



“If I would study any old, lost art, let us say, I must make myself the artisan of it...”

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Transmitting Scoresheets to the ISAC Scorekeeper (John Whittaker)

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We all depend on the reliability of the United States Postal Service for delivery of mail to our homes. Yet, each of us probably has a horror story of a mangled letter, destroyed package, misdelivered piece of mail, etc. John Whittaker, the ISAC Scorekeeper for WAA, experienced this type of mishap when he received an empty envelope that was supposed to be carrying the ISAC scores from the Winter and Spring of this year. While use of the postal service will continue to be acceptable, other methods may prove to be more reliable. During a recent conversation, John reported that many members are following his request to transmit scoresheets via email. The purpose of this article is to illustrate and outline methods for transmitting scoresheets to John and to explain his method of processing the data. Current methods of scoresheet transmission that work for John are postal delivery, email pdf files, email scoresheet pictures (JPG or JPEG), and spreadsheet copies of scoresheets (Excel^R).

No matter how the scoresheets are sent, John prints a hard copy of each sheet. This gives him a hardcopy record for future reference and helps facilitate entry of data into his scorekeeping spreadsheet. The scoresheets that are transmitted **must** be sent via email to John’s account (whittake@grinnell.edu).

Two methods of scoresheet transmission will be discussed in this article. The first method is to use a scanner function on a computer printer and create a pdf file of the scoresheet(s). For John, this is the preferable method because the data is normally easier to read and to print out. The second method is to use the camera function of a cell phone or tablet, create a photo of the scoresheet, and send the photo(s) **via email** to John. Alignment issues, lighting, focus issues, and information cut off in the photos are problems that occur with this method. To test these methods of scoresheet transmission I created mock ups of three scoresheets and transmitted them to my email. The illustrations you see here were pulled from the emails created.

CREATING PDF COPIES OF SCORESHEETS

If you have a computer printer with a scan function (or a scanner) you should be able to create pdf copies of the scoresheets using the software included with the equipment. I used the following steps to create the pdf files shown in figure 1 and figure 2 using a Hewlett Packard printer.

1. Scan the scoresheets using the scanning function of the printer. The scanned image may need to be adjusted using the printer/scanner software (adjusting the darkness of the print, orientation of the image from portrait to landscape, etc.).
2. Save the scanned image **as a pdf** file to your computer (I suggest naming the file with the event name and date that the throws occurred — for example: Cahokia 091223 for an event occurring at Cahokia on September 12, 2023)
3. To streamline the process, most software allows for multiple scoresheets to be saved under one pdf file. If your printer/scanner has a document feeder, the creation of the pdf will be facilitated.

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WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET (REVISED NOVEMBER 1, 2005)
INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ACCURACY COMPETITION

PLEASE PRINT NAME-CITY & STATE	15 METERS					20 METERS					GRAND TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL 15 M	1	2	3	4	TOTAL 20 M	
1. <i>M-T</i> <i>Midland Oregon</i>	6	8	7	9	40	8	7	6	8	35	75x
2. <i>E-T</i> <i>San Diego CA</i>	8	10	9	6	40	6	8	7	0	30	70
3. <i>FL</i> <i>Edgingwood Park</i>	7	6	6	7	26	0	0	8	7	21	47
4. <i>PA</i> <i>Philadelphia PA</i>	8	7	6	7	38	7	0	8	7	29	67
5. <i>PA</i> <i>Pittsburgh PA</i>	8	0	6	7	30	0	7	8	0	21	51

LOCATION: *Valley of Ice* DATE: *6/30/22*
WEATHER: *Coal / Sunny* SCORE X-10-9-8-7-6-0

1. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE _____ EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____
 2. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE _____ EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____
 3. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE _____ EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____
 4. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE _____ EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____
 5. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE *10* EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____

SCORE KEEPER _____ CONFIRMED BY _____

Completed score sheets must be mailed and postmarked no later than 30 days after the contest to: John Whittaker, Chief of Arbitration, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, 50120, USA. All scores will be accepted.

Figure 1

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2. <i>E-T</i> <i>San Diego CA</i>	8	7	8	4	32	7	9	6	7	37	79x
3. <i>FL</i> <i>Edgingwood Park</i>	6	0	8	7	21	0	6	7	0	19	46
4. <i>PA</i> <i>Philadelphia PA</i>	7	7	0	8	31	0	0	6	7	13	44
5. <i>PA</i> <i>Pittsburgh PA</i>	7	9	8	10	41	8	7	6	0	28	69

LOCATION: *Valley of Ice* DATE: *6/30/22*
WEATHER: *Coal / Night Rain* SCORE X-10-9-8-7-6-0

1. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE _____ EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____
 2. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE _____ EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____
 3. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE _____ EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____
 4. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE _____ EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____
 5. SEX *FL* (IF YOUTH-UNDER 16) AGE *11* EQUIPMENT (PRIMITIVE) (OPEN) _____

SCORE KEEPER _____ CONFIRMED BY _____

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Figure 2

- Once a pdf for all the scoresheets for a particular meet have been produced, **create an email and attach the scoresheet pdf(s) and send to John Whittaker's email address (whittake@grinnell.edu)**. Other information to include with the email are the identity of the sender, the name and date(s) of the event, the number of scoresheets sent, and a phone number in case John has a question or a problem with the information transmitted.

When I created these pdf copies, I was able to combine them under one pdf file using the document feeder on my HP printer.

CREATING SNAPSHOTS (JPG OR JPEG) COPIES OF SCORESHEETS USING A CAMERA PHONE OR TABLET

Pictures of scoresheets can be submitted to the scorekeeper using the camera function for a cell phone or tablet. Figure 3 and Figure 4 were created using an Apple iPhone 13. Figure 5 was created using an Android phone. All three figures were sent to my email account for this article. I then downloaded the photos to use here.

- Lay the individual scoresheet on a flat surfaced with adequate lighting. For Figure 3 and Figure 4 the scoresheets were placed under a desk lamp.
- Using the camera function of your cell phone (tablet), line up the image to include the following requirements— **A) The image must be in focus.** **B) ALL of the elements required by the scorekeeper are visible in the image.** **C) Minimize distortion of the image as much as possible** (note that Figure 5 is more distorted and not as well lit as Figures 3 and 4 and is thus harder to read). Positioning the camera directly over the scoresheet will reduce distortion.
- After recording the photo of the scoresheet verify that you can read all the elements that the scorekeeper needs to record the ISAC contest. **If you cannot read the necessary elements from the photo of the scoresheet, John, the scorekeeper, will not be able to read the sheet.** Retake photos of the scoresheets until a readable copy is produced.
- Once photos of all the scoresheets for a particular meet have been produced, choose the photos of the sheets from the photo gallery of your phone or tablet. **Create an email that contains the scoresheet photos from your phone to John Whittaker's email address (whittake@grinnell.edu)**. Other information to include with the email are the identity of the sender, name and date(s) of the event, the number of scoresheets sent, and a phone number in case John has a question or a problem with the

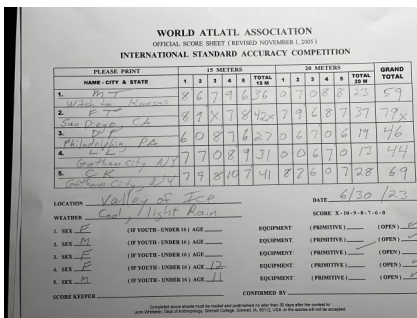


Figure 3

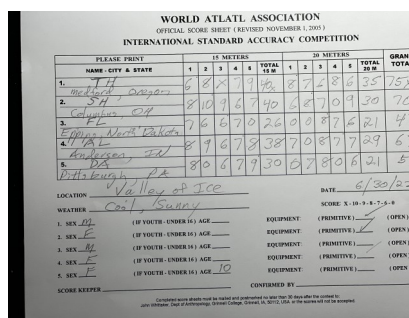


Figure 4

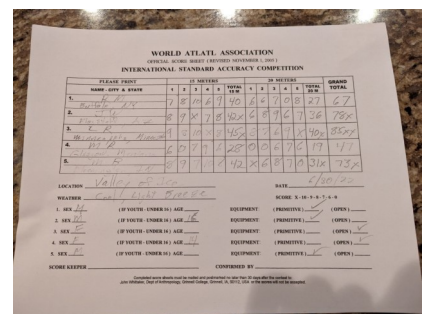


Figure 5

information transmitted.

These mockups were created using pencil. Use of an ink pen would create a more readable copy, but the correction of errors on the sheet are harder when done in ink. **No matter how the sheet is created, the information must be entered so that a readable scoresheet can be produced and copied.** Several general rules and courtesies should be kept in mind by all ISAC scorekeepers when completing the scoresheets:

RULES FOR FILLING OUT AN ISAC SCORESHEET

- 1) Assure that all entries on the scoresheet are **legible**. — in order to assure that scores are accurately recorded, they must be **readable**. **Please take note that if anyone reading a scoresheet has difficulty with the legibility, John Whittaker will have that same difficulty.**
- 2) Assure that **ALL** elements of the scoresheet are complete **prior** to being submitted for transmission. — When the scorekeeper signs the scoresheet, he or she is confirming that the sheet is complete. As part of the process of confirming the scores, that person should also assure that the scoresheet has been completely filled out prior to signing for confirmation. John has noted that a problem area for him is when the city and state/country for an individual participant is not complete. This slows down the recording of scores. For participants in the Youth category, the inclusion of the age of the participant is necessary to give proper recognition to participants.
- 3) All scoresheets must be signed by the scorekeeper and the person that confirms the scores and the completeness of the sheet.

WAA EVENT CALENDAR

DEADLINES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Sunday October 1, 2023 for event submission for November 2023

Sunday October 1, 2023 for submissions for the Fall 2023 Edition of the Newsletter

Please Note: In these times of uncertainty (weather events, pandemic, etc.) events may be *cancelled or rescheduled*. If event changes occur, please keep Deb Andrews informed. Also *check the website Event List for cancellations or changes*. In addition, contact information for event leaders can be found to verify the event schedule.

NORTH AMERICA

DATE/STATE

EVENT

Thu 20 Jul - Sat 22 Jul 2023 Missouri	MOJAM23 Thu 20 Jul 2023 - Sat 22 Jul 2023 at 10:00 - 17:00 central - Indian Foothills Park in Marshall, MO: Marshall Missouri 65340 – David Patterson stikflinger@gmail.com 5736579408 We will be a part of this great Event celebrating archery, atlatl, and primitive skills of every sort. We will demonstrate, educate, and hold daily ISAC. There is a food shack, ongoing bow building , archery range and a 3-D course as well.
Fri 21 Jul - Sun 23 Jul 2023 Ohio	Steve's Pre-Dam ISAC Weekend Fri 11 Aug 2023 - Sun 13 Aug 2023 at 00:00 - Steve Barnett's Property: Pomeroy OH 45679 – OAA will provide instruction, local contests and ISACs daily. Contact Ray Strisheck (ohioatlatl@hotmail.com or 740-331-4351) or Steve Barnett (barnz@juno.com or 740-698-6553) for more information.
Fri 28 Jul - Sun 30 Jul 2023 Indiana	Indianapolis Summer Event Fri 28 Jul 2023 - Sun 30 Jul 2023 at 00:00- Tim Hall's Property: Indianapolis IN 46268 OAA will provide instruction and contests, including ISACs daily at Tim Hall's property in Indianapolis. Contact Tim Hall (thcustom@sbcglobal.net or 317-627-5693) for more information.
Fri 28 Jul - Sun 30 Jul 2023 New York	Among the Hills Fri 28 Jul 2023 - Sun 30 Jul 2023 at All Day- Among the Hills: Nunda NY – Pete Piraino piraino2776@gmail.com 15854682776 ISAC and locals Contact Pete Piraino for times and your attendance
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<p>Sat 12 Aug - Sun 13 Aug 2023 Missouri</p>	<p>ISAC and fun throws Sat 12 Aug 2023 - Sun 13 Aug 2023 at 10:00 - 07:00 Central - Horse Around Ranch: Truxton MO 63381-2127 - Dawn Wagner atlatlhuntress@gmail.com 636-775-6026 ISAC and fun throws. All equipment provided. If you're not feeling well please wait till the next time to come throw.</p>
<p>Fri 18 Aug - Sun 20 Aug 2023 New York</p>	<p>Among the Hills Fri 18 Aug 2023 - Sun 20 Aug 2023 at All Day- Among the Hills: Nunda NY - Pete Piraino piraino2776@gmail.com 15854682776 ISAC and locals Contact Pete Piraino 585-468-2776 (land line) for details and to confirm your attendance</p>
<p>Fri 25 Aug - Sun 27 Aug 2023 Ohio</p>	<p>Steve's Post-Dam ISAC Weekend Fri 25 Aug 2023 - Sun 27 Aug 2023 at 00:00 - Steve Barnett's Property: Pomeroy OH 45679 - OAA will provide instruction, local contests and ISACs daily. Contact Ray Strisheck (ohioatlatl@hotmail.com or 740-331-4351) or Steve Barnett (barnz@juno.com or 740-698-6553) for more information.</p>
<p>Fri 1 Sep—Mon 4 Sep Oregon</p>	<p>2023 World Atlatl Association Annual Meeting Fri 1 Sep 2023 - Mon 4 Sep 2023 at 00:00 - Oxbow Trailer Park: Jordan Valley Oregon 97910 Location: Jordan Valley. Oregon GPS Coordinates: 42.9746, -117.0525 (can put coordinates into the Search field of your map application. Contact Person: Glen Fretwell Cell Phone 541-586-2477 No email or internet access Travel: By Car or RV - From Boise, ID Interstate 84 to Idaho Highway 55 Exit 33A (Tampa, Idaho) Travel west on Idaho 55 for approximately 16.5 miles to US Highway 95. Head South on US Hwy 95 for approximately 44.7 miles to the meet site. From Interstate 80 - Exit Interstate 80 in Winnemucca, Nevada at Exit 176 (US Hwy 95). Head north on Hwy 95 for 175.5 miles to the meet site. Lodging: RV and Tent Camping at Oxbow Trailer Park - Full Hookups (Electric, Water, sewer). Laundromat. This is the meeting site. Hotel/Motel/Food: There is a motel in Jordan Valley called Basque Station Motel. (Phone 541-586-2201 or 541-586-2206. There are limited amenities, and no restaurant facilities in town. The local grocery provides basics with a limited selection of food. The towns of Boise ID, Nampa ID and Caldwell ID are served b a wide range of motels/ hotels and restaurants. Please refer to the Winter edition of The Atlatl for more travel information.</p>
<p>Fri 1 Sep—Sun 3 Sep Ohio</p>	<p>Lithic Society Knap-In Fri 1 Sep 2023 - Sun 3 Sep 2023 at 00:00 - Coshocton Fairgrounds: Coshocton OH 43812 - New Location! OAA will provide instruction, Ohio locals, and ISACs each day. Contact Ray Strisheck (ohioatlatl@hotmail.com or 740-331-4351) or Steve Barnett (barnz@juno.com or 740-698-6553) for more information.</p>
<p>Fri 1 Sep—Sun 3 Sep 2023 Wisconsin</p>	<p>Mattoon Rendezvous Fri 1 Sep 2023 - Sun 3 Sep 2023 at All Day Central - Mattoon Rendezvous: Mattoon Wisconsin 54450 - Gordy Behrendt 1(262) 334-5099 ISAC each day during the Rendezvous. Contact Gordy Behrendt at (262) 334-5099) for more information.</p>
<p>Mon 11 Sep—Sun 17 Sep 2023 Idaho</p>	<p>Rabbit Stick Mon 11 Sep 2023 - Sun 17 Sep 2023 at 00:00 - Rabbit Stick: Rexburg ID 83440 - Contact James Turner (970) 946-2096 el_lobo_solo@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Fri 15 Sep—Sun 17 Sep 2023 Ohio</p>	<p>PawPaw Festival Fri 15 Sep 2023 - Sun 17 Sep 2023 at 00:00 - Lake Snowden: Albany OH 45710 - OAA will provide instruction, local contests and ISACs daily. Contact Ray Strisheck (ohioatlatl@hotmail.com or 740-331-4351) or Steve Barnett (barnz@juno.com or 740-698-6553) for more information. See the website at https://www.ohiopawpawfest.com for more event information. Entry fee and no dogs allowed.</p>
<p>Fri 22 Sep 2023 Vermont</p>	<p>2023 Chimney Point State Historic Site Atlatl Weekend Fri 22 Sep 2023 at 00:00 - Chimney Point State Historic Site: Addison VERMONT New England 05491 - Chimney Point State Historic Site 8149 VT Route 17W Addison, VT 05491 802) 759-2412 https://historicsites.vermont.gov/chimney-point 2023 Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship Weekend Information September 22 Atlatl Workshop CHIMNEY POINT * 12:00 - 5:00 PM * \$70 Atlatl experts Bob and Cheryl Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl teach traditional and modern 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. Pre-registration required Call 802-759-2412. Fee includes instruction and materials. Vermont Archaeology Month event. September 23 The 28th Annual Northeastern Open Atlatl Championship CHIMNEY POINT * 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM * COMPETITORS: \$12 * VISITORS: \$6 ADULT, FREE UNDER 15 Participate in or watch this annual atlatl championship testing skills in accuracy and distance. ISAC competition also. Newcomers to experts welcome. Flint-knapping and other demonstrations and lessons throughout the day. Pre-registration mandatory. Call (802) 759-2412 to register. Vermont Archaeology Month event.</p>
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Fri 6 Oct - Sun 8 Oct 2023 Ohio	Indian Mounds Festival Fri 6 Oct 2023 - Sun 8 Oct 2023 at 00:00- Indian Mounds Festival: The Plains OH - OAA will provide instruction, local contests and ISACs daily. Contact Ray Strisheck (ohioatlatl@hotmail.com or 740-331-4351) or Steve Barnett (barnz@juno.com or 740-698-6553) for more information.
Fri 6 Oct - Sun 8 Oct 2023 Tennessee	Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park Knap-In Fri 6 Oct 2023 - Sat 7 Oct 2023 at All Day Central - Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park: Manchester TN 37355 - Eric Collins Eric.L.Collins@tn.gov 1931247467 This is our most unique event of the year, featuring a variety of primitive skill demonstrators and knappers, set in an ancient hilltop enclosure surrounded by waterfalls. We will have an atlatl range, with ISACs Friday and Saturday and an open throw on Saturday only. RV and tent campsites are available in the park campground and primitive camping is offered to knappers, vendors, and demonstrators in the maintenance field. We will have at least one food vendor, and many other vendors of rock, crafts, and knapped items. We hope to see you there! Please contact Park Ranger Eric Collins at Eric.L.Collins@tn.gov or call at 931-247-4673 for more information. If you would like to be a vendor or demonstrator, please let us know.
Sat 7 Oct - Sun 8 Oct 2023 New York	Candor Fall Festival Atlatl Contests Sat 7 Oct 2023 - Sun 8 Oct 2023 at 00:00 - Thunderbird Atlatl: Candor New York 13743 - Saturday, October 7, & Sunday, October 8, Thunderbird Atlatl, 90 Main Street, Candor, New York 13743. Local atlatl contests all day on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ISAC on Saturday, Oct. 7, during day and Sunday, Oct. 8, at 11 a.m. Fall festival activities throughout the community. For further information contact Bob and Cheryl Berg at contact@thunderbirdatlatl.com or 607-659-3854.
Thu 12 Oct - Sun 15 Oct 2023 Washington	Fall Camp Thu 12 Oct 2023 - Sun 15 Oct 2023 at 00:00 - - Fall Camp: Valley WA 99181 - Contact James Turner (970) 946-2096 el_lobo_solo@hotmail.com
Fri 20 Oct - Sun 22 Oct 2023 Wisconsin	Plank Road Rendezvous Fri 20 Oct 2023 - Sun 22 Oct 2023 at All Day Central - Sheboygan County Museum: Sheboygan Wisconsin 53081 - Nathan Chisholm nathan.chisholm@sheboygancounty.com 9204581103 ext. 7105 Enjoy the beautiful sights and historic buildings on the grounds of the Sheboygan County Museum! Events will be held throughout the 3 day weekend long event!
Sat 21 Oct - Sun 22 Oct 2023 Wisconsin	W.A.S. Fall Gathering, Octoberfeast Sat 21 Oct 2023 - Sun 22 Oct 2023 at 00:00- Dundee Sportsman's Club: Campbellsport Wisconsin 53151 - 21 October - ISAC, European Round, 3-D Targets, and the competitions 22 October - ISAC only in the morning Contact Lenny Riemersma (920) 917-0335 or wistatlatl@gmail.com
Fri 27 Oct - Sat 28 Oct 2023 Ohio	Ohio ROAR Days Fri 27 Oct 2023 - Sat 28 Oct 2023 at 00:00 - Zaleski State Forest/Lake Hope St. Park: Zaleski OH - The Ohio Atlatl Association will provide instruction and host competitions including the ISAC and Ohio Locals at ROAR (Rural Ohio Appalachia Revisited) at the Hope School House. Set-up will occur on Friday, Oct.27 after noon, with ISAC and Ohio locals until dark, and all-day Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Contact Ray Strisheck (ohioatlatl@hotmail.com or 740-331-4351) or Steve Barnett (barnz@juno.com or 740-698-6553) for more information.

EUROPE

DATE/STATE	EVENT
Frei 22 Sep Italy	European Chamionship for prehistoric Weapons 2023 Fri 22 Sep 2023 at 00:00 GMT+2 - archeoParc Val Senales: Senales Bolzano 39020 - Italy Johanna Niederkofler info@archeoparc.it +39 0473676020 Once again this year, for the eleventh time, one stage of the European Championships in Prehistoric Archery and Atlatl will be held in the Val Senales. In the area where Ötzi once went hunting, archers and spear throwers from the different countries of Europe will meet... Invitation and Registration: https://www.archeoparc.it/PrehChamInfo_en

International Standard Accuracy Contest (ISAC) Scores

2023 ISAC Results for Men (70 and Above)

PLAC E	TIE PLACE MENT	SCORE	NAME		CITY OF	STATE/ COUNTRY	DATE OF THROW	CONTEST
1		95xxx	Douglas	Bassett	Warsaw	NY	6/22/2023	Terry Keefer Memorial, Bald Eagle, PA
2		95x	Ray	Strischek	Athens	OH	6/3/2023	Athens Library, Athens, OH
3		94x	Marlin	Bassett	Warsaw	NY	6/3/2023	Among the Hills, Nunda, NY
4		91xx	Dave	Patterson	Ashland	MO	4/15/2023	Hermann Youth Day, Hermann, MO
5		91	Ryan	Grohsmeyer	Addison	NY	6/3/2023	Among the Hills, Nunda, NY
5		88	Jim	Fisher	Grand Island	NY	4/15/2023	Jim's Pro Shop, Shortsville, NY
7		85x	Mike	Glenn	Lucasville	OH	6/24/2023	Serpent Mound, Peebles, OH
8		85	Andy	Majorsky	Derry	PA	6/18/2023	Meadowcroft, Avella, PA
9		84	Michael	Frank	Woodbridge	VA	6/18/2023	Meadowcroft, Avella, PA
10		83x	Greg	Maurer	Vergennes	VT	6/3/2023	Westbrook, NH
11		81x	Ansgar	Lukas	Munchen	GERMANY	4/30/2023	Gleisdorf, AUSTRIA
12		81	Juan Luis	Navarro Perez	Benahadux	SPAIN	4/22/2023	Benahadux, Spain
13		80	Antonio	Fernandez Aguilera	Benahadux	SPAIN	4/22/2023	Benahadux, Spain
14		80	James	Turner	Spokane	WA	5/28/2023	Between the Rivers, Valley, WA
15		78	Jurgen	Junkmans	Erfstadt	GERMANY	4/30/2023	Gleisdorf, AUSTRIA
16		78	Joachim	Martz	Engen	GERMANY	5/28/2023	Saint Hubert, BELGIUM
17		78	Jerry	Nevins	Jefferson City	MO	3/25/2023	Horse Around Ranch, Truxton, MO
18		78	Angelo	Roblado	Dublin	IRELAND	4/22/2023	Benahadux, Spain
19		78	Jack	Rowe	Sayre	PA	4/21/2023	Earth Day Weekend, Elmira, NY
20		78	Tom	Tobin	Moultonborough	NH	6/3/2023	Westbrook, NH
21		78	Brendan	Wilson	St Louis	MO	4/15/2023	Hermann Youth Day, Hermann, MO
22		77x	Ken	Faucher	Dover	NH	6/2/2023	Westbrook, NH
22		77	Jim	Gnapp	Lady Smith	BC	5/28/2023	Between the Rivers, Valley, WA
24		77	Rafael	Guirado Garcia	Benahadux	SPAIN	4/22/2023	Benahadux, Spain
25		77	Steve	Hall	Louisville	KY	6/3/2023	Athens Library, Athens, OH
26		76	Steve	Barnett	Pomeroy	OH	6/17/2023	Meadowcroft, Avella, PA
27		75	Don	Roberts	Toronto	OH	6/17/2023	Meadowcroft, Avella, PA
27		74x	Gordy	Behrendt	West Bend	WI	4/23/2023	Ojibway Bowhunters, New Berlin, WI
29		74x	Scott	Van Arsdale	Otego	NY	6/22/2023	Terry Keefer Memorial, Bald Eagle, PA
30		73x	Tim	Hall	Indianapolis	IN	6/16/2023	Meadowcroft, Avella, PA
31		73	John	Whittaker	Grinnell	IA	5/18/2023	Osage Knap-in, Boonville, MO
32		72	Charles	Bracken	Cochranton	FL	2/18/2023	Silver Springs, FL
33		72	Juan Jose	Girado Garcia	Benahadux	SPAIN	4/22/2023	Benahadux, Spain
34		72	Fritz	Mischler	Tauffelen	SWITZERLAND	4/30/2023	Gleisdorf, AUSTRIA
35		72	Johannes	Schoroth	Leverkussen	GERMANY	5/28/2023	Saint Hubert, BELGIUM
36		71	Owen	Wilkens	Newport	CA	3/12/2023	Santiago Park, Santa Ana, CA
37		70	Gary	Nolf	Westbrook	NH	6/2/2023	Westbrook, NH

2023 ISAC Results for Women (50 and Above)

PLACE	TIE PLACE MENT	SCORE	NAME		CITY OF	STATE/ COUNTRY	DATE OF THROW	CONTEST
1		78x	Sue	Mercer	Attica	NY	4/29/2023	Daffodil Fest, Candor, NY
2		76x	Emily	Weaver	Mt Morris	NY	5/19/2023	Among the Hills, Nunda, NY
3		75	Martha	Blair	Nunda	NY	6/30/2023	Outdoor Rec Fest, Letchworth, NY
4		75	Anita	Lukes	West Lafayette	IN	6/24/2023	Serpent Mound, Peebles, OH
5		72	Amandine	Devie	Fagnieres	FRANCE	5/28/2023	Saint Hubert, BELGIUM
6		72	Leilani	England	St Louis	MO	3/25/2023	Horse Around Ranch, Truxton, MO
7		70	Maren	Petersen	Erfstadt	GERMANY	4/16/2023	Ramioul, Belgium
8		69	Dawn	Wagner	Truxton	MO	3/25/2023	Horse Around Ranch, Truxton, MO
9		66	Maria	Villotti	Dermont	PA	6/17/2023	Meadowcroft, Avella, PA
10		63	Lori	Majorsky	Derry	PA	7/9/2023	Flint Ridge, OH
11		60	Melissa	Dildine	Sayre	PA	4/21/2023	Earth Day Weekend, Elmira, NY
12		60	Jennie	Flint	Dalton	NY	6/3/2023	Among the Hills, Nunda, NY
13		58	Sue	Piraino	Nunda	NY	5/7/2023	Among the Hills, Nunda, NY
14		55	Marlen	Mischler	Tauffelen	SWITZERLAND	4/30/2023	Gleisdorf, AUSTRIA

2023 ISAC Results for Youth (40 and Above)

PLACE	TIE PLACE MENT	SCORE	NAME	CITY OF	STATE/ COUNTRY	DATE OF THROW	CONTEST	AGE
NO PARTICIPANTS ACHIEVED A SCORE OF 40 OR BETTER								

DRESS CODE SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ATLAT EVENTS PER NEWSLETTER FASHION EDITOR, MARGIE TAKOCH



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Summary of the World Atlatl Day – 2023

By Douglas Bassett

From the first Saturday of June, June 3rd this year, 50 people submitting scores from 6 venues representing 10 states and making 87 entries as 31 teams with the results as follows:

Records are in Red

Top Five States (MO- 273-2X in 2018)

New York 262.8-6X
NH/VT 258-2X

Tennessee 253.5-2X
OH/IN/KY 210-X

New Hampshire 202

Because there were two different distances and various combinations of team members there are 58 possible combinations of team composition with the top teams as follows (Note that those that have scored a “70” or higher on an official ISAC throw two rounds of one dart each at 5, 10, 15 20 & 25 while those that have never scored a “70” or higher on an official ISAC throw two rounds of one dart at 5 meters and two darts each at 10 and 15 meters – these names are in *italics*. Also note that in three-person teams of combined division and, or distance - the first noted combination means that there were two people in that division or distance. *- New record for team type or individual):

Most X’s: M/Y 25: 245-7X, NY (2017) – Douglas Bassett (84-5X), Ryan Grohsmeyer (82), Marlin Bassett-14 (79-2X)

Team Rank	State Rank
Single Division and Single Distance Teams 269-2X (NY) – 91-X Marlin Bassett, 91 Ryan Grohsmeyer, 87-X Douglas Bassett (2021)	
2 Men 25 meters	2 NH/VT – Ken Faucher (91-X), Greg Maurer (84), Tom Tobin (83-X)
4	TN – Kevin Ashley (90-X), Carter Ashley (79-3X), Jordan Ashley (74)
5	NY – Ryan Grohsmeyer (89-X), Douglas Bassett (76-X), Marlin Bassett (70)
	4 OH/IN/KY – Ray Striscsek (76-X), Tim Hall (70), Steve Hall (64)
	7 OH/IN – Ray Striscsek (73-X), Tim Hall (68), Steve Barnett (47-2X),
	8 MO – Dave Patterson (81-2X), Dawn Wagner (56), Brendan Wilson (48-X)
	WI – Gordy Behrendt (52-X), Glen Oechsner (49), Ryan Prah (37-X)
1 Two M 25	1 NY – Douglas Bassett (84-2X), Ryan Grohsmeyer (91-4X), ave. 87.8
3	3 TN – Kevin Ashley (89-X), Jordan Ashley (8-X), ave. 84.6
8	NY – Ryan Grohsmeyer (87-X), Pete Piraino (63), ave. 75
10	TN – Carter Ashley (75), Charles Swanson (66-X), ave. 70.1

Combination Teams	(M/W/Y 25) 273-2X (MO) – 98-2X Nick Mertz, 87 Dawn Wagner, 88 Leilani England-13 (2018)
6 M/W 25	234 NY – Marlin Bassett (91), Douglas Bassett (86), Sue Mercer (57)
	159 NY – Pete Piraino (56), Paul Jackson (52), Martha Blair (51)
W/M 25	9 OH – Mike Lester (39), Margie Takoch (36), Debbie Andrews (29),
M 25/15	6 WI – Glen Oechsner (75), Len Riemersma (66-X), Roger Dipple (58)
	190 WI – Rick Franklin (81-X), Gordy Behrendt (58), Ryan Prah (51)
	182-X WI – Len Riemersma (72-X), Pete Schimming (70), Ryan Prah (40)
M/W 25/15	5 NH – Ken Faucher (74-3X), Tom Tobin (69), Lynn Tobin (59)
	152-X WI – Mary Riemersma (59), Gordy Behrendt (58-X), Glen Oechsner (35)
7 M/Y 25/15	231-3X TN – Jordan Ashley (85-2X), Kevin Ashley (85-X), Talon Ashley-12 (61)
9 W/M 25/15	212-2X NY – Paul Jackson (81-X), Jennie Flint (79), Martha Blair (52-X)
M 15/25	186 WI – Pete Schimming (74), Roger Dipple (65), Joe Struzynski (47)
	174-X WI – John Burger (69), Ryan Prah (57-X), Cade Bonlander (50)
	174-X WI – John Burger (67), Cade Bonlander (58), Glen Oechsner (49-X)
	144 WI – Len Riemersma (55-X), John Burger (48), Rick Franklin (41)
M/W 15	164-2X WI – Pete Schimming (70-X), Roger Dipple (69-X), Annett Schimming (25)
M/Y 15	78 NY – John Underhill (40), Chris Correia (25), Stephen Correia-12 (13)
W/M 15	146-X WI – Mary Riemersma (76-X), Patsy Newman (45), Peter Newman (25)
	40
Two M/F 15	198-X 10 CT – Dan Manstan (23), Sara Manstan (17), Lindsay Grant (0)
	172.6-X NY – Matt Finley (68), Sue Piraino (64-X), ave. 66
	NY – Matt Finley (74-X), Lindsay Piraino (41), ave. 57.6

Top Individual Scores

Most X’s: 84-5X Douglas Bassett - NY (2017)

25 meters

Men - Top 10 (98-2X Nick Mertz - MO (2018)

- 91-4X Ryan Grohsmeyer (NY)
 - 91-X Ken Faucher (NH)
 - 91 Marlin Bassett (NY)
 - 90-X Kevin Ashley (TN)
 - 88-2X Dave Patterson (MO)
 - 86 Douglas Bassett (NY)
 - 85-2X Jordan Ashley (TN)
 - 84 Greg Maurer (VT)
 - 83-X Tom Tobin (NH)
 - 81-X Paul Jackson (NY)
- Women - Top 3 (87 Dawn Wagner - MO (2018)
- 57 Sue Mercer (NY)
 - 56 Dawn Wagner (MO)
 - 52-X Martha Blair (NY)

Youth - (95-3X Marlin Bassett (14) - NY (2017)

15 meters

Men – Top 5 (86-X Mike Hoelscher - MO (2015)

- 81-X Rick Franklin (WI)
- 74-X Matt Finley (NY)
- 74 Pete Schimming (WI)
- 69-X Roger Dippel (WI)
- 69 John Burger (WI)

Women – Top 3 (84-X Emily Weaver - NY (2021)

- 79 Jennie Flint (NY)
- 76-X Mary Riemersma (WI)
- 64-X Sue Piraino (NY)

Youth – Only 2 (92-X Matt Ciarapica (14) - (WV) (2014)

- 61 Talon Ashley-12 (TN)
- 13 Stephan Correia-12 (NY)

New York & Wisconsin had the most people in attendance (14) and Wisconsin fielded the most teams (11) and one of the Wisconsin members (Ryan Prah) was the most active, as member of four teams. Also 20 people made 34 entries with scores of 70 or more with their combined average scores for each distance as follows

5M – 68 attempts
9.63 (17 X’s)

10M – 82 attempts
8.75 (8 X’s, 1 miss)

15M – 82 attempts
7.75 (7 X’s, 4 misses)

20M – 54 attempts
7.17 (1X, 5 misses)

25M – 54 attempts
6.11 (1X, 11 misses)

In other words, if you intend to hunt, hunt close for the kill shot.

Nominations for WAA Officers and Board Members 2023

Please note: There were no nominations from the general membership.

Executive Secretary

Debbie Andrews (OH)

I am running for re-election as Executive Secretary for the World Atlatl Association. I have been in the position for the last eight years. Being retired, I have the time necessary to carry out the duties of the position of secretary, and I strive to complete the minutes of meetings and updates to the calendar of events in a timely manner. I am fairly well organized, and I feel I have a good working relationship with fellow officers and Board of Director members. I have been interested in the atlatl since I was first introduced to it in the late 1990's. I enjoy competing in local competitions as well as the ISAC competitions, and during our Ohio events, I spend a great deal of time teaching children and adults how to throw.

Board of Directors

Non-US Candidate

Ismael Yahemdi (FR)

For 25 years I have been organizing European competitions in France. I am the president of the prehistoric association and the creator of the prehistoweb site which manages all the information on our competitions and our organizers in Europe. I look forward to working in partnership with officers and fellow Board members in support of the WAA.

US Candidates

Steve Barnett (OH)

Thanks for once again considering me for a WAA Board member position. My interest in the atlatl began in the mid 90's but it wasn't till a few years later that I discovered that people actually used the atlatl for sport and recreation. I have been a WAA member since 1999 and have served in the past as president and other positions with the Ohio Atlatl Association. I've always felt that our main goal was educating people about this ancient hunting weapon and of course having fun doing it.

Dave Patterson (MO)

I have been into atlatls for over 20 years. In that time, I and many of my friends in the Missouri Atlatl Association have introduced the throwing stick and dart to maybe thousands of youngsters. (And quite a few of their parents.) I keep a fairly busy schedule of events in the warm weather, attending relevant gatherings, including those with the State Parks and the Missouri Department of Conservation, as well as the local Nature School, giving throwing demonstrations and teaching a little bit about the atlatl. I get a good feeling when, after asking a group of 7th graders if they've heard of an atlatl, and seeing no hands raised, to have some leave the session with hands on knowledge of our ancestors and their ways.

Margie Takoch (OH)

I would like to continue as a board member. I am interested in seeing an increase in members and hearing your ideas on how to make this happen. I have been a WAA member for 26 years. Frank and I put on an Atlatl competition for 25 years at Meadowcroft Rockshelter in Avella, PA. I was The Atlatl newsletter editor for 9 years. I have loved meeting all the great Atlatl folks through the years!

Dawn Wagner (MO)

I have been using and teaching others the use of the atlatl for over 10 years. I really enjoy teaching and hosting events. I am a volunteer for Missouri Department of Conservation, teaching the use of the atlatl and dart, the sport I love so much. I hold classes at a number of locations in the State including a Girls Scout camp, a youth leadership camp, and hunter safety courses. I have also enjoyed hosting events at my home and have traveled around the States for atlatl competitions. I have hunted with an atlatl and was successful one season. (Missouri is one of only three states that allow atlatl deer hunting.)

How to Vote for Officers and Board Members

The time for the annual election of W.A.A. officers is near. Candidate statements for the 2023 slate of officers is on the page 9. Again this year, the World Atlatl Association will use electronic voting. In August each member who is over 18 and has a unique email address will receive an email from Election Buddy with a link to vote. **For members without unique email addresses, we will send a paper ballot with instructions in August.** Long-time members will notice that there is no ballot in the newsletter; everyone will receive either an email link to voting or a paper ballot through the mail.

What do I mean by a *unique email address*? For a WAA family with 3 members over 18, each must have a different email address in order for each to receive an electronic invitation to vote. If all three use the same email address, Election Buddy will send 1 invitation/link to vote and WAA will send paper ballots to the other 2 family members. If you have questions, please send us an email or call us:

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Book Review of *Woodwalker* — Author Emily B. Martin

Reviewed by Courtney Birkett

Atlatsl aren't that common in fiction, and when they do appear it tends to be either in books set in the past when they were in use, or in books about archaeologists. And now also in a fantasy book, *Woodwalker* by Emily B. Martin.

The protagonist of the story, Mae, is a Woodwalker, part of the Wood Guard who take care of the realm's forest, who has been exiled from her home in the Silverwood. She meets three siblings who turn out to be royalty of the neighboring kingdom, Lumen Lake, who escaped the invasion of their home several years ago and have been in hiding ever since. Now they want to go back, and they need a guide to take them through the Silverwood to the lake. Mae is the perfect guide, but if she gets caught breaking her exile it won't go well for her.

The youngest Lumeni sibling, Arlen, has an atlatl, the one thing he managed to save during their escape. It's inset with pearls and even has a name, Bird of Prey or "the Bird." This atlatl reappears several times, coming in handy against a bear and to distract other Woodwalkers who have come too close. There is also one unfortunate incident where the Bird with its distinctive appearance is noticed by people the traveling party would have preferred to avoid.

There's one humorous (to atlatlists) passage where Mae borrows the Bird and when Arlen asks if she's ever used an atlatl before she replies, "How hard can it be?"

The Bird isn't just some random object Arlen grabbed on the way out. Atlatsl are still used in his country. It's never explained why, but this is a culture focused on the lake, so it would make sense for atlatsl to have stayed in use for fishing. As the Lumeni prepare to take back their country, at least one atlatl is brought out of hiding, and in the subsequent battle the queen calls atlatlists to defend the wall.

The author deserves credit for knowing what atlatsl are and for using them in the story. However, the depiction is not perfect. The atlatl itself is described as "a length of wood that curved sharply at one end," which is fine as far as it goes. The darts are never described, but references to "a handful of darts," the way Arlen has managed to travel with them without Mae noticing immediately, and one rolling off the table in a tavern all suggest they're not quite the long darts we know. To confirm this we have to go beyond the book to an illustration drawn by the author depicting Arlen using his atlatl. (This and other artwork is visible online.) The Bird looks like a fairly simple atlatl with a hammer grip, although Arlen is holding it too far back. The dart, though.... Obviously the word "dart" was misleading and apparently the author never looked into it further. The dart is hardly longer than the atlatl.

Despite the imperfect portrayal of the atlatl, this is still a good book to read if you like the fantasy genre. Mae is appealing, the story is engaging, and overall it's a quick, enjoyable read.

Meadowcroft Event Celebrates a Quarter of a Century!!



By Margie Takoch

I was shocked to hear our 25 years of putting on the Meadowcroft Atlatl Competition at Meadowcroft Rockshelter in Avella, PA stated that way. Yes. 25 years!

We had a very good and successful event this June. As always we get a great bunch of competitors every year. The event held every third weekend of June will continue and we will be there to compete but we won't be doing all the set up! Please come join us!
Margie.

PHOTOS FROM MEADOWCROFT EVENT

Photos taken by Joseph Piszczor



Margie Takoch



Frank Takoch (far right) with park personnel who performed demos



Left to right — Andy Majorsky, Don Roberts, Tim Hall, Steve Barnett



Lori Majorsky



Left to right — Kerry Opel (throwing), Lori Majorsky, Deb Andrews



Marlin Bassett



Left to right — Steve Hall, Tim Hall, Andy Majorsky (throwing)



Left to right— Lori Majorsky, Steve Barnett, Don Roberts, Courtney Birkett, Deb Andrews (Throwing)



Left to right Doug and Marlin Bassett

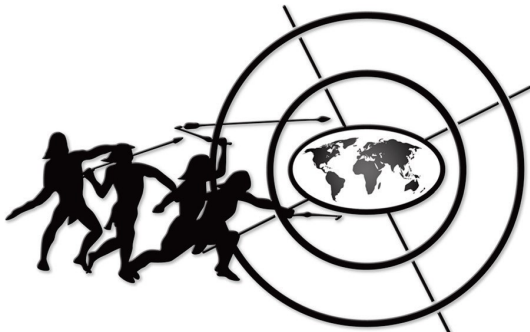
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