

THE ATLATL

"Too Long Have I Hunted Mammoth Alone!" Rick McWhorter

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PRESIDENTS INVITATIONAL

"Thank You" to all who came to Central City and helped make the **1st ANNUAL BILL TATE PRESIDENTS INVITATIONAL** the success it turned out to be. We will never be able to repay you WA&SC, our northern cousins, for all your hard work and generosity, (But we'll sure try anytime you need us).

I believe I have the distinct honor of turning in the most prestigious score sheet ever submitted to the WAA. The contestants consist of: Mr. Bill Tate – WAA's 1st president ... Mr. Tim Boucher – WAA's 3rd ... Mr. Boney Cosyleon – WAA's 4th ... Mr. Troy Helmick – WAA's 5th ... and to round off the field, Mr. Ron Mertz – WAA's 10th president... The contest was scored by long time atlatlist & future president?? - Ms. Regina Dodson ... and the scores were attested by none other than Ms. Leni Clubb – WAA's 2nd president.

We had an amazing number of potential new members due to the outstanding article in the Denver Post, and all received professional instruction from not only the 6



Bill Tate demonstrated the perfect tossing technique tossing the ceremonial "first dart" of the event



past presidents and co-founders of the WAA in attendance, but legends in the world of atlatl such as Ray Madden who drove with his friend Ron Mertz all the way from Missouri to attend (with his Australian atlatl's & fletchless darts) ... And Ken Wee, another legend, came down from his Colorado mountain hideaway to help instruct and serenade us with a little of his pickin' & grinnin'... Other legends providing instruction were

At 96 years young (97 in Sept) Leni Clubb (Grandmother of the atlatl) was cheerfully instructing this rookie in the proper throwing technique (And managed to steal my heart in the process)

Elizabeth English , Regina Dodson, WAA vice-president Russell Richard and future legend (I'm sure) Walt Keller.

It's a little known fact that Russell Richard used DNA to construct "Lttl' Eric" the mammoth - Darn Noisy Atlatlists. Thanks Russell for herding all your critters down from Wyoming.



As with all presidential outings, the paparazzi were every where under foot.

A special "Thanks" to Mike Hefner who not only informed us of the mammoth migration across his property, but even prepared a delicious "Mammoth" Prime Rib for all in attendance.

For two days I saw...The mountain air filled with laughter and stories of days gone by...Younger minds filled with atlatl knowledge... Targets filled with darts... Tummy's filled with delicious food... Faces filled with perpetual smiles... And in the

dimming light of Sunday's setting sun, I believe I even caught the twinkle of a tear or two as old friends said "till we meet again" ... Taking all this into consideration, I would like to think the 1st ANNUAL BILL TATE INVITATIONAL was a huge success. If the idea was the point of the dart...We sure had some good fletching guiding our direction...Thanks to Bill and Marcia Tate,

Walt and Gisela Keller, Mike & Lorna Hefner, Russell Richard, Regina Dodson, David & Mariah Sheppard, Mike Pebble, Mike Walker and the many others for all your hard work in keeping our dart online to the target. Most of all, "Thanks" to all who attended and supported our event...We hope you had fun. We certainly did!!

Bill Wright

The Saber-tooth clan
C.A.T.S. Colorado Atlatl
Throwers Society

Our first footnote comes from the site janitor Little Johnny Schlept -- Man.....when I answered the add to clean up after "Lttl' Eric", I was thinkin' like a little wiener dog or something...Are you guys crazy...You need a dump truck to clean up after that thing...That's it - I quit...Next year get somebody else to clean up after "Lttl' Eric"....

Staff Change

In case you missed it in the last newsletter, Margie has stepped down as editor of The Atlatl after nine years of hard work. When I first joined the WAA I was very impressed by the quality of the newsletter, and Margie is to be congratulated on the great job she has done. I will try to maintain the high quality you have all come to expect. Keep on sending in articles, event reports and pictures (because I will need all the help I can get!). - Ken Faucher

Reminder:

The information on contests to be published in THE ATLATL is to be sent only to the Executive Secretary (Courtney Birkett cjbirkett@aol.com) who will keep the official contest list. It should be noted that the publishing deadline for any issue of THE ATLATL is the fifteenth day of the month prior to the date of issue. THE ATLATL is issued quarterly: January, April, July and October.

Top 100 World Athletes in the International Standard Accuracy Contest as of 2010 by Douglass Bassett

In the "ISAC Aggregate Records '96-'10" document, people are given a world ranking based on their "career averages" and alternatively people are also ranked by "points assigned", both of which, favor those with more participation. Rankings from these two charts could be added together and then ranked from lowest to highest combined totals. A person ranked #1 on both charts would have a combined total of 2 and would rank highest on such a chart. A person ranked #100 on the first chart but #50 on the second would have a combined total of 150 and would rank much lower on such a chart.

However, both of these charts only list people that have thrown five or more ISACs in a single year of their "career of participation". So in the following chart everyone is ranked based on their ranking from each year by using the following formula. The total years that an individual made a year-end list (Minimum score of 70 for men, 50 for women and 40 for youth) is divided by the sum of all their rankings from each year they are listed and then this number is multiplied by their total years. So if a person was ranked #1 and participated for only 1 year their resulting score would be "1". Scores of "1" would also result for a person ranked #2 on each of only 2 listed years; or ranked #3 on each of only 3 listed years and

so forth... A score of "1" is an exceptional achievement (The current tenth highest world ranking score is .601587). So here are the results of this "Year divided by Sum of Ranks times Year times Average score (expressed as a percentage) = final score Chart". Note: When calculating the sum of ranks, the rank of each year is calibrated to 100 so that each year is equally rated for example #53 of men, near the middle in the year 2010 is multiplied by .9345794 (100 divided by 107 people that made the list) = 49.5 and #7 of

men near the middle in the year 1996 is multiplied by 7.1428571 (100

divided by 14 people that made the list) = 50. Another note to be made is that the final chart score is derived by multiplying by the competitor's average score (expressed as a percentage) in order to make the accomplishments of all divisions (men, women & youth) somewhat comparable when combined. Also, except for the top ten since 2001 when the tie-breaking rule has applied, equal scores are given equal ranks. For the complete details and the list of all 450 competitors that have attained a combined world ranking (as well as rankings in each division) - go to the "World Ranking" document that is linked from the ISAC page on the WAA website.

OVERHEARD
"I throw in the 90's (if it's any hotter than that I won't throw!)"

68 men, 18 women (W) & 14 youth (Y) - 5 also listed as adult (Ψ = deceased) Lines in italics are the extra lines of information for 12 listed people who competed both as youth and adult.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>SUM</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>(Y) STATE/COUNTRY</u>
1	1.561722	116.78	14	93.05		Gary Fogelman	PA
2	1.515883	136.94	15	92.26		Ray Strischek	OH
3	1.254695	125.05	13	92.84		Mark Bracken	PA
4	1.234223	99.335	12	85.14	W	Melissa Dildine	PA
5	.914281	36.867	6	93.63		Doug Miller	WI
6	.896284	84.056	9	93.01		Mike Waters	NY
+ 1	<i>.057650</i>	<i>111.98</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>71.73</i>		<i>Mike Waters</i>	<i>Y NY</i>
7	.882035	85.919	9	93.56		Douglas Bassett	NY
8	.682274	191.43	12	90.70		Jack Rowe	PA
9	.609631	149.09	10	90.89		Cyrille Huc	France
10	.601270	215.28	12	89.89		Scott Van Arsdale	NY
11	.594816	124.37	9	91.33		Mamerto Tindongan	OH

Top 100 World Atlatlists (cont....)

12	.576331	225.47	12	90.24		Mike Glenn	OH
13	.511236	291.20	13	88.09		Pascal Chauvaux	Belgium
14	.490280	235.32	12	80.12	W	JoAnne Fogelman	PA
15	.477851	122.12	8	91.18		Doug Leeth	NC
16	.465769	247.58	12	80.08	W	Lori Majorsky	PA
17	.444674	164.25	9	90.17		Terry Keefer (Ψ)	PA
18	.426292	210.63	10	89.79		Dennis Lantz	PA
19	.392666	282.12	12	76.93	W	Margie Takoch	OH
20	.354991	38.099	4	84.53		Charlie Bracken	Y GA
+ 2	.079833	167.35	4	83.50		<i>Charlie Bracken</i>	PA
21	.345569	420.58	13	86.00		John Whittaker	IA
22	.332356	171.96	8	89.30		Tom Mills	CA
23	.315126	43.071	4	84.83	W	Sandra Rivière	France
24	.311159	462.04	13	85.07		Jim Ray	MT
25	.290429	566.21	14	83.90		Rodger Klindt	NY
26	.285863	572.58	14	83.51		Chris Oberg	MI
27	.280334	433.95	12	84.48		Bernard Ginelli	France
28	.279101	592.28	14	84.34		Richard Lyons	IN
29	.278945	440.24	12	85.28		Andy Majorsky	PA
30	.266888	607.78	14	82.76		Ray Madden	MO
31	.259679	468.41	12	84.47		Jim Gilligan	MI
32	.252477	277.51	9	86.50		Greg Bessette	NY
33	.238313	85.224	5	81.24		Theodore Eyster	Y MI
+ 3	.074564	103.96	3	86.13		<i>Theodore Eyster</i>	MI
34	.235679	431.52	11	84.05		Chris Pappas	NY
35	.235076	159.73	7	76.63		Harold Eyster	Y MI
+ 4	.020184	41.121	1	83.00		<i>Harold Eyster</i>	MI
36	.227422	186.35	7	86.49		Charlie Brown	CO
37	.222978	64.078	4	89.30		Denny Bard	PA
38	.221741	540.11	12	83.17		Tom Goble Sr.	NY
39	.217293	465.19	11	83.54		Laurent Bernat	France
40	.216549	735.94	14	81.31		Ron Mertz	MO
41	.214519	129.84	6	77.37		Mason Miller	Y PA
+ 5	.018688	160.53	2	75.00		<i>Mason Miller</i>	PA
42	.210341	329.25	9	85.50		Ismaël Yahemdi	France
43	.210250	4.0000	1	84.10		Antoine Jamon	Y France
44	.209710	569.31	12	82.91		Steve Barnett	OH
45	.207354	485.39	11	83.18		Len Riemersma	WI
46	.205280	154.15	6	87.90		Thomas Chauvaux	Belgium
+ 6	.158092	118.38	5	74.86		<i>Thomas Chauvaux</i>	Y Belgium
47	.204958	109.12	5	89.46		Doug Majorsky	CA
+ 7	.048425	60.795	2	73.60		<i>Doug Majorsky</i>	Y PA
48	.204488	153.55	6	87.22		Bob Kitch	WA
49	.195313	347.70	9	83.84		Chuck Butorajac (Ψ)	PA
50	.184433	451.49	10	83.27		Dave Santos	PA
51	.183738	41.650	3	85.03	W	Devin Johns	PA
+ 8	.102429	167.53	5	68.64		<i>Devin Johns</i>	Y PA
52	.182500	452.77	11	68.29	W	Anita Lukes	IN
53	.181333	250.73	8	71.04		Nick Mertz	Y MO
54	.178701	320.96	9	70.81	W	Sharon Keefer	PA
55	.177721	559.31	11	82.15		Frank Takoch	OH

56	.177353	379.85	9	83.17	Bob Berg	NY
57	.167993	48.270	3	90.10	Thomas Hohn	France
58	.163094	330.37	8	84.19	Brandon Anderson	PA
59	.162409	331.96	8	84.24	Kevin Ashley	TN
60	.145112	283.34	7	83.91	Cédric Claustre	France
61	.140504	123.84	5	69.60	Gaël Spéckens	Y Belgium
62	.138081	311.70	8	67.25	Levi Miller	Y PA
63	.136634	699.78	11	79.02	Russell Richard	WY
64	.134905	593.01	10	80.00	Troy Helmick	MT
65	.130566	494.50	9	79.71	Jean Spéckens	Belgium
66	.130456	327.22	8	66.70	W Linda Brundage	NY
67	.130233	312.51	7	83.06	Bob Bronish	NJ
68	.129671	405.90	8	82.24	Dean Pritchard	ID
69	.129406	404.11	8	81.71	Charles Swanson	TN
70	.128813	235.82	6	84.38	Frank Lukes	IN
71	.128258	56.158	3	80.03	W Bonnie Sortore	NY
72	.125253	111.39	4	87.20	Ryan Grohsmeyer	MD
73	.124863	280.47	7	71.47	W Sherri Bracken	PA
74	.122609	147.42	5	72.30	Coby Hopkins	Y TN
75	.118906	181.32	5	86.24	Emmanuel Demoulin	France

"Why a four-year-old child could understand this report. Run out and find me a four-year-old child. I can't make head nor tail out of it." Groucho Marx

76	.118162	26.929	2	79.55	Jon Rowe	Y PA
+ 9	.078145	366.38	6	79.53	<i>Jon Rowe</i>	PA
77	.115999	552.06	9	79.06	Paul Gleckl (Ψ)	PA
78	.114722	373.94	8	67.03	W Emilie Huc-Claustre	France
79	.111126	357.47	7	81.07	Lou Becker (Ψ)	MI
80	.110033	469.91	8	80.79	Paul Marko	PA
81	.109416	467.53	8	79.93	Steve House	OH
81	.109416	366.19	7	81.77	Don Roberts	OH
83	.107459	278.83	6	83.23	Éric Sauvion	France
84	.105654	130.69	4	86.30	Emmanuel Guerton	France
85	.105487	129.76	4	85.55	Allan Tindongan	OH
+ 10	.063712	13.043	1	83.10	<i>Allan Tindongan</i>	Y OH
86	.104744	371.11	7	79.33	Steve Cabaroux	Belgium
87	.104351	694.10	11	59.86	W Courtney Birkett	VA
88	.104031	316.33	7	67.16	W Toni Roberts	OH
89	.102977	323.09	7	67.90	W Karen Finnemore	NY
90	.102349	614.13	9	77.60	Jérôme Galetti	France
91	.098634	80.634	3	88.37	Jeremy Bard	PA
92	.095685	255.20	6	67.83	W Shannon Santos	PA
93	.094680	526.84	8	77.94	Barry Kimball	CO
94	.094388	120.49	4	71.08	Tommy Goble Jr.	Y NY
+ 11	.048672	257.23	4	78.25	<i>Tom Goble Jr.</i>	NY
95	.093985	445.28	8	65.39	W Kristine Lyons	IN
96	.093806	119.48	4	70.05	Arthur Sauvion	Y France
97	.086597	80.41	3	77.37	W Juliette Renouf	France
98	.084601	275.23	6	64.68	Jordon Ashley	Y TN
99	.084383	243.00	5	82.02	Greg Maurer	VT
100	.084211	134.48	4	70.78	Nate Miller	Y IL

A Beginners Experience

By Kelly Serio

"Oh here it is!" I said as I abruptly turned the truck down a dirt road marked by the sign for the Austin Archery Club. I was invited by Roy Wenmohs, and I had no idea what to expect. As I drove further down the road I was greeted by a man in a well-loved cowboy hat and overalls, the next thing I knew he was telling me to park and that he was getting me some gear.

Gear? Yep. Before I could say "atl atl" I was holding one and I was directed towards a small group of archer/atlatlists. Is that even a word? Atlatlist. This was a tournament weekend and I had been graciously invited to attend, I was surprised to find myself suddenly in the thick of it.

Having experience teaching archery to children on modern compound bows using the NASP protocol did not prepare me for the atl atl. I was honestly worried that I would be shunned for poor marksmanship and sloppy atl atl'ing. 27 or so targets later all my fears were assuaged.

Now, I was terrible and I mean terrible on the atl atl, but I had so much fun out there! Everyone that I met on the range was so friendly and welcoming, even to a novice in her geeky uniform. The people that led me through the range and provided instruction and encouragement to me were terrific. Robert and Milo Garcia were awesome in addition to Marty Smith and Erin Blake. Erin was also visiting the Austin Archery

Club for the first time, she definitely out-shot me but we had a terrific time.



The Park Ranger Attempts the Atlatl

Thanks again to everyone who helped me out that day and thanks to Roy for the invite. It was an experience that I enjoyed sharing with friends and colleagues. I was sincerely impressed with the facility, which is first rate and a unique way to get exercise. I enjoyed seeing the number of families that enjoy the sport together.

It can be intimidating to try something new. For beginners, such as me, the Austin Archery Club was extremely welcoming and well organized. Who knew atl atl'ers could be so fun?

Kelly Serio is a Park Specialist/Interpreter/Volunteer Coordinator at McKinney Falls State Park, South Austin.

A GREAT DAY IN SOCAL!

it was a fantastic day and a truly impressive turn out for the first official gathering of the Southern California Atlatl League. with perfect weather and well over 30 participants, from age 9 to 70 and most of them throwing for the first time, it was by far one of the best events of the year for me. nothing is more gratifying to us seasoned atlatlists than seeing a group of first timers having such a blast! although scores were expectedly low, the level of fun and good cheer was off the charts and many a life long atlatlist and WAA members were born i think. thanks again for all who attended and we're looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

LINESVILLE ATLATL EVENT - July 30, 2011

Attendance has been suffering at the Linesville show the past few years and it was decided at this current event that this would be the last contest held at this one-day affair. This year 11 people showed up: 7 men, 3 women and 1 youth. The local event was a 5-target animal round. Marlin Bassett was the only youth so he won the youth division. For the women, Lori Majorsky won out over JoAnne Fogelman and MargieTakoch Gary Fogelman topped the men's division, followed by Douglass Bassett and Andy Majorsky for the top three positions.

16th Annual Northeast Open Atlatl Championship Results Announced

Orwell, VT - The Chimney Point State Historic Site in Addison is pleased to announce the results of the 16th Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship, held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell. The venue was changed for the second year due to the closing of Chimney Point because of the construction of the new Lake Champlain Bridge. On a glorious crisp day contestants from Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania gathered to compete in New England's oldest atlatl event, the highlight of September's Vermont Archeology Month.



Men's champion Andy Majorsky, women's champion and Grand Champion Lori Majorsky, and boy's champion Jason Clark

Facing a scenic view of southern Lake Champlain, contestants shot at painted targets of deer, bison, black bear, catamount, moose, elk, and wild turkey in the accuracy competition, down the field in the distance competition, and at the official ISAC target.

Women's overall gold medalist, Lori Majorsky of Pennsylvania, was awarded the Grand Champion plaque and "laurel wreath crown" after a competitive shootout between the top medalists in each categories. Silver overall winner in the women's category was Celine Rainville of



The accuracy course with Lake Champlain in the background

Highgate, Vermont, and Linda Nolf of Connecticut won the bronze. In the men's category Andrew Majorsky of Pennsylvania won gold, Greg Maurer of Vergennes, Vermont, brought in the silver, and Gary Nolf of Connecticut captured the bronze. In the boys overall category Jason Clark of Addison, Vermont, took gold and Jeremiah Delorme of Vergennes won silver. There were no competitors in the girls category. Greg Maurer shot the longest distance—89.5 meters.

Events for the atlatl weekend included a Friday afternoon atlatl making workshop with Bob Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl. On Saturday the Vermont Archaeological Society sponsored workshops in Woodland period pottery and flint-knapping. In 2012 the event will be back at Chimney Point.

Photographs from the event were posted on Facebook (visit Vermont State Historic Sites and look at the atlatl event album).



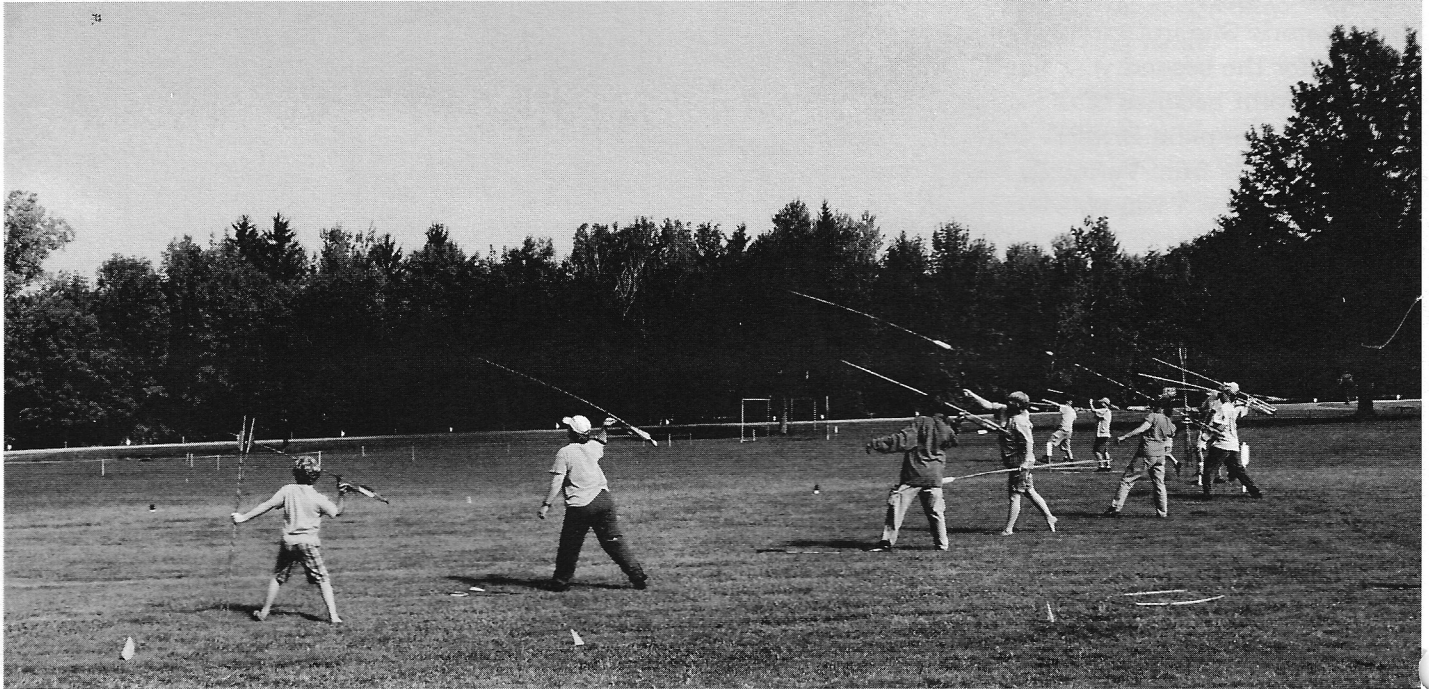
23rd Annual Eastern Seaboard Atlatl Competition

by Douglas Bassett

This event was again held at the Letchworth State Park Stone Tool Show and included four days of throwing August 25-28, 2011. Beautiful summer

Opening Ceremony – The Hoop Toss with Tiggy Winkle

Day	Close Hoop	Distant Hoop
Thurs	no winner	no winner
Fri	Danny Brophy (NY)	Danny Brophy (NY)
Sat	JoAnne Fogelman (PA)	Gary Fogelman (PA)
Sun	Sue Mercer (NY)	Jack Rowe (PA)



weather was experienced for most of the week-end despite the passing of Hurricane Irene that brought some breezy weather on Sunday which cleared out the crowds early so there were not enough folks for the concluding atlatl battle. Next year will be August 27-30. There were ten shooting ranges (the Demo range; an ISAC range; an ISAC, IASAC and National warm-up range; an IASAC range, the State Round range, the Closest-to-Pin range; the Distance ISAC Range; the Handicapped Mammoth Hunt range; the Distance range; and the wooded Animal Round range - this set-up was enabled by the use of about 125 bales of hay that were put in storage from two years ago). These ranges were shut down for the opening ceremony of the Hoop Toss each day and culminated with the long distance ISAC contest. More than 150 spectators and 200 atlatlists that included 47 competitors from 7 states were attracted to the South Field in the various following ways

ISAC - Forty-seven people made 128 entries in twenty-three flights (6 flights – Thur; 13 flights – Fri; 14 flights – Sat; 10 flights – Sun).

The Eastern Seaboard Atlatl Competition

We had 19 people vying for division winners. As originally constructed the Eastern Seaboard Atlatl Competition is composed of three parts: Accuracy, Closest-to-Pin and Distance. For the event this year five divisions were created based on each competitors best ISAC score thrown this year or last.

Grand Champion Throw-off

Each Division Champion was determined by adding their ranking for each of the three parts of the contest with the lowest score winning in each division. The five winners were positioned at different distances and shot five flights of one dart starting each time in rotation from the distance noted.

Rank	Division	Distance	Person	Score
1	White	8m	Marlin Bassett	47
2	Yellow	20m	Douglas Bassett	44
3	Red	17m	Greg Maurer	38
4	Black	14m	Danny Brophy	37
5	Blue	14m	James Geyer	23

Quest for the ISAC Crowns as of Early September

By Douglas Bassett

To date, 459 people (282 men, 83 women and 94 youth) have made 1,530 entries at 73 venues around the world. The top 10 in each division (7% of all the competitors) account for 24% of those entries, so let's see how they are doing.

The top 10 youth have made 73 entries and 38% of their scores are 61 or above. Six youth have made a better percent of success, in fact, two (Christophe and Jordan) have both made 100%. Antoine Jamon, top score 90-X (personal best), is the second youth in history to shoot two 90s in the same year and has made 75% (9 out of 14 entries);

Score	Person	%	Ratio
78	Marlin Bassett	21%	6/29
76	Brandon Streib	50%	1/2
73	Fanny Jamon	25%	2/8
71	Christophe Arnold	100%	3/3
67-X	Lucie Jamon	50%	3/6
67	Jordan Ashley	100%	1/1
67	Austin Fisher	14%	1/7
61	Andreas DeGroot	50%	1/2
61	Priscille Lacoste	33%	1/3

The top 10 women have made 125 entries and 25% of their scores are 75 or above. JoAnne Fogelman, top score 89-2X (personal best), has made 17% (4 out of 23 entries). Six women have made 25% or better success as follows:

Score	Person	%	Ratio
85	Emilie Claustre-Huc	50%	2/4
85	Bonnie Sortore	22%	2/9
84-X	Lori Majorski	32%	8/25
81	Sandra Riviere	50%	2/4
80-X	Melissa Dildine	36%	8/22
80	Linda Brundage	19%	3/16
79	Devin Johns	33%	1/3
75	Debbie Andrews	6%	1/17
75	Shannon Santos	25%	1/4

The top 10 men have made 164 entries and 23% of their scores are 91-2X or above. Five men have made a better percent of success as follows: Douglas Bassett, top score 98-4X (personal best), has become the first person in history to shoot two 98s in the same year and has made 32% (19 out of 59 entries):

Score	Person	%	Ratio
98-4X	Douglas Bassett	32%	19/59
95-2X	Kevin Ashley	50%	1/2
94-3X	Christophe Jamon	10%	1/10
94-2X	Gary Fogelman	21%	6/29
94-2X	Mike Glenn	71%	5/7
94-2X	Doug Majorski	25%	1/4
93-3X	Bob Kitch	7%	1/14
93-X	Mamerto Tindongan	8%	1/13
92-X	Jack Rowe	9%	2/22
91-2X	Mark Bracken	25%	1/4

Tyoga Shoot-off – Elmira, NY

9-11 September 2011

The late summer gathering in the hollow along the esker at Tom Goble's house was filled with the sounds of the True and Oblong-winged Katydid in the darkened hours and relaxing times were had around the evening campfires. A few Spring Peepers called in the daylight hours as the lighting and temps were similar to that of the later days of their spring breeding season.

Temperatures were mild and the air was calm and touched with some fog in the early mornings. There were lots of mushrooms out like the Luminescent Panellus and the Viscid Violet Cortinari so we supplemented the cook-out with olive oil-fried edible ones such as the Honey Mushroom (Armillariella mellea) and the Chestnut Bolete (Gyroporus castaneus). A half dozen throwers pounded away on the Mastodon Open down by the pond, and a few sprinkles arrived on Sunday morning.

All told, a dozen throwers competed in the Mastodon Open, ISAC, NYAA versions of the International or National competitions or the Bin Laden massacre by atl. l.

Atlatl Rattle at Green Flats – Hancock, NY 21 - 24 July 2011

We had hot and humid weather in the 90's and mainly sultry throughout the extended week-end, except for a few showers on Sunday, at Ray Turner's Casa de Fumo under the towering bank across the Delaware. [One 8-year old even climbed this 943' high "mountain" in flip-flops – perhaps the first flip-flop ascent in the history of the world.] We were blessed with fly-bys and perchings of Bald Eagles and strided by Sharp-shins and even witness to an adult Black Bear crossing the river between the less hairy swimmers. Although we are here a week early, the typical blackness of orthopteran trills and droning snores of Homo sapiens restings eased gently into the pre-dawn avian symphony as in previous years. The rendition would start in the near-dark with the distant fluting of the Hermit Thrush and after many minutes would be joined by the morning chirps of Robins and Veery, booming Emu, cawing crows, crying jays, and, as the crimson shafts glinted



Wayne Wells Throwing at Geen Flats

into the cool haze of dawn...added to the crescendo would be the chick-a-dee-dee-dees, lisps of waxwings, punctuations of ovenbird and yellowthroat, yank yanks of nuthatch, cackling of geese and tinklings of creepers as the beginning of day was announced again. And as in other rattles before, we were awed by spectacular fireworks and stuffed with delicious foods.

Our local event consisted of a State Round with 15 throws, 10 for 10 from 10 (also known as "Nines Aren't Good Enough") and a hopping hoop game where a small hula hoop was tossed and shot at from three distances. For the third time we also had the NYAA Team Finals which were shot on Saturday afternoon. And although other State contests were attempted by

some, nearly everyone enjoyed swimming, and the annual repairing of breaks in the retaining walls of the eel weir.

Amongst the competitors we had 13 people from New York, Pennsylvania (8), New Jersey (3), New Hampshire (1), Connecticut (1) and Ohio (1).

Atlatl Rattle Local (10 people, 60 portional entries)				
	State Round	10/10/10	Hoops	Total
Men				
Douglas Bassett	142-2X	100-6X	44	286-8X
Gary Fogelman	133-4X	100-5X	45	278-9X
Andy Majorsky	122-X	90-3X	39	251-5X
Jack Rowe	126	50-4X	---	176-4X
Ken Faucher	104	---	34	138
Matt Olson	28	---	---	28
Women				
Lori Majorsky	131-X	70-X	24	225-2X
Sue Mercer	128	70-X	22	220-X
JoAnne Fogelman	111-X	40-X	19	170-X
Youth				
Marlin Bassett	111-X	20-X	---	131-2X

The WAA does not organize events, but promotes atlating by spreading information, maintaining a calendar of events, scorekeeping one standard competition, and publishing a newsletter with competition results and atlatl news and science. Numerous local atlatl associations organize events, and help to promote communication among atlatl enthusiasts.

MAINE PRIMITIVE GATHERING

On September 7-9, the Maine Primitive Gathering was held at Broad-Winged Farm in Wells, Maine. More than 200 people came to experience a wide variety of primitive skills. This year's event included atlatl workshops by Gary Nolf and Ken Faucher. The atlatl proved popular with all ages.

On Saturday September 8 we held the first Maine Primitive Atlatl Championship. Gary and Linda



Nolf kept it in the family by winning the Mens and Womens Divisions. The youth Division winner, Alfred Close, was presented with an atlatl made and donated by Gary Nolf.

For many of the competitors this was their first time throwing with the atlatl. We hope to see more of them in the future! Thanks to Mal Stephens for organizing and hosting this event.



Let us know what is happening! If you are doing demonstrations, clinics, small events or large events, please send in a write up and pictures. Have comments or questions for or about The Atlatl or the WAA? Send them in. Do you have theories on the design or use of atlatls or darts? Send them in (no matter how crazy they may seem!). Do you know why spell check keeps changing "atlatls" to "Atlantis"? Send it in.

NORTH AMERICAN ATLATL COMPETITIONS FOR 2011

Oct. 15

Walnut Creek, **California**

Throw It Again! Atlatl and Rabbit Stick
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Atlatl, that primitive “throwing-stick-and-spear-thing” is having resurgence, as a sport worldwide, and as a hunting weapon is many U.S. states. The Rabbit Stick is a non-returnable boomerang. Join us as we toss and fling our way back in time to experience skills our ancient ancestors mastered. ISAC rounds will be scheduled.

For more info, please contact Ranger Bruce Weidman at (925) 943-5899 ext 2665.

Oct. 15

Austin, **Texas**

ISAC in conjunction with the archeology fair at McKinney Falls State Park.

For more info about the archeology fair contact Kelly Serio:

Kelly.Serio@tpwd.state.tx.us

More info about ISAC available on-line:

<http://www.meetup.com/austinTrackingAndPrimitiveSkills/events/29471691/>

Oct. 15

2nd Annual Stone Age & Primitive Skills Celebration

Deerfield, **Massachusetts**

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sponsored by the Franklin County Sportsmen's Club & Deerfield Education & Conservation Corporation.

Join us for a full day of fun. This event is free, and will be held rain or shine. Besides an ISAC, the event will include the bola, primitive archery, hands-on ice age art, music of the ancients and throwing and thrusting spears, as well as a variety of skills used by our distant ancestors. Throwing games will include the charging beast challenge and the chaotic hoop game.

Instruction will be provided, and there will be food for sale. The address is:

721 River Road

East Deerfield, Massachusetts 01342

Any questions, contact Dane Donato

danemitchell@comcast.net or call (413) 522-5969

Oct. 22

Sportsman's Club, Dundee, **Wisconsin**

ISAC, Hunter's Round, 3-D Targets

For more information contact; Lenny Riemersma
at lenmaryr@excel.net (920) 528-7454

Oct. 22

Nottingham Center for the Arts

240 S. Bent Ave.

San Marcos, **California** 92078

ISAC

Sponsored by SOCAL (Southern California Atlatl League) Contact Chris Henry at
paleoarts@hotmail.com



Russell Richard Throwing Prone

Oct. 22

Eastern **New Mexico** University's Department of Anthropology and Applied Archaeology, Blackwater Draw Archaeological Site, and Mu Alpha Nu Anthropology Club are pleased to announce the Eleventh Annual Blackwater Draw Atlatl Throw.

The competition will include a Target Round and an ISAC (International Standard Accuracy Contest). It will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at the Blackwater Draw Site. The site is located along the road to Cannon Air Force Base (State Highway 467), about 6 miles north of Portales and 1 mile north of the turn to Oasis State Park. Registration and practice will start at 9:00 AM, with the Target Round beginning at 10:00. The ISAC round will take place in the afternoon.

There will be categories for men, women, and children, and prizes for the top finishers in each category. Don't worry if you haven't done it before. It's the process, not the prize. Bring atlatls and darts if you have them. There will be some available for loan and sharing if you don't. This competition is NOT restricted to primitive technology. Atlatls and darts may be made of traditional or modern materials.

Please note that Blackwater Draw is an archaeological site: therefore, stone-tipped darts are NOT allowed at this competition.

There will also be flint-working and other primitive skills demonstrations at the site.

For more information, contact Dave Batten, Department of Anthropology and Applied Archaeology, Station 53, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM 88130; phone (575) 562-2750; email david.batten@enmu.edu; or George Crawford, Department of Anthropology and Applied Archaeology, Station 53, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM 88130; phone (575) 356-5235; email george.crawford@enmu.edu.

Oct. 28-29

Zaleski State Forest, Lake Hope State Park ROAR days. **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) 331-4351

Oct. 29

The Great Pumpkin Atlatl Throw, 10 am - 4 pm
Wickiup Hills Outdoor Learning Center,
Toddville, **Iowa** (just north of Cedar Rapids, IA).
For more information please contact Mark L. Anderson at (319) 384-0998 or mark-l-anderson@uiowa.edu

Nov. 5-6

Frosty 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 coyotec clown@aol.com (307) 772-0550 for location and time.

Nov. 12

Nottingham Center for the Arts
240 S. Bent Ave.
San Marcos, **California** 92078
ISAC

"For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them."

Aristotle

**NORTH AMERICAN ATLATL COMPETITIONS
FOR 2012**

Jan. 8

Austin Archery Club Tournament in Austin, **Texas**

Target-tips only, contest fee = \$12.

Following the tournament there will be an ISAC.

More information available on-line:

<http://www.austinarcheryclub.com> Or contact Bobcat Smith: martybobcat@yahoo.com

Feb. 11

Annual Archeolympics at Seminole Canyon State Park, **Texas**

Events include atlatl and rabbit stick accuracy contests, plus a friction fire starting race.

Contact: Tanya.Petrunev@tpwd.state.tx.us at (432) 292-4464

More information available on-line: <http://beta-www.tpwd.state.tx.us/calendar/>

Feb. 11

ISAC following the Archeolympics in **South Texas**. Exact location to be determined during the Archeolympics.

For more info go to Seminole Canyon State Park that day.

March 10

Atlatl ISAC at Emma Long Metropolitan Park in Austin, **Texas**

More information available on-line:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/emmalong.htm>

Or contact Bobcat Smith: martybobcat@yahoo.com

March 11

Annual Atlatl Championship Tournament in Austin, Texas

Hosted by the Austin Archery Club at Emma Long Park

Thirty 3-D targets in the Hill Country!

Meet at the clubhouse at 8:30 AM, target-tips only, contest fee = \$12.

Following the tournament there will be an ISAC.

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April 8

Austin Archery Club Tournament in Austin,
Texas

Thirty 3-D targets in the Hill Country!
Target-tips only, contest fee = \$12.
Following the tournament there will be an ISAC.
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May 13

Austin Archery Club Tournament in Austin,
Texas

Thirty 3-D targets in the Hill Country!
Target-tips only, contest fee = \$12.
Following the tournament there will be an ISAC.
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June 10

Austin Archery Club Tournament in Austin,
Texas

Thirty 3-D targets in the Hill Country!
Target-tips only, contest fee = \$12.
Following the tournament there will be an ISAC.
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July 8

Austin Archery Club Tournament in Austin,
Texas

Thirty 3-D targets in the Hill Country!
Target-tips only, contest fee = \$12.
Following the tournament there will be an ISAC.
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August 12

Austin Archery Club Tournament in Austin,
Texas

Thirty 3-D targets in the Hill Country!
Target-tips only, contest fee = \$12.
Following the tournament there will be an ISAC.
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Sept. 9

Austin Archery Club Tournament in Austin,
Texas

Thirty 3-D targets in the Hill Country!
Target-tips only, contest fee = \$12.
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08-09 octobre

Pinar (E)
Granada
Espagne
celemartinez68@hotmail.com;

29-30 octobre

Neuilly sur Marne (F)
Seine-St-Denis
France
dlaporal@cg93.fr

03-04 décembre

Auneau (F)
Eur et Loire
France
fabrice.brutus@wanadoo.fr;
fabrice.brutus@inrap.fr

UK Atlatl Competition Events for 2011

Oct. 16

Dawn Wood **Sussex**
ISAC and general spear throwing
Equipment and instruction happily provided.
Contact Steve Medlock for more information
steve@thepaas.org

THE WAA REQUESTS NOMINATIONS

The WAA requests nominations for the positions which terms will expire on December 31, 2012.

These positions are the President, Leonard Riemersma and on the Board of Directors, Jack Rowe. Nominations may be made by any member with the consent of the nominee, by written submission to the executive secretary, Courtney Birkett. Elections for these positions will be held at the 2012 annual meeting.

Membership Application Form

THE WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION Inc.

Dues \$15.00 per year (individual) / \$20.00 (family).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Country: _____

E-mail Address: _____

First Application
or
Renewal

Make checks payable to The World Atlatl Association Inc.
Mail to WAA Executive Treasurer, Richard B. Lyons,
5024 King Rd., Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Presidents Corner

I am taking this space to express a great Thank You to Margie Takoch for her dedication over the past Ten years in the role of editor of the ATLATL.

I had several thoughts of what to write but as I sit here nothing I write seems to express my true appreciation both as a friend and as the president.

I know Margie will be making the atlatl rounds and I do hope if you haven't already met her, your paths one day will cross.

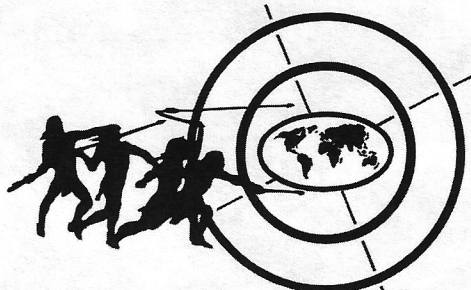
MARGIEMANY THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, DEDICATION AND YOUR " GIVING HEART " TO THE ATLATL AND WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION. YOU WILL BE FOREVER APPRECIATED BY MANY.

In saying a "appreciation goodbye" of sorts, there is always a welcome. Welcome to our new editor Ken Faucher.

I look forward to meeting you one day. Thank you for volunteering to role of editor or " assistant editor " and already sending me

thoughtful reminders. I am reassured by our phone conversations and your enthusiasm that the WAA Newsletter is in very good hands.

Sincerely, Lenny Riemersma



The WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Wisconsin Welcomes the World Atlatl Association's 25th Annual Meeting 2012

Location: Izaak Walton League A. D. Sutherland Chapter near Fond du lac, Wisconsin.

Dates: Early setup and ISAC competitions will be available on Thursday July 12.

Event and ISAC and other competitions continue thru Sunday July 15th AM.

Board Meeting Friday July 13th. General Meeting Meeting & Social Saturday July 14th.

More information will be in the next WAA newsletter and updated on WAA website Calendar of Events.

Note: Non electric/ no showers/ rustic camping onsite. (Limited)

Modern camping at Fond du Lac/ Eden KOA (Reservations at KOA recommended 4 month ahead)

Hotel Blocks information to follow. Closest airports Milwaukee MKE 1 hr / Chicago ORD 3 hrs

For sale: WAA Logo T-shirts

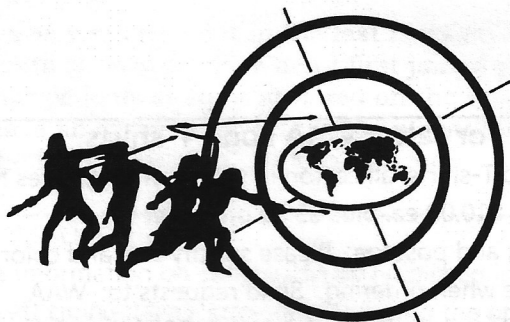
WAA Logo T-shirts, all cotton in yellow or grey, sizes M, L, XL, XXL, \$10.00 ea. plus \$3.50 per order for packaging and postage. Please specify size and color preference when ordering. Send requests to: WAA Executive Treasurer, Richard B. Lyons, 5024 King Rd., Jeffersonville, IN 47130. Make checks payable to: The World Atlatl Association Inc.



Standing left to right: Boney Cosyleon - 4th president...Bill Tate - 1st president...Tim Boucher - 3rd president...Troy Helmick - 5th president...Ron Mertz - 10th president...and seated, Leni Clubb - 2nd president...

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