

Trailside Lodge – south end of Letchworth State Park - Castile, NY

September 18 - 20, 2015

Native American & Pioneer Heritage Day – Small Game Derby – September 19

More than 450 people attended the Native American & Pioneer Heritage Day on a cool and breezy Saturday with dance, music, demonstrations and crafts on an otherwise relatively calm weekend. The atlatl demonstration range was visited by 75 throwers and as many spectators. People threw hundreds of times, breaking dozens of balloons. Ten people made entries in the Small Game Derby, making kill shots 35 times out of 150 attempts (This equates to a success ratio of 23%).

A few people also threw on Friday and Sunday. A summary of all the throwing follows below:

Small Game Derby

Men (yellow stake)

63 Douglas Bassett

Women (blue stake)

11 Sue Mercer

Youth (blue stake)

60 Marlin Bassett

Novice Men (white stake)

50 Lloyd Jamison

28 Steve Graves

13 Jeff Bubel

1 Bill Maier

Novice Women (white stake)

32 Chelsea Coogan-Bassett

13 Julie Maier

Novice Youth (white stake)

4 Devin Bubel

Five life-sized small game animal targets were created as black silhouettes with realistically sized colored killing zones [heart (yellow) – 12 points, lung/liver/spleen (orange) – 8 points, brain/spinal cord (red) – 5 points] Body hits scored 1 point, while outside the marked body line such as hair/feathers, ears, tail scored 0 points. Negative scores were also assessed such as -1 for lower legs, -2 for nose/jaw/beak, and -3 for entrails. The five different targets were thrown at three times by each entrant. Six divisions, three each of novice or experienced throwers vied for ranking to compete in the grand championship throw-off. Based on animal size, each division threw from longer distances (from small to larger – grouse, squirrel, rabbit, opossum, woodchuck). All novices (youth, women & men) threw from 3, 3½, 4, 4½ or 5 meters while the experienced throwers threw from the following distances: Women & Youth (blue stake) (5, 5½, 6, 6½ or 7m); Men (yellow stake) (7, 8, 9, 10 or 11m). The percentages following each animal species listed below is the success ratio for novice (N) and experienced (E) throwers: Grouse N-5%, E-7%; Squirrel N14%, E-27%; Rabbit N-24%, E-33%; Opossum N-24%, E-27%; Woodchuck N-14%, E-20%. Overall, the novices were 10% successful and the experienced throwers were 45% successful. The final score for each hunter was the total points out of a possible 180.

Grand Champion Throw-off (Five shot total Woodchuck target from divisional 6, 8, 8, 10, 10 and 12 meters)

17 Lloyd Jamison (novice men)

13 Douglas Bassett (experienced men)

8 Marlin Bassett (experienced youth)

1 Sue Mercer (experienced women)

0 Chelsea Coogan-Bassett (novice women)

0 Devin Bubel (novice youth)

The other contest was:

Red highlight is personal best
Blue Highlight is season best

ISAC (7 people, 15 entries)

98-5X Douglas Bassett

90-X Marlin Bassett (age 12)

76 Sue Mercer

42 Judy VanAlstyne

38 Chelsea Coogan-Bassett

33 Steve Graves

31 Lloyd Jamison