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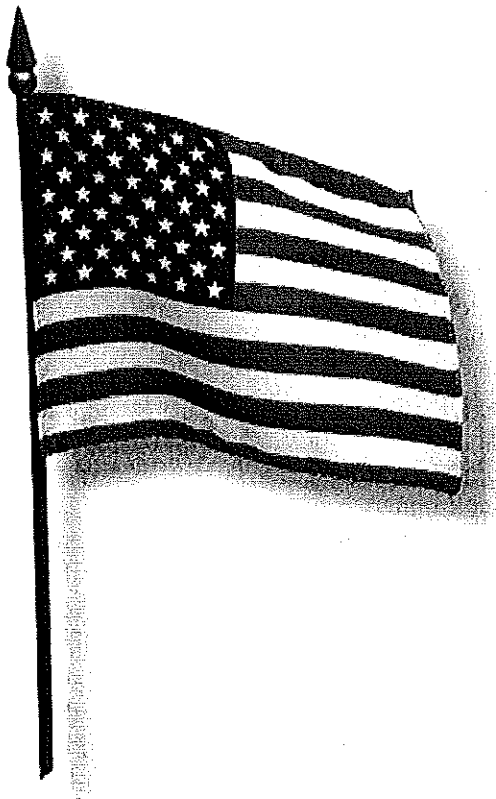
"TOO LONG HAVE I HUNTED MAMMOTH ALONE!"

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The following e-mail was received September 11th 2001. After watching in anger the horrors of that day, I must admit my eyes filled with tears when this message came in.

Dear Friends,

We have been watching TV for hours now and we can't believe what we see. The whole world is shocked. We are very sad and totally upset. Do believe, dear friends, that we feel very sorry for you, the people we met in the USA, and for your whole country. We see at the moment awful pictures of pain, fear and death. What a shame! Are those killers still human? We are suffering with all of you.

With our love to you all,
Andre & Marie-Jeanne Robert (Belgium)

Letters.....

Dear Bill,

I am a journalist writing a book on interest in the primitive world, and I'd like to get in touch with the man who designed an atlatl and used it to throw a dart over 800 feet. Do you have his phone number or e-mail?

Mike Randolph

Ed. note: I put Mike in touch with Dave Engvall, holder of the Guinness World Record Long Distance Atlatl Throw of 848.5 feet.

Dear Bill and Marcia,

You know, I thought everyday of July and August about last year, when we were in the USA. Where we were last year at this moment and what we did. Meeting you all was SUPER for us. We thank you very much once again. We and the children are fine. We went on holiday to the Mas d'Azil (southern France) contest where Steve participated.

Steve didn't throw in the ISAC, but rather spent the time preparing his Ultra-light plane to fly above the village with some of our friends who live there. The weather was indeed perfect for their first flight.

Bruno Morucci asked me to write a report of the atlatl contest of Mas d'Azil which follows:

On Sunday, 5 August the most "attractive" atlatl contest in France took place—the meeting at Mas d'Azil (Ariege, Pyrenees). The European contest followed the paths primitive people used climbing above the cave of the Mas. Targets were scattered in a flowery environment of wild carrots, century, mauve and wild lavenders. Eighty-six throwers took part in the contest representing four countries: Italy, Spain, Belgium, and France. The best results were:

1st Cyrille Huc, Mas d'Azil France, 25 darts with 71 points.

2nd Emmanuel Dumoulin, Tarascon, France, 23 darts with 70 points.

3rd Steve Cabaraux, Furnaux, Belgium) 23 darts with

69 points.

The ISAC took place at the "Champs.de Belonne" in the middle of the village. This original idea gave overjoyed villagers the opportunity to discover throwing with the atlatl. Strollers could watch silex-cutters, basket-making, admire atlatls, and children could attempt to make pottery. Thirty people participated in the ISAC contest. The best results were:

1st Daniel Marty, Mas d'Azil, France, 83X

2nd Cyrelle Huc, Mas d'Azil, France, 81

3rd Laurent Bernat, Dordogne, France 73X

If I had to characterize the Masd'Azil contest with only one word, I would write: Welcome! Thanks to all the organizers and helpers for their welcome.

Anne-Francoise

From Steve Barnett

Just wanted to thank everyone for helping make our event into one of the premier atlatl contest in the greater Albany, Ohio area.

We had 29 different ISAC throwers with at least four throwing a personal best and a few had their best throw of the year. We had great novice competition with Andy just beating out Mamerto Tindongan for honors.

By the way, I noticed Ray (Striscek) mentioned Mamerto on the Community Page, so I'll give you a quick update. Mamerto Tindongan is a master carver, beyond words. He'll have some stuff at the "Pawpaw Fest." After last year's contest he came over to my house with a few of his kids and wanted to make an atlatl. I set a few on the grass for him to look at and he sat down next to the fire pit with a piece of rose wood and proceeded to cut out an atlatl with a very sharp machete. After about 45 minutes I got him a few darts and from 15 meters, he threw a 9 and a 10. I knew then that my dominance in the neighborhood was going to come to an end. Mamerto is from an area of the Philippines called Northern Luzon. He comes from the Ifugao tribe which is known for its woodcarving. He was taught to carve when he was 8 years old.

Other highlights:

Got rid of two cats.

Had at least one past world champion naked on my property.

Someone left their toothbrush. (Works fine)
I haven't had to cook dinner all week!

New standards were set on the "Walk Around," with Ray's 72, Don's 70X, Terry's 69, and Sharon's 40.

Also for the second year in a row, the Athens Messenger covered the event with a front page picture – a stunning photo of Frank Takoch.

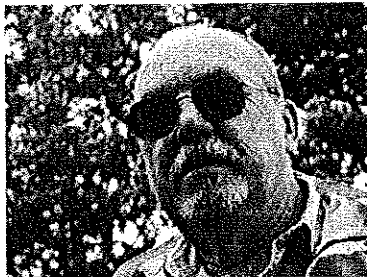
A special congratulations to the Grand Champion winner, Ray Strischek, and of course to Margie Takoch for such a wonderful throw. Albany will always be kind to Margie.

See you all at the "Ridge."

Reflections... by Bill Tate

After what to many may seem like an eternity, there is going to be a real facelift to this newsletter. For nearly 15 years we have had the pleasure of putting *The Atlatl* together – sometimes doing a good job, sometimes a lesser job. Nevertheless, with whatever its shortcomings, every quarter we put out what we hoped would be the "glue" which would hold the organization together. I think, after all is said and done, that it worked pretty well. We are, after all, still an organization and through the years have achieved a great deal. Thousands, maybe tens of thousands of people over the world who hadn't the slightest idea of what an atlatl was, now know. Thousands of people who had never thrown a dart with an atlatl, now have. And with the obvious general interest achieved over several continents, the organization will continue to grow and to mature.

Of course, the true credit doesn't belong to this editor at all. All he did was collect and put on paper what you, the members, brought to his attention. Without the many enthusiastic writers who over time produced reports, suggestions, cartoons, anecdotes, and articles of general interest there would have been no newsletter. Using that as a basis of our



BILL TATE June 2001. Photo by Charlie Brown

achievement, we can only take full credit for the first issue back in the Summer of 1988.

Beginning with the January issue of *The Atlatl*, a new face will replace mine as Editor. In January, Ohio's Margie Takoch will handle this part of The World Atlatl Association's business. We expect to see new ideas, new themes and probably a lot more skill in producing the newsletter. It should take on a new personality with Margie at the helm. Margie has our full confidence and support. From this date forward, please address all communications for the Editor to Margie Takoch, 710 Fernwood Road, Wintersville, OH 43953.

At this point, I cannot help but reflect on the marvelous changes and growth which has taken place with the organization over these past 14 plus years. With an enthusiastic beginning at the 1987 Colorado Archaeological Society's Annual Encampment, this small group of enthusiasts has blossomed with members around the world. Our newsletter has included technical papers by many of its members spreading the word of their investigations. And some of these have assisted archaeologists in their studies of prehistoric weaponry as well as enlightening eager members. Numerous archaeological reports and ethnographic papers as pertain to spear throwing have been printed. We have devised many contests, at least one of which, ISAC designed by Lloyd Pine, has dramatically enhanced the closeness we feel with our widely separated members and European friends. And only this year a French edition of the newsletter was begun by Pascal Chauvaux. Hardly a week goes by that we are not contacted by some active sportsman, teacher, archaeologist, or other scientist seeking more information on this amazing weapon system. Word has gotten out! The atlatl is no longer a *secret*. Among the primary purposes set out by our organizing group back in 1987 was to: "Encourage the use, practice, competition, promotion, manufacture, and perpetuation of the atlatl spear thrower as an ancient hunting weapon and modern sporting device." To these ends you have been successful and should be proud. We are proud to have reported your success, and will continue to whole heartedly support, not only the newsletter, but the organization as well. With this said, I wish you all the best, and as Jim Gilligan says, "let's keep some wood in the air."

ISAC Results

by Lloyd Pine

With the results of 123 contests received, there has been a large increase in the top scores in all three groups—Men Women and Youth. There is a new World Record of 85XX by Lori Majorsky. Lori actually broke Melissa Dildine's record of 81X two times, first throwing 85X and then a week later throwing 85XX. Margie Takoch is in second place with an 84 which is 20 points greater than her previous personal best.

Doug Majorsky and Mark Bracken remain tied for first place with 94X closely followed by Doug Miller and Ray Strischek, both with 94. Terry Keefer, champion for both 1999 and 2000 has more x's than anyone, but needs another point to repeat as champion. Pascal Chauvaux, our first world champion is currently in 5th place.

Youth scores have also gotten higher, with Thomas Chauvaux leading with an 87XX. A good indication of the great increase in skill level in all classes is that Thomas' Father, Pascal, won the first world championship in 1996 with an 87.

Top Scorers – Men

score	name	date	contest
94X	Doug Majorsky	4/21	Waverly, NY
94X	Mark Bracken	5/19	Ft Osage, MO
94	Doug Miller	6/8	Franklin Grove, IL
94	Ray Strischek	7/15	Ft Loudon, Pa
93			
XXXX	Terry Keefer	6/29	Tyrone, PA
93X	Pascal Chauvaux	7/17	Tautaval, France
93	Jeremy Bard	7/14	Ft Loudon, PA
91	Bob Berg	4/8	North GA Knap-in
90XX	Chris Oberg	5/20	Bois Blanc, MI
90XX	John Whitaker	8/11	Ft Osage, MO
90X	Charlie Brown	5/27	Buford, WY
90X	Max Weigel	5/27	Crepy, France

Top Scorers – Women

85XX	Lori Majorsky	7/29	Saegertown, PA
84	Margie Takoch	8/19	Albany, OH
76X	Melissa Dildine	6/3	Flint Ridge, OH
74XX	Sharon Keefer	4/21	Waverly, NY
72	Toni Roberts	7/28	Saegertown, PA
71	Joanne Fogelman	6/24	Meadowcroft, PA
70	Juliette Renouf	7/24	Tarascon, France

Top Scorers – Youth

score	name	age	date	location
87XX	Thomas Chauvaux	14	7/14	Tautaval, Fr.
85	Paul Weigel	15	5/27	Crepy, France
80	Tommy Goble	15	6/30	Waverly, NY
77	Jon Rowe	15	6/17	Wellsville NY
77	Jehan Speckens	15	1/7	Les Angles Fr
74	Charlie Bracken	13	4/7	N GA Knap-in
74	Gael Speckens	15	4/15	Montaner, Fr.
73	Nick Mertz	12	6/3	Flnt RidgeOH

Saegertown Shoot

by Gary L. Fogelman

The usual crowd of eager throwers was on hand at the Saegertown, Pennsylvania Annual Indian Artifact and Fossil Show and Atlatl Tournament July 28-29, 2001.

The local contest was relatively simple with 5 animal targets spaced out from 8 to 20 meters. One throw at each target repeated 3 times was the game. The best possible score was 75. Terry Keefer threw a 62 his first time through and never bettered it, but he didn't have to as no one did any better, so he ended up winning the Saegertown Shoot for the fourth year straight. Doug Majorsky was second for the men with a score of 60 and Gary Fogelman, third with 56. For the women, Lori Majorsky won with a score of 37 followed by JoAnne Fogelman with 34 and Sharon Keefer with 32. The youth division was captured by Matt Malony on his first day of throwing scoring a 29. Second went to Levi Miller with 20 and third shared by Johathan Hunt and Kaitlin Miller with 14 each.

The artifact and fossil show always draws a crowd and the flintknappers and atlatl folk usually have people around them much of the day asking questions and learning. The American Legion provided a good, open field for the event and the French Creek Archaeological Society which hosts the show, provided very nice trophies. Margie Takoch provided the energizing cookies!

Notable achievements in the ISAC competitions include Lori Majorsky's outstanding score of 85XX after throwing an 85 just the week before, and Toni Roberts scoring 72 - the highest she's ever achieved in competition.

A fleet of runners.	A raft of survivors.
A pride of grandmothers.	A drove of cars.
A pound of hammers.	A cast of atlatlers

NEW GROUP CAMPING AREA

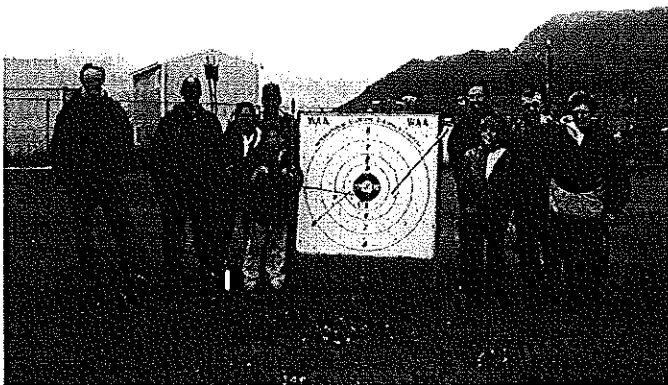
Fremont Indian State Park

By Leni Clubb

Pete called at 7:30 this morning to give me the date for Fremont – June 7-9, 2002. (It will probably be the second week in June from now on.) He is very excited, as only Pete can be, about their new Group Camping Area which they have been working on like dogs all summer. It will have toilets and showers, covered ramadas and tables, parking for RVs, tent camping, and ISAC range. I gather it will be down the road a bit from the picnic area where we held the dutch oven dinner the last few years. He will give me a full write-up for the January newsletter. The regular throwing course will be over Five-finger Ridge as in the past.

Ed. Comment: Let's plan on a big event at Fremont this year. Love that Five-finger Ridge course!

Season Finale in Alaska



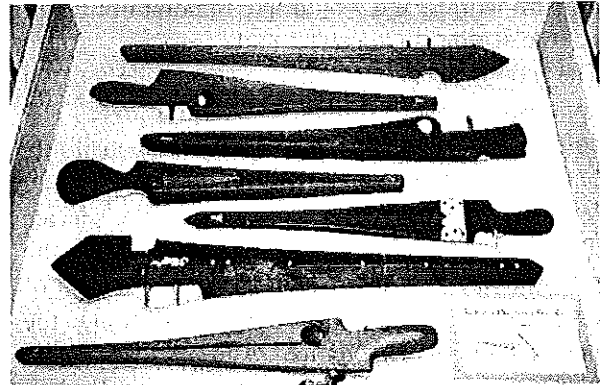
by Jim Dickson

We have completed our ISAC season for the year. It gets too wet and windy to count on a good day past September here this far north.

September 1st was wet and windy with gusts of over 30 mph from the north, but that did not deter the atlatl group in Unalaska, Alaska. Ten contestants met for the final event of 2001. We got wet and cold but had fun.

More from Way up there in Alaska

Speaking of Alaska, Aurora, Colorado member Peter Faris paid a visit to that state in August of this year. He contributed this photograph he took of throwing boards in the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka, AK.



The word LISTEN contains the very same letters as the word SILENT.

A future issue of *The Atlatl* will have an interesting report by Dick Baugh of a new method of "tuning" dart materials. We can probably look for it in the January or April 2002 issue.

Membership in The World Atlatl Association has been stressed in the past year. I don't know what the success rate has been, but we are not the only ones trying to boost membership. The United States Boomerang Association (USBA) is also working to increase their numbers. Persons interested in joining this group can contact USBA at braz0026@umn.edu.

Another Date to Mark on Your Calendar for 2002

by Leni Clubb

Valley of Fire State Park, Overton, NV – April 12-14. This one of the most beautiful state parks in the West with gigantic red stone formations and thousands of petroglyphs on the walls – many depicting atlatls. It is also adjacent to Lake Mead Recreational Area and Hoover Dam, to say nothing of the lure of glittering Las Vegas and

its casinos just 50 miles away.

The atlatl competition here is well attended by atlatlists from many states and has excellent group camping facilities. This will be our tenth year of this competition. More information and a registration form will be in the January newsletter.

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world. We would like to point out that it not the senior citizens who took:

The melody out of music, The pride out of appearance, The romance out of love, The commitment out of marriage, The responsibility out of parenthood, The togetherness out of the family, the learning out of education, the service out of patriotism, the civility out of behavior, the refinement out of language, the dedication out of employment, the prudence out of spending, the ambition out of achievement, And we certainly are not the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from relationships.

ON TARGET

by Leni Clubb

There is a really good article about WAA and the Annual Meeting at Flint Ridge, Ohio in the September/October issue of Archaeology Magazine written by Managing Editor, Kristin Romey. Kristin attended all three days of the event and really caught the spirit of WAA and how we feel about the atlatl. Be sure to pick up a copy if you don't already subscribe.

To paraphrase a bit... "Now is the time for all good members of WAA to come to the aid of their organization." How many of you organizers or throwers are promoting WAA at the various competitions? There have been over 95 contests, demonstrations, and workshops scheduled for 2001 in the United State, and 35 more in Europe. As I write this, we have 461 members worldwide. So spread the word!!! We have plenty of WAA brochures available for the asking. These flyers explain our objectives and contain information about the association. Just drop me a note or e-mail me and I'll send some. If you don't happen to have an application handy refer potential

throwers to our official web site: www.worldatlatl.org. Do your bit to help WAA grow!

Did you know that we have two atlatl Leagues, and maybe more that we haven't heard about? One is the Tioga Atlatl League in Pennsylvania, and the other is the Ann Arbor Atlatl League in Michigan. These avid throwers practice every week, I hear. What dedication! If you have formed a league, please let us know about it.

Conflicts in Dates for Atlatl Events

We knew it was bound to happen due to the interest and popularity of atlatl competition. Unfortunately it cannot be avoided regardless of how hard we try to shuffle dates. The best advice I can offer is to schedule as early as possible. Don't wait for just 40 days prior to the event (required for ISAC). You might find that there is another contest just one or two hundred miles away on the same weekend that will take some of your most talented and faithful throwers and conceivably that you are "dying" to attend yourself. Organizers are already scheduling dates for 2002 and unfortunately there only about 52 weekends in a year so scheduling is going to be tight! Plan Ahead!

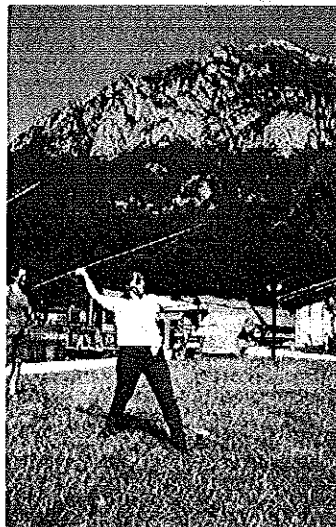
Contact me at PO Box 56, Ocotillo, CA 92259 or LENIWAA@prodigy.net

Camonica Valley a "Must See"

by Pascal Chauvaux

We just returned from a wonderful visit to

Italy for the contest in Boario Terme. Christian Foppa of Coire Switzerland did a good job of organizing the meet and remained for two additional days to show those interested in prehistory something more than road ditches. As you can see from the attached photographs, the Camonica Valley is one of the most famous areas for petroglyphs— some 350,000 of them. The



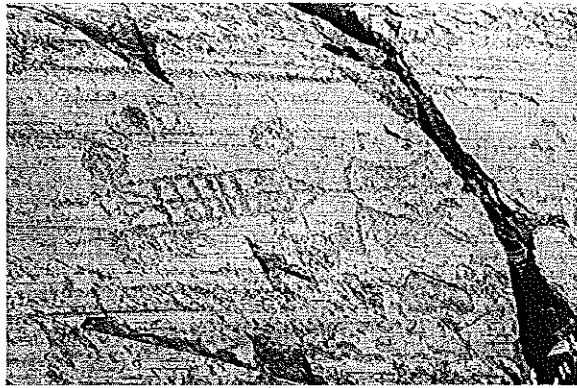
Corine throwing.

oldest are dated from the end of the Paleolithic period more than 10,000 years B.C. Contrary to most petroglyphs in the USA, the Canonica Valley engravings are situated at ground level on almost horizontal rock surfaces. (Ed. Comment: Sounds much like those at the Jeffers Site in southern Minnesota.)

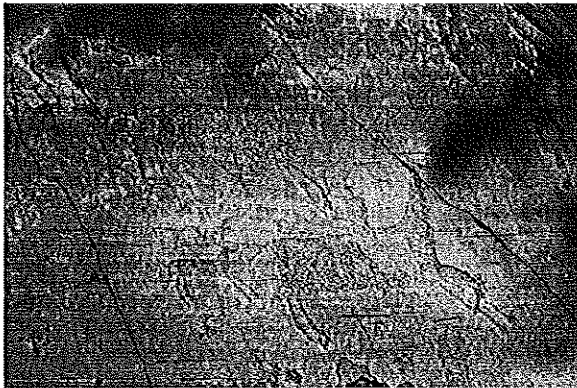


Warriors

300 B.C.)



Carriage



Horses



Houses



Reconstructed house

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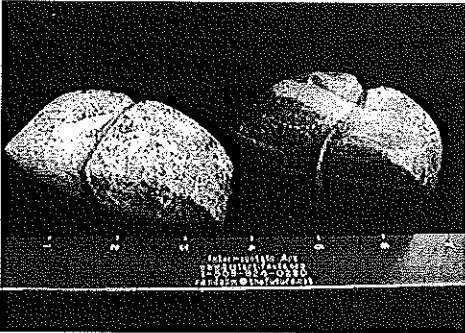


Do you remember Angie Hendrix? She now lives in Alabama. You can reach her at the following e-mail address: BamaCowboy65@aol.com

eBay a Window on the World

by Bill Tate

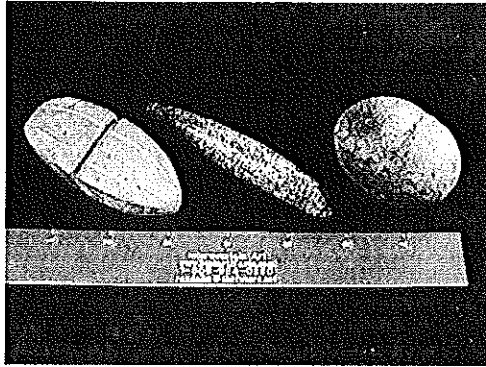
As some of you may know, your Editor, excuse me, Ex-Editor is an avid eBayer. We watch the auctions on eBay diligently and even make an occasional purchase. One of our areas of interest in the multitude of auction items has been atlatl related. We have found numerous atlatl dart points advertised (that's when someone is selling their arrowhead collection for much more than it can be



worth), occasionally an atlatl weight (as often as not, made in the past few weeks), and even more rarely an actual atlatl (Usually from Mexico).

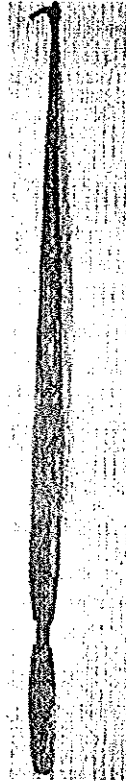
However now and again the real thing shows up. We noted with interest a collection of atlatl weights from Washington state being sold and made contact with the seller,

not from a buyer's aspect but just as an interested bystander. They were very kind and replied to my e-mails and



sent some interesting photographs.

There are some dealers of "antiquities" really dealing with primitive art who handle Pacific rim materials. Some of these are foreign dealers, and some are in the United States and we have profiled one or two in previous issues. Among the more interesting items to check on is: Woomeras. Almost every week or so one or two Australian spear throwers (woomeras) comes on



the market. Usually they are being sold by art dealers in Australia. One of these recently on the market and sold to our dear friend Ted Bailey was advertised as having been collected in the 1930s and showing signs of heavy use. It was amazingly, 4 feet 2 inches long – that is 127 cm. Incidentally, if you bid against Ted, be prepared for a difficult fight. Ted "controls" the boomerang and woomera market. Some day, we hope to get the opportunity to see Ted Bailey's massive collection. Perhaps he would make a photo-essay of his woomeras for some future issue of *The Atlatl*. How about that, Ted?

We wish it known here that we do not condone the buying, selling or trading of real antiquities. Archaeological materials should be left to professional archaeologists and maintained in museums for the benefit of all.



Ken Wee reaches for another dart. Photo by Bill Tate

FLINT RIDGE WINNERS

by Ray Strischek

JUNE 1, 2001, INFAMOUS CANDLE LIGHT ISAC

BEST MAN	TERRY KEEFER	88	PENNSYLVANIA
BEST WOMAN	SUSIE BROWN SHARON KEEFER	54 54	COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA
BEST KID	NICK MERTZ	14	MISSOURI

JUNE 2, 2001, MASTERS DIVISION, MEN

1 ST PLACE: DOUG MAJORSKY	110	122xx	119	351xx
2 ND PLACE: RAY STRISCHEK	104	92	104xx	310xx
3 RD PLACE: GARY FOGELMAN	103x	94	94x	291xx

JUNE 2, 2001, MASTERS DIVISION, WOMEN

1 ST PLACE: LORI MAJORSKY	65	72	71x	208x
2 ND PLACE: SHARON KEEFER	51			51
3 RD PLACE: MISSY DILDANE	47			47

JUNE 2, 2001, PRE-NOVICE DIVISION (AGE AND SEX DOES NOT MATTER)

1 ST PLACE: JEFF KINGERY	46	53	44	143
2 ND PLACE: JOSH MOORE	51	61		112
3 RD PLACE: JIM BOWERS IV	30	28	26	84

JUNE 2, 2001, KING AND QUEEN OF THE MEAT RACK

KING: DOUG MAJORSKY	PENNSYLVANIA	433xxx
QUEEN: LORI MAJORSKY	PENNSYLVANIA	252x

JUNE 2, 2001, ISAC

BEST MAN: TERRY KEEFER	PENNSYLVANIA	90x
BEST WOMAN: SUSIE BROWN	COLORADO	56
BEST KID: NICK MERTZ	MISSOURI	54

For the most part (98% of the time), it was wet, cold, muddy, and miserable weather. It had rained every day for the previous two weeks in Ohio (in some places in Ohio, for three weeks). When the wind wasn't gusting it was raining, drizzles and downpours all Friday night and all day Saturday except for about an hour late Saturday afternoon when the sun made a brief and welcomed appearance. Then it started raining again. Poor Flint Ridge! Soggy Bottom City. We used different range location in the park because critters had churned the previous location upside down in search of a bumper crop of sweet succulent white grubs. See next page for June 3, 2001 Flint Ridge Winners:

FLINT RIDGE WINNERS Continued:

JUNE 3, 2001, MASTERS DIVISION, MEN

1 ST PLACE: RAY STRISCHEK	117x	114xx	109xxx	340xxxxxx
2 ND PLACE: DOUG MAJORSKY	123	108	103	334
3 RD PLACE: TERRY KEEFER	111	116X	99	326x

JUNE 3, 2001, MASTERS DIVISION, WOMEN

1 ST PLACE: LORI MAJORSKY	73	60		133
2 ND PLACE: SUSIE BROWN	64	46		110
3 RD PLACE: MISSY DILDANE	34	47		81

JUNE 3, 2001, NOVICE DIVISION (SEX AND AGE DO NOT MATTER)

1 ST PLACE: JEFF KINGERY	89	61		150
2 ND PLACE: JOANNE FOGELMAN	92			92
3 RD PLACE: ANITA LUKES	85			85

JUNE 3, 2001, PRE-NOVICE DIVISION (SEX AND AGE DO NOT MATTER)

1 ST PLACE: JEFF KINGERY	40	49	40	129
2 ND PLACE: JIM BOWERS IV	43	48	27	118

JUNE 3, 2001, KING AND QUEEN OF THE MEAT RACK

KING: RAY STRISCHEK	OHIO {Doug Majorsky had 424(4x)}	424(8x)
QUEEN: LORI MAJORSKY	PENNSYLVANIA	187x

JUNE 3, 2001, KING AND QUEEN OF THE SOUP POT

KING: JEFF KINGERY	OHIO	150
QUEEN: JOANNE FOGELMAN	PENNSYLVANIA	148

JUNE 3, 2001, ISAC

BEST MAN: DOUG MAJORSKY	PENNSYLVANIA	90xxxx
BEST WOMAN: TONI ROBERTS	OHIO	65
BEST KID: NICK MERTZ	MISSOURI	67

KEEP GOING. THERE'S ONE MORE PAGE OF THIS STUFF.

FLINT RIDGE WINNERS, Third and last page:

THE WAA GRAND MASTER AWARD

GRAND MASTER: LORI MAJORSKY (MOM)	PENNSYLVANIA	27
2 ND PLACE: DOUG MAJORSKY	PENNSYLVANIA	26x
3 RD PLACE: JEFF KINGERY	OHIO	26

How the Grand Master Award was determined: Leni Clubb hauled the thing by land all the way from California and told me that it was up to me (as President of OAA) to determine how it would be awarded. She suggested a contest between the best Man, Woman, and Kid, except that, I could not use the ISAC scores as part of the calculations. OK,,,, I added the best three OAA Accuracy Competition scores of men, women, and kids from June 2 and June 3 and came up with Doug Majorsky, Lori Majorsky, and Jeff Kingery. But, how to make that fair? Jeff Kingery is only 8 years old. And Doug is sooooooo good. I finally decided to let Jeff Kingery throw from 7 ½ meters, Lori Majorsky from 15 meters, and Doug from 20 meters. Seemed fair to me. Each contestant cast three darts. The standard ISAC target was used.

Lori Majorsky is the mother of Doug Majorsky. Doug Majorsky is the hottest under 18 years old kid with an atlatl anyone has ever seen. Jeff Kingery is the 8 year old son of Jim Kingery, Site Manager of Flint Ridge. Congratulations to all the Flint Ridge winners. Special note to Chuck Butorajac: Please add my ISAC excuse to your list of 100 excuses for blowing a good score in the ISAC: "I dropped a big heavy table on my foot just before the contest". Ray Strischek

For clarification purposes: Ohio Atlatl Association Standard Accuracy Competitions:

Masters: Each contestant casts 3 darts from 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 meters.

Novice: Each contestant casts 3 darts from 10, 12.5, 15, 17.5, and 20 meters.

Pre-Novice: Each contestant casts 3 darts from 5, 7.5, 10, 12.5, and 15 meters.

Master and Novice is divided into men and women divisions.

Pre-Novice is for children under the age of 14, no division by gender.

Maximum possible score is 150 points. The World Atlatl Association ISAC target is used, Xs count.

King and Queen of the Meat Rack is determined by adding the top three rounds of the Masters +WAA ISAC. This is done each day of the competition.

King and Queen of the Soup Pot is determined by adding the top three rounds of the Novice + WAA ISAC. This is done each day of the competition.

(A misfire in Ohio SAC rules (which allows another cast) is any dart that does not make it half way to the target. No restrictions exist regarding equipment.)

Editors Comment: Thanks Ray for your part in making this a wonderful event, and taking time to put it all down on paper. One part of the big event was completely omitted from your report, however. That is the Ooga Booga ceremony in which not only Charlie and Susie Brown were brought into the fold, but Marcia and Bill Tate were also initiated. Truly enlightening.

Flint Ridge Ohio June 1, 2, and 3, 2001

by Ray Strischek

It was a dark and stormy night. And it didn't get any better for the next two days. It had rained relentlessly in Ohio for two weeks prior to the 14th Annual World Atlatl Association Meeting and Flint Ridge Ohio Atlatl Event. The playing field was a disaster. The weeks of rain had produced a bumper crop of white grubs beneath the carpet of moss and grass covering Flint Ridge State Park's field. The grubs had attracted the attention of small furry animals of indeterminate species (many suspect skunks), who flipped the sod over to get at the grubs. Thus the original atlatl range was "out of order."

A substitute range was hurriedly set up on Friday after, at which time the President of the Ohio Atlatl Association, dropped a big table on his foot and spent the rest of the event hobbling around like Chester Good ("Wait for me, Marshall Dillon. I'm coming as fast as I can.")

Friday night found contestants slopping through mud casting their darts at WAA ISAC targets with the aid of weakly flickering candlelight. By Sunday, many contestants had thrown away their mud caked shoes and dank stinky socks and were casting bare foot, pants rolled to mid shin.

Amazingly, scores did not suffer too drastically though yes, rain and atlatls do not mix well. There were no record breaking WAA ISAC scores, but there was no vast horde of candidates for the OHIO UGLY NECKLACE. The Ohio necklace is given to any competing atlatlist who having scored above 70 in the World Atlatl Association's International Standard Accuracy Competition, turns in a ISAC score of less than 70 at the Ohio event. Congratulations to Susie Brown of Colorado, the first recipient of the Ohio Ugly Necklace.

Other big winners Lori Majorsky of Pennsylvania, who won the Grand Masters award the Top Woman competing against the Top Man (her son Doug Majorsky) and the Top Youth (Jeff Kingery of Flint Ridge Ohio.

King and Queen of the Meat Racks (Masters Division) for June 2, 2001 was Doug Majorsky and (Mom) Lori Majorsky. For June 3, 2001, King and Queen were Ray Strischek and Lori Majorsky.

For whatever reason, (no one entered the Novice Division on June 2) there was no King and Queen of the Soup Pot (Novice Division) for June 2,

2001, but for June 3, the King and Queen were Jeff Kingery and Joanne Fogelman.

Though the weather was no friend to the atlatlists in attendance, spirits were high and everyone had a good time. Between thunder showers, Ohio Atlatl Association members were able to teach the basics of the atlatl to quite a few die hard tourists who stopped by, a few of whom went right from the training range into competition.

Many thanks to Hapi Cummings and Jim Kingery (Flint Ridge Straw Bosses) and their staffs for providing the park and its facilities for our event.



Lots of activity at the Albany, Ohio Competition.



Ulrich Stodiek admires his finely crafted spearthrower at the Ramioul, Belgium contest Apr. 22.

Atlatl Events Around the World – 2001

- Sep 15 Paw Paw Festival with demonstrations for the public and ISAC at Lake Snowden, Albany, OH. Contact Steve Barnett (740) 698-6553.
- Sep 15-16 Belgium Contest with ISAC at Mariemont, Belgium. Contact Pascal Chauvaux at pascalC@swing.be
- Sep 15-16 Competition with ISAC, Tarascon, France. Contact Emmanuel Demoulian at Emmanuel.Demoulian@wanadoo.fr
- Sep 15-16 Fort Osage Atlatl competition and Fall Knap-in. Local and ISAC Competitions. Fort Osage east of Kansas City, MO. Contact Ray Madden at (417) 781-0962 or rhmadden@janics.com
- Sep 18 European Round & ISAC, Wilderness Archery, Ann Arbor Atlatl League, Ann Arbor, MI. Contact Jim Gilligan (810) 231-2314 or atlatl@ism.net
- Sep 21 Vermont Archaeology Week Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison, VT - Atlatl construction (fee req.) Contact elgilbertson@dca.state.vt.us
- Sep 22 Fifth Annual Northeastern Opoen Atlatl championship and ISAC at Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison, VT. Contact Casey Carmolli at (802) 759-2412
- Sep 22 Archaeology Days, Mastadon State Park, Imperial, MO. Atlatl demonstrations and ISAC. Contact Ron Mertz (304) 822-2514 or rmertz@dtl.slps.k12.mo.us
- Sep 22 Nokomis Center Heritage Festival with atlatl demonstrations all day. Contact Chris Oberg (517) 339-1808 or oberg@msu.edu
- Sep 22-23 Pennsylvania State Championship and ISAC Ligonier, PA. Contact Chuck Butorajac (724) 238-6878.
- Sep 22-23 Ulm Pishkum Buffalo Jump State park, Ulm, MT (10 mi. SW of Great Falls) American Field Round and ISACs. Contact Connie Jacobs (406) 866-2219 or pishkum@initco.net
- Sep 22-23 Atlatl Contests and ISAC at Zonhoven, Belgium. Contact Pascal Chauvaux at pascalC@swing.be
- Sep 23 Michigan Atlatl Association 2001 Championship with four tournaments including ISAC at Chelsea Rod & Gun Club, Chelsea, MI. Contact Jim Gilligan (810) 231-2314 or atlatl@ism.net
- Sep 29-30 Local atlatl contests with ISACs at EMC Campgrounds, Waverly, NY. Contact Brandon Anderson (607) 565-7901 or contact Jack Rowe (570) 888-8258 or fieldwalker@stny.rr.com
- Sep 29-30 Burnt Hollow Fall hunt Atlatl Contests and ISACs at Deer Lodge, MT. Contact Lem Oehrtman (406) 846-1004.
- Sep 29-30 Keefer's Special Atlatl Competition at their place in Ft. Loudon, PA. Local and ISAC. Come and throw with Jean-Jacques and friends from France. ISACs both days. Contact Terry Keefer at (717) 349-2262 or ortkefer@evn.net
- Sep 29-30 Annual Mercyhurst Knap-in at Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA with ISACs. Contact Ben Brauchler (716) 679-7145. ben@netsync.net or Cathy Pedler (814) 824-2578, cpedler@mercyhurst.edu
- Oct 3-4 Competition with ISAC, Tarascon, France. Contact Emmanuel Demoulian at Emmanuel.Demoulian@wanadoo.fr
- Oct 5-7 Atlatl events, Flintknapping . Primitive Archery with ISAC all days at Wrightwood, CA. Contact Tom Mills at (626) 794-9158 or PaleoAlco@aol.com
- Oct 6 Fall workshop, Huron Valley Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society at the Gerald Eddy Discovery Center, Chelsea, MI. Talks, Primitive Skills demonstrations including atlatls. Contact Dave Wanty dwanty@lni.net
- Oct 6-7 Candor Fall Festival Atlatl Contest and Hunt with ISACs at Fallow Hollow Deer Farm, Candor, NY. Contact Bob or Cheryl Berg 1 800 836-4520, (607) 659-5967 or bob@thunderbirdatlatl.com
- Oct 7-8 European Championships at Bougon, France. Contact Pascal Chauvaux at pascalC@swing.be
- Oct 13-14 European Championships & ISAC, Tarascon, France. Contact Emmanuel Demoulian at Emmanuel.Demoulian@wanadoo.fr
- Oct 16 European Round & ISAC, Wilderness Archery Ann Arbor Atlatl League, Ann Arbor, MI. Contact Jim Gilligan (810) 231-2314 or atlatl@ism.net
- Oct 27 ROAR Event with atlatl demonstration and ISAC only, at Zaleski State Forest south of New Plymouth, OH. Contact Steve Barnett (740) 698-6553.
- Oct 27-28 Annual All Hallows Eve Throw at Susie and Charlie Brown's home, 14560 W. 58th Place, Arvada, CO. Contact Susie at ssazzi@earthlink.net or Charlie at sazi@prodigy.net
- Oct 27-28 ISACs at Mas d'Azil, France. Contact Cyrille Huc at ateyrille-huc@infonie.fr
- Nov 3-4 Competition with ISAC, Tarascon, France. Contact Emmanuel Demoulian at Emmanuel.Demoulian@wanadoo.fr
- Nov 3-4 ISACs at Mas d'Azil, France, contact Cyrille Huc at ateyrille-huc@infonie.fr
- Nov 3-4 Icicle Atlatl Contest with ISACs at Tioga Park, Nichols, NY. Contact Bob or Cheryl Berg 1 800 836-4520, (607) 659-5967 or bob@thunderbirdatlatl.com
- Nov 10 ISAC and other atlatl events in the Phoenix, AZ area organized by the SALT group, (Study of Aboriginal Lifeways & Technologies). Contact Albert Abril (620) 265-0177 or raabril1@home.com or contact Robert Sizemore (520) 466-6104.
- Nov 17-18 European Championships at Bruyl-de-Pesche or Cul-Des-Sarts, Belgium. Contact Pascal Chauvaux at pascalC@swing.be
- Nov 20 European Round & ISAC, Wilderness Archery Ann Arbor Atlatl League, Ann Arbor, MI. Contact Jim Gilligan (810) 231-2314 or atlatl@ism.net
- Nov 23 Turkey Toss and Last Gasp ISAC. Atlatls and Kyllies (rabbit sticks) at Brighton Recreation Area Organization Camp, Brighton, MI. Contact Jim Gilligan (810) 231-2314 or atlatl@ism.net or Tom Luczycki at looziskey@home.com
- Nov 24-25 ISACs at Mas d'Azil, France, contact Cyrille Huc at cyrille-huc@infonie.fr

Atlatl Events Around the World for 2002

- Apr 12-14 Tenth Annual Atlatl Competitions at Valley of Fire State Park, Overton, NV. ISAACs all three days. Contact Leni Clubb at (760) 358-7835 or (619) 462-4638 or LENIWAA@prodigy.net
- Apr 19-21 Fourth Annual Earthday Gathering at EMC Campgrounds, Waverly, NY sponsored by the Tioga Atlatl Association. Contact: Jack Rowe (570) 888-8258, fieldwalker@stny.rr.com or Dennis Lantz (570) 358-3000.

- June 7-9 Third Annual Atlatl-in-Action Contest and Demonstration, EMC Campgrounds, Waverly, NY sponsored by the Tioga Atlatl Association. Contact: Jack Rowe (570) 888-8258, fieldwalker@stny.rr.com or Dennis Lantz (570) 358-3000
- June 7-9 Fremont Indian State Park, Sevier, UT atlatl contests and ISACs all three days. Camping in the New Group Camping Area. Contact: Pete Weimer (435) 527-4631 or (435) 527-4478.
- Jul 6-8 Second Annual Atlatl Contest & ISAC at Ft. Loudon Site, Ft. Loudon, PA. Contact Terry Keefer at (717) 349-2262 or tk1003534@cvn.net
- Aug 23-25 Stone Tool Show with Atlatl contests including ISACs all three days at Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY. Contact Bob Berg 1-800-836-4520 or contact@thunderbirdatlatl.com or contact Lou Hillman (716) 422-1342 ro1bhndp@rit.edu
- Sep 13-15 Second Annual Tyoga Shoot-Out Atlatl Tournament at EMC Campgrounds, Waverly, NY sponsored by the Tioga Atlatl Association. Contact: Jack Rowe (570) 888-8258, fieldwalker@stny.rr.com or Dennis Lantz (570) 358-3000.

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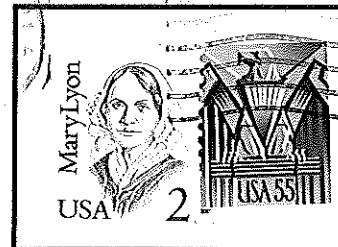
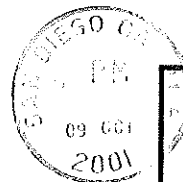
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