
## ATLATL EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD - 1998

Jan.	31-Feb 1	Laragne, Hautes-Alpes, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.*
Jan.	25	Fenton, MI - 11 a.m. MAA Euro-Style and ISAC. Contact: Phil Klimowicz (810) 750-1059 or Jim Gilligan (810) 231-2314.
Feb.	9-14	Winter Count, Arizona. Contact: Dave Wescott (208) 359-2400 or dwescot@aol.com
Mar.	8	First Annual Alaska Atlatl Competition, Anchorage, Alaska. Contact: Richard Vanderloock (905) 257-2456.
Apr.	11-12	les Byzies-de-Tayac, Dordogne, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Apr.	15-19	Valley of Fire State Park, Nevada. Contact: Leni Clubb (760) 358-7835.
Apr.	16-19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual North Georgia Knap-in, Lutherwoods Campgrounds, northwest of Atlanta, Ga. Contact Mark Bracken (770) 345-7305.
Apr.	25-26	Ramoiul, Belgium. Contact Pascal Chauvaux.
May	15-16	Fort Osage Knap-in and Primitive Weapons Contest, Ft. Osage, Missouri. Contact: Ron Mertz (314) 8222-2514.
May	23-24	Solutre, Saone et Loire, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
May	30	Crepny-en-Volois, Oise, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Jun.	13	Meadowcroft Museum of Rural Life, Avella, Pennsylvania. Contact Mark Kolleck (412) 587-3412.
Jun.	19-21	Kilpisjarvi, Finland. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Jun.	19-21	Fremont Indian State Park, Utah. Contact: Pete Weimer (801) 527-4631.
Jun.	27-28	World Open Atlatl Contest, Fort Caspar Museum, Casper, Wyoming. Contact: Rick Young (307) 235-8462.
Jul.	10	Annual Meeting, World Atlatl Association, Arvada, Colorado. Contact President Charlie Brown (303) 421-0035.
Jul.	10-11	Aurora Spear Sling Fling Thing, Aurora, Colorado. Contact Bill Tate (303) 755-5591 (This is a corrected date)
Jul.	11-12	Sare, Pyrenees Atlantiques, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Jul.	18-19	Tarascon, Ariege, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Jul.	18	Tenth Annual Montana Mammoth Hunt. Contact: Troy Helmick (406) 266-3398.
Jul.	25-26	Northern Plains Indian Culture Fest, Stanton, North Dakota. Contact (701) 745-3309.
Jul.	25-26	Beaune, Cote d'or, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Aug.	1-2	Le Mas d'Azil, Ariege, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Aug.	5-6	Lourdes (Hautes-Pyrenees, France. Contact Pascal Chauvaux.
Aug.	8-9	Tautavel, Pyrenees Orientales, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Aug.	30-31	Ohio Atlatl Association Competition, Flint Ridge Memorial Museum & Park, Ohio. Contact Ray Striscsek (614) 592-1217.
Sep.	6	Oerlinghausen, Germany. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Sep.	12-13	Neanderthal, Germany. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Sep.	13-19	Rabbitstick, Idaho. Contact: Dave Wescott (208)359-2400.
Sep.	20	Samara, Somme, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Sep.	26-27	Nemours, Seine et Marne, France. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Oct.	3-4	Cahokia Mounds Atlatl Competition, E. St. Louis, IL. Contact: Ron Mertz (314) 822-2514.
Oct.	?	Coire, Grisons, Switzerland. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.
Nov.	?	Plate Taille, Belgium. Contact: Pascal Chauvaux.

\*Note, our contact for all European Spearthrowing Championship contests is Pascal Chauvaux, Rue Au dela de l'Eau, 3 B-5630, Cerfontaine, Belgium - Telephone: (32) 71 64 34 16.

Please send us dates of atlAtl events for inclusion here, and keep submitting your reports, cartoons and suggestions to us. Your editor can be reached by fax at (303) 755-1145, or mail at 1390 S. Paris Court, Aurora, CO 80012, phone (303) 755-5591, or by e-mail: [atlatl@mho.net](mailto:atlatl@mho.net)

Note: Next issue will include a report titled: *In Search of the Optimal Dart*, by Richard Vanderehoek. This will probably be a two part report of the research Richard has undertaken and will compliment the material recently printed on the same general subject by Ray Striscsek. You won't want to miss the next couple of issues of *The Atlatl*.



## RAY STRISCHEK RECAPTURES WEST VIRGINIA STATE TITLE

By William Good

September 27<sup>th</sup> brought beautiful fall weather and foliage to greet the twenty atlatlists for the sixth annual West Virginia State Championship.

Ray Strischek was tough to beat with a top score of 62, but hot on his tail were Troy Helmick with 58, and Martin Strischek with 54. Rounding out the top ten were Tom McLaughlin 51, Piper Avalokita 49, William Good 39, Terry Keefer 37, and Ella McLaughlin 23. All top ten finalists received plaques. Each competitor was given a commemorative T-shirt, compliments of Woodflex Flooring of Elkins, sponsor of the event. The Honorable John Henning, Randolph County Judge again officiated at the event.

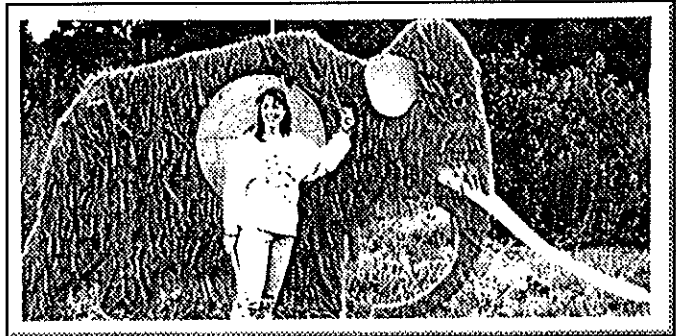
A special thanks is due Ray Strischek for the up-to-date atlatl he gave me, and to Chuck Butorajac and Tom McLaughlin for their assistance in setting up the range. A covered dish reception at the Elkins City Park concluded the festivities.

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ALDER ACRES ATLATL  
TOURNAMENT -- July 19, 1997  
By Rodger Klindt

The first annual Alder Acres Atlatl Tournament, held on the beautiful Tug Hill Plateau at the eastern end of Lake Ontario, proved to be a challenging event in more than one way. Let me tell you about Tug Hill. There are three seasons here; snow season (up to 400 inches a year), Black Fly season (just after snow), and Deer Fly season (Just before snow). In the 12 hours prior to the tournament, the season changed from Deer Fly to Snow with great rapidity. OK, maybe not snow, but 50 degree F (10 C) is a cold day in July. Just ask the guys from Pennsylvania who tended the bonfire all day to stave off frostbite.

Adverse weather aside, the tournament attracted 29 participants. A 10 station field course wound its way through woodlot, swamp, and fields. Targets consisted of five 3-D deer targets and five cardboard/haybale targets. Distances ranged from 5 to 27 meters. In addition to the field course, a life-size woolly mammoth was erected to round out the competition. Shooting distances at the mammoth varied for juniors, women, and men.



Heather Campo showing off her mammoth hunting prowess.

The maximum distance was 35 meters for the men. Truth be told, it is not that easy to hit the broad side of a mammoth. Overall scoring was a combination of the field course and the mammoth hunt. Contest results follow:

### Juniors

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Berg	43
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anthony Brown	27
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ernie Cavallario	27

### Women

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sandy Klindt	24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deb Litwhiler	12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cheryl Berg	11

### Men

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Berg	72
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gary Fogelman	57
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ridger Klindt	51

The top ISAC score was 83-2X for Gary Fogelman of Turbotville, PA. repeated

Watch for the April 1998 issue of *National Geographic* - Thanks to the persuasive powers of Lorenz Brouchert, the WAA and the resurgence of interest in the atlatl are included in the magazine's "Geographica" section.

## RABBITSTICK 1997

by Jim Ray

In early September, I received an invitation to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Rabbitstick Primitive Skills Gathering, September 14<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> as the personal guest of BPS Engineering. Having never attended Rabbitstick, I decided to load up my tipi and poles onto the old blue pony (Ford pickup), and head for Rexburg, Idaho.

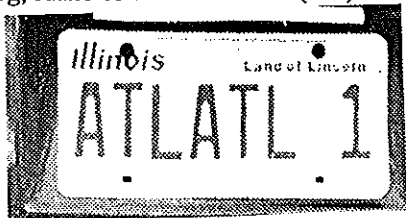
The name *Rabbitstick* is taken from a hand thrown primitive weapon used to kill rabbits and other small game. It looks a lot like a boomerang, but doesn't have the return capability.

The site of the gathering covers 400 acres of large and small grassy meadows surrounded by groves of trees and is bordered by Henry's Fork River. Many modern and primitive shelters were set up along with the tipis that seemed to fit the site so perfectly.

In keeping with the theme, most of the instructors and many of the students were dressed in primitive clothing, myself included. The rabbitstick is sponsored by the Boulder Outdoor Survival School, (BOSS) and directed by Dave and Paula Wescott, members of WAA. Instructors are chosen from the most knowledgeable and highly qualified people in the field of primitive technology. If you are at all interested in primitive skills and want to learn more about them, you can find just about everything at Rabbitstick. To my knowledge, it is the largest and oldest primitive skills gathering in the United States. There would not be nearly enough space in this article to list all of the classes and open forums available there.

On Saturday, Rabbitstick was open to the general public and a local atlatl contest was held. The awards presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of three divisions were unique stone medallions etched with copies of authentic petroglyph images, provided by Bob Perkins. A WAA Grand Champion Plaque was presented to the overall winner. Following the local atlatl competition, an International Standard Accuracy competition was held for anyone wishing to enter. All scoring was done by WAA member Albert Abril. Following the ISAC, a bow and arrow competition was held.

The week-long gathering was fully enjoyed by all attendees. I look forward to next year. For more information about Rabbitstick, contact BOSS, Box 905, Rexburg, Idaho 83440. Or Phone (208) 359-2400.



Bob Graham of Niantic, Illinois joins the exclusive license plate club.

## We Scooped The Big Ones

by Bill Tate

Last issue's front page article, titled *In the Movies*, by Russell Richard contained materials about the upcoming Disney film, *Eaters of the Dead*, of which even the big newspapers were unaware. Utmost secrecy has been required by the directors of the movie. Security personnel patrol the set's perimeters, and waivers of silence were signed by crew and stars. Although closed sets are not particularly unusual, the security abounds around this movie to the point of being called "extraordinary" by local media.

The filming is being done on a 600-acre bit of land at Campbell River, located midway along Vancouver Island's northeast coast. And at a cost of over \$60 million, it is the biggest movie ever made in British Columbia.

This Michael Crichton Viking saga stars Antonio Banderas. It is set in 922 A.D. and concerns an Arab emissary, named Ibn Fadlan, who is caught up with a group of Vikings battling mysterious forces—who use, what else? Atlatls. At least that's how this Disney production portrays them. (I want to thank Lorenz Bruechert, WAA member from Vancouver, B. C., for sending me reports, both written and oral, concerning the filming of this upcoming movie.)

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## LETTERS

Dear Leni,

I attended the Flint Ridge, Ohio Atlatl competition for the second year. Ray Strischek puts on a nice event. I'd like to get to more events, but seem to always have time conflicts and long distances to contend with. My throwing arm is giving me problems, too. I know Ray has experienced similar complaints as well, and wonder if this is preventable or something we older throwers will have to contend with. I'll let the doctor look at it. One suggestion for the newsletter is to have some expert medical advice on the care and upkeep of our throwing arms.

Daniel Sappington, Baltimore, MD

(Ed. note: OK you medical experts, how about some advice. There are lots of us in the same boat from time to time)

June 27-28 Fort Caspar Museum's **World Atlatl Open Contest** in Casper Wyoming includes a "golf" round as well as the ISAC. In addition, there will be spear throwing, primitive archery, tomahawk and knife throwing, and flintknapping work.

Dear Leni,

...For the last 15 years, I have been documenting late paleo and archaic sites in central Ohio, and have accumulated quite an assemblage of dart tips and atlatl weights. All finds have been made on the surface of plowed fields. I am anxious to develop a more functional view of these pieces, i.e., breathe some life into the stone, and am optimistic that this goal will be facilitated by participation in your organization.

Sincerely, Mike Oglesbee, Columbus, Ohio

Please sign me up for a membership! I found out about your organization from an article in *Historic Traveler* magazine. My wife then found your web page. I had no idea there would be other people interested in atlatls. I look forward to reading my first newsletter...

Thanks, Jim Nimmo, Chico, California

## PLATTE RIVER PRIMITIVE SKILLS RENDEZVOUS

By Ken Wee

The standard WAA competition was held on July 26<sup>th</sup> in Douglas, Wyoming with a good mix of beginners and experienced atlatlists in three categories: men, women, and youth. Great support by the sponsors of the event made for a very enjoyable and educational weekend. Dianne O'Meagher, Arlene Earnst and Dave Noble organized and ran the two-day teaching rendezvous. Bob Patten of Lakewood, Colorado and George Stewart of Windsor, Colorado demonstrated flintknapping. A lecture on hunter-gatherer cultures by brain-tanner Michael Foltmer was held in the local museum.. Dave Noble and the staff of the Wyoming State Fairgrounds provided a large field and bales of hay for a range on which the WAA contest and two ISACs were thrown. A spear and primitive archery range was also set up and used.

Jim Ray of Belt, Montana was not only the Grand Champion, but generously donated prizes. Top scorers in the men's, women's, and youth divisions received the targets used for the distance rounds. These were original, hand-made color drawings of mastodons, woolly mammoths and saber-tooth cats. Primitive arrows, friction-fire sets, a book, and atlatl darts rounded out the prizes from which the top three winners in each category could choose.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE RENDEZVOUS

By Ken Wee

Under threatening storm clouds hanging over the Pike National Forest, the First American Field Round for Atlatls was thrown on August 9, 1997. After a class on atlatl use given the previous day, many novice atlatlists as well as experienced competitors showed up to make three throws per target at ranges of 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 yards. Bulls eyes increased in size as the target distance was increased. Portable backstops of cardboard were staked down in a sage covered field on the gentle slopes of a hillside. Winners of the youth, women's and men's classes were: Jason Way of Emporia Kansas, Susie Brown of Arvada, Colorado, and her husband and WAA President, Charlie Brown. (The family that throws together, grows together - or something to that effect.) The top scorers in the ISAC were: Charlie Brown 72, Ken Wee 66, and Susie Brown 62.



## R E C R U I T M E N T CALIFORNIA DESERT STYLE

The Kelso Archaeological Conference, usually held at some rustic setting in the Mojave or Colorado Desert, was held at the Ocotillo Community Center on October 25-26. It was attended by about 20 professional archaeologists from southern California. True to form, WAA Secretary, Leni Clubb led the whole group to Duane Runnells' yard in Ocotillo to learn the sport of tossing a spear with the atlatl. No one coming to this little community is safe from her recruiting zeal. Red Gramstad assisted Duane and Leni in demonstrating and encouraging everyone to learn how to throw. One of the women remarked, "It surely is addictive, isn't it?" No one left the practice field until they had an application to join WAA!

## ON TARGET

By Leni Clubb

Another unsuspecting couple came to visit recently, and presto! they became WAA's newest members. Buzz and Bobbie Lekan-doff of Unalaska, AK--out on the Aleutian Chain, expressed an interest in the atlatl and came over to see it demonstrated. I just happened to have an Aleut throwing board that I had made and painted red. It looked just like one that they had made in a workshop back in Alaska, and they were surprised that anyone else knew about them or knew that they were colored red. With the assistance of Red Gramstad, I instructed both of them in the fine art of throwing and they were soon "hooked."

Buzz, an Aleut native, and his wife are busy conducting workshops, teaching young people about their culture before all of it is lost. We plan to exchange lots of information.

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I now have about 25 e-mail addresses for our members and have the list available on request. Just drop me a line (at the present time--snail mail) and ask for a copy. Also if you would like your e-mail address added, send it to me. You can then communicate with fellow members in cyberspace or internet or whatever. Note, that I will soon be internet-connected as well. I'll let you know when I am up to speed on it.

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Recently I made up an index of the 35 back issues of *The Atlatl*, and have listed articles pertaining to the atlatl. Request a list, then order back issues you have missed at \$1.50 each. Shipping will run \$0.50 each or \$3.00 for 15 or more issues. There is lots of information in the older issues.

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I still have WAA quartz watches, one with black-on-white face and several gold-on-black. All display the WAA logo. They can be ordered at \$20.00 each including postage. Sport a WAA watch at the meets.

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**Attention all competition organizers.** You will need a copy of the 1998 ISAC rules and score sheets before setting up 1998 contests. There are several changes in the rules and you must read and follow them. ISAC must be scheduled in *The Atlatl*, or you must notify the WAA Secretary 30 days in advance of the competition for your scores to count in 1998.

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Check the expiration date on your newsletter.

Don't let your membership die.

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## White-Tailed Deer Taken With Atlatl

By Lou Becker

On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, I reached another of my atlatl goals - to take a white-tailed deer with the



Lou Becker and his white-tailed deer.

ancient atlatl. An 18 yard (19.5 meter) throw from a 15 foot (5 meter) high tree stand, and a good solid hit with one of my "Bison" darts put the animal down fast. Once again, the atlatl proved to be an effective hunting tool as it was in prehistoric times.

## MORE LETTERS

Dear Leni,

...I did a "demo" for a group of wrestlers that were here from Germany in August. Some of those kids really took to the atlatl and were throwing exceptionally well after a few minutes. We had access to the local football field and Charmon (Troy's daughter) helped me so we gave them a good introduction to the atlatl in a couple of hours. They left with WAA application forms so I hope you get some new members from Germany. We didn't have enough time to teach them to speak English...

Regards, Troy Helmick, Townsend, Montana

*Our Secretary, Leni Clubb has been in and now out of the hospital for back surgery. She's on the mend, but still moving slowly. Ray Madden has also been ill, suffering from some, so far, undiagnosed illness. We hope both be will back in action soon.*



Tom Carroll, atlatling from his kayak.

Tom Carroll of Oceanside, NY, an avid kayaker, also studies Inuit hunting weaponry. He is depicted here using a lance and throwing board against a foam "seal" target. Tom promises to submit an article on *Inuit Hunting Tools* for a forthcoming issue.

## CAHOKIA

By Ron Mertz

More than 30 atlatlists came to Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site to participate in the Missouri Atlatl Association's first official meet during the weekend of Oct. 11-12. Both the European-style contest and the ISAC were held each day. In addition, there was a

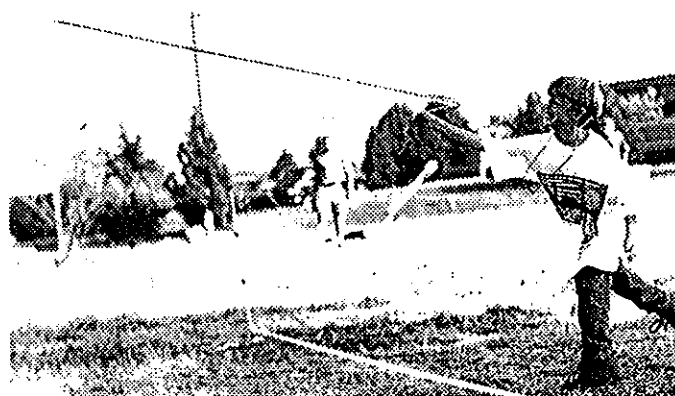


Ron Mertz and Ray Madden scoring their Cahokia contest.

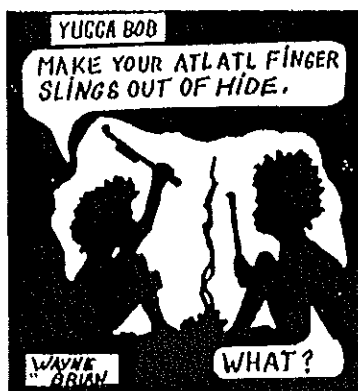
contest for children and "knock-down" targets just for fun. Jim Gilligan, of Michigan received the Grand Champion Award for the highest total score for the two day European-style contest, placing first both days. Individuals with the highest combined scores for the two-day event are listed below:

Name	Sat.	Sun.
Jim Gilligan	34.4	33.3
Jim Ray	33.9	24.3
John Whittaker	24.9	25.9
Charlie Brown	30.4	14.0
Ray Madden	27.4	13.6
Ray Strischek	23.2	16.6
Victor Ahearne	25.2	13.5
Ron Mertz	22.5	10.1
Terry Keefer	14.0	14.5
Russell Richard	16.4	11.7

The highest ISAC score for the two-day event was an 82-X made by Ray Strischek of Ohio. Other high scores among the men were made by Jim Ray and Dick Lewis both scoring 77, Charlie Brown with a 76-X, and Dean Pritchard with 75. While no records were broken among the men on the ISAC, Courtney Birkett of Grinnell College in Iowa set a USA women's record with a 66-X, and Christopher Mertz (8 years old) threw a 40, the highest ever for his age group in the United States.



Christopher Mertz, 8, scores 40 in ISAC



# The Michigan Atlatl Season Wrap-up

by Jim Gilligan

No, Michigan hasn't fallen off the atlatl map. We've just been a little slow getting out articles and newsletters lately! 1997 saw a record number of tournaments and high attendance with lots of new faces. Here's a summary of our season:

## Great Lakes Primitives - Spring Gathering, Brighton State Recreation Area.

This rainy weekend primitive skills gathering culminated in a Michigan Atlatl Association tournament on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. After getting soaked all weekend, we were glad to see the sun just before the first cast, ushered in by high winds. Briefly, our tournaments run as follows: The target is 8 feet square with a prehistoric mammal on the front. Snuffy, the mastodon of previous years gave way this year to Tigger the sabertooth tiger. Tigger was created by



Joe Dudas stands before "Tigger," painted by Victor Ahearn

MAA resident artist, Victor Ahearn. Each contestant makes one cast from 30 meters, two casts from 25 meters and three casts from each of 20, 15, and 10 meters. A heart shot is 15 points, a lung shot is 8 points, a hit within the outline of the animal is 4 points, and a background hit is 1 point. Of the 23 contestants, the highest scores were:

	Adults	Kids	
Chris Aberg	51	Jimi Gilligan	17

Jim Gilligan	49	John Flemming	15
Phil Klimowicz	48	Ann Trevino	14

Chris Oberg and Lou Becker each scored a 77 on the ISAC.

## Wilder Creek Conservation Club Primitive Archery Rendezvous - Marshall, Michigan

This is always a popular contest and this year was no exception. We decided, this year, to have two day's worth of competitions including the style used in Europe. We were glad to have ISAC originator, Lloyd Pine in attendance. Former WAA President Troy



MAA President, Lou Becker presents Lloyd Pine with WAA Achievement Award

Helmick sent us the WAA President's Award to give Lloyd which was presented on Troy's behalf by MAA President, Lou Becker. Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful sunny, late spring day with 40 folks from eight states chuckin' spears at the MAA Tigger target. High scores were:

	Adults	Kids	
Ray Madden	79	Jimi Gilligan	26
Ron Mertz	59	Josh Scott	10
Victor Ahearn	58	Zac Irvine	8

The top ISAC scores were Jim Ray 72; Jim Gilligan 71; Ron Mertz 70.

On Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the first European-style contest held in the "States." Normally 10 targets are used with three passes at each, but we decided to use just five targets and cast six times at each. A great time was had by all despite rain. Everyone agreed that we should hold this style competition more often. High scores for the day were:



ISAC			
Ray Madden	30.17	Ray Madden	67
Lou Becker	27.25	Ron Mertz	64
Jim Gilligan	23.20	Victor Ahearn	51

**Caveman Lou's ISAC and Mastodon Barbecue - China Township, Michigan**

This is the second year Lou Becker has hosted this stand-alone ISAC with a pot-luck dinner afterwards. It was a nice break from the grueling all day contests we are accustomed to. The July 20<sup>th</sup> event was windy, but still, some good scores were achieved:

Lou Becker	82X
Jim Gilligan	79XX
Ron Rappaport	37

**Target Making Party and ISAC - Brighton, Michigan**

Hoping to lure some unsuspecting MAA members to my house to prepare 10 targets for our next European-style tournament, just two weeks away, we hosted a stand alone ISAC tournament for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The plan worked and again some good scores were posted:

Jim Gilligan	88
Lou Becker	72
Chris Smail	65

**Lapeer Sportsman Club - Lapeer, Michigan, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

Seventeen people tried their hand at the MAA and ISAC tournaments at this second annual competition.

Adults		Kids	
Lou Becker	45	Ann Trevino	19
Ron Rappaport	44	Jimi Gilligan	15
Chris Smail	42		

Top ISAC scores were: Jim Gilligan 76; Lou Becker 75; Chris Smail 74.

**Great Lakes Primitives Summer Gathering - Bois Blanc Island, Michigan, Aug 21-23.**

Our world famous primitive skills school featured two atlatl tournaments, plus two ISACs on this beautiful island in northern Lake Huron. The top scores for Friday, Aug. 22 were:

Adults		Kids	
Joe Dudas	60	Dan Ross	21
Charlie Brown	58	Tom Ross	8
Norm Blaker	55	Jonathon McFatridge	6
		Lisa Love	5

Top ISAC scorers were: Charlie Brown 83; Ray Madden 55; Susie Brown 54; Victor Ahearn 54.

On Saturday, we set up a course with ten targets for the European style contest. Each competitor passed

through the course three times for a total of 30 throws. This contest is fun!!

ISAC			
Ray Madden	35.20	Jim Gilligan	79
Charlie Brown	30.14	Charlie Brown	70
Jim Gilligan	24.82	Ray Madden	68

The overall winner for the weekend was WAA President, Charlie Brown. He not only won the admiration of all present, but also a hundred-year-old Masai spear donated by Ted Bailey.

**European Style Contest - Hartland, Michigan, Sep. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Phil Klimowicz is a relatively new member of the MAA, but already has proved to be one of the most valuable. Phil put together a set of compasses for drawing target circles, acquired and donated 10 foam target backings, and designed and donated the tee shirts for our summer gathering,. And if all that wasn't enough, he hosted this contest as well. Top scores:

ISAC			
Lou Becker	29.88	Jim Gilligan	87
Mike Petrushka	18.02	Lou Becker	72
Jim Gilligan	13.78	Victor Ahearn	59

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**Annual Valley of Fire Atlatl Contest**

April 15-19, 1998

This, the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition at the Valley of Fire State Park, Overton, Nevada, will attract some of the best throwers in the world. Camping charges for the Beehive group camping area and Park entrance fee are waived for WAA members. A permit placard, obtainable from Leni at the campground must be displayed on your vehicle's windshield.

Registration for the atlatl contests will take place on Friday afternoon at the Group Campsite #3, and at 8:00 a.m. Saturday at Atlatl Rock. Safety and contest rules will be available during registration.

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		Friday the 17 <sup>th</sup>			
	Afternoon	European-style contest			
		Saturday the 18 <sup>th</sup>			
	9:00 a.m	WAA Contest			
	1:00 p.m.	ISAC			
	6:00 p.m.	Dutch Oven Dinner*			
		*Adults	\$12.00		
		Under 12	\$6.00		

Paid reservations by April 1<sup>st</sup> are required for the Dutch Oven Dinner. For reservations and additional information, contact Leni Clubb, PO Box 56, Ocotillo, CA 92259, Phone: (760) 358-7835.

**Don't delay. Do it today.**

## SPECIAL NEW ATLATL EVENTS FOR 1998 – THIS SHOULD BE A REALLY EXCITING YEAR

Chuck Butorajac is working with Mark Kollecker to make the June 13th Meadowcroft Museum's first contest a success. Meadowcroft, you will remember is the location of one of the earliest habitation sites in North America, although at present that Pennsylvania rockshelter is not open to the public.

July 25-26 Northern Plains Indian Culture Fest at Knife River Indian Villages, located half a mile north of Stanton, North Dakota. A wide range of activities exemplifying traditions of Northern Plains Indians will include archaeology talks, flint knapping, beadworking porcupine quill work, Indian dances, flute music, tipi raising and folding and etiquette, plus of course, **atlatl throwing**.

Richard VanderHoek's March 8 event in Anchorage will be Alaska's first such competition. It is being sponsored by the National Park Service as part of Alaska Archaeology Week.

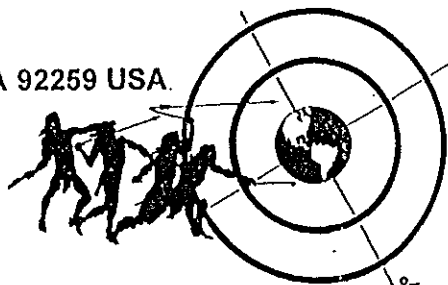


WAA Place street sign, on Maui, Hawaii. From Charley Lilly.

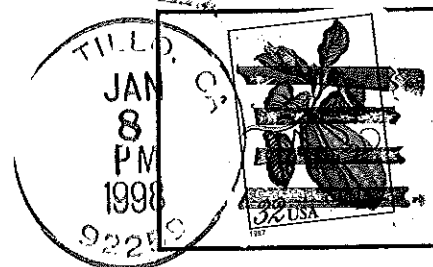
Dean Pritchard has developed a new Official WAA ISAC Score Sheet. You'll want to obtain copies from Secretary Leni Clubb for your competitions. Dean also has just come up with a great new atlatl web page. You'll find it at :  
<http://netnow.micron.net/~atlatl>

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