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

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World Atlatl Association turns Twenty-five!

Wisconsin Hosts World Atlatl Association Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held at the Izaak Walton League A.D. Sutherland Chapter land just east of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. There were thirty plus participants during the three days of fun filled activities. The weather for our event was quite hot, with some people leaving the event earlier than planned or not showing at all. We had pleasant light winds for most of the event and no rain.

We had set up a variety of targets for the event. We had our 3-D Hunters Round up in the woods, which consisted of various hunting scenarios ranging from brown bear, black bear, two deer, two turkeys, coyote, wolverine, Javelina, and a mosquito. This totaled thirty throws.

Another area was of our 2-D small game targets. These included, a duck, a squirrel, a rabbit, a goose, and a toad, which consisted ten throws.

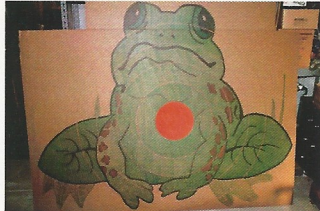
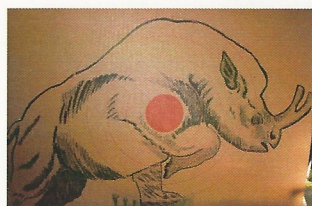
We also held our Buck/Doe competition in the woods. This consisted of ten throws at either a buck or a doe deer. If the wrong target was hit it meant minus points. These combined targets and scored our Hunters Round.

The European Round, which was setup in the field, included three throws at each target. We set up the European round with animal targets that were drawn on cardboard with the corresponding circles on each.

The European Round Targets:

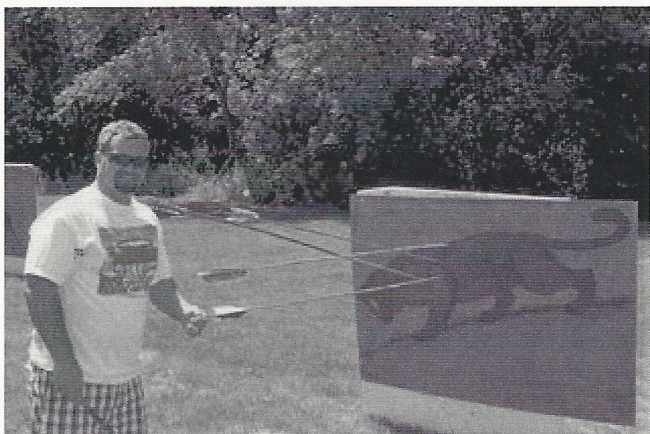
The 8-meter target was a Saber Tooth.
The 10-meter target was a Mosquito.
The 12-meter target was a Bison.
The 14-meter target was a Woolly Mammoth.
The 16-meter was an Elk.

The 18-meter target was a Moose.
The 20-meter target was a T-Rex.
The 22-meter target was a Rhino.
The 24-meter target was a Brown Bear.
The 24-meter target was a Frog.



Youth Champion Ben Struzynski from Wisconsin





Dave Sheppard scores a five on our European



Gary Nolf scores a five at the Elk European Round

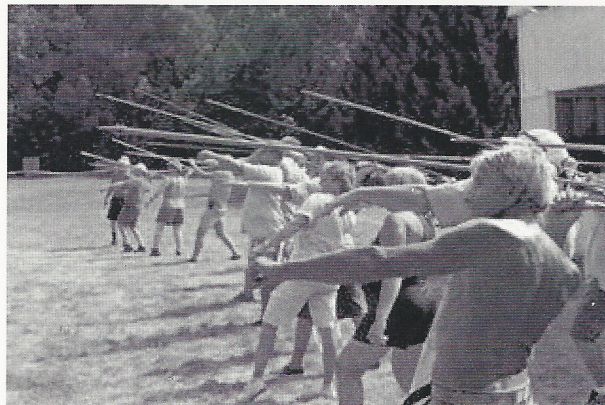
A separate shaded ISAC range, with one practice/warm-up ISAC target was set up. We also had a shared Demo and US Open Range. This totaled one hundred throws not including practice.



In case that wasn't enough throws, during the evening, before dusk, we had several options for fun targets. The favorite was the four-foot diameter dartboard, drawn on cardboard for playing Cricket or 301. This works well with the use of a battery operated dartboard to help with keeping score. Our running pig saw some action too and the Mini Mammoth Tic Tac Toe never made it out of storage, due to the continued 301 games.

Left: Jerry Prahl, Gordy Behrendt, Dave Stetter and Lou Hellman retrieving darts on the Dart board Target

Each morning started with our "Opening Ceremony" of Slice The Cheese. A cheese head was placed on a pole inside a larger hoop made out of swimming noodles. These were laid out on the ground at about thirty yards. Participants threw their darts to either place them inside the circle for a single piece of string cheese or try for the cheese head, which would reward them with a block of one of the various varieties of cheeses to choose from. We had three people "slice" the cheese. They were Doug Miller from Wisconsin, formally Illinois, Dave Sheppard from Wyoming, and Andy Majorski from Pennsylvania. Many people where able to get their dart into the circle for a piece of Baker's string cheese.



2-D Small Game Round

Men's Division

1st Doug Bassett 33 points.
2nd Doug Miller 32 points.
3rd Jon Wood 28 points.

Women's Division

1st Lori Majorski 50 points.
2nd Sue Mercer 14 points.
3rd tie Linda Nolf 5 points.
3rd tie Kerry Opel 5 points.

Youth Division

1st place Ben Struzynski 6 points.

Hunters Round Standings

3-D Large Game Round

Men's Division

1st Doug Bassett , 147 points.
2nd Doug Miller 121 points.
3rd Jon Wood 108 points.

Women's Division

1st Lori Majorski 66 points.
2nd Mary Riemersma 40 points.
3rd Sue Mercer 35 points.

Youth Division

1st place Ben Struzynski 70 points.

Buck / Doe Round

Men's Division

1st Doug Miller 66 points.
2nd Doug Bassett 54 points.
3rd Lenny Riemersma 50 points

Women's Division

1st Sue Mercer 19 points.
2nd Lori Majorski 17 points.
3rd Mary Riemersma 9 points

Youth Division

1st place Ben Struzynski 36 points.

Hunters Round Aggregate Awards went to:

Men's Division

1st Place Doug Bassett , 234 points.
2nd Place Doug Miller 219 points.
3rd Place David Sheppard 155 points .
4th Place Jon Wood 154 points.

Women's Division

1st Place Lori Majorski, 133 points.
2nd Place Sue Mercer, 68 points.
3rd Place Mary Riemersma 52 points.

Youth Division

1st Place Ben Struzynski 112 points.

The European Round Awards went to:

Men's Division

1st Place Doug Bassett , 81.33
A new world record!
2nd Place Doug Miller 51.64
3rd Place David Sheppard 51.60

Women's Division

1st Place Lori Majorski, 23.56
2nd Place Sue Mercer, 12.09
3rd Place Linda Nolf 1.49

Youth Division

1st Place Ben Struzynski 42.78

We had 33 atlal participants not including those who were at the public demo. Ten states were represented. Besides Wisconsin, folks came from Arizona, Iowa, Connecticut, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wyoming. We had 80 ISAC scores submitted over the 4 days of throwing.

Two Board Meetings were held. One Friday Pm prior to General Meeting, and one Sunday A.M. to follow up on items brought up at General Membership meeting.

General WAA Members Meeting was held Saturday evening. Meeting minutes are in process of being typed up.

Elections took place, winners announced: President: Gary Nolf; Treasurer: Alex Woods; one write-in vote for Richard Lyons as honorary treasurer and Justin Garnett was voted in to the Board of Directors.

2013 WAA Annual Meeting, Oct. 3-6, 2013 **Hammonasset Beach State Park, CT.** in conjunction with Native American festival (2 days), atlal 4 days.

This being the 25th Anniversary of the World Atlatl Association, Plaques were on display for Leni Clubb, Tim Boucher, Bill and Marcia Tate in recognition for organizing and twenty-five years of continuous support of the World Atlatl Association.

These below E-mail messages I received from some of our award recipients:

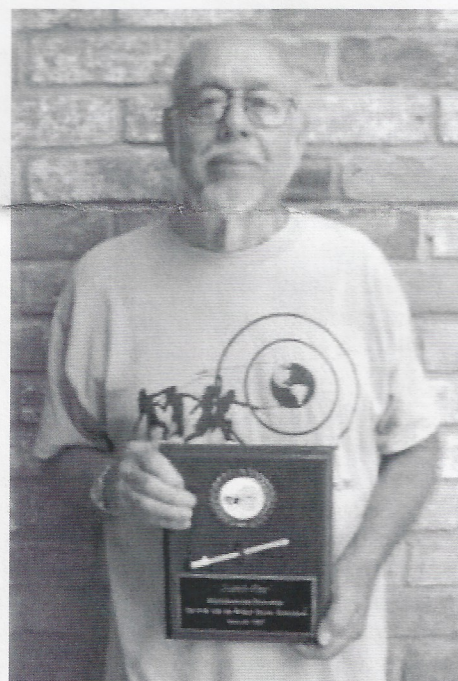


I have received the most beautiful "Award of Recognition" from you and the membership of the World Atlatl Association for the 25th Year Anniversary. I could not be more proud and humbled by this honor. To have been one of the original 10 members and organizers of the WAA has meant more to me than any other endeavor in my lifetime. It means a great deal to me to have been a past president and vice president. But most of all I am so proud to have been instrumental in the education of many adults and children about the Atlatl and its uses. I am still a presenter at the History Colorado Museum in Denver and could not be happier in my roll as educator and demonstrator of this wonderful prehistoric tool. Again Thank You so very much for this special honor. I will cherish it forever.
Tim Boucher

When I opened the package containing your letter and the recognition plaque I was really touched. It was truly unexpected. The work I did designing the ISAC was a labor of love and it is gratifying to know that the contest continues to thrive. Thank you and the members of the WAA for honoring that work.

Lloyd Pine from Baton Rouge.

Lloyd Pine Shown Right



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LENI CLUBB!!!

(98 YEARS YOUNG)



I have been pleased to see that I received an Award of Recognition for my support to the World Atlatl Association. I would like to apologize for taking so long to thank you. I spent the whole month of August in Lapland, and I received so many letters during my stay there that it took a while before to be ready to email you.

You can be sure that the Award is on the wall in my office, and that I am very proud to be considered as a friend of the World Atlatl Association.

It's my turn to say thank you. As you are the World Atlatl Association President, please tell your members I have had many friends and I met a lot of great people with the atlatl. And for sure, it's always a great pleasure to read news from the WAA newsletter.

Anyway, I hope that I will be able to go to the USA for another trip soon, and meet again many WAA members during some of the great meetings that are held everywhere in the USA. I already took part in Atlatl meetings in 6 different States, and I think it's not enough...

Thank you for your work for the WAA.

God bless you.

Pascal Chauvaux (Belgium)



PS: At the time that the Award arrived in my mailbox (my son told me), I was drinking a Belgian beer with Bob Berg in Denmark...

(see the attached photo: from the left to the right - Uwe Rex (german WAA member) - Pascal Chauvaux (WAA t-shirt !!!) - Carine Billon (my wife for 30 years) and Bob Berg who accommodated us in Candor (NY) when we landed in the USA in 2000...)

What a surprise it was to open that package and find such a beautiful award. We both thank you very much and want to thank the whole crowd. Many, many thanks, Bill

President's Note:

It has been a privilege to meet some of the recipients of these recognition awards. I encourage and hope that all new members get a chance to learn about the founding members and the history of our World Atlatl Association.



Traveling display of different atlatl replicas by Richard Lyons

http://www.worldatlatl.org/Atlatl_Design.html



Starting from the left, the first atlatl is an Midwestern/South- eastern Archaic style atlatl with a knobbed crescent bannerstone, deer antler hook, and antler handle. The second is another Archaic style atlatl with a double notched winged bannerstone, deer antler hook, and antler handle. The third atlatl is an Australian style atlatl made by Ray Madden. I believe he said it was a Southeastern style. The fourth is another Archaic style atlatl with a horned bannerstone with deer antler hook, and bone handle. The fifth is reproduction of an Eskimo style atlatl that is in the Smithsonian Institute. The sixth is a reproduction of a short style atlatl found in Santa Barbara, CA. The seventh is a reproduction Basket Maker atlatl. The eighth is a reproduction of an Archaic style atlatl with a composite weight and deer antler hook. The ninth is a reproduction Aztec style atlatl.

Missed but not forgotten:

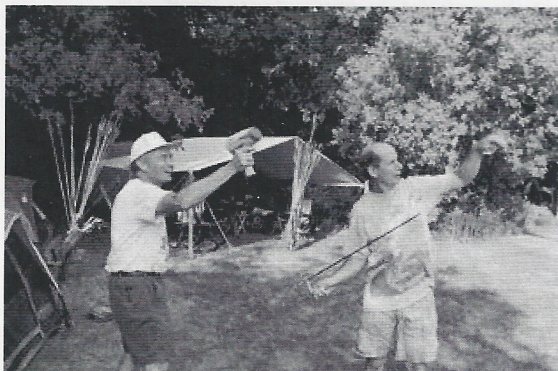
Richard Lyons former Treasurer of WAA Association: Many times Richard would bring his atlatl display to the annual meetings and atlatl events. In honor of his many years of service, dedication, and as support specialist to many WAA presidents.

We printed a display poster which is on the WAA website: We also sent a poster to him in Indiana along with a few greetings from those of us who attended. Richard, you and Kristine remain in our thoughts!

Other event highlights:

We had cake in celebration of twenty-five years. With a encased wooly mammoth hair also a wooly mammoth and a unique cave man with atlatl figurines.

Available one morning, a tour of the mounds and various petro forms on the property were available for those people who were interested. These tours were guided by Dwight Weisner from Fond du Lac.



John Whittaker aims a radar gun at Doug Bassett's attempt at a long distance throw. Doug was able to get within 25 feet of the frog target, which was approximately 150 yards away. John was keeping stats on how fast we are throwing our darts.

Another very special and unexpected happening was receiving these medallions.

Thanks to Russell Richard from Wyoming for donating and sending these wonderful awards to give to those whom won in their division for combined hunters and European rounds.

It was an honor to give out these awards that were replica's from the first WAA award given in 1987



Our Grand Champion competition was a set of three throws at a wooly mammoth target. Our Youth Champion Ben Struzynski was given the option to throw from 10 meters, our Women's Champion Lori Majorski to throw from 15 meters, and our Men's Champion Doug Bassett to throw from 20 meters. It came down to the last throw between Ben and Doug. The competition was won by Doug Bassett. We all wonder what would have happened if Ben would have thrown from the 10 meter mark, instead of choosing the 15? Ben has since had his personal best ISAC score of 86.



The Grand Champion Award is presented to Doug Bassett of New York (Left) by the World Atlatl Association President Lenny Riemersma (Right)



Women's Champion Lori Majorsky of Pennsylvania

Do know there were very many people that helped make this a successful event. From the Izaak Walton League providing the location. Our volunteers from Mid America Geographic Foundation for their help with registration, set up, handing out cheese and other assistance throughout the event. For some it was there first atlatl event.

I also would like to thank WAA member from AZ, Lou Hellman, for all his help at the event and adjusting his travel to show up early to put in extra time.

Foremost, I want to thank all the co-members of our Wisconsin Affiliated Spearthrowers (W.A.S.) We finally named ourselves. Esp. our core members who were in Michigan in 2008 and offered to host this years event. One WAA member outside of our WI core group deserves mention. Dave Stetter, put in many many hours. Thanks for being our photographer too, Dave. Others for your support and gifts of time, talent, and \$ as well to make this one of the best atlatl events. That has been our feedback thus far. Congratulations, job well done. Hope to see you in Connecticut 2013.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The WAA Annual meeting in **2013** will be held at Hammonasset State Park in Madison, Connecticut on October 3, 4, 5 & 6. It will be held in conjunction with an annual event hosted by Gary & Linda Nolf and the "Friends of Hammonasset". ISAC's will be offered on all four days and local events on Friday and Saturday. More info later.

Hoosier Outdoor Experience includes Atlatls

Submitted by Anita Lukes

The Hoosier Outdoor Experience is Indiana's largest, hands-on outdoor recreation event. Coordinated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources it was held on the grounds of Fort Harrison State Park on September 15 and 16, 2012. An event for "doing, not watching". There were just over 50 different activities in which to participate and throwing a dart with an atlatl was one of them!

The sponsor of the atlatl demos was the Indiana State Museum. David McDaniel, Director of Outreach, Stevie Butler, a Museum Interpreter, and Jane Ann Buchanan, a volunteer extraordinaire set up the targets and spent 2 full days teaching Hoosiers of all ages what an atlatl was and how to use one to throw a dart. Frank and I were lucky enough to be able to assist them for parts of both days.



Jane Ann Buchanan, the museum volunteer who spent hours this weekend teaching folks how to throw. She is in her early 80's and outworked us all.

Interest was high and the line never fell below 10 and often had 20-25 participants. Fortunately, the weather was perfect—no wind and temperatures in the 70s. For the younger folks, between 5 and 10, we used a slightly smaller atlatl and the type that allows the dart to balance in a rest so the thrower does not have to coordinate holding and releasing the dart. The adults had more of a challenge using the type of atlatl with loops on each side of the handle. There were some amazing first throws by some of our teenagers.

Some of the other hands-on activities at the Hoosier Outdoor Experience included canoeing, kayaking, wall climbing, wood carving, basic fishing, fly-tying, historic trivia, water dog demos, tree dog demos, caving, gold panning, golf, tennis, back-country hiking essentials—just to name a few. In addition, you could visit the Museum of 20th Century Warfare in the park, learn turkey hunting safety, visit the NRA display, learn archery, learn how to fire a pellet rifle and a shotgun, as well as learn how to take waterfowl, deer, and fish from field to table. And, there was much more. Something for everyone.

Currently the Indiana State Museum is sponsoring a "Buy-a-Bone" program to help restore "Fred". Fred is the name given to bull mastodon remains found in the muck soil of an ancient lake just west of Fort Wayne, IN on land owned by Dan Buesching. According to the museum website, scientific sectioning of one tusk revealed Fred to have been 33 years old and a radiocarbon date showed the skeleton to be 11,280 years old. The Buy-a-Bone program is an effort to raise enough money to undertake a real-bone mount of Fred. He will become the centerpiece of an exhibition titled *Monsters of the Muck: Indiana's Elephant Graveyards*. By the way, bones start at \$50 a piece, and in return you get a certificate of "Bone Ownership", and a special presentation box to display the certificate and a fragment of mastodon tusk or bone. You can find more information at the Members and Donors section of the website:

www.indianamuseum.org if you are interested.

I have a simple philosophy: Fill what's empty. Empty what's full. Scratch where it itches.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Quest for the ISAC Crowns as of Early September

By Douglas Bassett

To date, 472 people (323 men, 98 women and 51 youth) have made 1,656 entries at 104 venues around the world. About a third of each division has "Made the Board" – men 30% (98/323); women 30% (29/98); youth 33% (17/51). The top 10 in each division (6% 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 59% of their scores are 55 or above. Five youth have made a better percent of success, in fact, three (Antoine, Fanny and Hunter) have all made 100%. **Antoine Jamon**, top score **95-2X** (new world record), is the only youth in history to shoot four 90s in the same year and has made **100%** (5 out of 5 entries);

Score	Person	%	Ratio
86	Lucie Jamon	75%	3/4
84-2X	Marlin Bassett	46%	19/41
80-2X	Ben Struzynski	71%	5/7
73-X	Jordan Ashley	50%	1/2
67	Fanny Jamon	100%	4/4
66-X	Hunter Miller	100%	2/2
63	Vanessa Schlatter	50%	1/2
57	Lucas Yates	50%	2/4
55	Carter Ashley	50%	1/2

The top 10 women have made 154 entries and 33% of their scores are 69 or above. Three women have made 33% or better success as follows: **Melissa Dildine**, top score **85-X**, has made **71%** (20 out of 28 entries);

Score	Person	%	Ratio
85	JoAnne Fogelman	80%	12/15
84	Lori Majorski	32%	8/25
83-X	Debbie Andrews	13%	2/16
81	Bonnie Sortore	57%	4/7
79	Sue Mercer	5%	1/21
73	Shannon Santos	14%	1/7
70	Margie Tackoch	10%	1/10
69-X	Gizzy Rowe	8%	1/12
69	Regina Dodson	8%	1/13

The top 10 men have made 174 entries and 38% of their scores are 90 or above. Two men have made 38% or better success as follows: **Douglas Bassett**, top score **97-4X**, has become the first person in history to shoot ten 95s or better in the same year and has made **66%** (47 out of 71 entries);

Score	Person	%	Ratio
94-3X	Gary Fogelman	28%	5/18
94-X	Kevin Ashley	100%	2/2
93-X	Greg Maurer	25%	1/4
93-X	Doug Miller	25%	1/4
92-2X	Jack Rowe	14%	4/28
94-2X	Doug Majorski	25%	1/4
92-X	David Sheppard	8%	2/25
91	Ray Strischek	17%	2/12
90	Mark Bracken	17%	1/6

Late breaking news: Gary Fogelman has thrown a 98 at Hammonasset Ct.!

"If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it; every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth."

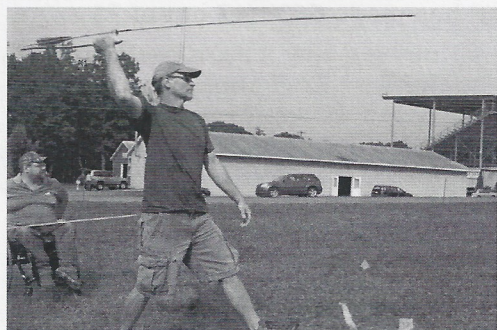
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



**University of Vermont Archery Team
At the Northeast Open Archery
Championship**

Brookville Pa.

The Jefferson County Historical Society and North Fork Chapter # 29 , Society For Pennsylvania Archaeology had another successful event at Brookville Pa. The activities consisted of a Antique Firearms Indian Artifact show and a World Atlatl Association santon throw.



Many people have resurrected the atlatl and dart into a modern sport. Douglas Bassett, Tom Mills, Gary Fogelman, Jack Rowe, John Whittaker, Ken Faucher Robert Berg, Margie Takoch and Lori Majorsky, just to mention a few.

The World Atlatl Association conducted over 115 USA events; 8 united Kingdom and 33 European events this year.

The Brookville atlatl event had over 100 first time throwers ; with 21 in competition. One of the first time throwers was Willian Cramer, Timblin Pa. who scored a 35; throwing from his wheel chair! (Great Job Bill)

Mike Segalla, Bernie Kostic, Tom Glover and Dave Sorg , conducted and taught the first time throwers.

The top scores of the Brookville event are.

Gary Fogelman--93
Joanne Fogelman--77x
Mike Segalla---75
John Stoltzfus--53
James Foley--53
Lynn McCaslin--48x

George Miller



Rabbitstick 2012

During Rabbitstick 2012, held at Rexburg, Idaho in September, 17 atlatl throwers threw one or more ISAC's. There were 15 flights thrown over the 8 day period.

In men's division Bob Kitch, Husum, WA, had high score with an 87. Jim Gnapp, Abbotsford, B.C., was nipping at Bob's heels with an 86X. In 3rd place was Glen Purpura, Moab, Utah, with a 72.

In the Womens division there were only 2 throwers. Laura Kramer, Salem, OR was 1st with a 61. Kirsten Mangnuson, St. Paul, Minn., threw

for score for the first time. She has great form and I'm sure will do well in future throws.

Our only youth thrower was Muir Emmons, Hood River, OR, who at age 12, threw a smoking 75XX! Men's division you better practice up, here comes the new competition.

We hope everyone had fun throwing in the beautiful, but smokey Idaho sunshine, we can't wait until February and Wintercount so we can do it all again in the Arizona sunshine.

Report from Cahokia, 2012

-Justin Garnett, Missouri Atlatl Association

The Annual World Atlatl Association event at the Cahokia Mounds World Heritage site was a blast as always, even if it did get off to a rainy start. The last ISAC of the day on Friday the 7th was cut short after only 4 rounds, when a sudden downpour soaked everyone and everything. As dry as it's been this summer we



A replica Basketmaker II atlatl line-up, right to left Devin Pettigrew, John Whittaker, Justin Garnett.

needed the rain, but the timing made it a bit hard to be as pleased as we should have been. Fortunately the rain cleared up by morning, and everyone reassembled to throw a full day of games-The event included ISACs, a full European, a 40cm archery target throw (Thrown at a 40cm FITA archery face from 8 and 10 meters), a World Atlatl Day style throw, and a "Hunter's challenge" thrown at several different distances using a 2-d buck target with an outlined kill zone. In the Hunter's Challenge, only hits to the kill zone counted toward the score. Awards were given for the European, and scores from all the games were combined to figure a Grand Championship. 28 competitors from 7 states participated in the event, and some came from as far away as Pennsylvania.

After a pizza dinner on Saturday evening, and a video on the historic aspects of the site introduced by William Iseminger, assistant manager of the center, there was an award ceremony in the museum auditorium. Prizes were generously donated by Linda Krieg of the museum gift shop, and those receiving awards from the European contest were allowed to pick what appealed to them from the donated items. Prizes were thematic to the site, including such items as a Cahokia Historic Site t-shirt, books

and comic books, and even a replica Mississippian pipe. Additionally, Jon Wood won a throw-off for Grand Champion, and was awarded a plaque. After the awards were handed out, Dr. John Whittaker gave an informative talk on his recent and ongoing research into atlatl and dart function, as well as their broader place in experimental archaeology. Overall it was a great time at a great location, and we hope you can make it out to join us next year!

Top 3 scores in the European (100 points possible):

Men: Jon Wood (45), Andy Majorsky (38.1), Justin Garnett (31.3)

Women: Lori Majorsky (14.7), Mary Granneman (7.5), Christie Peterson (5.5)

Top three World Atlatl Day style throw scores (100 points possible):

Men: Jon Wood (93XX), Andy Majorsky (82X), Alex Woods (78)

Women: Tammie Wood (66), Lori Majorsky (64), Margie Takoch (53)

Top three 40cm target throw scores (100 points possible):

Men: Jon Wood (46), Scott Rorebeck (45), Jerry Nevens (38)

Women: Margie Takoch (31), Lori Majorsky (30), Anita Lukes (19)



Left to right: Christi Peterson, Tamara Woods, Alex Woods, John Whittaker, Pat Hashman, Kate Klesner, Toby Austin

Top three Hunter's Challenge round (10 points possible):

Men: Devin Pettigrew (6), Ray Madden (5), Alex Woods & Andy Majorsky (4)

Women: Tammie Woods & Margie Takoch (2) Lori Majorsky and Kate Klesner (1)

Throughout the event, Moose Takoch offered moral support.

Oxford, NY

By: AJ Bagg

The 2012 Oxford event was our best ever. Oxford Rod & Gun Club president Alan Youngs, archery director Jim Vangieson and his son Scott went out their way to make sure we had everything we needed. The whole facility was well maintained. They had the second to none anywhere 40 target 3D course set up even better than last year and mowed the grass on the ISAC ranges like a golf course.

Always popular at this event is open field long range shooting at 3D targets in an unstructured format. No score cards, but shots fired during these informal "follow the leader" shoots are remembered for years. This year was no exception. Club archery director Jim Vangieson brought me full sized 3D targets of elk, two

Wayne Wells & Charging Boar



hundred yards. This area is visible from the clubhouses and the road. Everyone at the place pauses to watch us shoot these targets at long range. Participants and spectators all roar approval at our long range hits. 60-70 yd. "kills" on the elk are common shooting from the ISAC ranges.

This year there was a traditional archery tournament held on Sunday that shot on the 40 target 3D course. They shot from the orange pin, atlatlists from the red pin. Yardages varied but in general the orange pins were about one third farther away than the red pins. Red pin atlatl range was about 8-16yds. Scoring on this range gives an extra point for an "X" and X rings averaged about the size of a silver dollar. Atlatlists kept score cards so that real data could be gathered to compare atlatls to traditional

Ken Faucher and "Trophy" Boar



archery equipment. This data can be used in discussions involving real, ethical hunting ranges and for legalization justification. Not to mention

bragging rights! Those archers sure knew we were there! Out of a possible score of 440, 40x the atlatlists had a high score from Ken Faucher of 269xxxx! And the atlatls averaged 207! Only the very best archers could beat us! One club regular archer that I talked with came from the woods smiling over his good round reported a 262. I don't have all the data yet but Doug & Marlin Bassett shot with archery equipment and Doug shot well into the 300's and to the best of my knowledge Marlin won the youth division. Fatigue was a real factor on this demanding course shooting forty targets on a mile and a half woods trail with hills. More on this

later when I get all the data.

Oxford wouldn't be Oxford without the Charging Boar target. This target is powered by a heavy 75' long bungee cord accelerates and decelerates, and goes really fast. It simulates one of the best hunting shots for atlatls, close range moving targets. Shooters and spectators are amazed by how effective our ancient hunting implement is. Big game in motion have already made their decision where they are going and are far less likely to be able to dodge, duck, or jump a dart or pick up flagging motion my experience has shown.

Next year we have our own event. This will be July 4 weekend and is tentatively scheduled for July 5-8 2013. This we hope to make this into THE midsummer event. We will invite the archers as all the "regulars" missed shooting with them and the few we talked to also missed shooting with us.

Again thank you to all that attended and made the event happen.



Wayne Wells shows Douglas Bassett, Gary Sipila and Marlin Bassett how to tap Maple trees

North American Atlatl Competition Events for 2012

Oct. 19-21

Atlatl Throw held in conjunction with Trenton's Missouri Days Festival

at the **Trenton, Missouri** fairgrounds.

ISAC on the morning of the 19th. ISAC and Semi- 3-D Targets featuring extinct animals- Mammoth, Saber-Tooth, Dire-Wolf, etc. will be used during the throws on Oct. 20 starting around 10:00 a.m. , and another ISAC the morning of the 21st.

Thousands attend Trenton's Missouri Days Festival which includes a 50 school band competition, Arts, Crafts, Flea market, Food vendors and now , an Atlatl competition. Come join the fun.

Contact Scott Rorebeck (660) 654-1741
srorebeck@yahoo.com or Steve Spencer (660) 654-3904 barbspencer@cebridge.net
Camping available at Crowder State Park.

Oct. 19-21

Cove Lake State Park Knap-In

The 3rd annual Cove Lake State Park Knap-In and Primitive Skills Festival,

Caryville, Tennessee

For more info on knap-in contact Joe Darnell at (865) 680-9033 ISAC contest all three days
For more info on atlatl contest contact Doug Leeth at (704) 538-0541

Oct. 20

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

ISAC, Hunters Round, 3-D targets

Call Lenny at (920) 528-7454 or e-mail at lenmaryr@excel.net

Oct. 20

America's National Archaeology Day

Hosted by the Dayton Society of Natural History
(Dayton, Ohio)

Atlatl throwing demonstration and ISAC from 1-4 p.m. Contact Mamerto Tindongan at mtindongan@yahoo.com (740) 590-3039 or Andy Sawyer at asawyer@sunwatch.org (937) 268-8199

For more information visit www.sunwatch.org

Oct. 26-27

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. 27

The 3rd Annual Great Pumpkin Atlatl Hunt
10am to 4 pm. Open to all, equipment and instruction happily provided. Demo, 3D targets, ISAC. Wickiup Hills Outdoor Learning Center, Linn County Conservation Department
10260 Morris Hills Road

Toddville, Iowa 52341

For more information please contact Mark L. Anderson at mark-l-anderson@uiowa.edu or call (319) 384-0998

Nov. 3

SOCAL (Southern California Atlatl League) Fall Atlatl Event 10:00am - 7:00pm

Nottingham Center for the Arts

240 S. Bent Ave

San Marcos, California 92078

paleoarts@hotmail.com for more info

Nov. 3-4

Frosty Blanket atlatl throw & ISAC. **Cheyenne, Wyoming.** Open to all, equipment and instruction cheerfully provided. Sponsored by the Wyoming Atlatl and Social Club.

Contact: Russell Richard coyotec clown@aol.com (307) 772-0550 for location and time.

Nov. 10

Indoor Shoot at Jim's Pro Shop, **Shortsville, New York,** Range Fee \$10. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Only. You will want to bring primitive bow with arrows rigged for standard arrow inserts if you want to shoot any of the video hunts on the big screen. Each hunt can accommodate up to 10 people at a time (separate fee is \$10 per person). Great fun and challenge! Exit 43 off Thruway and south on 21 to route 96, 2 miles west (sign will probably say north) to just past blinking light for cty rd 28. The block bldg (4885 Route 96) is on the left. Contact: RSVP to Douglas Bassett (585) 493-3625; Douglas.Bassett@parks.ny.gov

Nov. 17

Indoor Shoot at Jim's Pro Shop, **Shortsville, New York,** Range Fee \$10. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Nov. 24-25

Last Chance throw. **Cheyenne, Wyoming**
Open to all, equipment and instruction cheerfully provided. Sponsored by the Wyoming Atlatl and Social Club.

Contact: Russell Richard coyotecdown@aol.com
(307) 772-0550 for location and time.

North American Atlatl Competition Events for 2013

Jan. 6

Wood's, **Madison, Missouri**

ISAC, local, Snow date January 20

Jon Wood, jswood429@gmail.com, (573) 881-6622
Ron Mertz, devoemertz@sbcglobal.net, (314) 628-9376

Jan. 20

Primitive Skills Contests: Prepare for the Archeolympics! ISACs 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
There will also be a rabbit-stick accuracy contest and a hand-drill fire-starting race!

Wenmohs Ranch, **Cypress Mill, Texas**

More info online:

<http://www.meetup.com/ATLATL/events/77714862/>

Feb. 9

American Legion Archery Range, **Columbia, Missouri**, ISAC, local, snow date - February 23

Jon Wood, jswood429@gmail.com, (573) 881-6622, Ron Mertz, devoemertz@sbcglobal.net, (314) 628-9376

March 9

American Legion Archery Range, **Columbia, Missouri**, ISAC, local,

Jon Wood, jswood429@gmail.com, (573) 881-6622, Ron Mertz, devoemertz@sbcglobal.net, (314) 628-9376

Don't curse the darkness - light a candle.

Chinese Proverb

Don't curse the darkness - point the car headlights at the target, we can still get in one more flight.

Douglas Bassett (Atributed)

D'atlatl Happenings

By: Park Ranger Bruce Weidman

Hello from Sugarloaf Preserve, Walnut Creek, Calif. It's been a busy few months around here. Contestants from five different cities gathered here for the ISAC and WAA contests on World Atlatl Day on June 2nd. In July we hosted a two-day atlatl making class with eight folks making their own atlatls and darts - from scratch!

On August 11th, we held our annual Ancient Ways program. The

weather was hot but that didn't stop the 150 visitors from enjoying, and engaging themselves in various primitive activities. In addition to atlatl and rabbit stick throwing, there was a variety of crafts, games, cultural music, and a "gigantic" pump drill.. Many thanks to the twenty volunteers and staff that helped put on this event.

Two atlatl ranges were set up: a life-sized drawing of a saber-tooth target for everybody, and a separate ISAC range and target for the competitive throwers. 20 throwers from six different cities competed in the ISAC and were divided into five flights. Deanne Weidman took the Women's Division and over-all high score with a 55X. Mark Dellinges won the Men's Division with a 39, and 12 year old Sarah May won the Youth Division with her last dart by hitting 6 points!



WAA President's Corner October 2012

What a privilege it is to be the World Atlatl Association President during the celebration of our 25th year as an organization.

I am thinking back to when I first heard about and learned that there were other people that threw darts with an atlatl. I was at the first ever Bois Blanc Island Primitive skills gathering in 1991. I met people like Leni Clubb, Charlie and Suzie Brown, Ray Madden, Ron Mertz, and Jim Gilligan, to name a few who showed Mary and I how to use our atlatl and dart correctly.

We have come a long way since then. The use of an atlatl in sport is more wide spread than ever. One of the reasons, I feel is because of Dr. John Whittaker. John has published numerous articles of atlatl technology and design. He has articles published for the Society for American Archeology. As well as written articles for our World Atlatl Association website. He has formed the first college atlatl team at Grinnell College. They compete against Iowa State University during the Raging Cow competition held at Grinnell every year in spring.

Not to mention overseeing the records for ISAC scores over many years, as well as his team keeping our World Atlatl Association Website, with updates coming this next year.



This years Presidents Award was presented to Dr. John Whittaker from

John again "I thank you," for all you do for our organization and mostly for educating the world about the dynamics of the atlatl in history to present day sport. You are truly an inspiration to us all.

Leonard Riemersma
President World Atlatl Association.

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, Alex Woods, 655 Kimberlite Street, Tiffin, IA 52340. Make checks payable to: The World Atlatl Association Inc.



Bear Hunter - Nina Carmolli of Essex Junction, Vermont competes at the 17th annual Northeast Open Atlatl Championship

Reminder!!!

If the World ends on December 21, 2012, then the January 2013 edition of The Atlatl may not be delivered.

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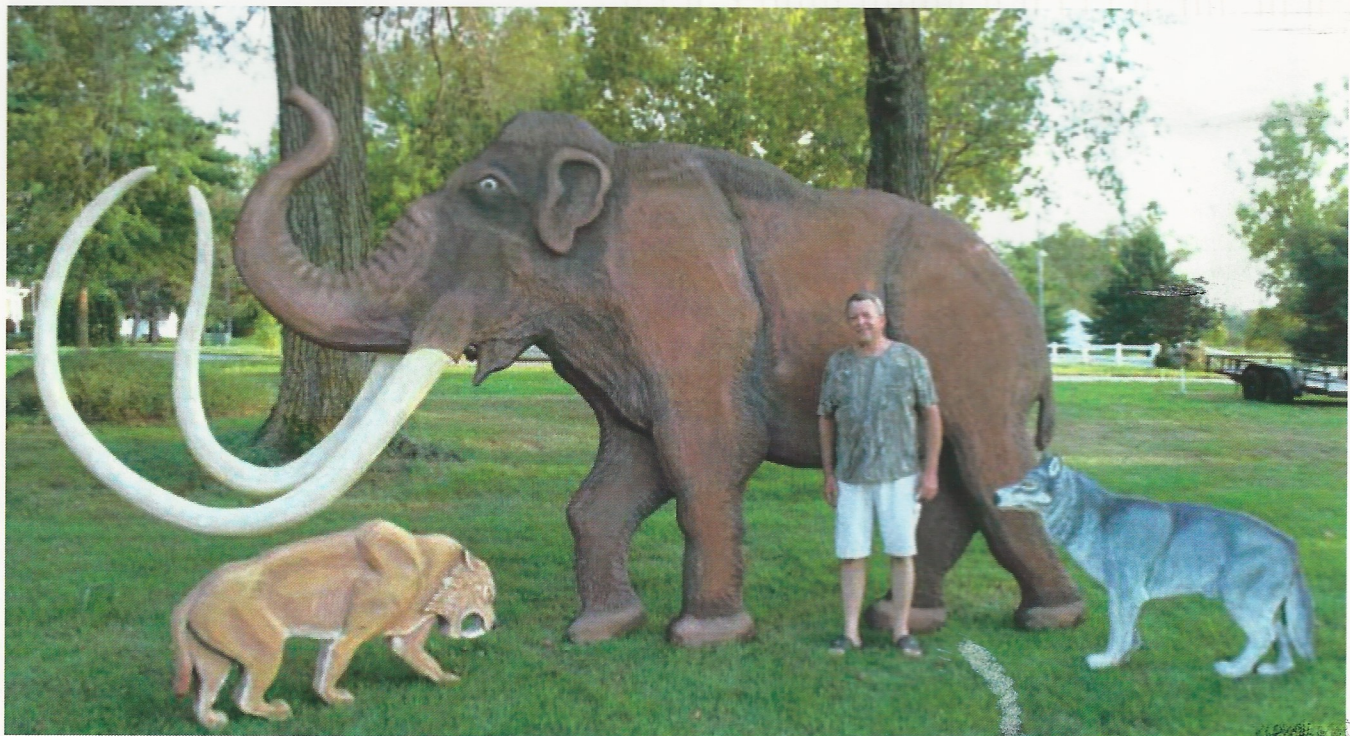
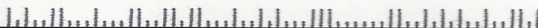
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A Mammoth, a saber-tooth cat, and dire wolf targets created by Steve Spencer of styrofoam and cardboard - for Trenton Missouri's Missouri days fall festival Oct. 20-21