

Terry Keefer Memorial Atlatl Tournament – Bald Eagle, PA

25-28 June 2015

by Douglas Bassett

This year we moved back to the west end of the beach area by the lake in Bald Eagle State Park. The recreational lake, which provides boating, fishing, swimming and many water sports, makes up more than a fifth of the 5,000 acre park. The water and distant hills made a great backdrop for the fun of flintknapping, crafts, mountain men, and bow & arrow and atlatl ranges. The Mountain-laurels were a third still in good bloom in the highlands and the Rhododendrons were coming into peak. Except for the sunny day on Friday it was a cold and rainy weekend. Friday night offered some peaks for star and satellite gazing and the fields were blazing with fireflies. We were camped on the edge of woods with yummy raspberries and shad listening to a soothing cacophony of bird songs that filled the calm dawn air with their onomatopoeia of chirps, trills, sputters, caws, lisps, peters, coos, yanks, killdeers, cheers, klinks, flickers, twits, gracks, vireos, chickadees, oakalies, witcheties and purchickeries. A Big Thanks goes to Bald Eagle State Park for providing the site and straw and the Susquehanna Valley Flintknappers for providing the targets and trophies. And despite the rain, both demonstration ranges were collectively attended by nearly 50 people.

Red highlight is personal best

Blue highlight is season's best

ISAC (10 people, 22 entries)

96-3X Douglas Bassett

89-X Marlin Bassett (12)

65-X Joel Bookhammer

38 Bob Briggs

36 Bill Hawker

28 Sarah Jackson (12)

23-X Jacklyn Bookhammer

23 Guy Neal

14 Delbert Campbell

9 Maggie Parks (12)

Local Contest (7 people, 11 entries)

The local consisted of the running deer shot five times (score 1, 3 or 5; perfect score 25) and two animal targets (turkey and deer). The animal targets were each shot three times from three different angled positions. Youth threw from 8, 9 and 10 meters and adults from 11, 12 and 13 meters. Each Target scored: outline hit -1, deep body - 3, kill - 5, 8 or 10. Total possible points - 60. Combined Total 85.

Men

46 Douglas Bassett

6 Bob Briggs

4 Joel Bookhammer

3 Guy Neal

1 Bill Hawker

Women

9 Jacklyn Bookhammer

Youth

33 Marlin Bassett (12)

The three division Champions competed in the Grand Champion Throw-off with the woman from 10 meters, youth -15m and Man -20m for five throws and a maximum of 50 points on a scoring target. The resulting scores were: Marlin Bassett - 44-X, Douglas Bassett - 41, and Jacklyn Bookhammer - 13.