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“Too long have I hunted mammoth alone!” Rich McWhorter

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Evening at Valley of
Fire Atlatl Contest

Throwing Rocks, Not Darts with Atlatls By Devin Pettigrew

Recently my interest in the rock sling, like that used to kill Goliath, has been renewed. I began studying the posts and links at Slinging.org, a web forum devoted specifically to the sling, and learned a lot in a short amount of time. I was especially inspired after watching a video of a master slinger and sling maker of the Balearic Islands, a place famous for its elite slingers since ancient times. One of the great pieces of advice that these masters of the ancient sling give to novices is to sling a rock at your target as if you were throwing the rock with your bare hand.

A year ago I wrote about the recreation of Basketmaker darts that emerged from White Dog Cave in Northeastern Arizona in the early part of the 20th century. Since that time I decided it would also be wise to recreate the atlatls, two of which were found whole in the same cave along with parts of another two.

Two words to describe the Basketmaker atlatl system are “strange”, and “petite”.

Indeed the Broken Roof Cave atlatl, probably the best example of Basketmaker workmanship on any museum atlatl, is characterized by strange and petite dimensions. The atlatl is 21 inches in length, but with the hook placed a full two inches from the distal end its effective length is closer to 19 inches. The lower handle is also somewhat confusing, with a couple of inches needed to support a good grip with the pinky and ring fingers. My recreation of this atlatl also kept all of the upward curvature seen in the artifact, although in their 1931 report on “Excavations in

Northeastern Arizona” Kidder and Guernsey mention that the curvature is likely due to warping. The flexibility of the shaft in my recreation was not enough to overcome the curvature, and the darts were levered off the hook by the material behind it half way through the throw.

At the time I was working on an Honor’s Thesis, and I decided to move on due to time constraints. I chose to recreate the best of the two complete White Dog Cave atlatls, and with much more luck. However my atlatls represented nothing more than the length, 25 inches, mainly due to lack of detailed description in the report “Basketmaker Caves of Northeastern



Arizona”, again by Kidder and Guernsey. Finding a bit more descriptive material, along with an elusive photograph of the weights and finger loops on the Peabody Museum website, inspired me to attempt a recreation, and once again I was surprised by the petite nature of the atlatl. While it is plenty long enough, the shaft is barely wider than the darts it is meant to throw. The website describes its widest point as no greater than 0.8 of an inch. This makes the atlatl’s weights, which someone spent hours to grind down and polish seem suddenly quite small.

One aspect of three whole atlatls I have seen from the Southwest, including the Sand Dune Cave atlatl along with the two mentioned above, is that the leather finger loops are straight. Previously I had discovered that the split finger grip felt more effective if the loops were made to be tight around the second phalanges of the fingers rather than at their base. This seemed to give a greater range of motion at the wrist. However, in this case the loops should be canted, since with the dart shaft resting across the tops of the middle and



last two fingers, the hand has a natural tendency to cant inward, leaving the atlatl crooked through the throw. In spite of this I decided to make the finger loops on the replica straight, as it appeared they were on the original.

With the atlatl finished I began the test throws. It seemed to be perfectly suited to the short darts it was meant to throw, with the groove being exactly deep enough, the weights being heavier than I was used to yet balancing things out, and the finger loops that were much comfier than anything I'd created before. However, the atlatl was so crooked during the throw as to be practically ineffective. I began searching for a new method of gripping and quickly arrived at a conclusion after allowing the dart to rest between the middle and index fingers rather than on top of the former (see image). At first I was skeptical at the idea, since in the past I had taught beginners that this was the wrong method of gripping, which is somewhat ironic considering that practically everyone started out trying to grip in that



way. But it worked, and perhaps more importantly, it worked in a very different manner than I had become accustomed to.

It seemed to me that with the index and middle fingers open rather than clenching the loops, the atlatl acted less like a lever and more like a “flail”, as one member of the WAA forum on Paleoplanet.net put it, “with the loops acting like a hinge”. In this case the weights seemed all important, and I was reminded of the Broken Roof Cave atlatl with its short lower handle but rather large weight attached forward of center. I was also reminded of an illustration of the Quiltanton Lake atlatl, which depicted what the atlatl may have looked like with a weight and handle attached. In the illustration there is no lower handle past the finger loops, and at first I was convinced that this was completely bogus. However, when I spoke with Ray Madden who had built a recreation of the atlatl, he told me it worked fine as long as a large weight was attached. Upon searching for the illustration on the net, however, I instantly arrived on an illustration showing a Basketmaker atlatl being

held with a dart. The atlatl was the Broken Roof Cave atlatl, and the gripping method in the illustration perfectly depicted the method I had discovered not two hours before. Again, I had seen the same illustration in the past and had discounted it as the false way to grip a dart with a Basketmaker atlatl. Perhaps the most important lesson from recreating this equipment and the personal discoveries that followed, have taught me to be open-minded when it comes to this ancient weapon.

In this case the difference in appearance is small, with the dart merely resting between the middle and index fingers rather than across the former, yet the difference in effect is large. With the fingers open and the wrist loose, and the weights on the skinny atlatl balancing the short, light dart, it's easy to imagine that I'm holding the dart with my bare hand, or perhaps just a rock. Throwing is no different, but that the index and middle fingers should close rather than open. This is much more natural than the levering

effect I had become accustomed, and it's continually surprising and rewarding to see the short dart go straight, fast, and hit the target.

In hindsight, dart shafts with dimensions closely matching those of White Dog Cave have also been found in Ceremonial Cave near El Paso, TX. The two sites are nearly 500 miles distant, supporting the possibility that the darts were not peculiar to one specific location, but peculiar to Basketmaker culture in general, which spanned over a huge portion of North America, from Spring Creek Cave in North Central Wyoming, down into Mexico, and from a cave along the Cimarron River in Western Oklahoma, across to California. It is impossible for us to know exactly what was in the minds of those hunters 2,000 years ago, but we can open a window by recreating the tools they left behind as closely as possible. Perhaps they taught their youths not to concentrate on throwing the dart with the atlatl, but to pretend they were holding the dart with their bare hand, and to throw it at the target. The atlatl would take care of the rest.

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The wisest mind has something yet to learn.

George Santayana *US (Spanish-born) philosopher (1863 - 1952)*

World Atlatl Association International Standard Accuracy Contest

place	score	name	home	date scored	contest
Men's					
1	94xxx	Douglas Bassett	NY	6/5/2009	Cuba, New York
2	94	Mark Bracken	PA	4/24/2009	North Georgia Knap-In
3	93x	Doug Leeth	NC	4/24/2009	North Georgia Knap-In
4	92xxx	Jack Rowe	PA	5/8/2009	Fogelman's, Turbotville, PA
5	* 92x	Gary Fogelman	PA	5/23/2009	Letchworth St. Park - Castile, NY
6	* 92x	Ray Strischeck	OH	6/13/2009	Fort Firelands, OH
7	* 91	Mike Waters	NY	4/5/2009	Horse Arena Shoot - Friendship, NY
8	* 91	Greg Bessette	NY	6/6/2009	Cuba, New York
9	90x	Leonard Riemersma	WI	5/2/2009	Wausau School Forest
10	88xx	Scott VanArsdale	NY	6/7/2009	Cuba, New York
11	* 88x	Michael Frank	VA	5/9/2009	Fogelman's, Turbotville, PA
12	* 88x	Cyrille Huc	FRANCE	4/5/2009	Rodez, France
13	* 88	Mike Glenn	OH	4/18/2009	Wooster, OH
14	* 88	Andy Majorsky	PA	4/18/2009	Raging Bull - Grinnell, IA
15	* 88	Charlie Bracken	PA	4/24/2009	North Georgia Knap-In
16	85xx	Pascal Chauvaux	GERMANY	4/27/2009	Ramiqul, Belgium
17	85x	Bob Kitch	WA	3/29/2009	Valley of Fire, NV
18	85	Bernard Ginelli	FRANCE	4/5/2009	Rodez, France
19	85	Russell Richard	WY	2/18/2009	Bulls Eye Laramie WY
20	84	Cedric Claustre	FRANCE	4/4/2009	Rodez, France

Women's

1	84	Melissa Dildine	PA	6/14/2009	Atlatl-n-Action - Elmira, NY
2	81xx	JoAnne Fogelman	PA	6/5/2009	Cuba, New York
3	80	Bonnie Sortore	NY	6/5/2009	Cuba, New York
4	79	Lori Majorsky	PA	6/5/2009	Cuba, New York
5	77x	Sandra Riviere	FRANCE	6/7/2009	Paléosite - St. Césaire
6	77	Margie Takoch	OH	5/9/2009	Fogelman's, Turbotville, PA
7	75	Sue Mercer	NY	5/24/2009	Letchworth St. Park - Castile, NY
8	73	Devin Johns	PA	5/23/2009	Letchworth St. Park - Castile, NY
9	64x	Linda Brundage	NY	6/6/2009	Cuba, New York
10	64	Debbie Andrews	OH	6/12/2009	Fort Firelands, OH
11	64	Tamara Woods	IA	4/18/2009	Raging Bull - Grinnell, IA
12	61	Laura Kramer	OR	2/18/2009	Wintercount, AZ
13	58	Emilie Huc-Claustre	FRANCE	4/4/2009	Rodez, France
14	58	Tammy Nichols	PA	4/26/2009	Earthday - Elmira, NY
15	57	Kimberly Townsend	IA	4/18/2009	Raging Bull - Grinnell, IA
16	56	Aimee Ashley	TN	5/2/2009	Old Stone Ft St Pk - Manchester, TN
17	55x	Mindy Trumbul	NY	6/12/2009	Atlatl-n-Action - Elmira, NY
18	55	Regina Dodson	WY	3/14/2009	Atlatl Park - Cheyenne, WY

Youth

						Age
1	86x	Harold Eyster	MI	5/3/2009	Fenton, MI	15
2	68	Jordan Ashley	TN	5/1/2009	Old Stone Ft St Pk - Manchester, TN	10
3	56x	Coby Hopkins	TN	5/2/2009	Old Stone Ft St Pk - Manchester, TN	13
4	49	Nicolas Rebeix	FRANCE	6/7/2009	Paléosite - St. Césaire	15
5	47	Thomas Patten	FL	1/31/2009	Foster Cultural Pk - White Springs, FL	14
6	44	Yves Dargent	FRANCE	4/27/2009	Ramiqul, Belgium	12
7	42	Christophe Sharnold	FRANCE	4/5/2009	Rodez, France	12

ISAC TARGETS

The World Atlatl Association's International Standard Accuracy Contest (ISAC) targets are now available on-line from Custom Atlatls and Darts. To order ISAC targets on-line visit www.customatlatlsanddarts.com or contact Jack Rowe at 570-888-8258 or email rjrowe93@gmail.com

Atlatl Fun Day

By Duane Spangler

A group called the Go Play Outside



Alliance of Washington State held their fourth annual youth exposition sponsored by the State Fish

and Wildlife Department. This included a series of outdoor experiences designed for kids. It included atlatl and dart throwing, archery,



fishing, rock climbing, search and rescue, hunting, snowshoeing, and other related activities.

Probably the most favored activities were the atlatl throwing events. On Friday, May 8, 2009, about 2000 school kids from grades four and up were bussed to the Thurston County Fair Grounds near Olympia, Washington for a full day of activities I don't know if the full 2000 kids got to throw the atlatl, but a continuous line of 100 school kids and supervising adults threw atlatl darts from 9:20 to 2:30. They were given some history, safety and instruction at close and distance throwing. It was such a super event, that Bob Bergquist, one of the instructors said kids would get back in the 100 kid line to throw again. They could not get enough of it. Several showed up on Saturday with their parents for another round. One parent said she was amazed at her son's enthusiasm. When I said I would show him how to make an atlatl, she said "Oh Please don't he's had enough excitement for the day". One instructor, Peggy Wanner over heard one fourth grader telling his mom that during the ice Age early man used the atlatl to bonk the Woolly Mammoth on the head. I don't know, maybe they did.

On Saturday, the events were open to the public and we were constantly busy from 9:30 to 5:00 demonstrating the use of the atlatl and primitive all wood bows. We could have used more help from atlatl savvy adults. I understand, that next year this event will be held in Central Washington Around Chelan, Wenatchee, or Yakima (money permitting). If there are any WAA members from that area who would be interested in helping out with atlatl education, I would

like to hear from you. My e-mail is landguru@whidbey.com Phone: 360-730-1540 Address: 4599 E Harbor Rd, Freeland, Wa 98249

I have 50-60 atlatls and about 100 darts, so no shortage there. Next years event will probably be in May again on a fair ground or large camping area. Be prepared for primitive facilities. The Go Play Outside people will again cater to school kids and adults. All the volunteers were provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner. I hope they do that again, but be prepared.

Wintercount 2009

Event Results Twenty one people threw in 10 separate ISAC's. Thirty-seven people participated in the Field Round, and thirty-one people in the Distance Throw.

Field Round: Women: 1. Laura Kramer 2. Liz Losob 3. MaraBeth Madsen

Men: 1. Bob Kitch 2. Charlie Tadano 3. Bob Sizemore

Youth: (10-16) 1. Jasper Lanning 2. Jasmine Mills 3. Bridgette Crawford

Juniors: (9 and under) 1. Willem Hawley 2. Rowen Meyerson 3. Beau Hawley

Distance Throw: Women: 1. Kathy Cullicott (203') 2. Laura Kramer (181'7")

3. Oyuki Holiday (170'11")

Men: 1. Wayne Brian (364'7") 2. Mike Lanning (355'2")

3. Terry Kramer (334'7")

Youth: 1. Jeremy Wafdle (269'9") 2. Dylan Beauregard (266'4") 3. Jasper Lanning (259'5")

Juniors: 1. Rowen Meyerson (207'2") 2. Derein Beauregard (106'5") 3. None

I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love Than to be a success at something you hate. George Burns

Valley of Fire Atlatl Contest 2009

By Tom Mills

I'm pleased to report that the 18th annual Valley of Fire Atlatl Contest was another success. The event was held from Friday, March 27, 2009 through Sunday, the 29th, at the beautiful Valley of Fire State Park, about 40 miles north of Las Vegas Nevada.

We had approximately 25 competitors for the main atlatl events on Saturday. Many folks traveled great distances to join in the fun. Mike Richardson came in from Alaska, Roy Wenmohs from Austin, Texas, Bob and Gayle Kitch from Oregon, Ray Madden and Ron Mertz from Missouri. Troy Helmick came down all the way from Montana with his lovely wife, Shirley. Even Dean and Judy Pritchard came to be with us this year. Although injuries kept them away from the atlatl course, it was a tremendous pleasure and honor to have them with us! Dean donated two ISAC targets and a nice frame for our use. Judy donated three of her beautiful gourds for contest prizes.

We had several new atlatlists from California: Ken and Barbara Villars, Jim Winn, Sal Ochoa, Aimee Dozois, the Trevino family (Roland, Mariken, Ansel and Max). Matt and Zoe Zawol of California (the wonderful father/daughter team) made a re-appearance on the atlatl scene. Also from California were Lynn Luneau (Tom and the kids were too busy for us this year, darn it!), and her wonderful friend (and now mine), Sharon Hatlee.

We also had some new atlatlists from the great state of Nevada. Right there on their home turf was Harold Coe, of Boulder, NV, the Swoikevt family: Steve and his two lovely children, Diantha and Wolf from Las Vegas, NV., Robin Hawood, of Las Vegas, and the long-standing attendee, Joe Dudas, also of Las Vegas, NV.

As usual, most of us stayed in the Beehive group camping area – compliments of the fantastic park staff! We had campfires Friday and Saturday evenings, with fantastic conversation and music around the fire. Mike Richardson, our Alaskan friend, is an amazing musician! There seems to be no instrument he cannot play, but he treated us to the amazing sounds of his specialty: Irish fiddle and Irish flute music, and drum playing. Those less musically inclined among us accompanied him on guitar, drums, flutes, diggeridoos, etc. It was a fantastic time!

We held ISAC contests on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Over the 3 days we had a total of 11 ISAC rounds. The highest ISAC score of the weekend was Bob Kitch's 85x thrown on Sunday morning. The next highest was from Jim Winn, with an 84, thrown on Saturday. The atlatl

community will have to keep a sharp eye on Jim Winn of Laguna Niguel, CA. Jim threw his first ISAC ever on Friday, March 27, 2009. His score was a 72. On Saturday, Jim threw his 2nd ISAC contest – ever – and scored an 84! On Sunday, Jim threw a 75. On both of the scores in the 70's Jim was throwing very, very well, and with the exception of one dart per round, he would have been in the 80's on those also. This isn't beginner's luck either. My prediction is that we'll soon see Jim's name up near the top of the pack on the ISAC!

On Saturday, our main event was a 3-D contest. We had 8 targets total set up in the beautiful desert around the famous Atlatl Rock (a petroglyph covered rock with images of atlatls). The contest worked this way: at each target there were two flags, a red one and a blue one.

We threw a dart from each flag (one at a time) and scored that target before moving on to the next one. Three points were awarded



for a shot in the "kill zone" and 1 point for a hit anywhere on the animal. After making one round of the course, we went around again for a total of two rounds for the morning session. After a quick lunch break, we went around again – two times, the same as the morning session.

The day was warm, but the wind was still and the weather absolutely perfect. At the end of the day, the scores were tallied up (thanks Judy and Gayle!) and winners were identified for three divisions: Youth, Men, and Women. The park kindly donated the trophies (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each division), as well as a plaque for the Grand Champion. Judy Pritchard also donated 3 of her beautiful, award-winning gourds for prizes to the division champions.

In the Women's Division, first place went to Sharon Hatlee with a score of 20. Lynn Luneau took second place with a score of 18. Third place went to Barbara Villars with a score of 10.

In the Men's Division, First place went to Tom Mills, with a score of 92. Second place went to Troy Helmick with a score of 85. Third place went to Bob Kitch with a score of 75.



In the Youth Division, first place went to Zoe Zawol, of Pasadena, CA with a score of 29. Second place went to Diantha Swoikevt with a score of 11, and third place to her brother Wolf Swoikevt with a score of 6 (this was a difficult course for the young ones and they should be very proud of their accomplishments!

After a fierce battle in the Grand Champion throw-off (a walk-up throw – 5 throws total, each successive throw moving closer to the target by 5 meters or so), Tom Mills won the grand champ award with a 35x, beating Sharon Worth Hatlee’s 35 by a mere x, and topping Zoe Zawol’s 30 by only the narrowest of margins! I have it on good authority that this Mills character was sweating bullets!

Thanks to every one of you who came out to make this event such a success. Special thanks to all of the staff at the Valley of Fire State Park, for their never-ending assistance, patience, and all around good will. I’m already looking forward to next year. I have some great ideas about making this an even better event the next time around. I hope more of you will join us again.

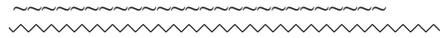
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LETTERS:

Margie,
 I thought you might want to include this link (<http://museumofnativeamericanartifacts.org/index.html>) in the next issue of "The Atlatl". It's a link to a VERY good Indian Museum in Bentonville , Arkansas. Bentonville is only about 70 miles west and a little south of Branson, MO and almost equal distance between I-40 on the south, and I-44 to the north. The museum is small, but is loaded with really good things that would be of interest to most all atlatlists. Anyone passing through the area on either of the

interstates might want to make a quick side trip. Bentonville is also the birth place of "Wal-Mart", and just north of Fayetteville, AR. (where Bill and Hillary attended, university)

They also have good map directions on the link, as well as phone number, hours, etc.

Ray Madden



Art Meets Stone

My name is David Rhodes. I have been a member of the WAA for about a year. I am very interested in native Americans. I am enclosing some pictures from an exhibit at our local library put on by a local friend and me which I titled "Art Meets Stone" it includes flints we have knapped, plus stone tools I have hafted, along with

many books and posters. Your publication is wonderful. Thank you very much,
 David Rhodes



Greetings from Wyoming

By Russell Richard

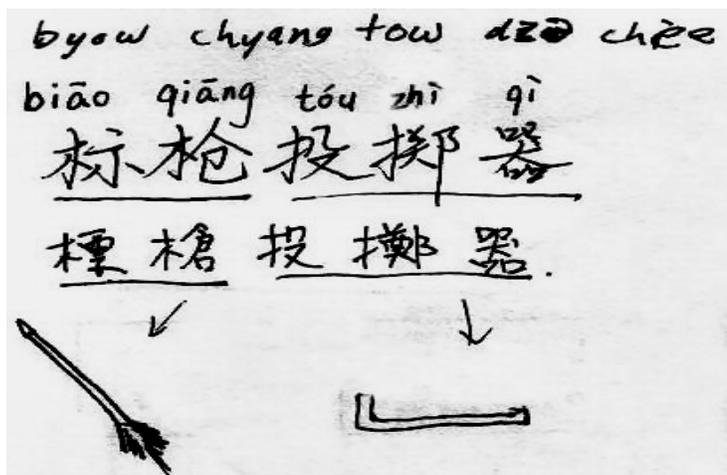
Greetings again from your atlatl friends in Wyoming. We are still throwing strong in all types of interesting weather out here. So



far this year we have had 16 opportunities to get together and still have 17 more throws ahead of us. Our best attendance to date was 22 people and a few folks from Montana and Colorado have even honored us with a visit. Among our recent additions is a fellow who has been throwing for a couple of years and thought he was the only one in the state, some of you remember being there eh. The fine feasts and many laughs are sure to continue through the year. In July we have our annual three-day Foothill-Mountain Atlatl Open (the 11th year!). The events include atlatl, bow, spear, tomahawk, knife, and rabbitstick, maybe next year we can squeeze in sling and blowgun too.

Among the many memorable moments so far was the fun of introducing the atlatl to three young students from China. They enjoyed the experience and then provided me with some new words for atlatl and dart. Wrap your tongue around these!

At our last throw on June 14th a bit of ISAC magic occurred. The stalwart Stevens clan (Jerry, Kim, and Jeff) and my sister Regina Dodson each threw their best score of the year on that day.



For Kim it was also her best ever (46) but for Jerry it was a truly sublime moment. He leapt from a career high of 46 to a score of 78 and has proudly joined the men's division rankings. You might have thought Jerry had just become world champion. He was a happy fellow whose hard work and perseverance had finally paid off.

We hope everyone is having a similarly successful season, we all feel like winners when we gather and share the moment. Best wishes from the Wyoming Atlatl and Social Club and Russell Richard.

Conquering the Atlatl Dragon

By Rick Shepard

Good Day, Aspiring Atlatl Friends.....

Yesterday, the Ohio Atlatl Association met at Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio on Saturday, April 18, 2009, as part of the college's Archeology Day....an Event we are invited to each year.....A Grand Throw was had by All.....

The Good News is that I gave the Lord Dragon, ISAC, a fair accounting.....

We threw our three rounds of the Ohio Local Comps First.....always enjoyable and a Good chance to loosen up and get that needed practice. Then we threw the IAS Round.....I made a 67XX....."Double X"Imagine That.....

Finally the ISAC.....The Dragon In Its Lair.....Shaking and Quaking like the Scarecrow defending Dorothy I overcame my fear and valiantly approached the 15 Meter Line.....Threw five confident volleys to make five good numbered scores.....OKOK.....I Can DO This.....Bring It ON!!!!!!!

Backing Up About A Quarter Mile or So I Used My Shield To Protect Me From The Scorching Fetid Breath Of The Shrieking Dragon.....For I Had Wounded Him Grievously.....Finally I Took My Stand At The 20 Meter Line.....I Was To Be Moved No More.....

Fired My First Lance With A Vicious Throw And SCORED.....Not A Killing Blow.....Actually Enraged The Beast Into Such A Howling Frenzy That I Began To Feel Much Like The Lion In The Wizard Of Oz As My Very Knees Began Knocking Together Until I Felt There Was A Band Of Lecherous Gypsies Close By Making Merry Of Me With Their Banging Tambourines and Deep Drums In My Agony.....

"Zeroed" My Second Throw Just Outside The Six.....The Beast Had Feigned, Parried and ATTACKED.....I Sank To My Knees As My Valiant Comrades Readied Their Lances And Slammed Their Spears Into Its Vitals.....Only Momentarily Giving Me Respite.....

Shouting Insults I Mounted My Next Counter Attack, But The Beast Had Began Making A Series Of Ingenious Serpentine Flanking Moves.....I KNOW They Must Have Been ISFM's As I Could Readily See The ICBM I had Strapped to my Atlatl Spear Waving Back And Forth.....And Back And Forth.....Up And Down.....Diagonally.....In Circles.....Finally in desperation, I Grabbed The Dart To Steady It as I Realized ISAC hadn't moved At all.....Not one Bit.....Lord Demon Dragon ISAC had cast a Spell of Black Smoldering Magic upon my eyesBut only momentarily was the advantage of any real use.....Insane with rage myself I Blasted a Shaft Downrange.....Only to see it sink into a Six.....

What Now?!!!!..... I was deeply wounded and staggering.....I don't even remember the final two assaults.....Someone said I was laughing hysterically as I lobbed my final two darts somewhere in the general direction of King ISAC.....I had decided to retreat with such semblance of honor as I could manage to the scorekeepers tent for the final result....or insult as ISAC would have it.....

In all fairness to myself....And in the hopes of talking myself into ever taking on ISAC again.....I had managed to average right at 8 points for each of 8 of the 10 throws.....The other two throws?.....Well..... You Do the math..... Then you will know what happened to them.....

I'll be back, ISAC.....I'll always be back as long as there is breath and body.....And the Will To Fight.....Rick

**Wisconsin atlatl event
By Lenny Riemersma**

We held our Wisconsin atlatl event on June 14th at Henschels Indian Museum. The event coincided with the Badger State artifact show. With the atlatl becoming more known in Wisconsin, we had many people try it for the first time at our demo area. Usually it is mainly youth that will try throwing darts, but we had more adults try it this year.

From left to right Phil, Rick, Gordy, Glen, Lenny, Jerry.



The weather was cooperating for our event, calm winds and mid seventies for a temperature. We had six competitors, two brand new to the sport. We had one person there to learn about the atlatl and write up an article in an outdoor news column in one of the local papers. He was very interested and supportive of the use of an atlatl for hunting.



No real score busters but everyone had a great time at our event. A new event in Wisconsin is our giant mosquito target. Now we can say we are good enough to hit a mosquito at fifteen meters.

**FLYING TARPS, TENTS AND TARGETS –
The May 8-10 Event at Fogelman’s, Turbotville, Pa.**

The weekend saw 19 throwers attend this 3-day event. Some camped, some stayed in house and one stayed at a hotel. Some came for the entire three days, some for two days and some for just a day but from the comments all enjoyed it, despite a little weather. Well, ok, it seemed more than a little. Friday was fine, maybe a little drizzle now and then, and the same for most of Saturday but somewhere along the way Saturday afternoon the wind picked up. Then it picked up some more. Then it started picking up traps, rolling over tents and sending targets from the European course flying all about the fields. Fortunately, no one was injured and tents and tarps sustained only minor damage.

Set up where it was across the top of the ridge the European course and tube toss became all but impossible to attempt Saturday afternoon and evening, though some did. It also played havoc with the ISAC contests Saturday evening and was a presence Sunday morning as well. Those in attendance came from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Connecticut.

Several threw scores to make the listings for the first time this year and at least two threw personal bests; Michael Franks 88x was the highest he’s ever thrown, while 6-year old

Marlin Bassett threw a 35, which ties the highest ever thrown for that age group. Other notable scores were a 92xxx by Jack Rowe, a 91xxx by Gary Fogelman (who started with a perfect 50xx), and 84 by Missy Dildine.

There was an on-going local event with 4 parts which those participating in could do as often as they liked up until noon Sunday, though I don’t believe anyone did anything Sunday. One part was a European contest. Another was a State Round which consisted of 10 positions, two darts at each position using an ISAC target. A third part was the Tiny Target. This was 5 positions from 5m to 15m using the 8-meter European target. The fourth part was the Tube Toss. An elongated cardboard box with an opening 10” square or so was suspended from a tree at 20m. Five throws constituted a round with 5 points scored for each dart through the tube.

Marlin Bassett was the youth winner. The top three women were: Missy Dildine was Third with a score of 130.33xx. JoAnne Fogelman was Second with a score of 155.70. Lori Majorsky was First with a score of 161.8. In the men’s division it was Jack Rowe Third with a score of 244.36xxxx. Douglass Bassett was Second with a score of 272xx. Gary Fogelman was First with a score of 280.33xxxx.

The three First Place award winners then competed for the Grand Champion plaque. This consisted of 5 throws with the youth throwing from 10m, the woman from 15m and the man from 20m. At the end of the five throws the scores were: Marlin 38, Lori 38 and Gary 42.

**Wisconsin Atlatl Building Workshop
at Wausau School Forest
By Lenny Riemersma**

On Sunday May 3rd we had eighteen teachers from various schools in Wisconsin, and students from U.W. Stevens Point, making and using their very first atlatl and



dart. Many knew of what an atlatl was but had never seen or used one. The morning workshop started with learning a



brief history of the atlatl and dart and how it works. The atlatl kits were made up ahead of time so all that had to be done was tie everything together. First the class learned how to tie a clove hitch knot which was then used throughout the morning. Once this knot was familiar with everyone we began by tying an extra wrap around the spur of the atlatl. Then we tied the leather grip on to the throwing board. Once everyone had these two items together we were able to begin putting the feathers on our darts. The dart material was bamboo, which was straightened ahead of time with a copper point inserted in the fore-shaft. We had the fletching pre-cut so tying it onto the dart was all that had to be done. I had baggies filled with everything that was needed to make the atlatl and dart. In little over an hour everyone was able to try their new atlatl and dart and begin throwing towards the target. Many of the novice atlatlists enjoyed their new stone

age hunting tool. I would like to take this opportunity to



thank Joe Struzynski for helping me with this workshop. I also thank his two children Samantha and Ben for



demonstrating how to use an atlatl with the teachers.

Pictures:

- 1 Joe Struzynski helping with tying on the leather wrap
- 2 Lenny Riemersma showing how to tie on the fletching on the darts
- 3,4, Students using their new atlatl and dart for the first time.

Ancient Mayan Throwing Stick Modernized by Bowmen



Mrs. Robert Stacy-Judd, wife of the famous archaeologist, demonstrates use of modernized version of the ancient Mayan throwing stick on a Los Angeles archery range.

BORROWING an idea from the Mayan Indians of Yucatan, Los Angeles sports enthusiasts have revived the ancient throwing stick to add new zest to the enjoyment of modern archery.

Used instead of a bow to hurl arrows great distances with deadly accuracy, the throwing stick, or "hul-che," was used for both hunting and combat by the ancient Mayans. Several specimens of the weapon were found by Robert B. Stacy-Judd, famous archaeologist, and were given to Earl B. Powell, nationally known archery expert, who developed them as a modern sports accessory.

Check out this Lady Atlatlist from a 1935 issue of Modern Mechanix

2008 ISAC Highlights from the Youth, Top 25 and Aggregate Record Books

by Douglas Bassett

The complete updated information can be found on the WAA website by clicking to the ISAC page from the Home Page and then scrolling down and clicking on the following documents: "Best Youth ISAC Scores by Age" and "ISAC Aggregate Records – '96-'08" and also check the "Top 25 List" near the top of the ISAC page.

Eighty-eight youth threw ISACs in 2008 and four threw five or more times. Jordon Ashley of Belvidere, TN, set a new record for 10-year olds with a score of 79 which improved his ranking in the Top 25 List as he becomes the youngest member in the top ten of the Most Decorated Youth. Nate Miller (86 - this year's Youth Champion and top 10 score of all time), age 14 of Wausau, WI and Jared Ariel (81-X), age 15, of Huntland TN also improved their ranking in the Top 25 List. Marlin Bassett (age 5) of Warsaw, NY, continues to lead as the most active thrower with 18 ISACs thrown this year. He scored in twelve games, one with an X and broke the record for any 5-year old in ISAC history on three occasions. His current record is 27 but he knows he can do better, having thrown a 44 from 15 meters just prior to an official game. Three other 5-year olds threw this year and Carter Ashley (score 16) of Belvidere, TN also exceeded the former record of 14 held by Nate Miller. Jeff Kingery (age 15) of Utica, OH, Harold Eyster (age 14) of Chelsea, MI, Levi Miller (Age 14) of Brockway, PA and Torin Tindongan (age 14) of Albany, OH join the ranks of Shane Ryker and Nick Mertz as the only youth to have competed for eight years. The following youth all scored above average in their age groups: Colby Hopkins (age 12) of Columbia, TN scored 75-X; Keagan Gerber (age 12) of Apollo, PA scored 68-X; Hunter Miller (Age 9) of Brockway, PA scored 61. Braden Fogelman (age 8) of Goose Creek, NC joined the ranks of 64 youth that have thrown 5 or more ISACs in a single year.

Ninety-eight women threw ISACs in 2008 and twenty-two threw five or more times. Melissa Dildine of Sayre, PA continues her dominance: the only woman to score more than 350(394) points in the Total Point Aggregate Standings; the only woman to throw more than 300(311) career ISACs; the only woman to score more than 20,000(21,444.7) career points; the only woman to have thrown more than 75(77) career X's; but, she losses her title to the highest career average score to Devin Johns of Erie, PA who is the first woman to average above 70(70.22). She also losses her claim of being the only woman to have scored above a 90 which she now shares with Lori Majorsky (91-X) of Derry, PA. Maren Petersen (84-X) of Germany, Devin Johns (84) and Bonnie Sortore (73) of Friendship, NY are new additions to the Top 25 List. In addition to Lori Majorsky, Linda Brundage (73) of Friendship, NY and Shannon Santos (73) of Waverly, NY improved their Top 25 Scores. Devin Johns (70.22) had a personal high year-end

average for those women competitors that have thrown 5 or more ISACs in a single year and averaged 55 or more. Three women joined the ranks of the 31 women who have averaged 50 or more points for at least five ISAC entries in a single year (with their Top 5 ISAC Aggregates following their names): Devin Johns (70.22), Bonnie Sortore (66.00) and Regina Dodson (54.80) of Cheyenne, WY. Mariah Sheppard (21 games) of Cheyenne, WY, Bonnie Sortore (15 games), Mary Fleming (8 games) of Laramie, WY, Marcia Peterson (8 games) of Bosler, WY, Jennifer Lehr (7 games) of Hewitt, NJ, Carline Luoma (6 games) of Wellington, Co, Devin Johns (5 games) and Jodi Metzger (5 games) of Laramie, WY joined the ranks of 81 women that have thrown 5 or more ISACs in a single year.

Three hundred twenty men threw ISACs in 2008 and fifty-nine threw five or more times. Gary Fogelman of Turbotville, PA continued his leadership as: the only man to score more than 1300(1323) points in the Total Point Aggregate Standings; the only person to throw more than 350(371) career ISACs; the only person to score more than 30,000(30,912.2) career points; the only person to have thrown more than 250(252) career X's; but losses his title of most career games scoring 90 or better to Douglas Bassett of Warsaw, NY who now has 95 such games. Douglas Bassett (95.26) had his second year of a Top 5 ISAC Aggregate of 95 or more. He also set records in every five-game increment from 10 to 65 while setting a year-end record of 66 games, 5864.1 points (71X) and 36 games with scores of 90 or better. Cyrille Huc (94-XX) of France, Mamerto Tindongan (93-X) of Albany, OH and Tom Mills (92-X) of Pasadena, CA improved their rankings in the Top 25 List. Andy Majorsky (90) of Derry, PA and Rodger Klindt (90) of Dexter, NY join the 42 men to score 90 or better. Gary Fogelman (88.36) had a personal high Year-end Aggregate and Mamerto Tindongan (91.28) had a personal high Top 5 ISAC Aggregate. Six men joined the ranks of the 104 men who have averaged 70 or more points for at least five ISAC entries in a single year (with their Top 5 ISAC Aggregates following their names): Ryan Grohsmeyer (84.30) of Callaway, MD, Rick Shepherd (78.86) of Hilliard, OH, Brian Manning (77.02) of Westtown, NY, Pascal Boucreux (73.40) of France, Wayne Wells (72.64) of Cameron, NY and Mike Blakeman (70.44) of Waverly, NY. David Sheppard (19 games) of Cheyenne, WY, Matthew Lyons (8 games) of Scranton, PA, Glen Oechsner (7 games) of Campbell Sport, WI, Gary Sipila (7 games) of Hewitt, NJ, Nathan Fleming (6 games) of Laramie, WY, Garry Luoma (6 games) of Wellington, CO, Jon Cline (5 games) of Grinnell, IA, Jurgens Junkmanns (5 games) of Germany and Devin Pettigrew (5 games) of Rogers, AR join the ranks of 239 men that have thrown 5 or more ISACs in a single year.

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THE WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION SANCTIONS NO CONTESTS, BUT ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO ATTEND LOCAL CONTESTS. UPDATED 6-28-2009

North American Atlatl Competition Events for 2009

July 3-5	Hueston Woods Atlatl Event, Hueston Woods State Park, Ohio ISAC, IASAC and Ohio Atlatl Association local events. Contact Chad Wilson (chadwilson@gmail.com) or Ray Strischek (ohioatlatl@hotmail.com) 740-593-2365
July 3-5	11 th Annual Foothill-Mountain Atlatl and Bow Open, Wyoming This is the only remaining annual atlatl competition in Wyoming. It is a three-day camping event in a beautiful location that offers a challenging competition and big fun for all ages. Open to all, equipment and instruction cheerfully provided. Sponsored by the Wyoming Atlatl and Social Club. Contact: Gary/Regina Dodson wyo winds@aol.com (307-632-0766) or Russell Richard coyotec clown@aol.com (307-772-0550) for location and time.
July 10-12	2009 Annual Meeting of the World Atlatl Association & State Atlatl Championship Chelsea Rod & Gun, Chelsea, Michigan . European, 3-D, ISAC, Popinjay, ISAC Only Friday Evening, all contests Saturday and Sunday, \$10 range fee For more information contact Dan Hovater at hovaterdan@yahoo.com www.michiganatlatl.org/2009_world_atlatl_association_annual_meeting
July 17-19	OAA Flint Ridge Meet, Flint Ridge State Park near Brownsville, Ohio ISAC, IASAC and Ohio Atlatl Association local events. Contact: Ray Strischek (ohioatlatl@hotmail.com) 740-593-2365
July 18-19	Smoky Hollow Rendezvous, Cascade, Wisconsin July 18 - Demo, ISAC, ISSAC, Hunter's Round July 19 - ISAC, ISSAC only Contact Len Riemersma at (920) 528-7454 or lenmaryr@dotnet.com
July 19	Pasadena, California , In conjunction with a monthly Bowmaking/Flintknapping/Atlatl Gathering ISAC Contest (only) & ; Atlatl & Dart making and throwing clinics Check the atlatl discussion forums at www.PaleoPlanet.net for further information or contact Tom Mills at (626) 794-9158 or paleoaleo@yahoo.com
July 22-24	Echoes in Time, Willamette Mission State Park, Salem, Oregon ISAC and novelty throw Contact Bob Kitch at (509) 493-1971 or (541) 806-1971
July 23-25	Athens Public Library, Home Street, Athens, Ohio OAA will provide an oral history of the atlatl on Thursday 7/23 evening. Demonstration and contests all day Friday and Saturday. ISAC, IASAC, and Ohio Locals. Contact Ray Strischek, ohioatlatl@hotmail.com for more information.
July 23-26	Atlatl Rattle at Green Flats – Hancock, New York ISAC, IASAC, and locals. New York Atlatl Association, Inc. events (Individuals, Hunters & European). NYAA fully insured. Final Team Championships held on the grounds of Ray Turner's Casa de Fumo. For more information contact Gary Fogelman (570) 437-3698, iam@indian-artifacts.net
July 25	Prairie Festival at U.W.C. Fond du Lac, Wisconsin Demo, ISAC, ISSAC Contact Len Riemersma at (920) 528-7454 or lenmaryr@dotnet.com
August 1	Conneaut Lake (formerly Saegertown), Pennsylvania Tentative, details being worked out. New location, 1 day only artifact show and atlatl contest. More later. Contact Gary at (570) 437-3698.
August 8	Ancient Ways at Sugarloaf Preserve, Sugarloaf Preserve, Walnut Creek, California 10 a.m. Atlatl Competition comes to Sugarloaf! Join us for an adventurous day as we go back in time to experience primitive technology through contests, games, and activities. Try your skill at tossing the Atlatl, "The Atom Bomb of the Stone Age." Throw the Rabbitstick, the American Indian "boomerang" that doesn't come back! Contest winners will receive arrowheads made from bone. Make and spin an acorn top. Play stick dice and other games. Make simple crafts from cattails and tules. An ISAC will also be held. Please call Ranger Bruce Weidman at (925) 943-5899 ext. 2665.
August 8-9	Howard Community Day – Howard, New York ISAC, IASAC, and locals. New York Atlatl Association, Inc. events and fully insured. Saturday at the Carl M. Willis Memorial Park (3582 County Route 70A) and Sunday across the road at Mike's house. Last chance to enter the Hunters, Individual or European rounds. For more information contact Mike Waters (607) 661-8445, dartman22002@yahoo.com
August 13-17	GLP Summer Gathering, Bois Blanc Island, Michigan European, ISAC All day each of the four days during the annual primitive skills gathering. For updated information check www.michiganatlatl.org For more information contact Jim Gilligan: primitive1@chartermi.net or (810) 599-6881
August 15	Laguna Niguel, California Atlatl throw and ISAC. Open to all. Contact Jim Winn: Paleomanjim@yahoo.com (949-347-1230)
August 14	That Dam ISAC Albany, Ohio Friday evening on pond dam at Steve's House near Albany, OH ISAC and IASAC Contact Steve Barnett barnz@juno.com 740-698-6553 or Ray Strischek ohioatlatl@hotmail.com 740-593-2365
August 15-16	Tenth Annual Albany Ohio Atlatl Contest's Albany Riding Club, corner of Ohio State Route's 32 and 681. ISAC, IASAC and Ohio Atlatl Association local events. Contact Steve Barnett barnz@juno.com 740-698-6553 or Ray Strischek ohioatlatl@hotmail.com 740-593-2365

August 15-16	Hot Blanket atlatl throw & ISAC. Cheyenne, Wyoming Open to all, equipment and instruction cheerfully provided. Sponsored by the Wyoming Atlatl and Social Club. Contact: Gary/Regina Dodson wyowinds@aol.com (307-632-0766) or Russell Richard coyoteclownd@aol.com (307-772-0550) for location and time.
August 16	Texas Atlatl Tournament. Hosted by the Austin Archery Club at Emma Long Park in Austin, Texas Thirty 3-D targets in the Hill Country, contest fee = \$12. 8:30 AM - 1 PM More information available on-line: http://www.austinarcheryclub.com
August 22	Indian Artifacts and Gun Show & Atlatl Competition, Jefferson County Fair Grounds, Brookville, Pennsylvania Route 80 Exit 81 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ISAC and IASAC Beginners welcome - hands-on instruction The gun show will feature all types of antique firearms through 1898. The artifact exhibit will feature both prehistoric and historic artifact displays, flintknapping, and artifact identification. Contact Edward Kaufman at (814) 764-3874 or lenwood@clarion-net.com Ken Burkett at (814) 365-5563 or burken@adelphia.net or George Miller at (814) 265-0435 or gmliller@brockwaytv.com
August 27-30	Stone Tool Craftsman Show Highbanks Recreation Area, north end of Letchworth State Park - Castile, New York (Aug 29 & 30 10:00 am to 5:00 pm) 21st Annual Eastern Seaboard Atlatl Competition (State Round, Closest-to-Pin, Distance) Aug 28 & 29. ISAC, IASAC, Hoop Toss, Throw Over the Gorge Qualifiers & wooded Animal Round all four days. Handicapped Mammoth Hunt (Saturday) and Long Distance Accuracy and Atlatl Battle (Sunday). New York Atlatl Association, Inc. insured event. Stone Tool Show contact: Dana & Kay Klein 585-365-8048. Atlatl Competition contact: Douglas Bassett 585-493-3625.
Sept. 4-6	Flint Ridge Lithic Society Knap-in Flint Ridge State Park near Brownsville, Ohio ISAC, IASAC and Ohio Atlatl Association local events. Contact Steve Barnett barnz@juno.com 740-698-6553 or Ray Strischek ohioatlatl@hotmail.com 740-593-2365
Sept. 4-6	21 st Annual Montana Mammoth Hunt at the First People's Buffalo Jump State Park, near Ulm, Montana ISAC all three days and European field round on Saturday and Sunday Contact Robert Tompson at (406) 866-2219
Sept. 4-6	Tyoga Shoot-off 389 Simkin Rd. Elmira, New York ISAC, IASAC, Hunters Animal Round, Distance throw, Individuals, Team competition, NYAA Qualifying. A New York Atlatl Association, Inc. sponsored and insured event. Contact: Jack 570-888-8258 rjrowe93@gmail.com or Tom Goble; 607-215-9405
Sept. 5-6	Cool Blanket atlatl throw & ISAC. Cheyenne, Wyoming Open to all, equipment and instruction cheerfully provided. Sponsored by the Wyoming Atlatl and Social Club. Contact: Gary/Regina Dodson wyowinds@aol.com (307-632-0766) or Russell Richard coyoteclownd@aol.com (307-772-0550) for location and time.
Sept. 10-12	Game & Fish Expo atlatl hunt and ISAC. Casper, Wyoming A major outdoor education exposition, a great family event. Open to all, equipment and instruction cheerfully provided. Contact: Gary/Regina Dodson wyowinds@aol.com (307-632-0766) or Russell Richard coyoteclownd@aol.com (307-772-0550).
Sept. 11-13	Cahokia Mounds atlatl event at the Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site near Collinsville, Illinois ISAC all three days with European and other contests on Saturday. Contact Ron Mertz (314)628-9376 or devoemertz@sbcglobal.net .
Sept. 12	South Texas Atlatl ISAC, Roma, Texas For details contact: azagathoth@hotmail.com
Sept. 18-20	Eleventh Annual Ohio Pawpaw Festival Lake Snowden, St. Rt 32, Albany, Ohio www.pawpawfest.com ISAC, IASAC and Ohio Atlatl Association local events. Contact Steve Barnett barnz@juno.com 740-698-6553 or Ray Strischek ohioatlatl@hotmail.com 740-593-2365
Sept. 18-20	9 th Annual First People's Buffalo Jump State Park Atlatl Contest, near Ulm, Montana ISAC all three days and European field round on Saturday and Sunday Contact Robert Tompson at (406) 866-2219
Sept. 18-20	Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison, Vermont September 18: Atlatl Workshop. Atlatl experts Bob and Cheryl Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl will teach you modern and traditional techniques of atlatl and dart construction, flint knapping, hafting stone points, and cordage making. Enjoy atlatl lore and coaching on the use of your new atlatl. Bob has taught primitive skills and the atlatl for 17 years. This is his 14th year at Chimney Point. \$65 fee includes instruction and all materials. Pre-registration required. Vermont Archaeology Month program. Noon - 5:00 PM. September 19: Fourteenth Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship & Chimney Point Knap-In and Festival of Nations, Participate in or watch this annual championship, part of the Festival of Nations with the Crown Point, NY, State Historic Site. The sport of atlatl throwing is based on the ancient hunting technique of using the atlatl or spear thrower. Flint knapping and other Native American life and craft demonstrations. Pre-registration preferred. Champlain 400th signature event--Festival of Nations. Top Ten Vermont Fall Event. Co-sponsored by Vermont Archaeological Society. Vermont Archeology Month program. Camping at DAR State Park. 10:30 - 4:30 PM. September 20: ISAC Atlatl Championship. Second day of atlatl International Standard Accuracy Competition. The Knap-in and Festival of Nations continues. After ISAC, master class/coaching for boys and girls. 10:00 AM. (802) 759-2412 www.HistoricVermont.org/chimneypoint
Sept. 20	Pasadena, California , In conjunction with a monthly Bowmaking/Flintknapping/Atlatl Gathering ISAC Contest (only) & ; Atlatl & Dart making and throwing clinics

	Check the atlatl discussion forums at www.PaleoPlanet.net for further information or contact Tom Mills at (626) 794-9158 or paleoaleo@yahoo.com
Sept 26	Badu Park, Llano Texas , ISAC, atlatl and flint knapping , Contact: martybobcat@yahoo.com
Sept. 25-27	Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park, Manchester, Tennessee Fall Knap-In and ISAC Contact Keith Wimberley at Keith.Wimberley@state.tn.us
Sept. 26-27	Smoky Hollow Rendezvous, Cascade, Wisconsin Sept. 26 - Demo, ISAC, ISSAC, Hunter's Round, Sept. 27 - ISAC, ISSAC only Contact Len Riemersma at (920) 528-7454 or lenmaryr@dotnet.com
Oct. 2-4	Lake Atwood Fall Festival, Lake Atwood, Ohio ISAC, IASAC and Ohio Atlatl Association local events. Contact Ray Strischek ohioatlatl@hotmail.com or (740) 593-2365 for more information.
Oct. 3-4	New England Atlatl Day Hammonasset Festival, Hammonasset Beach State Park , Madison, Connecticut ISAC and Local Competitions co-sponsored by the Friends of Hammonasset and the CT State Museum of Natural History / CT Archaeology Center. Saturday and Sunday 10:00 to 4:00. Camping available. For more information contact Gary Nolf gnolf@comcast.net
Oct. 3-4	October 3 & 4-Falling Blanket atlatl throw & ISAC. Cheyenne, Wyoming Open to all, equipment and instruction cheerfully provided. Sponsored by the Wyoming Atlatl and Social Club. Contact: Gary/Regina Dodson wyowinds@aol.com (307-632-0766) or Russell Richard coyoteclow@aol.com (307-772-0550) for location and time.
Oct. 14	October 14 Laramie, Wyoming Open to all, equipment and instruction cheerfully provided. Sponsored by the Wyoming Atlatl and Social Club. Contact: Gary/Regina Dodson wyowinds@aol.com (307-632-0766) or Russell Richard coyoteclow@aol.com (307-772-0550) for location and time.
Oct. 10-11	Anl Candor Fall Festival Atlatl Contests + Demonstrations at Side Hill Acres Goat Farm, Route 96, Candor, New York Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to 4 both days. ISAC, IAC and local contests and demonstrations. For further information contact Bob or Cheryl Berg at 1-800-836-4520 or Thunderbirdatlatl@gmail.com
Oct. 17	Tannu Tuva Memorial Fall Fling, Gilligan residence, Brighton, Michigan , 3-D, ISAC, 12 - 5 p.m.Potlatch For updated information check www.michiganatlatl.org For more information contact Jim Gilligan: primitive1@chartermi.net or (810) 599-6881
Oct. 17	Laguna Niguel, California Atlatl throw and ISAC. Open to all. Contact Jim Winn: Paleomanjim@yahoo.com (949-347-1230)
Oct. 17	Blackwater Draw, New Mexico , ISAC, atlatl, flint knapping, etc. contact: David.Batten@enmu.edu
Oct. 30-31	Zaleski State Forest, Lake Hope Park Ohio ROAR days ISAC, IASAC and Ohio Atlatl Association local events. Contact Steve Barnett barnz@juno.com 740-698-6553 or Ray Strischek ohioatlatl@hotmail.com 740-593-2365
Nov. 7-8 Nov. 11 Nov. 30	November 7 & 8-Frosty Blanket atlatl throw & ISAC. Cheyenne, Wyoming November 11 & 30 Laramie, Wyoming Open to all, equipment and instruction cheerfully provided. Sponsored by the Wyoming Atlatl and Social Club. Contact: Gary/Regina Dodson wyowinds@aol.com (307-632-0766) or Russell Richard coyoteclow@aol.com (307-772-0550) for location and time.
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Nov. 27	Turkey Toss, Klimowicz residence, Fenton, Michigan 3-D, ISAC, 12 - 5 p.m., Potlatch For updated information check www.michiganatlatl.org For more information contact Jim Gilligan: primitive1@chartermi.net or (810) 599-6881
Nov. 28	Laguna Niguel, California Atlatl throw and ISAC. Open to all. Contact Jim Winn: Paleomanjim@yahoo.com (949-347-1230)

UK Events for 2009

July 26	Fun ISAC and barbecue to be held at Penny's Forge Nutley, Ashdown Forest (home of Winnie the Pooh), Sussex The atlatl throwing will be free but if you wanna eat you should bring some meat. Contact Neal Matheson at akaisugi@yahoo.co.uk
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Championnat d'Europe de tir aux armes préhistoriques 2009

date	site	pays	département/province	ISAC
04-05 juillet	Quinson	France	Alpes de hte provence	ISAC Sunday 05/07

08-09 juillet	Nice	France	Alpes maritimes	ISAC Sunday 09/07
11-12 juillet	Tende	France	Alpes maritimes	ISAC Sunday 12/07
11-12 juillet	Saint Just	France	Ille et Vilaine	ISAC Sunday 12/07
18-19 juillet	Errentaria	Espana	Guipozkoa	
18-19 juillet	Gross-Gerau	Deutschland	Francfort	ISAC Sunday 19/07
25-26 juillet	Colazza	Italia		ISAC Sunday 26/07
25-26 juillet	Tautavel	France	Pyrénées orientales	
01-02 août	Boario	Italia	Trentino	ISAC Sunday 02/08
01-02 août	La Chapelle aux saints	France	Corrèze	ISAC Saturday 01/08 & Sunday 02/08
08-09 août	Le Mas d'Azil	France	Ariège	
08-09 août	Lejre	Denmark	Sjaelland	
29-30 août	Courniou / St Pons de Thomières	France	Hérault	ISAC Saturday 29/08 & Sunday 30/08
29-30 août	Pescheray	France	Sarthe	ISAC Saturday 29/08 & Sunday 30/08
05-06 septembre	Nemours	France	Seine et Marne	ISAC Sunday 06/09
12-13 septembre	Brassempouy	France	Landes	
12-13 septembre	Gletterens	Suisse		
19-20 septembre	Hundersingen	Deutschland		ISAC Sunday 20/09
19-20 septembre	Zonhoven	Belgique	Limburg	ISAC Sunday 20/09
26-27septembre	Bruniquel	France	Tarn et Garonne	ISAC Saturday 26/09 & Sunday 27/09
26-27septembre	Marpent	France	Nord	
03-04 octobre	Bougou	France	Deux-Sèvres	ISAC Sunday 04/10
10-11 octobre	Pinar	Espana	Granada	
17-18 octobre	Sergeac	France	Dordogne	
05-06 décembre	Auneau	France	Eur et Loire	
pour plus d'info contact : christian.lepers@swde.be				

Sad news in the atlatl community:

Karl and Char Pentecost were killed in a motorcycle accident. Char was the daughter of Troy and Shirley Helmick. Char was very active in promoting the Atlatl in Montana and helped her dad train students at various educational institutions. Our hearts go out to Troy and Shirley, whose heartbreak must be immeasurable. Losing a child is about the worst thing in the world a parent can experience.

Martin Strischek, pioneer of the Ohio Atlatl Association with his son, Ray, has passed away. He will be missed at the Flint Ridge events where he taught the atlatl to many, many kids. Also his grand-dog Woogie, the atlatl dog, has crossed the rainbow bridge.

Be open to your dreams, people. Embrace that distant shore. Because our mortal journey is over all too soon.

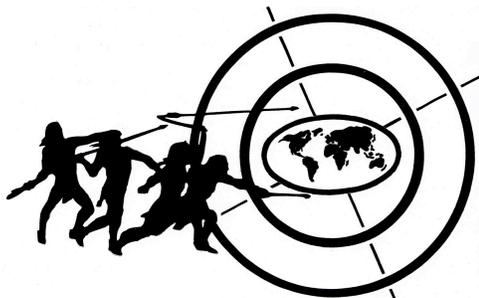
David Assael, *Northern Exposure, It Happened in Juneau, 1992*



Mayan Atlatlist
By Tom Mills

I was thinking of Terry Keefer while I was down in Guatemala in the ruins of Tikal. I intentionally brought the dart that Terry loaned me while we were in Michigan for the last annual meeting there. Terry surprised me by sending the dart (and another one) to me in the mail after the meeting. Anyway, I brought it down with me because I thought it would be cool to have a piece of Terry get on TV. Here it is in the hands of a young Guatemalan guy, posing for the shot in front of a Maya ruin. He was a very nice young man (one of the re-inactors who travel around the country re-inacting/playing the ancient ball game). He threw darts with the atlatl like he was born with one in his hands. I told him that the dart he was using was made by one of the greatest atlatlists of all time and that in my opinion, Terry's spirit was mixing with his as he threw...I told him that was the best explanation for him throwing so well. He smiled in agreement and threw the dart, hit the target right in the center. When the host finally had a good throw - his first to hit the target - was Terry's dart too!

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