

The ATLATL

"Too long have I hunted mammoth alone!"

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Atlatl from Outer Space

By Kevin Geiselman (a.k.a. Captain Kordite)

In 1983, Paramount Pictures hired linguist Marc Okrand to create a Klingon language for the alien species to appear in the upcoming film "Star Trek III: The Search for Spock." His book "The Klingon Dictionary", detailing the grammar and syntax of the Klingon language was very popular, spawning widespread study of this fictional language and several more books. His 1997 book "Klingon for the Galactic Traveler" describes a Klingon weapon called a *tlhevjaQ*; "a type of spear which employs a *chetvI'*, a stick with a hook at the end, as an aid in throwing." This description is clearly similar to the *atlatl* and this is where my interest in this weapon began.

You see, I have been a Star Trek fan for quite a long time. My particular interest is in the bumpy-headed warrior race; the Klingons. I have books, collectibles, posters, memorabilia, a costume, full prosthetics, makeup and, of course weapons.

Okrand's mention of the *atlatl*-like weapon got me interested, but it is the lack of a word for "bow" that really caught my attention. Given the extensive list of other weapons and that the Klingons are a warrior culture, the absence of the bow from such a list would suggest that the Klingons do not use bows or that they are obscure weapons in much the same way that the *atlatl* is obscure in our own modern culture.

And so, I obtained an *atlatl* and darts, joined the WAA and began attending events to explore why Humans would, for the most part, abandon the *atlatl* while the Klingons would never "evolve" into the use of the bow.

Firstly, we need to look at why Humans stopped using the *atlatl* and began using the bow.

Archeological evidence shows that the *atlatl* appeared at least 25,000 years ago but it was probably in use as far back as 40,000 years ago. The first compound weapon. The first bows appeared at least 10,000 years at about the same time the *atlatl* went "out of fashion" but it is likely they were used side-by-side for quite a long time prior to that. We did not give up our regular screwdrivers when the cordless models came along.

But something else was happening at the time that the *atlatl* faded away and the bow became dominant: the end of the Ice Age. That climactic change also brought about the end of the largest mammals that had helped to sustain mankind through the long, cold; the Mammoth, Irish Elk and Woolly Rhino among them. It could have been the climate change or perhaps man had hunted the large beasts to extinction, but when they were gone, so was the *atlatl*.



The author in his Star Trek persona, Kordite

And herein lies the key. The *atlatl* can deliver much more power more efficiently than a primitive bow. That power is necessary for getting through the tough hide of something like a Mammoth. It is not nearly as accurate as a bow but when you are throwing at a target that is literally the size of the broadside of a barn, one can sacrifice a little accuracy for the penetrative power needed to hit vital organs. When the Mammoth was gone, man turned to the bow, which was much better suited to the smaller game that remained.

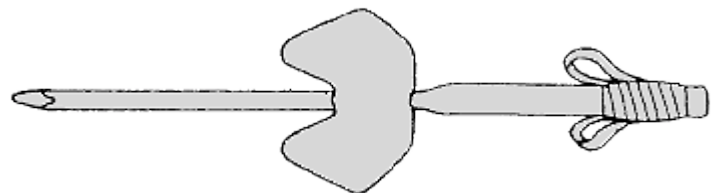
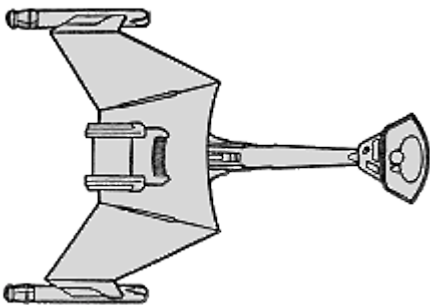
Another example comes from the invasion of the Aztec lands by the Spanish Conquistadors. By that time, even though the Aztecs had discontinued the use of the *atlatl* in favor of the bow for hunting and warfare, but they still knew what the *atlatl* was. When the Spaniards came with their guns and armor, the Aztecs returned to using the *atlatl*, which, while less "convenient" than the bow, was able to easily penetrate the steel breastplates at a considerable distance.

So, on Earth when the target has a heavy hide or thick armor, the *atlatl* was the weapon of choice. Lacking Mammoths and Conquistadors, Humans prefer the bow.

For the Klingons, the situation must have been quite different. Klingons are presented as a warrior race, Mongols, Viking berserkers and Samurai all rolled into one. They are also very tough with extra armor on their skulls and many of their bodily functions backed up with duplicate organs. One could assume that the rest of the wildlife on the Klingon homeworld is similarly difficult to kill. It would seem that one way or another their heavily armored opponents, either heavy-hided prey animals or other Klingons, never went extinct and thus the *chetvI'* never went out of fashion.

Eventually, modern materials would have been able to give the bow more power. By then, however, the invention of firearms might have bypassed the development of the bow which, without the cultural history of the *chetvI'*, would have quickly fallen into obscurity.

One might even speculate that the power of the *chetvI'* has influence even into modern times. (That is, the Klingons as portrayed in the television show.) I have seen *atlatl* illustrations (in back issues of this publication) with broad ends or banner stones that make the weapon look like it has wings. With the weapon ready to throw, the combination suggests to me the wing and boom design of the Klingon D-7 and *K't'inga*-class Battlecruisers.



Of course, this is all pleasant speculation. For one thing, the Klingons, being fictional creations, are not available to expound on their history and culture. For another, Marc Okrand has not yet replied to my letter asking him about the origins of the *chetvI'*. Why did he assign an *atlatl*-like weapon to be the primary projectile

weapon of the Klingons instead of the bow? Was it simply to be "alien", choosing something people would not be familiar with, or was there more?

We have only speculation and a handful of words. Thankfully, since there are no Klingons around to tell me differently, I allow myself the very Klingonesque arrogance to declare myself the authority on the subject.

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Logo change

At the WAA annual meeting in Marshal Mich. the Board and general members adopted a change to the WAA logo. In light of our growing European and, hopefully someday Asian members, the Board and general members thought it would be prudent to have both hemispheres of the world represented in our logo. This will help promote our image as an inclusive organization to all our friends and more clearly convey the message of the WAA as a world organization.



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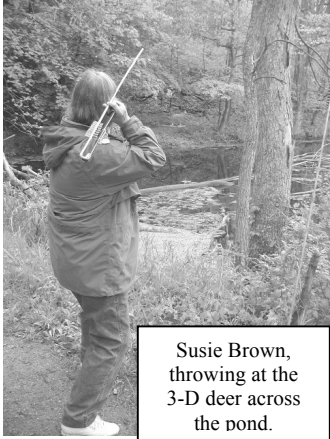
**16th WAA Annual Meeting,
Marshall, Michigan**

The 16th WAA Annual Meeting can be described in one word: MARATHON!

There was a marathon of contests, a marathon of throwing, a marathon of speakers, a marathon of meetings and a marathon of food. There was even a marathon of archers.

There was such a marathon of throwing; some had to be

eliminated because there wasn't enough time in one day to do it all! There was such a marathon of meetings; some were finished the next day. There was such a marathon of speakers; it was hard to get to them all! And there was such a marathon of food because there were 70 people with reservations for the delicious catered dinner. And the marathon of archers on the 3D course was fun to watch. Here are some pictures of all that!



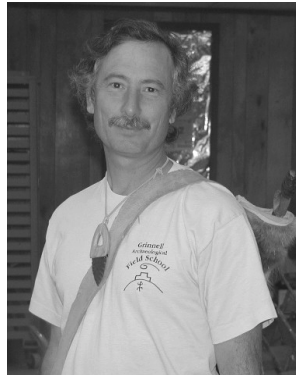
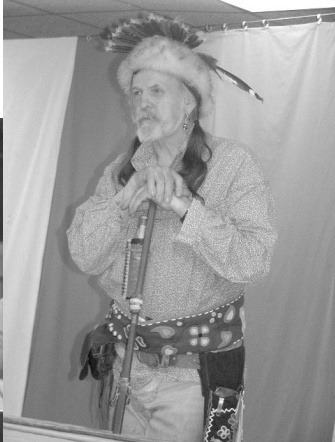
Susie Brown, throwing at the 3-D deer across the pond.



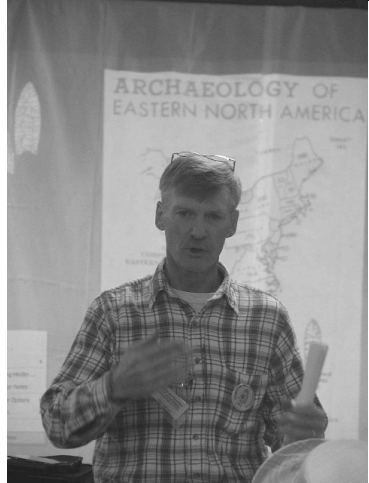
Longbow archer, Mark Bracken throwing from platform, President WAA Tom Mills presents Leni Clubb with the President's Award Richard Lyons, board member



Guest speakers, Bob Berg, Norm Blake and Gary Fogelman



Guest speakers: John Whittaker, Chris Oberg (kayak demo) and Kevin Finney



Above: Lloyd Pine, Official ISAC scorekeeper
Right: Jim Gilligan, host & Chris Oberg



Russell Richards, WY

ISAC RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

By Lloyd Pine

The ISAC rules committee met at the National WAA meeting in Marshall, MI. There were a number of proposals that needed to be addressed so we took advantage of the fact that there were enough committee members present that we could discuss them directly rather than handle them by correspondence.

The first proposal was that cash novelty throws be allowed as long as the ISAC target and rules were not involved. This is already the present WAA policy so no changes were needed. The official policy “discourages” cash prizes but recognizes that the WAA cannot forbid them for non-ISAC contests.

The second proposal was that the wording on the certificates given to the top competitors in each division (men, women, and youth) should be changed to more clearly describe the accomplishment. The purpose is to better state the position of the recipient in the world rather than just in their division. This was adopted and future certificates will say something to the effect: “this score is third in the world for women in 2003”.

The third proposal was that top ten throwers would have their top three, or more scores, averaged at the end of the year to determine the top competitors. The purpose was to eliminate ties and reward consistency. A similar proposal was rejected several years ago as it was felt that it was not needed at that time. Since then, the number of ties among the top men has increased as more throwers crowd closer to a perfect 100. A major argument against was that we did not want to require that a contestant enter a certain minimum number of contests in order to be eligible for a top ten award. Also there was a desire that men, women, and youth be all treated the same. I pointed out that I could break all of the ties that occurred between the top men for the last three years by using the most tens thrown as the secondary tie-breaker. It was proposed that the new tie breaker rule be worded so that it does not stop at tens but goes to nines, and below if needed. It was voted to use the new tie breaker rule for the 2003 results.

Another proposal was that regional representatives be appointed to help prevent ISAC events from overlapping and creating competition between events, which lowers the participation in both. There was considerable discussion on how to improve this situation. However, it was decided that adding another layer of coordinators would not help all that much. It was recognized that many atlatl events are tied to museums, parks, and other events that the atlatl organizers have no control over. Often these

sponsors don't schedule their events far enough ahead of time to get them published in THE ATLATL. It was decided that we did not need a rule change. However, we did need to do a better job of planning ahead in scheduling events. It was pointed out that many members needed to schedule vacation far in advance in order to attend the different contests. It was also pointed out that if organizers picked a certain weekend of a month for their event, more people would know when to expect it and could better avoid a conflict. The ideal would be for every event to be scheduled so it could be published in the January issue of THE ATLATL and that this should be our goal.

The last proposal discussed was that the primitive and open classes be separated in all three divisions. The purpose was to give better credit to those contestants who were dedicated to traditional primitive equipment. This change would also recognize different technologies as is done in archery classifications. The change would include a new definition of “primitive” and possibly a different scoring rule for equipment using large stone points. There was considerable discussion, but the consensus seemed to be that the advantages of this change were not enough to do away with the simplicity of the present system.

Paid Advertising

At the annual WAA meeting in Marshal Mich. the membership voted to allow limited paid advertising to be run in the WAA newsletter. This will be done on a trial basis for one year, with a review of the policy at the next annual meeting. We recognize the service atlatl vendors and others provide for our organization. They provide the tools, materials, and information our members need. Without them, many of us would not be able participate in this great sport. Ads should be kept short, concise, and not stray too far afield from the stated objectives of the WAA. They should deal with atlatls, darts, related construction materials, books, magazines, and information. There is limited space in our newsletter, so priority will be given to WAA articles and pictures over ads. The editor has sole and final discretion on what gets in and what does not. In order to comply with our previous policy of allowing free advertising for WAA members with atlatl related items for sale, a onetime ad for an individual [not a business] will still be allowed without charge.

ISAC RESULTS

By Lloyd Pine

Melissa Dildine threw a new world record score of 86X to become this years leader in the women's division. This score surpassed the previous record of 85X thrown by Lori Majorsky. Sherry Bracken is currently in second place with a new personal best of 79 and Lori is third with 76X. Please note that three of the top women's scores were all thrown at Marshall, Michigan. This was the largest ever ISAC contest with 63 people competing on Saturday. The Michigan Atlatl Association put on a really great set of events to go with the WAA annual meeting. A lot of new personal bests were thrown at all levels of competition.

Two-time former world champion, Terry Keefer, is now in first place leading by an 'X' over Scott Van Arsdale. Mark Bracken added an 'X' to his score to equal Scott's 93XX thrown in January. Mike Waters is in fourth with a 92X. Ray Strischek, Douglas Bassett, and Mike Glen have all scored 91X this quarter to improve their standings. All of the men's standings are listed in the order obtained by breaking the ties by using the most 10's as the next tiebreaker. Gary Fogelman has actually thrown 90X three times so far this year but his score at Marshall puts him ahead of Denis Lantz.

Charlie Bracken is the new leader of the youth division with 91. Charlie won the youth division two years ago when he was 13. His score of 91 is the second highest score ever thrown in this division. Doug Majorsky's 92XX is still the world record. Nick Mertz is second with 81. Elliot and Marshall Timm hold down third and fourth places, respectively, with scores of 73 and 67X.

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Think success, don't think failure.

At work, in your home, substitute success thinking for failure thinking.

When you face a difficult situation, think, "I'll win," not "I'll probably lose."

When you compete with someone else, think, "I'm equal to the best," not "I'm out-classed."

When opportunity appears, think "I can do it," never "I can't."

Let the master thought "I-will-succeed" dominate your thinking process.

Thinking success conditions your mind to create plans that produce success.

Thinking failure does the exact opposite. Failure thinking conditions the mind to think other thoughts that produce failure.

~ David J. Schwartz ~

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ISAC SCORES

MEN

Score	Name	Contest
93XXX	Terry Keefer	Flint Ridge, OH
93XX	Scott Van Arsdale	Nichols, NY
93XX	Mark Bracken	Leavenworth, IN
92X	Mike Waters	West Almond, NY
91X	Douglas Bassett	Waverly, NY
91X	Mike Glenn	Flint Ridge, OH
91X	Ray Strischek	Flint Ridge, OH
91	Ray Madden	Marshall, MI
90X	Gary Fogelman	Marshall, MI
90X	Denis Lantz	Marshall, MI

WOMEN

Score	Name	Contest
86X	Melissa Dildine	Marshall, MI
79	Sherry Bracken	Marshall, MI
78	Sharon Keefer	Flint Ridge, OH
76X	Lori Majorsky	Marshall, MI
75X	Karen Finnemore	Waverly, NY
71	Jo Anne Fogelman	Turbotville, PA
70	Margie Takoch	Turbotville, PA
66	Sylvie DeGuillaume	Les Angles, France

YOUTH

Score	Name	Contest
91	Charlie Bracken	Manchester, TN
81	Nick Mertz	Valley of Fire, NV
73	Elliot Timm	Waverly, NY
67X	Marshall Timm	Waverly, NY
67	Teddy Eyster	Marshall, MI
65	Al Skiver	West Almond, NY
61	Tesha Keefer	Marshall, MI
56	Mason Miller	Waverly, NY
54	Harold Eyster	Marshall, MI
45	Jeff Kingery	Flint Ridge, OH
44X	Carol Bracken	Cartersville, GA
44	Bobby Chiniewicz	Turbotville, PA
43	Jacob DeRose	Paines Prarie, FL
41	Shane Kalb	Waverly, NY

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Valley of Fire

By Dean Pritchard & Leni Clubb

The Twelfth Annual "Valley of Fire" Atlatl Contest went not only as planned, but amazingly smooth as well. The park staff had made all new target frames and had them stacked up ready to be installed at the sites of the contests. Jim Hammond, Director and Ranger Jennifer Finlen had made sure there were posters and helpful signs to guide members. The cooperation from the Park staff was exceptional, as always. Due to the help of on-site volunteers, we had plenty of time to



set up the course. The weather was windy Friday evening, but greatly improved by Saturday. Unlike last year, the temperature was comfortable all three days. If you were not there, you missed a great weekend in a truly awesome setting.

The main event, the WAA Target Round, was highlighted by John Whittaker (first place) and Jim Ray (second place). Only two points separated John and Jim. Those two were impressive to watch. Joe Dudas drove up from Las Vegas and easily captured third place. In the women's division, Judy Pritchard placed first, Susie Brown placed second and Alex Pritchard took third place. Nick Mertz grabbed first place in the youth division with Tanner Weimer coming in second place and his sister, Tiffany Weimer taking third place. Nick Mertz (14) won the WAA Grand Champion Award presented by WAA for the second time in a row at Valley of Fire.



John Whittaker also took first place in the new "Great Basin Field Round" contest with an amazing score of 28x out of a possible 45 points. John and Tom Mills were so far out in front that they reminded me of a couple race horses storming across the finish line with the others still struggling to get out of the starting gate. When the dust settled, John took first place, Tom Mills took second place and Jim Gilligan stepped off his motorcycle long enough to grab third place. In the women's division, Judy Pritchard placed first, Chris Judson placed second and Susie Brown captured third place. Nick Mertz took first place in the youth division. He was the only youth entered in that contest. Nick's excellent score probably would have placed him in the top three even if there had been a dozen youth participants.

As an extra bonus on Saturday afternoon, everyone was treated to a pack of A-10 Warthog fighter planes flying through the narrow red sandstone canyons during the ISAC contest. I had no idea those planes were that maneuverable. By the way, that would be excuse number 57 for missing that particular ISAC shot.

Saturday night was Potluck with lots of Fried Chicken and contributions of good food from those present. Campfire was enjoyed by all as an opportunity to socialize, tell tall stories of other contests, and enjoy good fellowship. Sunday morning another ISAC afforded throwers still another opportunity to best their personal scores. Clean up of the Group Camping area, stacking of the frames to be stored at the Park for next year, and then Good-byes completed another successful atlatl event at Valley of Fire State Park, Overton, NV I'm already looking forward to next year. See you there.

Ramioul 2003

By Anne-Françoise Cabaraux

Saturday 5 April 2003: Cars arrive on car park in Ramioul coming from different parts of Belgium, France and Germany. Some people also come by train, others by plane. The parking seemed rapidly too small for all the visitors and partakers to the bow contest.

109 shooters were ready to compare their performances: 54 with modern and 55 with prehistoric bows. It was unexpected but best scores have been carried out with prehistoric material:

1st : Dagmar Claus (Germany) prehistoric bow

2nd : Xavier Michel (France) prehistoric bow

3^d : Alain Helbert (France) prehistoric bow

The bow contest ended later than expected because of the high number of partakers. The ISAC of Saturday has been cancelled for this reason.

The day ended pleasantly with a specialty of Ramioul: the prehistoric meal. This is an extraordinary meal everyone is self-cooking on a central fire (one fire for 8 people), served with unusual wild vegetables. This meal happens in their Neolithic house, which can hold about 80 people.

Sunday 6 April: Wake up everybody! Targets scattered in the open areas all around the prehistoric-cite are waiting for the man or the woman, which would touch them just in the heart...

51 partakers took their chance in the atlatl contest.

The 3 best results have been scored by:

Score & Darts

1st : Pascal Chauvaux (Cerfontaine/Belgium) 71 25

2nd : Eric Sauvion (Charente Maritime/France) 53 23

3^d : Georges Levy (Dordogne/France) 51 20

14 people took part in the ISAC. The top results are:

1st Eric Sauvion (Charente Maritime/France) 84

2nd Pascal Chauvaux (Cerfontaine/Belgium) 82

3^d Steve Cabaraux (Furnaux/Belgium) 72

The contest in Ramioul has been once again a nice event. Thanks to the staff.

Genos, Hautes-Pyrenees, France

April 19-21

Photos by Pascal Chavaux



Spring Fling May 10-11, 2003

By Gary Fogelman

The weather was pretty good, the turnout not quite what was hoped for, but a competitive lot showed up to take part in the Annual Spring Fling, this the second year at the Fogelman Venue.

Of note, Melissa Dildine threw an 84 to put her atop the Women's division. Dennis Lantz & Terry Keefer had 89xx, Gary Fogelman had 87x, Jack Rowe 86x for the men.



There were 2 parts to the local contest to vie for the Grand Championship plaque. The first was a challenging European Course set up through the woods. Part 2 was the Ultra ISAC. The scores were added together to determine the division winners. Terry Keefer and Melissa Dildine squared off in the end, with Terry going away with the plaque.

We did

have another little contest that acted as a wild card entry into the grand champion award, but nobody qualified!

Thanks to everyone that attended, far as I can determine, we had a great time!



hand at learning to use the Atlatl and dart; including a mother/daughter couple from England and a retired 30 year veteran of the United States Marine Corps (Doug Majorsky, our man in the Corps would have been proud to see me yelling at the former master Sgt. not to bend over or drop his elbow.)

Best Story: Terry Keefer drove 5 ½ hours to get to Flint Ridge Friday, arriving at dusk along with the bad weather. He jumped out of his car, grabbed an ISAC score sheet, got up a flight, and proceeded to score a 93xxx.

Next Best: 11 year old Jeff Kingery out did himself by competing in 16 events in 2 days thus winning him the Gary

Fogelman Gung Ho Award. In the process, all that practice enabled him to score a 45 in the ISAC, thus making the WAA

Youth Score sheet for the first time!

The top winners of the OAA Master's (ISAC target, 3 darts at 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 meters) Men's were Ray Strischek, Mamerto Tindongan, Terry Keefer, and Andy Majorsky. OAA Master's Women winners were Margie Takoch, Anita Lukes and Sharon Keefer. Novice Men were Steve House, Brandon Quick, Jace Delgado, and Randy Brady. Novice Women: Kerry Opel.



Ohio Atlatl Association

Flint Ridge OH June 6, 7, 8, 2003

By Ray Strischek

The weather was cool, and hot, and sunny and cloudy and muggy and windy and rainy depending of the time of day. Some 30 Atlatlists participated in the various contests held and another 50 or so visitors tried their

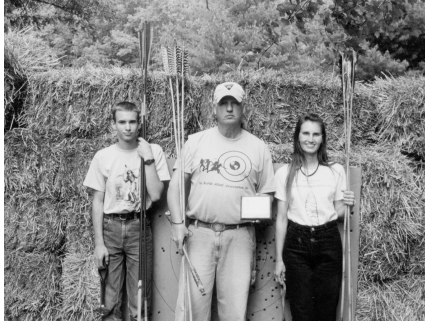


OAA also conducts a LONG DISTANCE HUNTER'S

CHALLENGE CONTEST, which uses an ISAC target, 5 darts at 25 meters and 5 darts at 30 meters. Maximum possible score 100 w/10x's. Since no men broke 70 and no women broke 50 this time around, I'm not even going to mention any names. Better luck next time.

All in all, a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Jim Kingery and Hapi Cummons who made our stay at Flint Ridge enjoyable and thanks to the Boy Scouts who made sure we didn't starve to death.

Old Stone Fort, Manchester, TN



By Charles Swanson
 Mike Glenn won the Grand Champion Award
 Charlie Bracken threw a 91 on Saturday to put in first place for the Youth.

Group shot from Sunday, when there were not as many atlatlists as



on Saturday.

Meadowcroft

By Frank Takoch

The first 2-day event at Meadowcroft was a great success.

We had a solid group of atlatlists, and lots of public to demo and 3 newspaper reporters.

Everyone enjoyed playing the new horse



race game. We even played a few games of atlatl pool in the evening.

Andy Majorsky threw a blistering 49X at 20 meters in his ISAC. Must have been all that demo-ing he did!

As usual the staff at Meadowcroft helped make this event special.

See you here next year for the 17th Annual WAA meeting.

Tautavel Photos

By Pascal Chauvaux
 Pyrenees Orientales, France, June 8, 2003



Schwerte, Germany

June 22, 2003

Photos by Pascal Chauvaux



Atlatl Spur

By Deano Pritchard

Have you ever wondered what a dart looks like the very moment it leaves the atlatl spur and what is actually happening in the process? At the risk of starting a heated technical discussion, here's what I've observed throughout the years:

Here's a recent photograph of Alex Pritchard casting a dart during the Annual Atlatl Contest at Celebration Park in Idaho



and as you can see, the law of physics is still viable. It's another example of force overcoming inertia and the ensuing flex of the dart in the process.

At this point, the degree of flex in the atlatl and spur design will be put to the test. The dart in this photo is only a few milliseconds away from straightening out and releasing its stored energy. When it does, the dart will try to leap ahead of the atlatl spur. If there's too much flex in the atlatl, a gap will occur between the dart and spur (the atlatl hasn't decided to release its stored energy yet and its still lagging behind).

However, a few degrees along the power curve, the atlatl will catch up to the dart again and reconnect with an audible "click". The reconnection point is seldom at the spur, but somewhere near it - generally slightly above the spur.

Is your atlatl all scratched up around (and especially above) it's spur?

If you can't learn to do it well, learn to enjoy doing it badly.
Ashleigh Brilliant

Philippine Atlatl Competition

Ohio Atlatlist, Mamerto Tindongan is formally from a small village in the Philippines, where they made and used Bamboo Spears. He is going home for a visit and is going to introduce the atlatl there. After they have made their atlatls and practiced and before Mamerto & family leave to go home he is hosting an ISAC!

IFUGAO TUKAB (bamboo spear) CONTEST and ISAC.

Place: Lagawe, Ifugao, Philippines. Time: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, both days. Set up and practice starts at 10:00 AM. Contact Mamerto Tindongan, interwoven@frognet.net

Lagawe is the capital town of Ifugao province. I come from the town of Banaue, known for its world-known rice terraces. For more information about the location you may visit the Ifugao website at www.ifugaos.org.

The 3rd Annual Coconino Community College ISAC Sept 26, 27, 2003

Plus Saturday will feature S.A.L.T.

Atlatl demos and practice, fire starting with stick, stone knapping, weaving, yucca sandal making, pine needle basketry and more.

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Differences of habit and language are nothing if our aims are identical and our hearts open.

J.K. Rowling,

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Letters to the Editor

I recently attended the Michigan Marathon event in Marshall, Michigan. While there, I witnessed a display of poor sportsmanship and foul language during an ISAC. It was quite embarrassing, as there were women and children of the general public in attendance.

The WAA has a code of ethics concerning behavior. I recommend everyone read it. This is about fun and enjoyment. If you cannot compete and keep it clean and friendly, then stay in your backyard where the public will not be subjected to bad language and bad attitudes.

Sincerely, Gary Fogelman.

Editor's Reply:

Dear Gary, and members:

I understand this issue was brought up at the 3rd meeting in Michigan, which I missed. The return comment was said to be something on the lines that this behavior is observed in other sports and so it should be OK in the sport of Atlatl. I would like to say that the sport of Atlatl I like NO OTHER sport! Most other sports are dominated by male jocks that are not offended by each others language or actions.

On the other hand, Atlatl is comprised of men, women, and children. They are preachers, College professors, homemakers, teenagers, adults, businessmen and women, mill workers, lawyers, secretaries. I could go on and on.... the point is Atlatlists come from every walk of life and religion, and nationalities.

A lot of time at events we are working with newcomers and trying to demo the Atlatl and dart with them and wanting to encourage them to join our Association. This kind of behavior turns them away, (as I have seen firsthand) and is a loss for the WAA and them.

In conclusion, I want to say I agree with you...this is for FUN! Stay home if you can't control your bad language and bad actions.

Margie Takoch

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Leni,

You may not remember us, but my wife and I would like to thank you for making our wonderful visit possible. We are both new to the atlatl, but found people very generous with their time and encouragement.

We hope to see you again next year at the VOF.

Thanks again,

Tom & Ulla Lipp

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The Atlatl:

Just a quick note.... In my research I was recalling reading an account of the battle of Clontarf (Ireland, 1016 AD) in which the Irish (Gaels) used short throwing spears with a wooden launcher device, i.e. what you call an atlatl. Just curious how long these weapons survived into medieval Europe. If I were not so busy these days, I'd research it for you.

The Gaels were always noted by their enemies as being masters of using throwing spears, javelins, darts, etc.

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Thanks to Lou Becker for supplying us with the atlatl and dart system and helping us get started in the sport .
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Dear Leni,

Here is a check for my dues to the WAA for the next year. I have only "toyed" with the atlatl, and some friends who are more into it gifted me with a membership last year. I enjoy the newsletter and hope to attend an event as an observer at some point in the future. Bow-hunting is my primary avocational activity and I can appreciate the attraction of the atlatl. I would enjoy any future articles in the newsletter about hunting with the atlatl.

Best wishes to you and your organization.

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Yours truly,

David Arnold

Ed's note: Are you reading this Bob Berg? Send in some hunting articles.

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NOTICE: Contest Organizers

If you have an event coming up that you would like announced in this newsletter body, not just on the Schedule of Events...you need to send me a paragraph or two of the information for a release. DO NOT send your flyers. There is not room in the newsletter to put each and every flyer for all events. I do not have the time to write up a release from the flyer. Any flyers I receive I consider personal invitations to your events.

Thank you, Your Editor, Margie

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Bois Blanc Island

Greetings:

You are invited to participate in a unique learning experience on **August 7, 8, and 9, 2003**. The focus of this gathering of teachers and practitioners of the primitive life skills is to preserve, master, and pass on the ancient art forms and survival technologies of our forefathers, and to share ideas with new friends and renew old friendships. This year we will again offer a fourth day of workshops on Sunday, August 10. The ferry service has limited space on Sunday and is heavily taxed trying to accommodate our event and the other island vacationers needing to leave on Sunday. By extending the workshop, we believe we are making better use of your time and assisting them as well.

This is the eighth year that the Great Lakes Primitives, the Michigan Atlatl Association, and the Michigan Flintknappers have joined forces to hold such a gathering. We intend this event to be a structured but laid-back affair. Enrollment is limited to the first 100 paid applicants. The event is being held on Bois Blanc Island in northern Lake Huron on 40 acres of privately owned land. The site is heavily wooded and has three major plant communities in which to forage. The property is situated on the shoreline of Lake Huron, so anticipate windy and cool to hot temperatures.

Because of the very limited parking space at the event site (competing with tent sites), we ask that you leave your vehicle on the mainland in the free, well-lit, patrolled city parking lot at the ferry docks. When on the island, transportation for you and your baggage to and from the event site will be provided and is covered in the entry fee.

Bois Blanc Island is approximately a four hour drive north of Detroit, and approximately two hour drive south of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The island can be reached by private plane (grass airstrip), private boat, or public ferry out of Cheboygan, Michigan (a five mile, 40 minute ride).

Plaut Transportation (231) 627-2354, is the ferry service and provides a discounted round trip fare for individuals (\$10.50 for adults, \$8.00 for children) and cars, vans and pickups (\$32.50). RVs, larger vehicles, and vehicles with trailers should call for a price. You must identify yourself as a participant at the Great Lakes Primitives event in order to receive this discount. **Your Plaut Transportation ferry fee is in addition to the cost of the Great Lakes Primitives Summer Gathering event fee.**

The event and ferry fees are to be paid with one check and are due with your registration form. Registration deadline is August 1. Your reservation on the ferry must be made before you register for the event. The organizers of the event must know which boat you will be on in order to have transportation from the dock to the event site available for you and your baggage. The ferry times for both your arrival and departure from the island must be included on the registration sheet. If your plans should change, you are asked to please give as much advance notice as possible to the ferry service and your hosts.

It is recommended that you arrive on the island on Wednesday, August 6, so that you have a chance to set up camp and get acclimated, and that you leave on Monday, August 11. There will be a few vehicles at the gathering site, but these are for transportation and emergency use.

Camping is the only accommodation. The gathering site is on bedrock with little top soil, so tent stakes can not be driven in very far. A free standing tent is preferred; if you do not have one, you will probably need rocks (locally abundant) to hold your tent down and out.

Registration fees for the event are as follows:

	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Non-Participants & Participating Children Ages 5-13</u>
Postmarked on or before July 15 – 3 day event	\$90.00	\$50.00
Postmarked on or before July 15 – 4 day event	\$120.00	\$65.00
Postmarked after July 15 – 3 day event	\$115.00	\$75.00
Postmarked after July 15 – 4 day event	\$145.00	\$90.00

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There is a well with hand pump for drinking and washing water, and the lake is available for those who want (need) to bathe or swim. Keep our lakes clean; use biodegradable soap. Bring sandals, suit, etc. No nude bathing. The beach and lake bottom are rocky and hard on tender feet. Port-a-johns serve as the facilities for our event.

Breakfast and dinner will be catered on the days of the event, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only, and are included as part of your entry fee. You must provide your own plate, bowl, cup, and silverware. Lunches, snacks, and drinks are your responsibility, as are **all meals** on Wednesday and Monday. Lunch (sandwiches and potato chips) on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday can be ordered at breakfast each morning. There is a daily run to the island store for ice and pop. We can have only one fire, and that must be in the established fire-pit. The fire is available for your cooking needs. Charcoal grills are allowed, as are gas stoves, but due to the constant fire danger, their usage must be confined to one designated area.

Workshops will start daily at 9:00 a.m. The last workshop will be held on Sunday afternoon. Workshops will be held under tarps and parachutes in a large open area near the shoreline and firepit. Several different atlatl tournaments will be held during the event. We also have an area for archery so don't forget your bows and arrows.

Auction

On Saturday afternoon, we will have an auction of donated items (no dollar value limit). In the past, people have donated pottery, stone arrowheads, arrows, bows, quivers, books, leather goods, etc. We gratefully and desperately need and accept items; use your imagination. Proceeds from the auction are divided between our instructors. This is the only payment our instructors receive, unless they have a fee for workshop materials. Our hope is that everyone will participate in the auction. The only way we can attract high caliber instructors to our event is to make it somewhat profitable for them to attend.

Trade Blanket

Everyone is encouraged to place an item (primitive technology related) that you've made, bought, traded, or foraged on the trade blanket. At some time during the event, the names of the contributors to the trade blanket are drawn from a hat, and these contributors can choose an item from the blanket in the order their names are drawn. Item values are generally under \$15.00.

If you have primitive technology related supplies or creations for sale, you are encouraged to bring them. You may want to bring your mountain bike or sea kayak so idle moments (not many) can be filled exploring the island's beauty.

The workshops are not intended to be a babysitting service. Parents are encouraged to attend workshops with their children and parents are responsible for their children and their children's actions at all times. Children are not allowed to play in the fire or to play with axes or other sharp tools. Children are not allowed in the fire pit area without their parent in close and attentive attendance. For their own safety and the safety and enjoyment of the other participants, please keep your children under control.

Sorry, but pets are not allowed. Leave firearms, alcohol, and drugs at home.

While we respect all religious beliefs and practices, due to the variety of religious persuasions of our participants and the nature of this event, we ask that you do not force your religious or spiritual practices on the other participants.

Thoughts on Atlatl Leagues

By Dennis Lantz

The Tyoga Atlatl Association is now more than midway through the fourth year of its Tuesday evening atlatl league. Our league has been a huge success. It has helped each of us do better in competition because it has made us more focused, confident and consistent.

A league of your own can do the same for you. If you have been thinking about starting your own league or even if there are a few atlatlists in your area who get together to throw darts occasionally, the following information can help you along on your endeavor

When we first decided to start a league in 20, it was with two goals in mind. We wanted to increase our ISAC scores and have fun doing so. We chose to use most of the WAA's ISAC rules in accordance with that goal. If instead, you wish to improve your hunting skills, a 3-D course, with targets at varying distances, would be more appropriate. Design your league around whatever your goal happens to be.

A league takes commitment, but it is well worth the effort. Before you begin, it is best to have a meeting to figure out what rules and goals will get the results that you desire. Write them down and discuss them in depth so that there will be no misunderstandings. It is essential that every participant know them.

Schedule: Choosing a day for your league is usually the hardest part. Everyone will have to figure out when they can commit. Someone will have to be the coordinator and take charge. If you wish to avoid months of indecision and frustration, make your decision and stick by it.

The TAA league is for 16 weeks from May to August. We throw on Tuesday evenings unless foul weather causes us to postpone. This year we have instituted a change where, if there is a postponement, we throw on the following day (Wednesday). In the event case of rain on both days, that week will be made up at the end of the year at that location.

Location: In our 1st year, we had six atlatlists. We rotated each week to one of four different locations, using one target at each. Due to an increase in the number of throwers, we now rotate between two locations where 3 targets are set up. You may decide to have just one location, but the more variety you can have, the more interesting the league.

Rules: The following rules are taken from the TAA league. You can adopt them as you see fit. Some are more important than others. Our first game begins at 6:15 p.m. If we want to practice beforehand, we must get there early. During the summer we have enough daylight that we can go at a leisurely pace and finish before dark.

Each league night consists of three ISAC-style games. We draw names to determine groups of throwers. Some leagues throw as many games as they can get in and choose the highest 3 scores. I don't recommend this. Initially, this may seem practical, but in the long run it can actually be detrimental. In addition to inflating averages (only a minor factor), it also takes away some of the pressure to do well because every throw should count.

ISAC rules apply in the TAA league. (The only exception is that we allow 6 throwers in a squad Seven or more we and we split into groups) This means five throws from 15 meters and five throw from 20 meters, a rotation of throwers, watching for foot faults, using the same equipment during the game, etc. We aren't strict about a few practice throws between games, especially if equipment is being changed.

If a person misses a week—let's face it, things come up and not everyone can make it to every scheduled night—they have two weeks to make it up at the same location. (There must be another league member with them when they do their make-up).

Remember—a league is a commitment. It is only fair that everyone throw the same number of games and the same number of weeks.

Costs: The TAA league has a \$2.00 weekly fee per atlatlist. This money is used to cover the cost of targets, awards and our end-of-the-year picnic. If you make your own targets, you may be able to lower, or even eliminate, this fee.

Guests: You will find that there are some people who want to throw with you, but cannot commit to a full schedule. In the TAA league, we allow guests to throw with us for three weeks at no cost. On their fourth visit they will be asked for the \$2.00 weekly charge. You may wish to come up with your own guest rules. Just make sure the guest knows if there are any fees involved.

Personal Conduct: Predetermined conduct rules should be discussed. We allow alcohol—in moderation—to those of legal age. We don't penalize swearing, but we try to keep that to a minimum. We once asked a visitor (not an atlatlist) to leave because of obscene language outbursts.

Bad Weather: It is best to have procedures in place for postponements due to weather or other reasons. Someone has to make the decision and everyone needs to be informed, especially if they have to travel any distance to get to the site. We let the person at that location make the call and contact everyone via telephone.

Record Keeping: This year, our record keeping has become more involved. Not only do we record every score, we count total points, weekly average, and yearly average, X's, misses, games above average and games in the 90's. We decide to do this because it gives us a better way to chart our progress. Maybe you don't want to be that extreme. But someone will have to keep records, even if it is simply the scores.

For the past three years we have been getting our scores printed in the sports section of the local papers. It's easy to do, there is no charge and it is a good way to increase the public awareness to our sport. We've had many people tell us that they have seen our scores.

Safety: Safe throwing areas ensure that our sport remains fun and exciting. Safety is one area that must never be overlooked, whether in a league, or in practice or at an event.

Fun: This year we have started two new conteststeam play and our fantasy Atlatl league. Each of these games is being played for prizes and is a way to have more fun. Remember that this was one of our two goals in our league formation. (For me information on either of these contests, see the Tyoga Point—Spring 2003 or contact me)

Other Leagues: I am not sure if we were the first weekly league. It doesn't really matter because I foresee the day that Atlatl leagues are as common as bowling or archery leagues. I know of two others – the Genesee Valley Atlatl Association and the Chautauqua Atlatl Association. The Michigan Atlatl Association has a league that is set up with a 3-D course.

I think it would be great if other leagues were to set up around the country (even the world) so that we could compare stories and statistics. If these leagues are different than ours, it will be harder to compare statistics...but no less valuable to the atlatlist.

More information about the 'TAA Tuesday Atlatl league can be found in past issues of our newsletter—The Tyoga Point. Or contact me at dennislantz2003@yahoo.com or 570.358.3000.

2003 OFFICIAL LIST OF ATLATL EVENTS

- July 3, 4, 5 Brockway 4th of July Celebration, Knap-In & Atlatl Spear Throwing + ISACs, Teener Recreation Park League Field, Brockway, PA George Miller (814) 265-0435 lmiller@greatlite.com
- July 4, 5, 6 Vedaauwo, Wyoming - Annual Atlatl Contest held On USFS land.
Archery Contest on July 4th, ISAC all three days Russell Richard (307) 772-0550 covotec clown@aol.com Regina Dodson (307) 632-0766 w yowinds@aol.com
- July 6 Chelsea Rod & Gun Club 3-D course & practice ISAC, Chelsea, MI
Jim Gilligan (810) 599-6881 primitive1@chartermi.net
- July 11, 12, 13 Sun Mountain Gathering, Museum of Indian Arts & Culture, Santa Fe, NM Atlatl events & ISACs all three days Chris Turnbow (505) 476-11251 cturnbow@miaclab.org or Bob Sizemore (520) 466-6104 bobandcarolathome@yahoo.com
- July 11, 12, 13 Atlatl Competitions & ISACs all three days at Keefers, 8315 Sweetwater Road, Ft. Loudon, PA Terry Keefer (717) [349-2262k1003534](tel:349-2262k1003534)cvn.net
- July 11, 12, 13 15th Montana Mammoth Hunt, Atlatl Contests all days and ISACs all three days, . Rattlesnake Butte, Montana City MT
Troy Helmick (406) 266-3398
- July 13, 14 Mas d'Azil, France ISAC Contact: Cyrille Huc cyrille-huc@wanadoo.fr
- July 15 Ann Arbor Indoor League & practice ISAC, Ann Arbor, MI
Jim Gilligan (810) 599-6881 primitive1@chartermi.net
- July 18, 19, 20 First Annual "Wahkpa Chu'gn" Buffalo Jump Atlatl Event, Havre, MT.
European Field Round & ISACs all three days Anna Brumley (406) 265-6417 or Jim Ray (406) 736-5274
- July 19 Holiday Park Atlatl ISAC & Indiana Contest & Public Throws, Indianapolis, IN
Don Fisher (317) 475-9770 or atlatlguy@yahoo.com
- July 19, 20 Alder Acres Atlatl Tournament, Lorraine, NY
Rodger Klindt (315) 639-6293 - mammut@juno.com
- July 25 Tautavel, France, ISAC during the July Prehistoric party.
Jacques Pernaud jacques.pernaud@free.fr
- July 25, 26 New Atlatl Contest at the Missouri Headquarters State Park, near Three Forks, MT. Held in connection with their "Festival of Discovery" and the Lewis & Clark Honor Guard Encampment there. Keynote speaker on Saturday night, July 25th
Julie Kleine (405) 994-6934 or Jim Ray (405) 736-5274
- July 25, 26, 27 7th Annual Open Hunt & State Championship ISAC all three days – 25th at 6:30 pm,
26 & 27 at 5 pm. Distance throw, Hunter's Challenge & Wisconsin Accuracy Throw. River's Edge Campground 7 miles north of Stevens Point, WI
Walter Riddle (607) 873-6262 or Doug Miller (715) 571-1882
- July 26, 27 Saegertown Artifact Show, Local Contests & ISACs Saegertown VFW, Saegertown, PA
Gary Fogelman iam@uplink.net (570) 437-3698
- July 26, 27, July 31, and Aug. 1, 2, 3, Aug 1, 2, 3 Mas d'Azil, France ISAC Contact: Cyrille Huc cyrille-huc@wanadoo.fr
Green Flats Atlatl Rattle & Knap-in + ISACs each day, Hancock, NY
Contact: Chris Pappas (607) 637-2585
Illinois Atlatl Assn. Throws. ISACs and Local contests all days,
Chaplin Creek Historic Site, Franklin Grove, IL Don Asp (815) 456-2305
- August 2, 3, Aug 3 Mas d'Azil, France ISAC Contact: Cyrille Huc cyrille-huc@wanadoo.fr
Chelsea Rod & Gun Club, 3-D course & practice ISAC, Chelsea, MI
Jim Gilligan (810) 599-6881 or primitive1@chartermi.net
- Aug 5 ISAC, during the August Prehistoric Party at Tautavel, France
Jacques Pernaud jacques.pernaud@free.fr
- Aug 7 - 10 Great Lakes Primitives Gathering on Bois Blanc Island, Mi.
Official ISACs all four days, WAA Grand Champion Award Saturday
Jim Gilligan (810) 599-6881 primitive1@chartermi.net
- August 8, 9, (So. Pacific time) - IFUGAO TUKAB (bamboo spear) Contest and ISAC,
Lagawe, Ifugao, Philippines, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm both days.
Contact: Mamerto Tingondan ((740) 698-2622 or interwoven@frognet.net
- Aug 8, 9, 10 Second Annual Persied Primitive Arts Weekend Local Contests & ISACs all three days, Start at 5 pm w/ Torchlit ISAC,
Camp Gross, Cassadaga, NY
Ben Brauchler (716) 679-7145ben@netsync.net
- Aug 15 "That Dam ISAC at Steve's Pond", Albany, OH
In conjunction with 4th annual event at Riding club, Albany
Steve Barnett (740) 698-6553 barnz@juno.com
- Aug 16, 17 Fourth Annual Ohio State Accuracy Competition, + ISACs at the Albany Riding Club, Albany, OH ISAC both days In conjunction with "that Damn ISAC", Steve's pond

- Steve Barnett (740) 692-6553 barnz@juno.com or Ray Strischek (740) 592-3465
- Aug 16, 17 Mas d'Azil, France ISAC Contact: Cyrille Huc cyrille-huc@wanadoo.fr
- Aug 22,23, 24 Stone Tool Show and ISACs each day, Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY
Lou Hillman (585) 442-1342 or LBHNDP@rit.edu
- Aug 23, 24 Atlatl Competition & ISACs - Tarascon-sur-Ariege, France
Emmanuel Demoulin emmanuel.demoulin@wanadoo.fr
- Aug 29,30, 31 Atlatl Events at Flint Ridge Memorial Park, Flint Ridge, OH - ISACs, Ohio Standard Accuracy Contest all days
Ohio Atlatl Association Annual Meeting, Saturday noon Demos & training Moundbuilders (740) 344-1919
Steve Barnett (740) 692-6553 or barnz@juno.com
- Aug 30, 31 Mas d'Azil, France ISAC Contact: Cyrille Huc cyrille-huc@wanadoo.fr
- Sept 4, 5, Local contests & demos, ISAC all days, Held in connection w/Int'l Archery Festival,
Ft. Dodge Fairgrounds, Ft. Dodge, IA Bob Berg (607) 687-4064
- Sept 6 Second Annual River Road Park Atlatl contests & ISAC, River Road Park, Carmel., IN
Don Fisher (317) 475-9770 or atlatlguy@yahoo.com
- Sept 7 State Championship at Chelsea Rod & Gun Club, Chelsea, MI.
Four contests including Official ISACs WAA Grand Champion awarded as well.
Jim Gillilgan (810) 599-6881 primitive1@chartermi
- Sept 12, 13, 14 Tyoga Shoot-Out, ISAC all three days EMC Club, Waverly, NY
Jack Rowe, 570-888-8258 fieldwalker@stny.rr.com
- Sept 12 Atlatl Making Workshop 12-6 pm, Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison, VT.
Call to Pre-register (802) 759-2412 Elsa Gilbertson Elsa.Gilbertson@state.vt.us or
Casey Carmolli (802)759-2412
- Sept 13 Eighth Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Open Championship, ISAC & Native Heritage
Celebration 10:30 am – 3:30 pm, Chimney Point
State Historic Site, 7305 VT Route 125, Addison, VT
Call to Pre-register (802) 759-2412 Elsa Gilbertson Elsa.Gilbertson@state.vt.us or
Casey Carmolli (802)759-2412
- Sept 12,13, 14 Cahokia 2003;. European, local contests ISAC,plus ISAC only on the 12th,
Ron Mertz 314) 628-9376 ronmertz@planet-save.com or
Ray Madden (417-781-0963 rhmadden@hotmail.com
- Sept 13, 14 PawPaw Festival, Albany Ohio at the Lake ISACs & Ohio Sandard Accuracy Contests
Steve Barnett (740) 692-6553 or barnz@juno.com
- Sept 18 Ann Arbor Indoor League & practice ISAC Ann Arbor, MI
Jim Gilligan (810) 599-6881 primitive1@chartermi.net
- Sept 19,20, 21, 3rd Annual Burnt Hollow Fall Hunt, Atlatl contests & ISACs, Deer Lodge, MT
Lem Oehrtman (406) 846-1004
- Sept 20 Archaeology Day at Mastodon State Park near St. Louis, MO.
Demo, local contest & ISAC
Ron Mertz (314) 628-9376 ronmertz@planet-save.com or
John Bierman (636) 464-2976 dspmast@mail.dnr.State.mo.us
- Sept. 20,21- Fall Rendevous at Sleepy Hollow Clubgrounds, Cascade, WI.
Hunters' Round (30 throws at animal targets), Wisconsin Challenge Round (12 throws). Grand Champion Award throw-off.
ISAC both days. Contact: Len Riemersma lenmaryr@dotnet.com (920) 528-7454
- Sept 20, 21 Annual PA State Championships & ISACs, Naugles Farm, near Somerset, PA Chuck Butorajac (724) 238-6878
- Sept 21 ISAC at Zonhoven, BELGIUM At 1500
Steve Cabaraux bn276248@chartermi.net
- Sept 26,27, 28 3rd Annual Ulm Pishkun Atlatl Contests +ISACs Ulm Pishkun State Park, Ulm, MT
Connie Jacobs (406) 866-2219 or Jim Ray (406)736-5274
- Sept 26, 27 Coconino Community College Third Annual Atlatl Event in connection with the Flagstaff Festival of Science, Flagstaff,
AZ. ISACs both days, Field Rounds, exhibitions, flintknapping, weaving, etc Jerry Bacon Gerald.Bacon@NAU.EDU
- Sept 27 Graham Cave, west of Danville, MO in Missouri State Park. Local Contests & ISAC
Ron Mertz (314) 628-9876 ronmertz@planet-save.com or rhmadden@hotmail.com (417) 781-0963
- Sept 28 1st Annual Massachusetts Atlatl Field Day & ISAC, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Rebecca Nurse Homestead, 149 Pine St., Danvers MA. Throwing Demos & ISAC Accuracy Competition
Glenn Mairo (978) 580-9437 gmairo@bunkerhillrarecoin.com
- Sept 28 Chelsea Rod & Gun Club, Chelsea, MI 3-D course & practice ISAC.
Jim Gilligan (810) 59-6881 primitive1@chartermi.net
- Oct 4 & 5 Lake Atwood PowPow, Lake Atwood, Ohio ISACs & Ohio Standard Accuracy Contests both days,
Public Demos and atl atl & dart Instruction for public both days
Ray Strischek (740) 592-3455 db8947@dragonbbs.com

- Oct 11 Holiday Park Atlatl ISAC, Indiana Atlatl Contest, & Public Throws, Indianapolis, IN
Don Fisher (317) 475-9770 atlatlguy@yahoo.com
- Oct 17 - 19 Clinch River Primitive Skills Knap-In and Atlatl Throw, SW of Knoxville, TN.
Near town of Lenoir City. ISAC throws each day. Flintknapping and other primitive skills demonstrated daily Phillip Davis (865) 8064 or James Gibson (865) 577-4430
- Oct 21 Ann Arbor Indoor Atlatl League & practice ISAC Ann Arbor, MI
Jim Gilligan (810) 599-688 primitive1@chartermi.net
- Oct 25 Rural Ohio Appalachia Revisited (ROAR) Days, Local Contests & ISACs,
Lake Hope near Zaleski, OH Zaleski National Forest
Steve Barnett (740) 698- 6553 barnz@juno.com
- Nov 18 Ann Arbor Indoor Atlatl League & Official ISAC
Last league meet of 2003 capped with Official ISAC.
Jim Gilligan (810) 599-6881 primitive1@chartermi.net
- Nov 28 Turkey Toss & Last Gasp ISAC, Brighton Recreation Area. Brighton, MI.
Last MI event of the year with Official ISAC
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**Laboratorio di Archeologia Sperimentale
A cura di Alfio, Ilaria e Marco Tomaselli**

Desidero invitarvi al nostro intervento che svolgeremo per il
Museo Archeologico di Artimino domenica 29 giugno.
Saluti, Alfio Tomaselli.

**Passeggiata archeologica da Artimino a Pietramarina
domenica 29 giugno 2003**

PROGRAMMA

Ritrovo presso il Museo Archeologico Comunale di Artimino, **Carmignano (PO)** alle ore 9,30 percorso trekking sulle vie
etrusche arrivo previsto a Pietramarina alle ore 11,30
visita guidata all'area archeologica pranzo a sacco al Casino dei Birri
ore 14,30 "Un pomeriggio dentro la Preistoria"
Laboratorio di Archeologia Sperimentale
a cura di Alfio Tomaselli

I partecipanti assisteranno e potranno eseguire prove sui seguenti temi:
il fuoco: uso e vantaggi, tecniche di riproduzione

la lavorazione della pietra: riconoscere le pietre buone adatte alla scheggiatura, il primo strumento di pietra, il chopper
Homo sapiens sapiens: le prime espressioni artistiche, le pitture con le ocre, uso dei colori.

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dopo le ore 20.00

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**"Old and New World Dart-Throwers and Related Topics: An Annotated bibliography",
By Lorenz Bruechert**

There are now only 15 copies left of the annotated bibliography titled "Old and New World Dart-Throwers and Related Topics: An Annotated bibliography", By Lorenz Bruechert, 2000, Privately Published, Vancouver, Canada, ISBN (0-9686638-0-X). Cost per copy is \$30.00 US, including postage. Please, no personal cheques, please use international money orders payable to a Canadian Banking Institution. Please send payments to Lorenz Bruechert, Suite 203, 1960 Waterloo Street, VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA, V6R-3G6. E-mail address: bruecher@sfu.ca. This project was sponsored by the World Atlatl Association.

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ON TARGET
by Leni Clubb

To contact Leni: Waaleni@earthlink.net (619) 462-4738

I didn't get much throwing done at Marshall, MI during the 16th Annual Meeting, but I did get in a lot of good socializing with members whom I only know on the Internet or the membership list. That, in itself, is the most rewarding of anything else that goes on at a time like this. I huddled around the Bracken's fire a lot as my California bones felt the difference in the temperature from 80 degrees to the 48 degrees in Wilder Creek. We had a very good turnout for this Annual Meeting and had 70 people for the Annual Dinner. Next year, the Meeting will be held at Meadowcroft Rockshelter at Avella, PA. Try to be there, you will be glad you did.

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At the Board of Directors' Meeting on Friday, May 24th, it was decided that a "Throw-Off" between the First Place winners in the three categories – Men, Women, and Youth - is mandatory to be eligible for the Grand Champion Award. Also the decision stressed that the ISAC scores MAY NOT BE USED in compiling the scores. The letter that accompanies the application for the Grand Champion Award will be re-written to be more explicit in what is required.

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At the time we organized as The World Atlatl Association in 1987, we had no idea that in a short time that we would really BE a World organization with members in Europe, Canada, France, etc. Now we have members in TEN COUNTRIES, besides the U. S. Our WAA logo designed by Bill Tate, former editor of the newsletter, reflected only North and South America. One of our Board of Directors, Richard Lyons of Indiana, has come up with a new logo which was approved by the Board. It incorporates both sides of the globe. Look for it on the back page of this newsletter near your mailing label and tell us what you think of it.

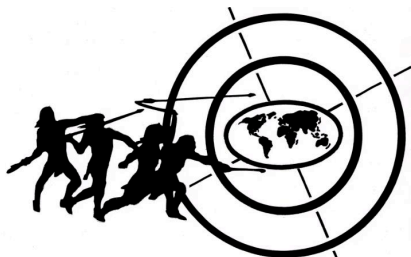
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