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"Too long have I hunted mammoth alone!" Rich McWhorter

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THREE WAY TIE FOR 2001 ISAC WORLD CHAMPION

by Lloyd Pine



Mark Bracken and Doug Majorsky click atlatls as tied world champions at Flint Ridge in Sept.

We have our first ever tie for men's ISAC champion this year. It is not just a simple tie but a three way tie between Doug Majorsky, Mark Bracken, and Tom Goble Sr., all with scores of 94X. Doug Majorsky threw his score in April and Mark Bracken tied it a month later. More than a dozen contests later they were still tied. Then in November Tom Goble Sr. exceeded his best

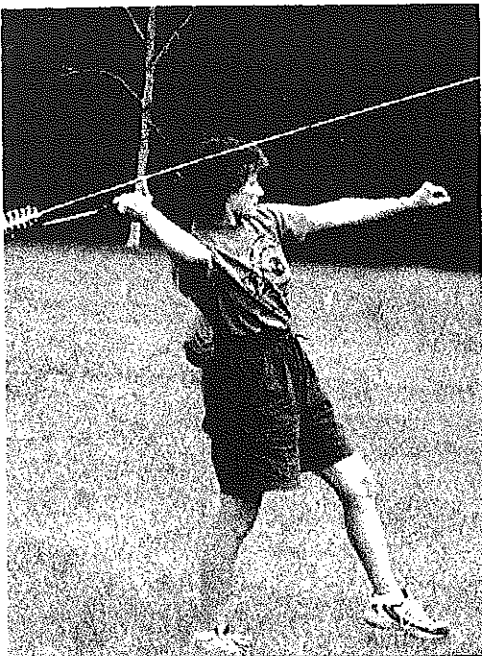


Tom Goble Sr explains his darts to the curious.

previous personal record and joined them. Doug Miller and former world champion Ray Striscek are tied for fourth with 94. Terry Keefer, the 1999 and 2000 world champion, is sixth with a 93-4X. Pascal Chavaux, the first ISAC world champion in 1996, is seventh with a score of 93-X. Jeremy Bard is eighth with 93 and Dennis Lantz finished ninth with 92-X. There is a two-way tie for tenth between Bob Berg and Tom Mills, both with 91.

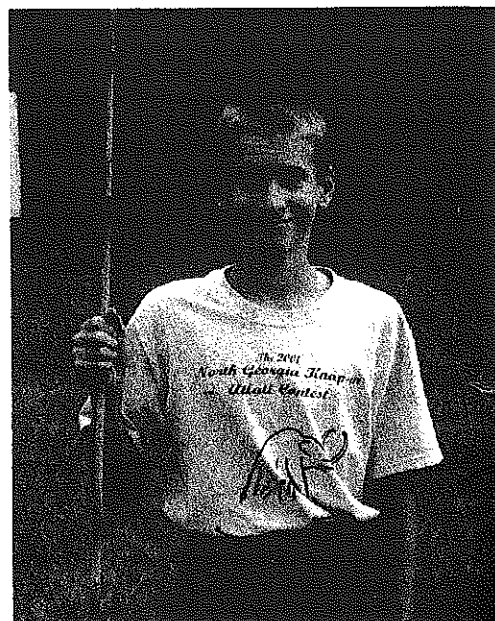
≠ #Although the top score of 94-X was not as high as Terry Keefer's score of 94-3X in 2000 and his world record score of 97-2X thrown in 1999, men's scores in general continue to slowly increase. Fifteen threw scores of ninety or better and there were a lot of new personal bests thrown this year.

The women set a blistering pace this year with three of them exceeding Melissa Dildine's previous world record of 81-X. Lori Majorsky led with a new world record of 85-2X, closely followed by Margie Takoch with 84 and Juliette Renouf, a new comer from France, with 82. Melissa Dildine was fourth with an 81. Joanne Fogelman was fifth with a score of 78 and Sharon Keefer was sixth with 75-X. Toni Roberts was seventh with 72 and 13 year old Tesha Keefer again joined the top ten women with 70-X. Anne Feltovich with 69-X and Anita Lukes with 68 round out the top ten women. Women's scores were also generally higher with nineteen throwing sixty or better.



Lori Majorsky takes aim.

Just like the adults, the youth scores were also higher than last year. For the first time all of the top ten scores were 70 or better. Charlie Bracken, age 13, was champion with 88X. Thomas Chavaux, age 14, was second with 87-2X. Paul Weigel of Germany was third with 85 and 12 year old Nick Mertz was fourth with 81-2X. Mike Waters, 15, threw an 81 for fifth and Tommy Goble, Jr. threw 80-X for sixth place. Jon Rowe and Jehan Speckens of Belgium, both 15, tied for seventh



Charlie Bracken smiles for the camera!

place with scores of 77. Gael Speckens, also 15 and from Belgium was ninth with 74 and Tesha Keefer, 13 rounded out the top ten with 70-X. Half of these will graduate to the adult division next year but there is plenty of talent left among the younger throwers. Seven of them, all ten or younger, threw scores above 40. Ten year olds Elliott Timm IV and George Bardou threw scores of 68 and 62 respectively.

Participation in the ISAC was considerably higher than last year. There were a number new contests in the United States and European participation was significantly higher than last year. This is great, as it is not truly an international contest without them. We received 626 score sheets from 183 contests with a total of 2361 contestants. The largest single days of competition was at Ft. Louden, PA with 43 people throwing on both July 14 and 15.

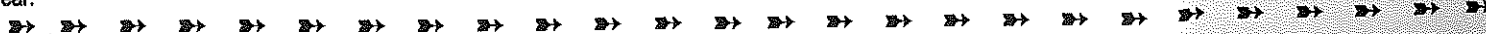


FEW CHANGES IN ISAC RULES FOR 2002

by Lloyd Pine

There are very few changes in the ISAC rules for the coming year. The only one that directly affects contestants is that copper points can now be used with primitive equipment. This issue was not covered in the earlier rules so there was some confusion on the use of this material.

The main changes are in the administrative section and are changes in emphasis only. The new wording is to better emphasize that the contest organizer is responsible for all aspects of the contest. This includes, but is not restricted to such things as ensuring that all target dimensions and distances are correct. The use of the correct score sheets and submitting the results on time. It also includes the responsibility of checking that the target backings will not bounce well thrown darts. The rules committee decided against specifying the use of only certain target backings as any of the common backings can be used successfully if some care is taken. A document has been issued that summarizes our knowledge of how to best set up targets for the ISAC. It is based on the observations of some of our most experienced contestants so it has a lot of useful information. It will be part of the package that is sent to contest organizers. The other documents in this package did not need any revisions so are the same a last year.



2001 Men's ISAC Final Scores

<u>Score</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contest</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
94	X	Doug Majorsky	Derry, PA	Apr	Waverly, NY	O
94	X	Mark Bracken	Canton, GA	May	Ft. Osage, MO	O
94	X	Tom Goble Sr.	Waverly, NY	Nov	Nichols, NY	P
94		Doug Miller	Franklin Grove, IL	Jun	Franklin Grove, IL	P
94		Ray Strischek	Athens, OH	Jul	Ft. Loudon, PA	P
93	XXXX	Terry Keefer	Ft. Loudon, PA	Jun	Tyrone, PA	P
93	X	Pascal Chavaux	Belgium	Jul	Tautaval, France	P
93		Jeremy Bard	Ft. Loudon, PA	Jul	Ft. Loudon, PA	P
92	X	Dennis Lantz	Ulster, PA	Sep	Waverly, NY	P
91		Bob Berg	Candor, NY	Apr	North GA Knap-in	P
91		Tom Mills	Pasadena, CA	Oct	Wrightwood, CA	P
90	XX	Chris Oberg	Haslett, MI	Aug	Bois Blanc, MI	P
90	XX	John Whitaker	Grinnell, IA	May	Ft. Osage, MO	P
90	X	Charlie Brown	Arvada, CO	May	Buford, WY	P
90	X	Max Weigel	Germany	May	Crepy, France	P
90	X	Jack Rowe	Sayre, PA	Oct	Candor, NY	P
89	XX	Mike Glenn	Marysville, OH	Aug	Flint Ridge, OH	P
89	XX	Denny Bard	Ft. Loudon, PA	Aug	Hancock, NY	P
89	X	Gary Fogelman	Turbotville, PA	Jul	Ft. Loudon, PA	P
89	X	Richard Lyons	Jeffersonville, IN	Sep	Cahokia, IL	O
89		Cyrille Huc	France	Jul	Tarascon, France	P
89		Ishmael Yahemdi	France	Sep	Bienne, Switzerland	P
88	XX	Scott Van Arsdale	Ortega, NY	Aug	Letchworth, NY	O
88	X	Chuck Butorajac	Ligonier, PA	Jun	Wintersville, OH	O
88	X	Frank Takoch	Wintersville, OH	Jul	Ft. Loudon, PA	O
88		E. Demoulin	France	Jun	Tarascon, France	P
88		Chris Pappas	Hancock, NY	Sep	Ft. Loudon, PA	P
87	XXX	Don Roberts	Wintersville, OH	Aug	Albany, OH	O
86	X	Ray Madden	Joplin, MO	Apr	Grinnell, IA	O
86		Paul Marko	Latrobe, PA	Jul	Ft. Loudon, PA	P
86		Roger Klindt	Dexter, NY	Aug	Letchworth, NY	O
86		Steve Barnett	Pomery, OH	Sep	Ligonier, PA	O
85	X	Paul Gleckl	Ligonier, PA	Sep	Ligonier, PA	P
84	X	Troy Helmick	Townsend, MT	Sep	Pishkun St Park, MT	O
84	X	Dave Santos	Sayre, PA	Jul	Ft. Loudon, PA	O
84		Andrew Majorsky	Derry, PA	Jul	Ft. Loudon, PA	O
84		Jim Ray	Belt, MT	Jul	Castle Dale, UT	P
83	X	Daniel Marty	France	Aug	Mas d'Azil, France	P
83	X	Georges Bardon	France	May	Tarascon, France	P
83		Ron Mertz	Des Peres, MO	Jun	Franklin Grove, IL	O
83		Dean Pritchard	Boise, ID	Jun	Fremont St. Pk., UT	O
83		Brandon Anderson	Waverly, NY	Aug	Letchworth, NY	P
83		Ken McIntosh	Vestal NY	Aug	Letchworth, NY	P
82		Jim Gilligan	Brighton, MI	Jul	Chelsea, MI	O
82		Jon Rowe	Sayre, PA	Jul	Ft. Loudon, PA	O
82		Ken Wee	Boulder, CO	May	Buford, WY	P
82		Alain Lacoste	France	Jul	Tarascon, France	P
81		Eric Sauvion	France	Apr	Montaner, France	P
80	X	Ray Thompson	Sandy, UT	Jul	Castle Dale, UT	O
80		Bernard Ginelli	France	Jul	Saint Remy, France	P
79	X	Uli Weigel	Germany	May	Crepy, France	P
79		Troy Elder	Lumberport, WV	Oct	Zaleski St. Park, OH	O
79		Barry Kimble	Westminister, CO	Oct	Arvada, CO	P
78	XX	Laurent Bernat	France	May	Crepy, France	P
78		Martin Strischek	Marysville, OH	Sep	Ligonier, PA	O
77	X	Len Riemersma	Cascade, WI	Jun	Elkhart Lake, WI	O

77	X	Bob Chaffee	Wellsville, NY	Sep	Waverly, NY	P
77		Florent Rivere	France	Oct	Tarascan, France	P
76	X	Jack Kelley	Franklin Grove, IL	Jun	Franklin Grove, IL	O
75	XX	Dana Klein	Belfast, NY	Aug	Hancock, NY	O
75	X	Bob Graham	Ninatic, IL	Jun	Franklin Grove, IL	P
74		Jean Speckens	Belgium	Jan	Les Angles, France	P
74		Gregoire Prince	Canada	Jun	Tautaval, France	P
74		Jack Brown	Wellsville, NY	Jul	Tyrone, PA	P
73	X	Lou Becker	China, MI	May	Marshall, MI	O
73	X	Alain Sellekaerts	Belgium	Apr	Triebes, Belgium	P
73		Russel Richard	Buford, WY	Jul	Castle Dale, UT	P
72		Steve Elder	Lumberport, WV	Oct	Zaleski St. Park, OH	O
72		Jeremy Helms	Newell, WV	Aug	Letchworth, NY	O
71	X	Vincent Brault	France	Oct	Bougen, France	P
71	X	Jerome Galetti	France	May	Crepy, France	P
71		Lloyd Pine	Baton Rouge, LA	Jun	Flint Ridge, OH	P
71		Phillipe Braud	France	Jul	Tarascon, France	P
70		Grant McCall	St. Louis, MO	Apr	Grinnell, IA	O
70		Andy Sylvia	Athens, OH	Aug	Albany, OH	P
70		George Miller	Brockway, PA	Sep	Flint Ridge, OH	P
70		Georges Bardou	France	Apr	Tarascan, France	P
70		Carl Doney	East Lansing, MI	Nov	Brighton, MI	O

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2001 Women's ISAC Final Scores

Score		Name	Address	Date	Contest	Equipment
85	XX	Lori Majorsky	Derry, PA	Jul	Saegertown, PA	O
84		Margie Takoch	Wintersville, OH	Aug	Albany, OH	O
82		Juliette Renouf	France	Oct	Tarascon, France	P
81		Melissa, Dildine	Sayre, PA	Sep	Waverly, NY	P
78		Joanne Fogelman	Turbotville, PA	Aug	Letchworth, NY	P
75	X	Sharon Keefer	Ft. Loudon, PA	Aug	Letchworth, NY	P
72		Toni Roberts	Wintersville, OH	Jul	Saegertown, PA	O
70	X	Tesha Keefer	Ft. Loudon, PA	Sep	Flint Ridge, OH	P
69	X	Anne Feltovich	Springfield, IL	Jun	Franklin Grove, IL	O
68		Anita Lukes	Indianapolis, IN	Jun	Clarksville, IN	O
65	X	Brenda Timm	Waverly, NY	Set	Waverly, NY	P
64	X	Irmgard Bauer	Switzerland	Aug	Boario Terme, Italy	P
64	X	Judy Pritchard	Boise, ID	Jun	Blanding, UT	O
64		Sherry Bracken	Canton, GA	Apr	North GA Knap-in	O
63		Kristine Lyons	Jeffersonville, IN	Aug	Flint Ridge, OH	O
62	X	Marika Dreistadt	France	Jul	Tarascon, France	P
62	X	Mary Kluz	Franklin Grove, IL	Aug	Franklin Grove, IL	P
60	X	Ginette Rouch	France	Sep	Mas D' Azil, France	P
60	X	Susie Brown	Arvada, CO	May	Buford, WY	P
57	X	Kay Klein	Belfast, NY	Apr	Waverly, NY	O
56	X	Courtney Birkett	Williamsburg, VA	Sep	Cahokia, IL	O
56		Silvie de Guillaume	France	Jan	Les Angles, France	P
52		Alex Pritchard	Boise, ID	Mar	Valley of Fire, NV	O
52		Eve Dawes	Granville, OH	Sep	Flint Ridge, OH	P
52		Laurence Brochard	France	Oct	Tarascan, France	P

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2001 Youth's ISAC Final Scores

<u>Score</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Equipm ent</u>
88	X	Charlie Bracken	13	Canton, GA	Aug	Letchworth, NY	P
87	XX	Thomas Chavaux	14	Belgium	Jul	Tautaval, France	P
85		Paul Weigel	15	Germany	May	Crepy, France	P
81	XX	Nick Mertz	12	Owensville, MO	Sep	Cahokia, IL	P
81		Mike Waters	15	Whitesville, NY	Aug	Letchworth, NY	O
80	X	Tommy Goble	15	Waverly, NY	Jun	Waverly, NY	O
77		Jon Rowe	15	Sayre, PA	Jun	Wellsville, NY	O
77		Jehan Speckens	15	Belgium	Jan	Les Angles, France	P
74		Gael Speckens	15	Belgium	Apr	Montaner, France	P
70	X	Tesha Keefer	13	Ft. Loudon, PA	Sep	Flint Ridge, OH	P
68		Elliott Timm IV	10	Waverly, NY	Nov	Nichols, NY	O
62		George Bardou	10	France	Nov	Tarascan, France	P
58		Yoann Commenge	12	France	Jan	Mas D'Azil, France	P
57	X	Brandon Bell	14	Chelsia, MI	May	Chelsia, MI	O
57		Gizzy Rowe	15	Sayre, PA	Aug	Letchworth, NY	P
56		Nathaniel Dickerson	15	Alma, NY	Aug	Letchworth, NY	P
55		Robin Morruci	11	Italy	Apr	Rome, Italy	P
55		Levi Miller	7	Brockway, PA	Aug	Letchworth, NY	P
53		Mason Miller	10	Brockway, PA	Jun	Meadowcroft, PA	P
52		Nathan Heitz	14	Louisville, KY	Apr	North GA Knap-in	O
50		Liam Savage	11	Redlands, CA	Oct	Wrightwood, CA	P
49		Nate Miller	7	Franklin Grove, IL	Jun	Franklin Grove, IL	P
49		Nathan Potter	13	Colorado Springs, CO	May	Buford, WY	P
46		Rowdy Greenlee	15	Logan, OH	Sep	Flint Ridge, OH	O
46		Jonathon McFatrige	13	Clio, MI	Aug	Bois Blanc, MI	O
45	X	Marshall Timm	8	Waverly, NY	Jul	Waverly, NY	O
45		Nate Mertz	10	Owensville, MO	Sep	Cahokia, IL	P
44		Keiko Long	12	Cheyenne, WY	May	Buford, WY	P
42		Megan Charland	15	Peru, NY	Sep	Addison, Vt	O

2001 WINNERS OF THE GRAND CHAMPION AWARD Presented by The World Atlatl Association

March 17	Susie Brown, Arvada, CO	"March Madness", Arvada, CO
March 31	Jim Ray, Belt, MT (Primitive)	Valley of Fire State Park, Overton, NV
March 31	Dean Pritchard, Boise, ID (Modern)	Valley of Fire State Park, Overton, NV
March 31	Mark Bracken, Canton, GA	Moundville Archaeological Park, Tuscaloosa, AL
April 28	Richard Lewis, T. & C., NM	Blackwater Draw Museum, Portales, NM
April 29	Doug Miller, Franklin Grove, IL	Grinnell College Campus, Grinnell, IA
May 19	Charlie Brown, Arvada, CO	Brontner Road, Evans, CO
May 27	Jim Ray, Belt, MT	Russel's Place, Buford, WY
June 2	Lori Majorsky, Derry, PA	14 th Annual Meeting, Flint Ridge, OH
June 9	Doug Miller, Franklin Grove, IL	Chaplin Grove Historic Site, Franklin Grove, IL
June 16	Dean Pritchard, Boise, ID	Fremont Indian State Park, Sevier, UT
July 1	Doug Majorsky, Derry, PA	Tyrone Elks Park, Tyrone, PA
July 4	Gary Fogelman, Turbotville, PA	Moyer Park, Candor, NY
July 14	Charlie Brown, Arvada, CO	Aurora History Museum, Aurora, CO
July 28	Susie Brown, Arvada, CO	Museum of San Rafael, Castle Dale, UT
Aug 5	Terry Keefer, Ft. Loudon, PA	Green Flats Atlatl Rattle, Hancock, NY
Aug 5	Doug Miller, Franklin Grove, IL	Chaplin Creek Historic Site, Franklin Grove, IL
Aug 19	Ray Strischek, Athens, OH	Albany Riding Club Fairgrnds, Albany, NY

Aug 26	Mark Bracken, Canton, GA	Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY
Sept 9	Ray Strischek, OH	Cahokia, Collinsville, IL
Sept 30		Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA
Oct 7	Doug Majorsky, Derry, PA	Fallow Hollow Deer Farm, Candor, NY
Oct 28	Ken Wee, Boulder, CO	All Hallow's Eve, Arvada, CO
Novr 4	Gary Fogelman, Turbotville, PA	Tioga Park, Nichols, NY
Nov 18	Thomas Chauvaux, Cerfontain, Belgium	Primitive Fair, Cul-Des-Sarts, Belgium

2002 Schedule of Events

January 1st New Year's Day ISAC (morning contest), Jacques Pernaud Tautavel Museum, Pyrenes Orientales, Jacques.Pernaud@wanadoo.fr France Pascal Chauvaux PascalC@swing.be

January 12 Bundle Up and Throw – Local Grand Champion Award & ISAC. At Fogelman's, (570) 437-3698 Turbotville, PA Gary Fogelman iam@csrlink.net

January 12 & 13 TwoISAC – 1/12 – 3 PM, 1/13 – 10:30 am Jacques Pernaud Les Angles, (Pyrenes Orientales), France Jacques.Pernaud@wanadoo.fr

February 9 Finger Freezing Throw – Local Grand Champion Award & ISAC, Fogelman's. (570) 437-3698 Turbotville, PA Gary Fogelman iam@srlink.net

February 16 Atlatl Field Round and ISAC in connection with week-long "Winter Count", Primitive Skills Workshops, near Maricopa, AZ (602) 265 0177 Albert Abril aabril1@home.com Robert Sizemore (520) 466-610

April 12, 13, 14 Eleventh Annual Atlatl Competition, Valley of Fire State Park, Overton. NV Leni Clubb (760) 359-7835 or (619) 462-4638 ISACs all three days LENIWAA@prodigy.net

April 20-21: Ramioul (Belgium) Contact: pascalC@swing.be

April 18, 19, 20 Moundville Knap-in and Atlatl contest Atlatl contest on Saturday, April 20th. Betsy Gilbert (205) 371-2234 bgilbert@bama.ua.edu

April 19, 20, 21 4th Annual Earthday Gathering EMC Clubgrounds, Waverly, NY Jack Rowe (570) 888-8258 fieldwalker@stny.rr.com or Dennis Lantz (570) 358-3000

April 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 North Georgia Atlatl Contest & Knap-in Gatewood Park, near Lake Altoona Cartersville, GA Atlatl contests each day. Mark Bracken (770) 345-7305 crackinbracken@juno.com

April 27, 28 Second Annual Atlatl Contest & ISAC On Saturday, Tour of Famous Blackwater Draw on Sunday, University, Portales, NM Eastern New Mexico David Batten (505) 562-2750 david_batten@enmu.edu

May 4-5: Buthiers (France) Contact : Christian Lepers (christian.lepers@swde.be)

May 11 First Annual Coconino Community College Atlatl Event, Demonstrations, ISAC, etc Flagstaff, AZ Jerry Bacon (520) 286-1313 Gerald.Bacon@NAU.EDU

May 18-19: Tautavel (France) ISAC Contact: Jacques Pernaud (Jacques.Pernaud@wanadoo.fr)

May 31 to June 2 Flintknapping Rendezvous and Atlatl Competition. Indian Springs Ranch Wrightwood, CA. ISACs all three days 24 Target "California Hunter Round" Saturday afternoon Tom Mills – PaleoAleo@aol.com (626) 794-9158

June 1-2: Teyjat (France) Contact : Christian Lepers (christian.lepers@swde.be)

June 7, 8, 9 Eighth Annual Atlatl Contest & ISAC, Fremont Indian State Park, Sevier, UT ISAC all three days Pete Weimer (435) 527-4631 or (435) 527-4478

June 7, 8, 9 3rd Annual Atlatl-in-Action Contest And Demonstrations, EMC Clubgrounds Waverly, NY Jack Rowe (570) 888-8258 fieldwalker@stny.rr.com or Dennis Lantz (570) 358-3000

June 14, 15, 16 Fifteenth Annual Meeting of THE WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION in beautiful Colorado, place and details to be announced later. Charlie Brown sazi@prodigy.net (303) 421-0035 or Leni Clubb (619) 462-4638 LENIWAA@prodigy.net

June 14, 15, 16 5th Annual Genesee Valley Atlatl Shoot and Kappin, Island Park, Wellsville, NY Friday Atlatl demos, evening ISAC Sat. & Sun. Atlatl Contests & ISACs Bob Chaffee chaffee@iwon.com (585) 593-7078 Jack Brown jac@stonesnbones.com (585) 593-4678

June 21, 22 Second Annual Atlatl Event by the Indiana Atlatl Association, "Falls of the Ohio Clarksville, IN Local contests and ISACs both days. Richard Lyons (812) 246-9987

June 23 Meadowcroft Rockshelter, Avella, PA Local Atlatl Contests and ISAC 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Margie Takoch margieandfrank@hotmail.com

June 28, 29, 30 Tyrone Elks Park Knap-in & Atlatl contests incl. ISACs, Tyrone, PA Tim Jackson (814) 684-0402 PaTeePee@aol.com or Terry Keefer (717) 349-2262 tk1003534@ONEMAIN.COM

July 6-7: Monteneuf (France) Contact : Christian Lepers (christian.lepers@swde.be)

July 6, 7, 8 2nd Annual Atlatl Contests & ISACs. Ft. Loudon Site, Ft. Loudon, PA Terry Keefer tk1003534@cvn.net (717) 349-2262

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- July 13-14: Saint Broladre (France) ISAC Contact: Musee en Ile-de-France (mpif@cg77.fr)
 July 20-21: Saint-Remy-sur-Creuse (France) ISAC Contact : Christian Lepers (christian.lepers@swde.be)
 July 20-21 Alder Acres Atlatl Tournament, Lorraine, N. Y Rodger Klindt (315) 629-6293 mammoth@northnet.org
 August 3-4: Le Mas d'Azil (France) ISAC Contact: Cyrille Huc (cyrille-huc@infonie.fr)
 August 10-11: Boario Terme (Italy) ISAC Contact: Christian Foppa (christian.foppa@freesurf.ch)
 August 16 "That Dam ISAC" at Steve's Pond near Albany, Ohio Steve Barnett (740) 698-6553 barnz@juno.com
 August 17, 18 Third Annual Ohio State Accuracy Competition at Albany Riding Club Albany, Ohio Steve Barnett (740) 698-6553 barnz@juno.com Ray Strischek (740) 592-3465 db8947@dragonbbs.com
 August 17 Atlatl Workshop, Grand Mound History Center, 17 miles west of International Falls, Minnesota Catherine Crawford grandmound@mnhs.org (218) 285-3332
 August 23, 24, 25 Stone Tool Show & Atlatl Contest & ISACs all three days, Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY Bob Berg 1-800-836-4520 contact@thunderbirdatl.com Lou Hillman (716) 442-1342 lhdnp@rit.edu
 August 24-25: Tarascon-sur-Ariege (France) ISAC Contact: Emmanuel Demoulin (Emmanuel.Demoulin@wanadoo.fr)
 August 31 Atlatl Championship, Demo, ISAC, Grand Mound History Center, 17 miles West of International Falls, MN Catherine Crawford (218) 285-3332 or grandmound@mnhs.org
 September 7-8: Mariemont (Belgique) ISAC Contact: Christian Lepers (christian.lepers@swde.be)
 September 13, 14, 15 2nd Annual Tioga Shoot Out Atlatl Tournament, Waverly, NY Jack Rowe, (570) 888-8258 fieldwalker@stny.rr.com Or Dennis Lantz (570) 358-3000
 September 13 & 14, Cahokia 2002, European, East-West, ISAC and other atl atl contests at Cahokia World Heritage Stie, Collinsville, IL Contact: Ron Mertz (314) 822-a2514 or ronald.mertz@slps.org
 September 14-15: Emgen (Germany) ISAC Contact: Christian Lepers (christian.lepers@swde.be)
 September 21-22: Zonhoven (Belgium) ISAC Contact: Christian Lepers (christian.lepers@swde.be)
 September 21, 22 Second Annual Ulm Pishkun State Park at Ulm, MT. Atlatl contests and ISACs both days Connie Jacobs pishkun@initco.net (406) 866-2219
 September 28, 29 Second Annual Burnt Hollow Fall Hunt at Deerlodge, MT Atlatl contests and ISACs both days Lem Oehrtman (406) 846-1004
 October 5-6: Bougon (France) ISAC Contact: Christian Lepers (christian.lepers@swde.be)
 October 26 Rural Ohio Appalachia Revisited (ROAR) Local contest & ISAC at Lake Hope Zaleski State Forest near Zaleski, OH Steve Barnett (740) 698-6553 barnz@juno.com
 November 2-3: Berck-sur-Mer (France) ISAC Contact: Christian Lepers (christian.lepers@swde.be)

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Atlatl Long Shots and Primal Instinct By Bob Berg

The colors of autumn ornamented the hillsides as seven intrepid atlatl hunters came into a wide-open expanse of short grasses and tall goldenrod. The forest on either side of the field sheltered the fallow deer, which were our quarry. On our mind was one in particular that Doug had hit earlier with an atlatl dart. The task at hand was to find the deer which was last seen a quarter mile away with the dart in its back. We fanned out to try to find either the deer or the dart that would give us a starting point from which to track it.



Fallow deer can run like the wind and traverse a thousand feet in about 20 seconds when they are alarmed. We had no idea where Doug's deer ran other than a general direction. It was by good luck and perseverance that we managed to find the dart near the edge of the field.

Doug mentioned to me that it was the same dart that he had scored the 94xx in the ISAC a couple of months earlier. This was his lucky dart that we were examining for traces of blood that would tell the story of what had happened. From the evidence I was looking at, things didn't look so good for finding that deer soon. The shaft had only penetrated the depth of the 2-inch stone point that was now missing. I looked at the other stone pointed dart that Doug had and noticed that it was not particularly sharp and its hafting had been loosened by the rigors of the hunt. If the other one were like that, the deer would live to see another day. I guess this was the deer's lucky dart also.

Never the less we needed to find out for sure what happened to that deer because it is the responsibility of any hunter to do so. Doug said it was a long shot perhaps 40 or 50 yards or more. But the dart only weighed 3 1/2 ounces. For several hours we observed the herd to see if we could locate the deer. On two or three occasions we managed to see a deer with a small patch of dried blood on its side. The dart point was apparently lodged in the meaty part of the loin above the ribcage. This is kind of wound is far from fatal and this deer would heal eventually.

We were just about finished with the hunt and about to go home when a line of fallow does came toward me at full speed trying desperately to avoid myself and Doug who was about 400 feet away. They chose a path exactly half the distance between us. I knew the lead doe's path would be followed faithfully by the remaining herd no matter what else happens. So I quickly closed the distance between me and the line until I was just within range, and cast a dart at a high angle as hard as I could, leading the deer I hoped to hit by thirty yards. The shot, although very long, felt good as I watched the deer and dart converge 55 yards distant. I am sure that Doug had experienced such a scene earlier that day.

The dart severed both jugglers in the neck and the deer went down seconds after it got into the woods. Some would say it was a lucky shot, and so it was if you believe in such things. If you were to calculate the odds of whether a person would hit such a distant target moving at such a speed, the chances would be so small that it would be better to buy a lottery ticket. I have taken these long shots several times before and made them! I have also seen other people do the same. There is something working here that seems to be in the realm of the supernatural, but its not. This phenomenon is something that we as human beings share that is just a small step past primal instinct on the evolutionary scale, which I believe has in part, led to our

success as a species. Its not a mental skill that you can turn on or off, like the ability to do massive chess calculations or planing a camping trip to the Grand Canyon, but it is something that is very likely to happen if you let it. It's the stage, to which the Japanese martial artist aspires, except with atlatl and darts instead of a yumi.

Doug's shot was also just such a long one but unfortunately his dart was too light and possibly not sharp enough or fastened to the shaft well enough to deliver a killing hit to the vitals of the deer. The failure to kill the deer had to do with gear rather than skill. Doug would surely have been a successful hunter if he were hunting every day for a living as his ancestors did on the plains of Eastern Europe ten thousand years ago. As far as I'm concerned he was as successful a hunter as I was on this particular hunt because he actually hit a fallow deer, which we have found out is not an easy thing to do. Doug is the only one that I know of in the world other than myself who has hit one of these elusive animals with an atlatl dart. I gave the meat to Doug and Lori because they are in fact King and Queen Mother of the meat rack. Besides, Doug needs the protein to help him develop more of that super primal instinct.



Letters to the Editor:

Hi Margie,

Congratulations, I'm glad to see you're the new WAA newsletter editor. I'm sure you're quite excited. They say a person holds that position for ten years. HEHE!!

Jack



We wanted to let you know that we appreciate what you are doing for the atlatl community. Can we help you with anything? Talked to a lot of people about sticking you with the newsletter and we're all behind you. Please let us know what we can help with. I know you'll do a fantastic job but the time you put into something like this is unbelievable.

Terry & Sharon



Hi!

I hope everything is going okay for your first edition of the Atlatl newsletter! I know you so I know everything is okay!! It must be an exciting time! We wish you all the best. Most of all I hope it is a chore you are enjoying! Say "Hi!" to Frank! Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!!

Kristine



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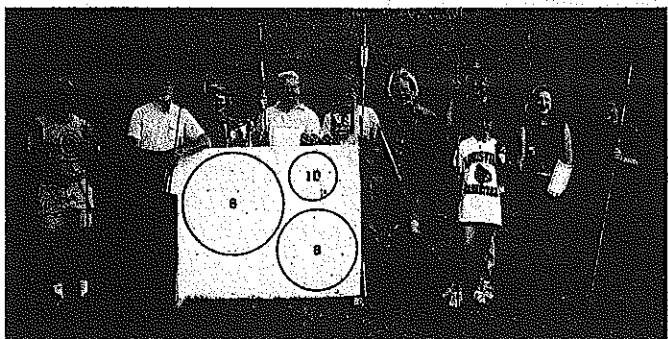
If you have internet access be sure to check out the World Atlatl Association's Community site where you can leave messages, ask questions, get answers, have discussions, upload photos, see others' photos and more:
<http://www.comunityzero.com/atlatl>

Indiana Atlatl Association Meet

By Richard Lyons, President Indiana Atlatl Association

The first ever Indiana Atlatl Association Atlatl event was a great success. We have at least 200 people hands on experience using the atlatl. The age range of participants ranged from preschoolers to grandparents. One participant was from Russia and could not speak any English. My wife, Kristine, was trying to show him how to use an atlatl with sign language when another participant steps forward speaking fluent Russian. With the help of the translating Kristine soon had him throwing well. Perhaps he will return to Russia and start a Russian Atlatl Association.

In addition to ISAC's both days of our event we also had the first ever Indiana State championship contest. The contest was unusual because of the configuration of the target and that some strategy was involved. The target consisted of three circles, of different sizes, placed in separate locations on the target. One was a 12" circle with a value of 10, one 19" circle with a value of 8, and one 26" circle with a value of 6. You could throw at which ever circle you wanted, but if you missed, say the 12" circle, and you did not hit another circle by accident, your score for that throw would be zero. One had to chose the size circle you threw at in accordance with your personal skill level. We threw 6 darts from 15 meters and 6 darts from 20 meters and used the score from the best 5 darts from each distance, for a possible score of 100. Think it sounds easy? It's not. We had some very good throwers, yet the highest score achieved was 72. Everybody enjoyed the contest though and I am sure they will be



practicing up for next year.

The winners from this year's contest were:

Youth's: 1st place, Natalie McDonough. 2nd place Amelia Nordmann.

Women's: 1st place Anita Lukes (52). 2nd place Kristine Lyons (34)

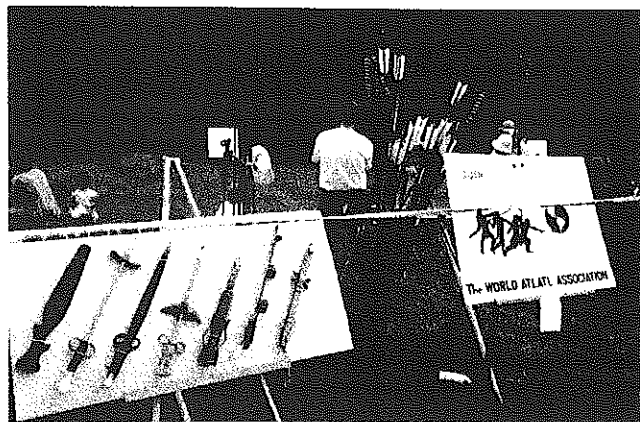
Men's: 1st place Richard Lyons (72). 2nd place Frank Lukes (44).

Third place Todd Shepard (36) and Mike Marsh (36).

Our thanks to Anita Lukes for providing some very nice award plaques for the Indiana State Contest. Thanks to Anita, her husband Frank, my wife Kristine, and Doug and Todd Shepard for their help and assistance in teaching many the art of using the atlatl. Thanks also to Bett Etenohan and the staff of the Falls of the Ohio State Park for making this event possible.

We managed to sign up 23 members to the Indiana Atlatl Association, and also gave of 60 applications to the World Atlatl Association, in fact we ran out of applications. The interest was so high that we had more applications printed up and carried them to every atlatl event we went to in Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. We handed out almost 200 applications during the course of the summer.

Leni, let us know how many new members from these areas the Association gets.



Greetings from Vermont!

By Casey L. Carmolli

The Place: Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison, Vermont. The Year: 2001 AD Folks traveled from around New England and New York to take part in our Sixth Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship. The weather report threatened rain, but we had a beautiful September day with little wind, which can sometimes gust strongly here, on the shores of Lake Champlain. Hurricane winds did not stop us in 1997! This contest consists of an ISAC and open competition in accuracy and distance. We had five ISAC flights. Scott Van Arsdale scored highest with 70X (also our top scorer in 2000 with 78X.) Of note is an impressive 42 shot by 15-year-old Megan Charland, who finished ahead of all youth and women ISAC contestants. She also performed well in the open championship, shooting at cardboard animal targets at 10 and 15 meters. My first competition yielded low scores, though one shot hit the 8 circle! I plan to practice for next year with the atlatl I made in Bob Berg's workshop, which we host each year on the Friday before the event.

Housed in a historic inn and tavern building, the Chimney Point State Historic Site's exhibits focus on Vermont's Native American and French heritage. The Atlatl Championship is a Vermont Archaeology Week event and includes demonstrations of early Native American technology and games and activities for children. Some of our local teachers have been spreading the word about atlats. High School history teacher John Peterson and his class armed with homemade atlats, come every year and are planning to start an Atlatl Club. The enthusiasm is spreading! Thanks to all contestants and spectators who attended. Please join us for next year's championship on September 14, 2002 or visit us during our late May to early October season.

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"If you are seeking creative ideas, go out walking. Angels whisper to a man when he goes for a walk"Raymond Inmon

European Contests by Emmanuel Demoulin

The contest was held at Combarelles (a famous Magdalenian cave)and at Les Eyzies-de-Tayac. The weather was magnificent for this season. Here are the results of the contest as well as the final classification of the European championship.

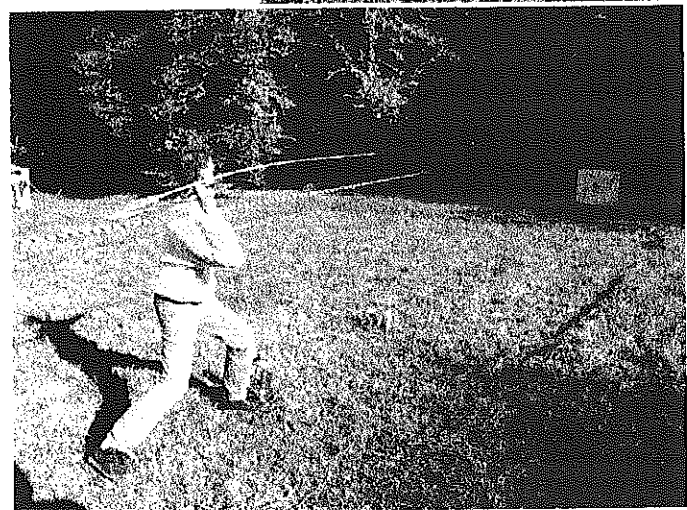
Combarelles contest :

1. Cyrille Huc : 40.56
2. Emmanuel Demoulin : 40.53
3. Laurent Bernat : 38.40
4. Jérôme Galetti : 27.6
5. Eric Sauvion : 26.89

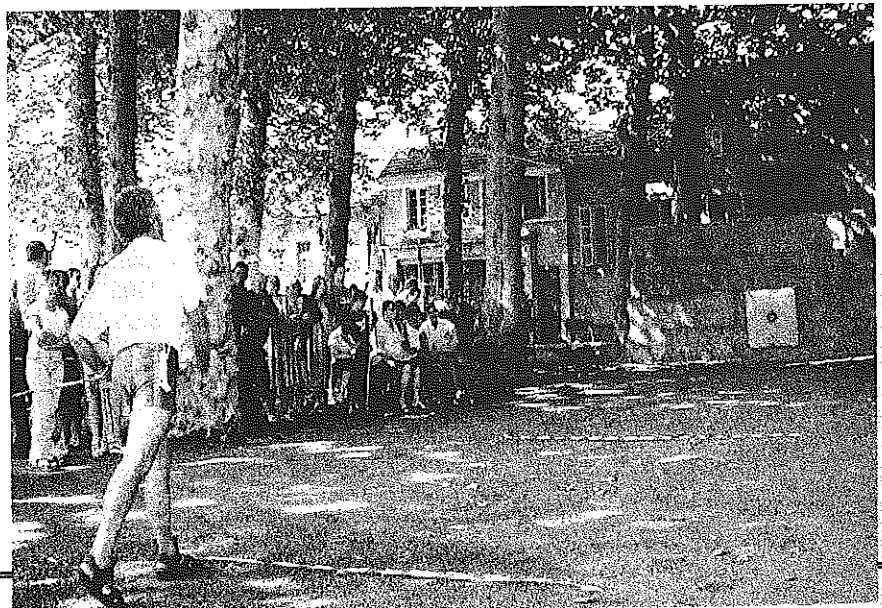
Final classification of the European championship :

1. Max Weigel : 42.67
2. Emmanuel Demoulin : 42.01
3. Laurent Bernat : 38.85
4. Pascal Chauvaux 37.90
5. Uli Weigel : 36.46

Here are some photographs of the last contest for the European atlatl championship.



Jean Speckens at a contest in
Le Mas d'Azil.

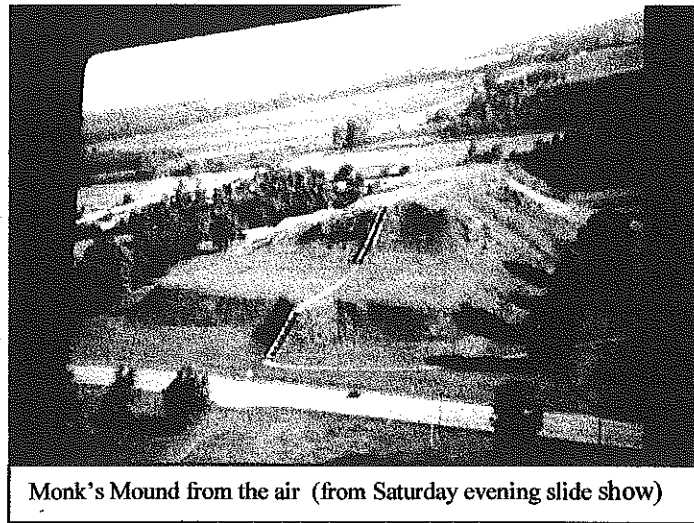


A man would do nothing, if he waited until he could
do it so well that no one at all would find fault with
what he has done. -- Cardinal Newman

Sunday 69.4. Sunday, second and third place men were Chris Oberg 59.1 and Ray Madden (MO) 44.5. Women also scored higher on Sunday. Courtney Birkett and Margie Takoch both scored 18.8 with Courtney winning the tiebreaker, Anita Lukes came in third with 15.6. No youth competed on Sunday.

Forty participants competed in five different contests during the Missouri Atlatl Association's fifth annual contest at Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site in Collinsville, IL held September 7-9. In addition to the ISAC and the European Contest, we again held an East/West Competition, which was introduced in 1999 to celebrate the first WAA Annual Meeting held east of the Rockies, and two contests introduced in 2000, "Hunters Challenge" and "Kayak Toss".

Saturday evening we had a barbecue in the museum followed by award presentations and then an excellent presentation by Bill Iseminger, curator and staff archaeologist at Cahokia.



Monk's Mound from the air (from Saturday evening slide show)

ISAC: Although the event officially started on Saturday, September 8, eleven of us threw an ISAC Friday evening, during which Richard Lyons (IN) broke his personal record with an 89X. The top three men on Saturday's ISAC were Chris Oberg (MI) 87, Ray Strisczek (OH) 83, and Richard Lyons 73X. The top three women were Anne Feltovich (IL) 68, Anita Lukes (IN) 66, and Margie Takoch (OH) 51; and the top three youth were Nick Mertz (MO) 66, Nathan Mertz (MO) 45, and Tyler Stumpe (30). On Sunday, the top three men were Ray Strisczek (OH) 87X, Ray Madden (MO) 84, and John Whittaker (IA). The top three women were Margie Takoch 70, Anne Feltovich 69, and Courtney Birkett (VA) 56X. Nick Mertz threw his personal high 81 XX.

European Contest: Ray Strisczek was awarded the Grand Champion Award which was based on Saturday's European Contest. He scored 63.2 in regular competition and then won the throw off against the highest woman, Kristine Lyons (IN) 8.3 and highest youth, Nick Mertz 6.9. Second and third place men were John Whittaker 54.1, and Chris Oberg 42.2; second and third place

women Jill Riddle (WI) 8.3 who had tied Kristine and then lost a tiebreaker, and Margie Takoch 5.8; second and third place youth were Tyler Stumpe 4.8 and Nathan Mertz 1.5. Although the Grand Champion Award was based on Saturday, the highest European score was thrown by John Whittaker on



with the highest score potentially contributing to the East or West score.

The best score of the top 50% of throwers on each side of the river were totaled to determine the winning team. Of a possible average score of 150, East won with 104.9



compared to West with 99.1.

The Hunter's Challenge used a life-size silhouette of a deer with participants throwing two rounds at five different distances- 12, 18, 9, 15, and 6 meters. Each hit was scored +10, +5, -5, or -10, with misses, misfires or antlers scoring 0. A +10 was awarded for a hit in the heart/lung area and a +5 for the outer lung area and the vital area of the neck and head. A -10 was given for severe, but not immediately mortal wound areas of the stomach and head, while a -5 was given for a hit on any other part of the body. The top three scores were obtained by: Ron Mertz (MO) +30, Frank Lukes (IN) +25 and Ray Strisczek +20.

The Kayak Toss was a dry land version of an Inuit contest in which contestants throw at a hoop while sitting in a kayak. In our version, contestants sat on an "abstract" kayak made of art board and attempted to arch their dart into a hoola hoop placed on the grass about 25 meters away. Each contestant threw one dart five times with a possible score of 5. Frank Takoch won with a score of 2. Ten others scored 1.

**Valley OF Fire State Park
Overton, Nevada
April 12,13,14, 2002**

This will be the Eleventh, not the Tenth, Annual Atlatl Contests and ISACs at the Valley of Fire State Park. Those of you who have participated before will remember how beautiful it is and how great it is meeting old thrower friends. New participants will marvel at the red, red rock formations and enjoy the contests at the foot of Atlatl Rock with some of the best atlatlists in the world. Saturday, the first event will be the WAA target round with the 3-D animal targets on the desert floor. In the afternoon, at the Group Camping Area, an American Field Round will be held followed by ISAC. In fact, three ISACs will be held – Friday afternoon for those early arrivals, Saturday at four o'clock or thereabouts, an ISAC followed by the ever-popular Potluck Dinner at 6 PM. Bring enough to share. Sunday morning another ISAC for those who stayed over...and almost everyone does!! Competition is keen, the camaraderie is wonderful, the fun constant. A pre-registration form with more details is included in this issue.

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**New Atlatl Event in the Southwest
May 11, 2002**

The Coconino Community College at Flagstaff, Arizona is planning an atlatl contest, demonstration, etc. for its inaugural Spring Semester opening in 2002. Gerald Bacon, instructor of Archaeology at the new Community College, believes that the presence of the World Atlatl Association on campus would be an exciting event for the classes, the community, the two colleges, Northern Arizona University and Coconino Community College. Flagstaff is a high-altitude area with beautiful Francisco Peaks hovering over the city, the proximity of Grand Canyon National Park and various archaeological sites makes it a great area to visit as well as to participate in yet another wonderful atlatl contest in the Southwest. More details will be forthcoming in the April issue of The Atlatl. Put Saturday, May 11th on your 2002 calendar.

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**Second Annual Atlatl Contest
April 27 & 28, 2002
Eastern New Mexico Universtiy
Portales, New Mexico**

Everyone had such a great time last year that the Archaeology Club, led by David Batten, Asst. Professor of Anthropology, decided that they just had to do it again! The Field Round targets were painted by one of the students with life size megafauna animals and as the Club said, "we've still got the targets, after' all... so why not have a contest in 2002". The event will start with the Field Round on Saturday morning plus and ISAC in the afternoon. Also the tour of Blackwater Draw, the premier Paleolithic Site in the U.S., is offered again on Sunday. What a great place to throw spears with Blackwater Draw as a abckdrop! More details will be in the April issue of The Atlatl. Contact: David Batten – david.batten@enmu.edu

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"You must do the thing you think you cannot do"
Eleanor Roosevelt

**The North Georgia Knap-in and Atlatl Contests
April 24th-28th 2002**

This 6th annual event boasts 5 days of ISACs and local competitions, trophies and possibly some cash (undecided) to be given for the grand champion award. As in the past, youth competitors always manage to walk away with something to remember. We are also working on a moving "pig" target! The theme of this event is a great time. Some more details: Saturday eve. pizza party (free thanks to sponsors) Saturday afternoon vendor donation , also auction.food service will be available. For more details send a SASE to : Mark Bracken 330 Oak Mill Cir. Canton GA 30114 or call =Mark @ 770-345-7305 or e-mail Mark at crackinbracken@juno.com

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Pueblo Grande Museum Contest by Albert Abril

We had a great time at our atlatl contest on November 10th, 2001 @ the Pueblo Grande Museum. We had a blast with our field round contest which had local fauna such as fish, javelina, turkey, jackalopes, sabertooth squirrels, mammoth, and even a flying turkey that turned out to be a hit. Our ISAC was small in competitors but also fun. We had some WAA visitors from out of state, it was great to see them and they ruled the contests. Dean and Judy Pritchard from Idaho, Favon and Leah Cook from Utah and Tom and Simone Mills from California all attended. It was great having new folks, new to most of us anyway.

We had probably over a hundred people take part in the event although not all competed in either contest. Many of those in attendance had never used or even heard of an atlatl. We are getting the word out.

Wayne Brian threw a couple of his "World Famous" long distance throws. Wayne was occasionally mobbed by enthusiastic newbies wanting to know how he does it. Wayne did paraphrase Leni when years ago she said something along the lines of "We've created a monster".

A good time was held by all. Thanks to the Pueblo Grande Museum and all their staff for all their help. It was a success! The results were as follows:

ISAC

- Men 1. Tom Mills 83X
- 2. Dean Pritchard 82X
- 3. Bob Sizemore 57
- Women 1. Judy Pritchard 35
- 2. Jo Guill 34
- 3. Simone Mills 20

No children competed in the ISAC

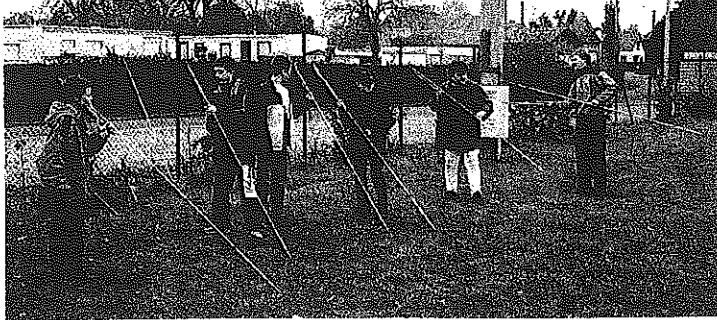
In our field round

- Men 1. Tom Mills
- 2. Dean Pritchard
- 3. Favon Cook
- Women 1. Cheryl Harrison
- 2. Judy Pritchard
- 3. Alyson Meredith
- Youth 13-16 1. Kaytlin Hasselquist
- 2. David Whitehead
- 3. Phillip Meredith
- Child 12 and under 1. Brooke Cope
- 2. Jennifer Wax
- 3. Amy Wax

The Prehistory Fair by Pascal Chauvaux

We had a lot of fun all together (66 throwers from Belgium, France, Germany, Spain, and ... USA). It was a little bit cold (33°F in the morning), but with no wind and no precipitation, it was endurable.

We had a primitive skill show for schools on Friday (see photo 1): 2 lessons in the morning, only one in the afternoon,



with a meal in the local hotel school (see photo 2).



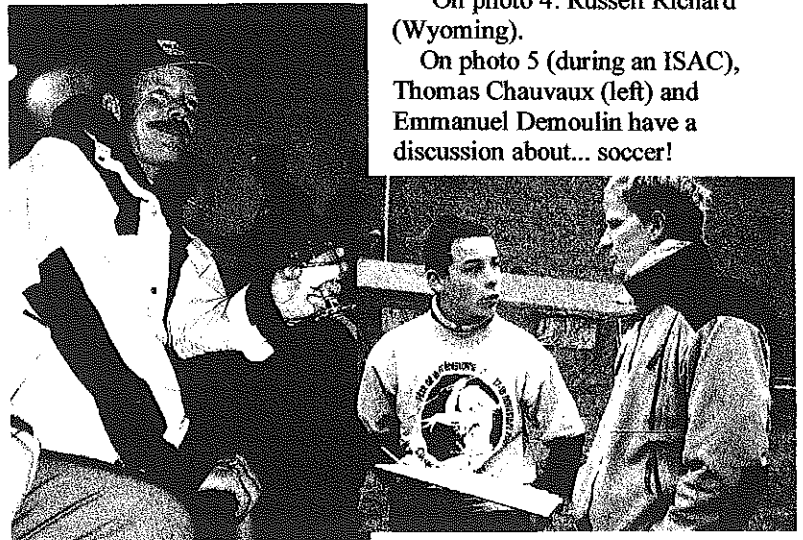
4 atlal contests were held during the weekend: a modified European contest (different distances), an absurd contest (the worst difficulties), an ISAC and a long distance throw (see photo 3 : Jean-Jacques Durancet).

Bernard Ginelli (France) won the European contest and Ulrich Stodiek (Germany) won the long distance throw with 97 meters. Thomas Chauvaux



(Belgium) won the absurd contest, and got the best ISAC score (82). He received the WAA Grand Champion Award for his results in the 4 contests.

After a hard day, we had the opportunity to taste different magic potions, some from Chimay (the blue one is my favorite). In the judgement of all, this fair was a great success. This kind of Prehistory Fair will be held often, we are waiting for your participation!



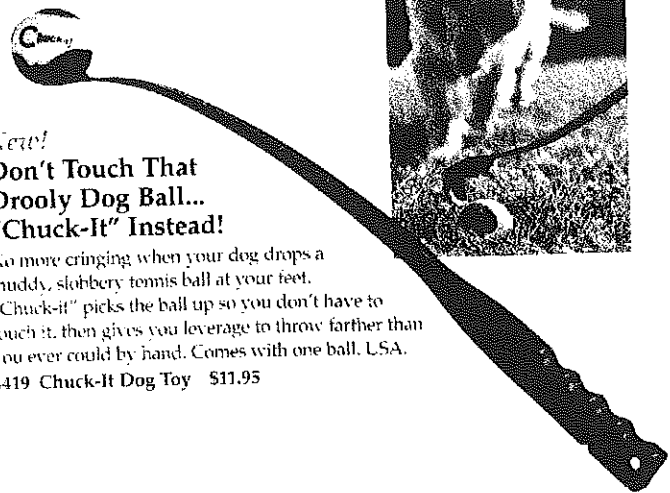
On photo 4: Russell Richard (Wyoming).
On photo 5 (during an ISAC), Thomas Chauvaux (left) and Emmanuel Demoulin have a discussion about... soccer!



More Letters to the Editor

Subject: Atlals Going to the Dogs

Marcia found this in a recently received catalog and pointed out the new type of atlal. This is from Plow & Hearth Holiday 2001 Catalog. Their address is P. O. Box 6000, Madison, Virginia 22727-1600, phone 1-800 627-1712. Bill Tate



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Plea for Plates!

I know there are a bunch of you out there with 'special' ATLAL plates! I am asking for you to send me pictures of them so I can make a page of atlal plates. These can be sent snail mail or email! So far I have pictures from Connie Harse, OH and Len Davis, MT

So the rest of you, PLEASE, send them to me! Margie



ON TARGET
by Leni Clubb

We have a date for the Fifteenth Annual Meeting!! It will be June 14, 15, 16, 2002 in beautiful the beautiful Colorado Rockies. We don't have an exact site as yet, but Charlie Brown and Bill Tate are working

hard to make sure that we have the perfect place for our 15th Anniversary... the state where WAA was born. Be sure to put that date on your 2002 calendar and plan to attend. Besides the meeting, the contests, the dinner, the best part is the opportunity to socialize with folks that we only know through the reports of atlatl events. We will have a big announcement of all the arrangements in the April newsletter and a pre-registration form. Looking forward to seeing you in Colorado!

By the time you receive this newsletter, the 2002 ISAC Rules will have been approved by the Executive Board and are available to all organizers of atlatl contests and events. As you, the organizers, notify me of your date and place of the event, I will send you a packet of materials just as I did last year. It will contain the Revised ISAC Rules, Safety Guideline, Target Backing information, etc. etc. If you want to receive the packet while you are in the process of making arrangements, just let me know - by e-mail, phone, letter, or whatever.

Frequently I receive inquiries about where to buy an atlatl. You may not know that WAA maintains a list of makers of atlatl equipment that I send out to whomever asks. If you make atlatl equipment and would like to be on the list, please send me your name and address (e-mail too, if you have it) and I will add your name to the list. If you have a catalogue or other printed material about your product, I will be glad to add that information to the list.

Do you know that we have WAA tee shirts for sale? Yep, we have them in tan with the WAA logo and name in black across the chest area. We have sizes Medium (only a few), Large, X-Large and XX-Large for \$12.00 USD plus \$3.50 USD Priority Mail postage. We had this new shirt made up this past summer and they went like "hot cakes" at the Annual Meeting in Flint Ridge. Get yours soon to wear at your next atlatl event.

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"To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with summer."---George Santayana

Why DO They Throw?
By Anne-Francois De Brouwer

In my second installment of why people choose to throw with the atlatl, I interviewed four additional European throwers. They are Lauren Bernat, Emmanuel Demoulin, Bruno Moriucci, and Jean Speckens. Their answers are summarized below.



Laurent Bernat 35 years old
Director of the Archaeological Park of Beynac in Dordogne, France

Born in Tahiti, Laurent was accustomed to seeing a different lifestyle. He was fascinated with observing how people live. He then became interested in archaeology, which rapidly developed into a passion.

As a teacher in Eysies de Tayac, Laurent attended an archaeological session where friends invited him to take part in the prehistoric atlatl and bow contest. An archery fan, he tested the prehistoric bow and also tried the atlatl. As a result of this event, he met new friends and came to appreciate the activity.

Laurent enjoys coming to the contests because here he rejoins friends that he only sees at these events.



Emmanuel Demoulin 30 years old
Student preparing thesis in Archaeology in Tarascon, France

In 1994, Emmanuel traveled to Tautavel to do some archaeological interpretation work. There, he saw posters advertising the contest of Le Grand Pressigny. He became interested and was eager to attend the contest. He found that he enjoyed throwing and, thus, desired to improve his performance. He also enjoyed discovering new archaeological sites, as a result of going

to the contests, and meeting other lovers of archaeology in this context.

He still throws for the pleasure of the sport, meeting people with similar interests, and visiting new sites. However, he no longer throws for competition, only for fun.



Bruno Moriucci 41 years old
Internet Content Provider in Rome, Italy

(with wife Silvia Tombollela, 44 years old, a Physicians Assistant and son Robin Moriucci, 11 years old, Student, note T-shirts)

Bruno, who is passionate about archery, read the 1997 article in *National Geographic* about the record atlatl throw in the U.S.A. This stimulated his interest, so he searched for information via the internet. On the internet he found the World Atlatl Association. The organization directed him to a European contact, Pascal Chauvaux.

Out of curiosity, Bruno went to an atlatl contest in the Pyrenees. Enthused, he then organized a contest in Rome and demonstrated the

use of the atlatl for Roman television, in order to publicize the activity.

Bruno continues to participate enthusiastically in atlatl contests. He likes to observe the different techniques and materials used by the other competitors, and credits his reason for throwing as an expression of his "alternative" side.



**Jean Speckens 62 years old
Retired in Mas d'Azil, France**

Jean has had many vocations in his 62 years. He began as a furniture factory worker, then was a metal turner, kitchen fitter, truck driver, crane operator, owner of a fishery, a slater, and finally, a prehistoric interpreter and caretaker in Ramioul, Belgium.

A friend introduced Jean to field archaeology. Interested in primitive technology, he assisted in a silex cutting (flint-knapping) demonstration. He first attended an atlatl contest in Ramioul, where he was surprised to see how precise the shooting was.

After gaining more knowledge about prehistory, Jean was engaged as an interpreter in Ramioul. He then proposed the idea of holding an atlatl contest in a setting similar to that faced by prehistoric man. It was the first "European-style" contest. Held in 1996, the contest featured 10 targets in the woods.

However, it was Jean's desire to retire in the south of France. The Mas d'Azil welcome became a reality, ...so, Jean moved to Ariege with his wife and two youngest sons, so that he could throw with his Mas d'Azil friends! Jean still enjoys throwing, because it's a good reason to see friends and also, because the contests open doors to exceptional sites and museums that he otherwise would never have visited.



Atlatl News From Montana

By Jim Ray, Troy Helmick, Lem Oehrtman

2001 has been a busy year in the Big Sky Country. Atlatl demonstrations, lectures and throwing conducted by Troy Helmick, John Stoner, Lem Oehrtman, and Jim Ray at the Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman, MT; Montana Historical Society Museum, Helena, MT; Ulm Pishkun St Park, York, MT; dart and atlatl construction workshops at the Old Mammoth Hunter's lodge, Tiger Butte, MT; plus four scheduled contests have kept our local WAA members well occupied.

Here are the results of our four contests:

13th Annual Montana Mammoth Hunt Contest, Montana City, MT July 7-8, 01

Local Contest Saturday:

Men: 1st Jim Ray, 2nd Dean Pritchard, 3rd Ray Madden

Women: 1st Judy Pritchard, 2nd Charmon Pentecost, 3rd Andy Oehrtman

Highest Hunter Award: Jim Ray

A Saturday evening meal of buffalo, prepared and served on site, was provided through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Les Davis. Many donated



items were given away by raffle on Saturday. The generosity of the people who attend the Mammoth Hunt event is exemplary and appreciated! For those of you not in attendance, you missed a good one!

Native American Encampment, Devil's Elbow St Park, MT July 18-22, 2001
Local Contest Saturday:

Men: 1st Charlie Wirtz, 2nd Ken Howling Wolf, 3rd Kevin Tucker

Women: 1st Katherine Morris, 2nd Mary Teesdale, 3rd Chelsea Nied

Youth: 1st Joe Wirtz, 2nd Riecher Rusler, 3rd Peter Wirtz

Included in this event were Native American speakers, traditional indian games, dancing, drumming, learning lodges, beading, flute playing and last but certainly not least, atlatl throwing. Prizes and awards were provided by the event organizer, Mrs. Louise Fischer. We had a great time and are looking forward to next year's event!

1st Annual Ulm Pishkun Atlatl Competition, Ulm Pishkun St Park, Ulm, MT
Sept 22-23, 2001

American Field Round both days:

Men: 1st Jim Ray, 2nd Troy Helmick, 3rd Lem Oehrtman

Women: 1st Connie Jacobs, 2nd Karen Schayfer, 3rd Faith Robinson

Youth: 1st Jered Le Veque, 2nd Brittany Le Veque, 3rd Dustin Goudreaux

The awards were provided by the Park Manager, Connie Jacobs. The term Pishkun means Buffalo jump, which is an extensive geological formation (a cliff several miles long) where bison were driven over to their death for food, clothing and shelter, by the Native Americans, prior to the horse being used for hunting. Six new WAA members were signed up during this event.

1st Annual Burnt Hollow Fall Hunt Contest, Deerlodge, MT, Sept 29-30, 01
European Style Contest both days:

Men: 1st Dean Pritchard, 2nd Jim Ray, 3rd Troy Helmick

Women: 1st Judy Pritchard, 2nd Charmon Pentecost, 3rd Jan Kee

This two day event was hosted by Lem and Andy Oehrtman at their home on Burnt Hollow Road. Lem and Andy provided the framed awards also. The

group meals were prepared and provided by Favon and Leah Cook, and Dean and Judy Pritchard. Mule deer were feeding in Lem and Andy's yard during this event.

As you can see, the sport of atlatl throwing is

alive and well in Montana. Expect more information later about a primitive skills event (bow, atlatl, indian games, etc) as part of our 2005 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial celebration at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Great Falls, Montana

From the Editor:

Hello! Bonjour! Guten Tag! Ciao! Hola!

I am Margie Takoch. I am happy to introduce myself as the new World Atlatl Association newsletter editor. I Live in Ohio with my husband of 27 years, Frank and kitten Kipp. I have been competing with the atlatl for 3 years (Frank has for 4 years). I really enjoy the sport and love meeting the people involved with it! I am also a Member of the WAA Board of Directors and the Ohio Atlatl Association Secretary. As newsletter editor I intend to do my best to represent the interests of all the members and keep you all abreast of past and new developments. Feel free to send any and all atlatl related information you would like to see in the newsletter. (I cannot promise it will make the issue you sent it for as I am limited to the number of pages, but I will get it into some issue!) The deadline for each issue is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Publication of issues will continue to be January, April, July and October.

I would like to say that Bill Tate, as retiring newsletter editor, needs to be commended for his diligence, dedication, and painstaking hard work in putting out a newsletter every 4 months for the last 15 years. Thank you from all of us through the years Bill for a fantastic job! You leave me with a big pair of shoes to fill!

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