

Name	Axe Name	Venue	In what ways has the person you nominated demonstrated the ideals of the LaFace of the Community award?
Abby Haas	Happy Axidents	Urban Axes-Baltimore	She always helps new throwers, encouraging and supportive to other league members, has been the venues Herzberg Award winner multiple times for Sunday Brunch.
Adeline Kubicsek	Queen HBO	Chillaxe	<p>Adeline is an exemplary example of someone who is the face of the people! Not only is she (very obviously) an amazing thrower, she also is an amazing human being! She puts so much effort into helping others that sometimes she forgets to help herself, so much as showing up and helping people gain confidence in themselves or even helping fix certain aspects of their throws, and I think that is very much something to admire, and something we all should strive to be like in this community!</p> <p>I would like to nominate Adeline Kubicsek, better known in the axe throwing world as "Queen HBO" for the LaFace Community Award through the IATF.</p> <p>What makes Adeline such an important part of this community is simple - she shows up. She shows up for events, for leagues, for new throwers, for women in the sport, and for anyone who needs help. She's honest, straightforward, hardworking, and genuinely cares about the axe throwing community and the people in it.</p> <p>HBO has become such a strong voice for women in axe throwing, especially through the "Axe League of Their Own" podcast. She's helped create conversations that make women feel more welcome, supported, and confident in the sport, and she's never afraid to advocate for what she believes in.</p> <p>What I think people appreciate most about Adeline is that she doesn't just talk about supporting the community - she actually does it. Whether it was helping get TAG Pittsburgh painted and ready to go, helping with setup, or working on the tech side of the US Championships, she's always willing to jump in and help however she can. No matter how busy she is, she makes time when people need her.</p> <p>She's also the kind of person who makes newer throwers feel comfortable right away. She'll give advice when asked, cheer people on, and help people feel like they belong here. That kind of attitude matters more than people realize.</p> <p>Adeline represents so much of what makes this community great: passion, honesty, hard work, inclusiveness, and the willingness to help others simply because she cares about the sport and the people in it.</p> <p>I truly believe she is incredibly deserving of the LaFace Community Award, and I hope you will seriously consider her nomination.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
Alexandra Huggingson	Kitty	Lumberjaks UK	<p>Kitty always puts others first before herself, she's kind, caring and loyal. She doesn't ask for anything in return and always tries her best to make people smile. She will raise money for charity and donate anything she can. Kitty has been throwing for years now and also Co owns lumberjaks. If people are struggling with money kitty will find a way to help them to throw to make sure nobody is left out. If anyone deserves this it's her. This maybe her last year and she deserves the world. Thank you Kitty for everything you do.</p> <p>She brings joy to everyone she meets, she is an amazing friend and always there no matter what.</p>
Alexis Hamilton	Noodle	BATL Scottsdale	<p>I would like to nominate Noodle for this year's LaFace of the Community Award for the incredible impact she has had on the axe throwing community at BATL Scottsdale and beyond.</p> <p>Noodle embodies the spirit of this award through her dedication to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment for everyone who walks through the doors. She has helped grow the leagues and community into something truly special - a place that feels like a modern-day Cheers, full of characters, laughter, friendships, and support.</p> <p>What makes Noodle stand out is that she leads both from the front and behind the scenes. She is constantly moving, working to make sure the venue runs smoothly and that every patron has the best possible experience. No matter how busy she is, she will stop what she's doing to help newer throwers, offer coaching, encouragement, and support, and make people feel like they belong.</p> <p>She consistently goes out of her way to brighten people's days. Whether it's making someone laugh, encouraging a struggling thrower, or helping build confidence in new league members, she makes the community stronger through her positivity and kindness. On top of all that, Noodle is a great axe thrower and an incredibly talented coach whose passion for the sport inspires those around her. She exemplifies good sportsmanship, leadership, and the community-first mentality that the LaFace Award represents.</p> <p>BATL Scottsdale is a better place because of Noodle, and so is the broader axe throwing community.</p>
Alvin Tenrife	WildClutch	BATL Vaughan	<p>High energy. Always available to help out / volunteer. Celebrates everyone. Alvin is always willing to help fellow throwers better their skill.</p> <p>Alvin has demonstrated consistently what this award is about, being the heart and soul of a venue without striving to be. Whether it's keeping newer throwers at ease or being a cheerleader even for established ones, Alvin has been the soul of almost every league he's been involved with. In the launch of IATF knife leagues, a ruleset we were always getting used to, Alvin took charge of scorekeeping making sure everyone was away of scores and throwing patterns that were now strange to them. As an IATC volunteer, even in his first year, Alvin went above and beyond to the point you would think he was being paid \$50 an hour for the gig. He is in every tournament, marathon or league he could possibly join, even when he thinks he will get last place. When there, he is always introducing himself, helping those who need it and providing a welcoming presence to throwers in a venue where they might be surrounded by strangers</p> <p>always so kind, friendly and a great person to be around</p> <p>He dedicates lots of his time to helping people throw, it could be people new to throwing, or league members he is competing against; he will always go out of his way to help others, and is a great spokesperson for the sport as he encourages new people to get into throwing sharing his knowledge and coaching to make it easier for them to enjoy</p> <p>He's been practically the soul of the venue. He's always cheering people on, there isn't a league he won't join, and he's very welcoming to new people in the community. Alvin is honestly my favourite person, he's so friendly and when I first started he made me feel like I belonged.</p> <p>Alvin is always supporting me in games and practices, giving me advise and showing me some tips. He is fair and kind, generous and always there supporting us whether we are new comers or seasoned players.</p>
Andrew Greathead	The Outlaw Biggles	Axe-Aholics Axe Throwing	<p>Biggles is the kind of league member venues and communities need.</p> <p>When theres a job that needs doing he's there being it changing a board to keep the night running , scoring games well past the time he should have really left the venue or sweeping lanes at the end of the night he's done it all un asked.</p> <p>In the lanes as a thrower he has his priorities right it's not about the laurels of the win (although he is more than capable of getting the W) its more about his own personal improvement and the enjoyment of the game.</p>
Łukasz Bukowski	Ojek	Axe Nation Kraków	Ojek always is for Community above his own goals. He works on groving of our community, he always got time for new players to help them improve or just give some good word (or bad 🤔). He's also just good friend and good person (f.e. he's helping our players to care their pets when they going to vacation, he got our trust). Ojek! ❤️
Austin Campbell	Sauce Boss	True North Axe Throwing	He's constantly a welcoming figure to anyone interested in the sport and is always advocating for league throwers to take their talents further than our venue. Consistently involved in charity efforts in the community and all around just a wonderful individual to throw with.
Boutheina Maraoui	Huckabella	Warriors	She is a shining beacon of determination and goodwill!

Brendan Varley	Art Nerd	Batl in Charlotte (both loso and plaza)	Brendan (art nerd) is someone who brings joy to so many people he meets. He's one of the most thoughtful people I know and does so much to make people in the community feel cared for, celebrating all their accomplishments with them.
Brian Peters	Slumberjack	Urban Boston	Aside from being a friendly face willing to help out anyone with throwing he created his own tournament skill series that helps raise money for charities. He's held them at multiple venues in Massachusetts over the years which helps involve more throwers in the area.
Calebh Shedd	Calebh S	Community Axe Throwing	Very positive and out going. Great team leader
Caroline Anderson	Viper	Axcadia	Caz along with her husband Chris have been an integral part of the community over here in the UK and have put on great events at their venue. They have welcomed everyone with open arms and have supported everyone new and seasoned alike. Viper has not only shown support but herself has proven to be an amazing thrower over here and is a force to be reckoned with. She also has worked tirelessly to keep everything running smoothly at Axcadia and goes out of her way to make sure everyone is ok and everyone receives support. She deserves it.
			Caz has always been a friendly and welcoming presence within the European axe throwing community. Caz has worked hard with her husband Chris (Tripod) to build a venue that is welcoming to all who walk through their doors and a safe space for all. Caz has also championed female throwers in the community and is herself an absolute throwing powerhouse and someone all throwers should attempt to emulate in both throwing ability and being someone who is so much fun to throw alongside. Axcadia has become a home away from home for those of us who have lost our home venue at the end of 2025 and Caz has been a massive part of making everyone feel like a part of the family.
			Shes the uk queen of axe throwing, goes above and beyond for her entire venue and others across the uk, shes the epitome of what axe throwing should be
			Caz has been a inspiration to all of her axe throwing family, yes family as this is how she sees us, not just as players or spectators but one big family.Caz welcomes everyone who participates with a welcoming smile, she is an excellent teacher and has lots of patience,she will encourage you and is your biggest fan .
			Encouraged old and young, male and female to join the sport. Encouraged those that have different needs amd understanding of life and the sport
			Caz is the people person of Axcadia! She is also the admin, the accountant, the cleaner and every other job that comes with running the venue.
			She is the one that writes the first happy birthday message in the group chat. The one that remembers to check in with the other members when they have a doctor's appointment or had mentioned something happening in their personal life away from the venue.
			Caz is the rock of the venue! She supports me through everything we do and puts everyone before herself. If she can help someone, even if that means going without, she does. From giving financial help when she can to just a private place for someone to vent, she is there. The world is a better place with her in it and soon more of the world get to meet her.
			Aside from the moral support of my mental health Viper is an absolute queen! She is coaching my 81. Fostering a positive and inclusive community. Also Caz is the reason I throw 2 handed so well. I doubt I would have come as far as I did without her help.
			Caz always goes above and beyond for our axe community and truly embodies everything this award stands for when it comes to community and empowerment.
			She's one of the friendliest, most welcoming and supportive people I've met. A lot of what she does happens quietly in the background and she never looks for praise or recognition, she does it all because she genuinely cares.
			I'm only in my third season as a complete novice and, honestly, I haven't always found it easy. I can get really stuck in my own head when my throws aren't sticking, but Caz will always pull me aside, give me a pep talk, watch what I'm doing and help me make the adjustments I need without ever making me feel embarrassed or hopeless.
			Just last night my total score in the first match was 10. After her encouragement and support, I went on to almost get my first 27 three times in the same evening (still need to work on my clutch!), and my average score improved by over 10 points despite that first match. I left feeling proud of myself and genuinely uplifted, and that confidence carries over outside of axe throwing too.
What makes Caz special is that her support doesn't stop when the matches end. My son is due to have surgery next week while I'm away, and she immediately told me to pass her number to him in case he needs anything while I'm gone and she truly means it. Nothing is ever too much trouble for her, even whilst dealing with her own health battles.			
She empowers people simply by making them feel seen, supported and capable, and our community is a much better place because of her.			
Caz consistently embodies the very best of the axe throwing community, not just through the way she runs events and supports throwers, but through the care she shows everyone. She goes above and beyond, especially those who are struggling, lacking confidence, or simply need someone firmly in their corner.			
Her commitment to charity fundraising and supporting local causes shows how deeply her community spirit runs beyond the lanes themselves. She uses her platform, time, and energy to help others without looking for recognition, and she encourages the people around her to do the same.			
Caz has built more than a venue since her and Chris opened Axcadia. She has helped create a genuine sense of family and belonging for so many people, both locally and across the U.K. Friendships formed through Axcadia exist because she fostered an environment where people feel safe, welcomed, and valued. She has an incredible way of bringing people together while still keeping standards high and expectations clear.			
She is incredibly fair, professional, and honest. She does not tolerate disrespect, poor behaviour, or exclusionary attitudes, which has helped shape a culture where people can thrive. She is supportive, encouraging, and generous with her time.			
The impact she has on individuals and on the wider community goes far beyond axe throwing. For many people, she has helped create confidence, belonging, friendship, and stability during difficult times. The community is stronger, kinder, and more connected because of her.			
She is always there for anybody when ever they need it, always takes the time to help and support others, she will take time out of her manic day to day of life, kids, and owning a venue, to make sure you feel in touch with your self and as good as you can be and makes you aware support is there if needed. She will also help people out that have a love of axe throwing but in a financial pickle, from given them leagues for free or even marathons.. She is just an amazing person hands down.			
Caz is the co-owner of axcadia in the uk, Caz is always looking out for her throwers and personally has been a massive help. Axcadia is my main venue despite living over 100 miles away and a 2-3 hour commute and there are a few of us with similar circumstances. She has been amazing in working out how we can make the commute work for leagues and marathons. I can genuinely say if it was not for Caz and Axcadia, I would have had no choice but to give up axe throwing.			

			<p>Caz, your sense of humour, positivity, and supportive nature are just a few of the many reasons you deserve this nomination. Whether you're helping someone improve their throwing or simply being a friendly face when it's needed most, you consistently make a difference to those around you.</p> <p>You have helped make Axcadia a safe, welcoming, and inclusive place for everyone, and your encouragement and kindness have had a <u>huge impact on the community both on and off the lanes.</u></p> <p>When the sad news that Valhalla north had to close its doors this person literally picked up the entire broken community that was left welcomed them all into her venue, went out the way to arrange marathons and events with them specifically in mind, Took on every challenge that the UK axe throwing scene wanted to throw at her while dealing with her own ongoing health issues.</p> <p>She has definitely helped keep the community together and growing within the uk</p> <p>Caz is honestly just the best ray of sunshine in human form. Supportive, kind, a genuine positive energy in the community. Having someone like her who feels like a safe space, owning a venue in the axe throwing community is essential. After the closure of my home axe venue, Axcadia is the one place I'm dying to go as I just know the vibes will be high like what ours was. After being nominated last year I truly think this is her time to shine and get the recognition she deserves x</p> <p>She is a pillar of the uk community one of the most kindest and caring throwers out there will always help anyone who needs it</p> <p>Caz is the beating heart of axe throwing within the UK.</p> <p>After a tough few months, Caz has welcomed a number of throwers left without a place to throw and allowed them the ability to do so in Axcadia.</p> <p>When money is tight, leagues are often subsidised out of her own pocket to help a thrower in need, without any prompt or request from a thrower.</p> <p>Caz is constantly checking in on throwers who have to travel to come and throw. Her attitude towards mental health is unmatched by anyone else around and it comes from a place of genuine care and affection for the people she knows.</p> <p>This nomination could go on forever, but ultimately, Caz is exactly the type of person that this sport needs around and she should be <u>recognised for her exemplary attitude towards support for throwers.</u></p> <p>Caz absolutely deserves to be recognised. She is truly wonderful and is deeply passionate about the axe-throwing community. She is someone who wants to ensure axe-throwing brings people together and supports everyone, regardless of their ability or how long it takes them to improve.</p> <p>She is always encouraging, while never losing her sense of humour, and she makes a genuine effort to spend time talking with everyone. She is constantly looking for ways to do more and give more to the community.</p> <p>I know she has personally supported several individuals, and she has often said that I could message her anytime if I needed someone to talk to.</p> <p>She truly embodies the ethos and soul of the community, and she is one of the main reasons so many of us keep coming back to practice and the leagues.</p> <p>Both of them are truly amazing, genuine and kind people who go out of their way to ensure everyone is supported not only to do with throwing but also personally whether that be messages checking in, chats at throwing, free leagues or marathons when they know someone is struggling just generally the most kind hearted couple.</p> <p>Promote a great sport and both do alot for our axe community</p>
Carrie Pahowski	Carrot	Bati Niagara	<p>Carrie Pahowski is the kind of person who doesn't just manage a venue; she builds a home. Since joining the sport in 2019, and especially since stepping into her role as the General Manager of BATL Niagara in Spring of 2025, Carrie has become the absolute heartbeat of our local community. She brings a loud, vibrant energy to the range with a singular mission: ensuring everyone feels included and successful. Carrie is the first person to lift someone up when they're down, and the loudest voice celebrating someone else's big moments—whether it's a thrower hitting their first 81, a league member's birthday, or even the birthdays of their kids. What truly embodies the spirit of the Nick LaFace award is her relentless dedication. Carrie is constantly at the venue pouring her heart into the community even when she is off the clock. A fixture of Sunday leagues for years, she is an exceptional coach and a fiercely supportive mentor. It's not uncommon to see Carrie hand over her own personal axe to a struggling guest or new thrower just to see if a different weight might help them finally stick a target. Under her leadership, BATL Niagara has completely transformed. She has turned the venue into a warm, deeply inviting space, inspiring old league members to return and new throwers to stick around. When life gets heavy outside the venue, Carrie is always there to offer a listening ear, expecting nothing in return. She pulls the community up by its bootstraps, helps people shake off personal stress, and gets everyone into "game mode" with a smile. There isn't just one single story that defines Carrie, because she is "always on." Her dedication to sportsmanship, leadership, and community isn't a switch she flips—it's just who she is. Carrie Pahowski exemplifies the very best of IATF ideals, and our community is a better, warmer, and more competitive space because she is at the helm.</p> <p>When I think about community my forth thought goes to Carrie , there's not much she doesn't do for every single person that walks through the door of her venue , there's not much she won't do for her league members , she always goes above and beyond , whether it's going out of her way to buy things so that league winners have a little something extra when they win league , or spending extra time , coaching people so that they stick as many axes as possible , or letting people use her axes so they can get a vibe for what they might like to throw, or coaching tips etc. and then there's making cute little trinkets for the community between shirts keychains and anything inbetween there's not much Carrie can't or won't make in her cricket that's axe related , she to me just embodies what it means to be a supportive and uplifting community member and to me is more than deserving of the LeFace of the community award</p>
Cesca Nichol	Cesca	Various	<p>Cesca has been holding up the community in so many ways and deserves to be recognized for it. Cesca's original venue, LA AX, held a vibrant community that many locals called home. When the venue closed the passion for community stayed alive through throwers like her. By organizing events, travelling together for axe tournaments, and hosting backyard league nights, Cesca managed to stay connected and keep the love for the community growing. Cesca is one of the few that pours everything she has into keeping up with close friends and acquaintances, while establishing new connections in the community along the way. She has maintained a level of care within her inner and outer circles that has rippled through to so many who may not even know her, in some ways being a vital center without ever centering herself. Even without a regular league or venue to engage in practice or camaraderie, Cesca took up the challenge of joining the IATF Panel of Throwers to contribute to the local and greater community. This is an even more admirable reason for staying as involved as possible. Some may not have known her name prior to the jersey email release, but they do now! As she has proven herself to be a strong community advocate who takes initiative to use her voice in helpful ways. Like many, Cesca has shown up for the community through life's trials and always offers more than she asks, quietly making a great and positive impact on many. From her creativity and artistic input, like designing trophies or stained glass axe pieces, to her thoughtful check-ins and support for the well-being of those around her, Cesca's nature and collective care is honourable and worthy of celebration. Cesca is a true ambassador of what it means to be an outstanding community member</p>
Chilli	Chilli	BATL	<p>Chilli has impacted many people inside of the sport spreading love and being an advocate and she has impacted me in the best ways in my career in this sport. I know that previous recipients can't be chosen again for the awards, but it needs to be said that Chilli is still as caring and giving to the community as the day I was introduced to her pre Love & Axes days. Chilli is always happy to be a supporter to anyone who needs it and want to make others feel loved, she makes this sport and community a way better place to be! Thanks Chilli!</p>
			<p>Along with his wife Caz, Tripod has been an important part of the community here in the UK, putting on amazing events at their venue Axcadia and working tirelessly to make sure each league, marathon and major goes without a hitch. Chris will go out of his way to help anyone who asks, whether they are new or experienced. An amazing person along with wife Caz.</p>

Chris Anderson	Tripod	Axcadia	<p>Chris has always been a genuinely warm and welcoming person making every person who steps through the door at Axcadia feel welcome and like part of the family there even if you only visit the venue a couple of times a year.</p> <p>Chris works hard behind the scenes at Axcadia and along with his wife, and fellow axe thrower, Viper to make sure that every event they host runs smoothly and that everyone ultimately has fun in a space that is safe and supportive for all.</p> <p>Chris is, like Caz, a massive supporter of women in the sport and shows his support at every opportunity for the incredible women we have in the UK axe throwing community.</p> <p>Chris is fantastic. He is enthusiastic with his customers and wants everyone to enjoy the sport. As a league member i get to see how much he puts into it and the passion he has. Working a fulltime job alongside running a venue with his wife, viper. He puts customers and league members above himself and often doesnt play as well as we know he can because he is focused on making the league the best for everybody else.</p> <p>I am incredibly proud to nominate Chris for the LaFace Community Award. To put it simply, Axcadia would not be the same without him. Chris is the quintessential part of our community, often serving as its backbone in ways that go entirely unnoticed by the many, but are felt by everyone. Chris's contributions span the full spectrum of what makes a community thrive. On a practical level, he is our "axe whisperer" dedicating countless hours to sharpening axes and ensuring everyone has the best equipment to succeed. But his impact goes far deeper than just tools. Chris has been instrumental in creating a safe, inclusive, and welcoming space for all. Whether you are a newcomer or a veteran, Chris is there to provide guidance, support, and a sense of belonging. The phrase "nothing is too much" was practically written for him. If there is a problem to solve or a person in need, Chris has usually stepped up to help before he's even been asked. While he does so much behind the scenes without seeking credit, his presence is woven into the very fabric of our culture. Chris goes above and beyond every single day, not for the recognition, but because he genuinely cares about the people of Axcadia, Not just them, but the much wider community. He is more than just a member; he is a mentor and a friend who ensures our community remains a sharp, safe, and supportive place for everyone. I am very lucky to call him my husband.</p> <p>Promote a great sport and both do alot for our axe community</p> <p>Both of them are truly amazing, genuine and kind people who go out of their way to ensure everyone is supported not only to do with throwing but also personally whether that be messages checking in, chats at throwing, free leagues or marathons when they know someone is struggling just generally the most kind hearted couple.</p>
Christina Kingsbury	Lemons	Riot axe	<p>Just a beautiful person, inside and out. She always makes you feeling included and has been growing the sport since day 1.</p> <p>Christina is always there to root on the throwers at Riot Axe (where she is one of the owners) or at any of the tournaments or leagues she attends. She is always there to coach and support new throwers and to give advice and help anyone who needs it.</p> <p>Lemons truly goes above and beyond for the throwers at riot axe! She's a great community leader and an excellent coach! She works hard throughout the league seasons, making sure every thrower feels welcome and comfortable. She always gets the vibes right! She offers coaching to every single league member at the beginning of a season, those who take her up on it receive a thoughtfully put together coaching package. She continues to work with everyone on a personal level throughout the season to help throwers achieve their goals. If you stop by during drop-ins while she's working she'll probably hang out and practice with you, offer up different axes to try, and give out some great tips and advice. Plus you'll get some witty banter and incredible smack talk! Lemons continues to travel to different tournaments and venues as often as she can to engage with the larger throwing community, and encourages throwers and riot to step out of their comfort zone and do the same. Besides being a fantastic thrower herself, she's a huge supporter and advocate for women in the sport. Any event she cannot attend she'll be following along with the bracket and, if possible, putting the live stream up on the tvs at riot. Whenever anyone has a question or concern about their throw, game play etiquette, how to choose the right playlist, or anything else... listen to lemons</p> <p>After a particularly tough game, I couldn't control my disappointment in myself and took time to sit outside to process my feelings. Lemons, seeing I was struggling to pull myself together, just gave me a hug and then sat with me. No judgement, no comment, just offering a comforting presence. This is the person Lemons is. Without fanfare and without question, she lifts up the people around her. She is a champion for those who don't have a voice, unafraid to stand up for what's right and is generous with her time to anyone who may need assistance. Lemons is the embodiment of what is truly great about this community.</p>
Clara Bush	Shrubbie	Maniax Newstead	<p>She's helpful, knowledgeable and understanding. She assists new players, and provides feedback to developing players and works well with experienced players. Shes a great community member!</p> <p>Jenn in conjunction with Clara Bush (Shrubbie) created what they call the most's awards every season and give out little trophies for things like most 1 in the season, most 3 and so on.</p> <p>This makes a great experience for all skill levels the top throwers will fight over most bullseye and clutch and new throwers will go for most improved and most average of the group and most 1/3's.</p> <p>It gives another layer of what you can achieve per season and they do it all out of there own pocket and in there own time. This is why I want to nominate Jenn but also Clara for the great work they do every league.</p>
Colin Blyth	Goose	The Range	<p>To many wonderful things say. He as a person in this wonderful wacky world of axe throwing he stands alone!</p>
Courtney McQueen	Lightning McQueen	Urban Boston (for now)	<p>Courtney wins a LOT at any discipline but is humble and doesn't brag. She's at all the axe throwing events in the area, travels to tournaments as much as she can, and always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude. If you need an axe she has one you can use. If you need a tip she'll help you out, it doesn't matter if you're a beginner or veteran. It's always fun competing with her and just having her there. The community is better with her involved and the North East region wouldn't be the same without her.</p>
Daniel Lopez	Rad Moon	Axe Thro Co	<p>I am nominating Daniel for many reasons. He is funny, kind, and a true asset to the community. He consistently embodies a nonjudgmental, welcoming, and supportive attitude that makes others feel comfortable and included.</p> <p>Daniel goes above and beyond his role working at a venue and simply as a supporter of others in the community. Not only does he fulfill his responsibilities, but he also makes himself readily available to others - "whether it's answering questions, helping improve their throw, or simply offering encouragement. Whatever is needed, Daniel is always there to support fellow community members.</p> <p>Being in Southern California, not a major hub for the sport, Daniel takes initiative to connect with others. He makes an effort to meet people, build friendships, and support players regardless of their experience level or where they are in their journey. His commitment helps strengthen and grow the community in meaningful ways.</p>
			<p>First, Peachy D (or just "Peachy" to most of us) just passed away a few weeks ago, so I do want to note that I am nominating him posthumously. However, I want to be clear that he is truly deserving of this award, and I'm not just nominating him because I think it's a great way to honor him. As a thrower, Peachy was everything this award embodies. He was a fierce competitor - not necessarily a top level thrower, but he could give anyone a run for their money. Matches against him were always competitive and, above all else, fun. If you wanted banter, he'd give it right back. His celebrations were epic - not only for himself, but others too. After his passing, a friend shared a video from a previous marathon where you can hear him cheering the loudest after a young thrower hit a premier big axe clutch to win over a higher ranked competitor. That's just who he was. If he got down on himself after a loss, it was never for very long, and he was right back to cheering others on. He also made a point to support female throwers and served as a voluntary scorekeeper at a few women's tournaments before his local venue closed. Peachy also was so committed to improving and throwing in general. When Urban Cincinnati closed 2 years ago, he kept throwing and traveled to multiple marathons & events a year - sometimes spending 6 hours round trip in the car just to support new venues and throwers - the man TRULY loved this sport. He encouraged others to try it out, and always had kind words of encouragement for new throwers. He could always be counted on to score matches, and tried to gain visibility for it by live-streaming our league nights. Finally, the outpouring of sadness at his passing should serve as an example of just how loved he was within this community. If you were lucky enough to throw against him or even just meet him at a tournament, you probably have a great Peachy story. To know him was to love him (and his karaoke was also epic). In summary, I feel like Peachy D. truly embodied every element of the axe throwing community in his too-short of a time as a member.</p>

Dante Dunn	Peachy D	Urban Axes Cincinnati	<p>Peachy was a pinnacle of the axe throwing community, and has been for years. He was one of the kindest and most sportsmanlike players I've had the pleasure of knowing. With his recent passing, the axe community as lost a major major player who was not only kind to everyone, but also a strong competitor.</p> <p>Everything about Peachy was the best of the axe throwing community. He loved this sport so much, the sport itself and the people. Every single part. Peachy loved to talk crap to his competition, but he'd be the first to scream and hug you when hit that. Or that first 81. Or that first tournament win. He stayed til the end of every tournament and cheered on his friends. He honestly cheered on everyone. Peachy loved good competition. Even if he lost. We kept a running tab of our wins and losses against each other and loved to tease each other before we threw against each other. He was kind, welcoming, and loved to show new throwers the ropes and the community he loved. Peachy wanted to get better and worked hard at it. Every year we tried to get him to come to IATC and he always said he wouldn't go until he earned his way by making round 2. He wanted to feel like he'd made it. Like he earned it. When I hit my first 81, I can hear peachys scream in the video before anyone else's. He was everyone's biggest fan. I truly believe peachy represents the best this community has and the best it is. He loved the sport, and he loved the people.</p> <p>Peachy D reminded us how to have fun while throwing. He was the unofficial face of the Urban Open Baltimore where many of us met him for the first time. Known for his epic style and amazing karaoke skills he'd pump up the crowd and remind us that energy is how we all started in this sport. He was always kind and supportive to all of us competing. Peachy D has been taken from us too soon and leaves a void that can never be filled.</p> <p>I did not know Peachy well but his impact on the community is clear. Every person that talks about him notes his inspiring energy, his enthusiasm for the community, and his love for our game. Peachy represented the best of our community and his involvement made every space he was in better and brighter.</p> <p>I have observed this when seeing Peachy compete at tournaments, he is an encouraging and bright part of our community and I can't think of a better way to memorialize his unfortunate passing than by nominating him for the LeFace award.</p> <p>He was one of the most beloved throwers and a huge part of Cincinnati's, and all of Urban Axe's community for years. He truly loved the sport and the competition that it brings, he would razz you in the lanes while still cheering you on with every bull and clutch you hit. His enthusiasm for the sport and love for the community was infectious, and he would light up every room, with both his spirit and his bright pink outfits. Cincinnati, and the sport as a whole won't be the same without him and this would be a great way to celebrate his life and legacy in the sport and the community.</p> <p>I will never have the words to appropriately describe this gem of a man. I have laughed with him, sobbed with him, and most importantly loved him.</p> <p>You will never meet someone who loves axe throwing more than Peachy. If you have ever seen the video of his 1st 81 you can attest to this. Every big axe clutch was heard across the venue by his yells. He would practice every opportunity he could and would always want to get better.</p> <p>Peachy always acted like the biggest hater and would talk the best smack, but he loved the competition, and loved all the people more. He also had the sickest outfits. From his custom bright pink baseball jersey, to his full Princess Peach get up with blue contacts. He always lit up the room he walked into. I would never admit it to his face, but I will gladly say he is the pinkest thrower in the game. Even when Urban Cincinnati closed, he would travel to throw. He kept in touch with friends. He made new friends as many of us stopped traveling as far. I was lucky and was able to continue to see him almost weekly in my bowling league. And his light continued to shine just as brightly there.</p> <p>Peachy died in May 2026 a few weeks after traveling to his last marathon where he had arguably the best set of competition in his life. I will miss him more than any words can describe and wish I could see him hit one more big axe clutch.</p> <p>As he would say, "dunk on them hoes".</p> <p>I love you Peachy. We will throw together again some day. ðŸ™©</p>
Dina Dye	Doubs	Chillaxe	<p>I would like to nominate Dina Dye for the LaFace Community Award. If you've ever met Dina, then you already know why she deserves this recognition! She is truly one of the most selfless people I've ever met and such an incredible force within our community.</p> <p>Dina is always there with an encouraging word, a hug, and a smile when someone needs it most. She has a way of making everyone feel welcomed, valued, and included. And honestly, the fact that she puts up with the Pittsburgh crew probably deserves an award of its own!</p> <p>Alongside her husband, Robbie Dye, she has helped create such an amazing and inclusive environment for our entire community. The positivity, kindness, and support she brings to the sport and to the people around them never go unnoticed.</p> <p>There's just something truly special about Dina. She leads with kindness, lifts others up without hesitation, and makes our community better simply by being part of it. I sincerely hope you consider her for this honor, because she absolutely deserves it.</p>
Dominic Newman	Pendragon	Axcadia	<p>Dominic is an absolute lusher! Not only does he spend hours driving and supporting his amazing wife Queen Bee, but his love for the community is essential in making it thrive. He is always there with a friendly smile, a hug or just a safe space to vent. Nothing is ever too much for Dom and he makes you always feel seen and heard. He is a fabulous member of the community and we're very grateful to have him support us at Axcadia! Absolute diamond!</p> <p>Dom will do what ever he can to help support our venue. From making trophies to giving us Axes to tryout for customers, he's always thinking of us and for that I appreciate him! He wife gets a lot of recognition for her amazing throwing but sometimes I feel he hides in the shadows. I want to use this nomination to let him be seen for the dedication to the sport of axe throwing and the UK scene. Thank you.</p>
Ericka Gannon	Throwing Bows	Urban Axes Baltimore	<p>The kindest person I have met through axe throwing. She supported me and my wife throughout our axe throwing journey. She always is helping others improve and feel welcome</p> <p>She constantly hopes up other throwers, shows up to support the community and is a great representation of what the face of the community is</p> <p>She is the perfect embodiment of why this community is amazing. She embraces every single person like family and her smile genuinely lights up a room. She raises everyone around her by her kindness and support. She is just one of the best human beings I have ever met.</p> <p>She's an absolute delight and continues to be a bright spot in the community. She always brings the energy and good vibes. Ericka brings people together. She finds what's special about each person and works to amplify it. She truly embodies what it means to be a person for the community.</p> <p>Always makes everyone feel included</p>
Frankie Lane	Hexy	Axcadia	<p>Hexy brings the magic to Axcadia. She is a key part of our team and helping to keep us sain. The support and love she's gives us and the throwers is amazing and more than anyone could ask for. We have only known her for around 4 years but feels like she's always been in our lives. We love you Hexy for all you do for us.</p>
Jacy Ring	Walkng Calamity	Urban Axes Baltimore	<p>Jacy, as part of AALOTO, has directly affected the trajectory of femme throwers in the sport multiple times. Her deep care for the community, inexhaustible support of new and learning throwers AND meaningful impact on how axe throwing is perceived overall has resulted in a stronger, more equitable and more engaging community, overall.</p> <p>As 1/3rd of an Axe League of Their Own, Jacy has consistently advocated for the inclusion of women in a male dominated sport. From making sure women are recognized for league wins and milestone accomplishments to advocating for sponsorships in tournaments, Jacy has been an unwavering supporter of women in our sport. Outside of her participation in AALOTO, I have seen her coach and provide valuable feedback to new throwers in our leagues in Baltimore to make them feel supported, encouraged, and engaged to continue to grow in our sport. Whether that is a rookie thrower figuring out the basic or a seasoned thrower breaking through mental blocks. She is the most supportive and encouraging member in our community.</p>
			<p>Sas the mass, not only in package size but in the size of his heart. He is there for us at every marathon or event we hold and where he can the days leading up to it as well. From board prep and venue maintenance to changing the boards and being the ref on the day, this guy does it for the love of the sport and the people around him. Thank you dude!</p>

James Coney	Sasquatch	Axcadia	Sas is just such a consistent presence in the axe community, he is always first to volunteer his time and efforts, marking up boards, sweeping, scoring, and still entertaining everyone. He coaches when you're struggling and celebrates when you throw well even when you're playing against him. He is one of the reasons this community is so welcoming. When I've felt overwhelmed during a marathon he's paused our game to give me a breather and get my head back in the game and he always checks in on everyone. I don't even know him that well but when I think of the LaFace community award he is who I think of.
Jenn Walker	Tex	13 Axes	Jenn in conjunction with Clara Bush (Shrubbie) created what they call the most's awards every season and give out little trophies for things like most 1 in the season, most 3 and so on. This makes a great experience for all skill levels the top throwers will fight over most bullseye and clutch and new throwers will go for most improved and most average of the group and most 1/3's. It gives another layer of what you can achieve per season and they do it all out of their own pocket and in their own time. This is why I want to nominate Jenn but also Clara for the great work they do every league.
Julius Cox	#legday	Maniax Newstead	I would like to nominate Julius Cox for the LaFace Award. Julius embodies everything this award represents. He is the kind of person who makes axe throwing better simply by being part of it. While many leaders are loud or visible, Julius leads through consistency, generosity, and the way he treats people both on and off the lanes. Since joining the community, Julius has become someone that throwers naturally gravitate toward. He is welcoming to new players, encouraging to developing throwers, and endlessly supportive of the people around him. Whether he is helping someone tune their throw, calming nerves before a match, stepping in to help run leagues or tournaments, repairing targets, or simply making sure everyone feels included, he does it without wanting recognition or praise. One of the things that stands out most about Julius is that he genuinely cares about the community. He is someone who builds people up. He celebrates others' successes, supports people through setbacks, and helps create the kind of environment that keeps people coming back to the sport. He contributes not because he wants attention, but because he wants axe throwing to succeed and for people to feel like they belong within it. Julius also exemplifies sportsmanship and integrity. He competes hard while remaining respectful, humble, and approachable. He sets the tone for positive behaviour simply through the way he carries himself. New throwers see him helping others and follow that example. Experienced throwers trust and respect him because he consistently shows up for the community. Importantly, much of what Julius does happens behind the scenes. He is the person quietly helping things run smoothly, checking in on others, volunteering his time, and supporting the community in ways many people may never fully see. In many ways, that quiet dedication feels especially fitting for this award. Julius would never seek recognition for what he contributes, which is exactly why I believe he deserves it. He represents the best ideals of the IATF community: inclusion, sportsmanship, generosity, leadership, and genuine care for others. I cannot think of someone more deserving of the LaFace Award.
Keegan Schmalz	Axling	ThroDown	A big part of the London community as GM of Throdown. Keegan is one of the kindest and most supportive people in the IATF. They're always cheering you on during tournaments and league and is always there to coach you or help you with anything you need.
Matthew Brown	a a a Stayin' A Five	MANIAX Northbridge	The amount of effort Brown puts into growing the game, shepherding first timers into career axe throwers, putting on tournaments, operating leagues, & advocating for the sport is incomparable, & on top of this he's the first one to celebrate the efforts and achievements of everyone but himself. Absolute credit to the community.
Matthew Kabik	Badger (The Axe Badger)	Meduseld Meadery	Badger (Matt K.) has done so much for the axe throwing community, and that's just what I've seen with my own eyes in the short couple years I've been apart of it. He gave me my first ever axe the first league that I joined, he always gave me tips/pointers not to mention do all the same for other newbies and do whatever he could to keep them around! Offer them 20 bucks to put towards their next league, he did it. Give them an axe to throw for free and keep as long as they wanted? He sure frickin' did. Amazing, funny, positive, sportsmanlike, human who also tries to keep the community updated through his blog in a very here's the information so you can make your own opinion about such and such, and here is also my take on said information. All around an amazing axe thrower and I'm so damn happy that I get to be apart of his home venue! In my opinion, the most deserving of this award. -Daddylonglegs Prominent voice in the axe-throwing community, selfless contributor to the progression and thoughtfulness of the sport, and always encouraging and offering support to newer throwers in the local community.
Nick Johnston	Canadian Nick	ThroDown	Being a league member at ThroDown, it's very clear just how much this community means to Nick. He's constantly trying to build and grow out leagues. He's taken members out for drinks. And encourages league members hangout, not only at ThroDown. But outside of it too. I've met some amazing people through Nick because of his constant presence and passion. He's a big stickler for the rules, and constantly reminds those around us of the CoC. And other rules. All with the intention of keeping sportsmanship high, and vibes higher. He does so much for our community, inside and out of the spotlight. No one else around our community in London deserves it more than him
Patrick Kerrigan	PK	Chillaxe	I would like to formally nominate Patrick Kerrigan (PK) for the LaFace Community Award through the IATF. PK truly embodies everything this award represents. His dedication to the axe throwing community goes far beyond competition and personal achievement & he consistently puts the community first and works tirelessly to help the sport grow in a positive and inclusive way. As a college sophomore student at Seton Hill University pursuing a degree in Biochemistry, PK balances a demanding academic workload while still devoting countless hours to supporting the axe throwing community. He is actively involved in the IATC panel of throwers, participates in local events every chance he gets, and serves as an incredible ambassador for the sport throughout the Pittsburgh axe throwing community. PK also works at ChillAxe Throwing, where he continually goes above and beyond to mentor and encourage new throwers. He is the type of person who stays long after league nights end (yes & partially to keep throwing!), but also to help any member that asks to improve their technique, troubleshoot issues with their throw, build confidence, and feel genuinely welcomed into the community. He never hesitates to share his time, knowledge, and encouragement with others. What makes PK especially deserving of this recognition is the genuine passion and positivity he brings to the sport every single day. Whether he is competing, volunteering his time as a judge (don't let him fool you & he LOVES that!), helping run events, or simply supporting fellow throwers, he represents the very best qualities of our community: sportsmanship, leadership, kindness, and dedication. PK is not only an outstanding thrower (in my opinion!) & he is helping shape the future of axe throwing by creating an environment where both new and longtime members feel supported, encouraged, and inspired to continue participating in the sport. I cannot think of a more deserving candidate for the LaFace Community Award, and I sincerely hope you will consider him for this recognition! Thank you PK is one of the kindest, most helpful throwers you will ever meet. When he's not practicing he spends his time helping others get better, he has been such a big support for not only me and traveling to different events. He is a great representation of this sport and Pittsburgh as a group of throwers! He does whatever he can to make sure that everyone is throwing their best. He uses his voice to make the sport better and bring alot of people in and out of the community whole! He is an absolute gem of a human being and what he does for everyone, I feel should be recognized!

Patrick Marquis	Red Beaver		<p>Red Beaver is not just an axe thrower. He is someone who truly lives for this community. His love for axe throwing runs so deep that nothing stops him from showing up. Even without a home venue, he continues to travel 8 hours or more just for the chance to throw, to improve, and to be surrounded by people who share the same passion. That kind of commitment is rare. It comes from the heart. What makes him truly deserving of this award is the way he gives to others. He doesn't just focus on his own performance. He genuinely wants to see everyone around him succeed. He pays attention, he encourages, and he celebrates people when they throw their best. You can feel that he cares. His axe-making is a perfect example of who he is. It is not driven by profit or recognition. It comes from love. He creates customized axes because he wants others to feel confident, proud, and connected when they step up to throw. He pours his time, skill, and energy into something that lifts people up. Red Beaver represents the heart of this community. He shows up when it's not easy. He gives without expecting anything in return. He helps create an environment where people feel supported and valued. That is exactly why he deserves the LaFace of the Community award.</p>
Rick Priest	The Preacher	Maniax Knox	<p>Rick (Priesty, the preacher) constantly goes out of his way to support the community. Nearly every tournament he donates things like trophies, sheaths and even axes. He is always generous and also sponsors players in the background if they are having any financial hardship. Nothing is ever too hard for him we all love to verse him because of his calming manor.</p> <p>Rick Priest is the kind of person who embodies everything the LaFace of the Community Award stands for. While many contributions to our sport happen in the spotlight, Rick consistently works behind the scenes to elevate the experience for everyone around him. Whether it's crafting high-quality gear, creating trophies players are proud to take home, or simply ensuring others are set up for success, his impact is felt across the entire community.</p> <p>Beyond his craftsmanship, Rick brings an energy to every session that keeps people coming back. He is approachable, genuinely friendly, and always willing to lend a hand or share his knowledge. There's never a bad moment throwing with him & he creates an environment where both new and experienced throwers feel welcome and supported. That kind of presence doesn't just improve individual nights; it strengthens the community as a whole.</p> <p>Rick leads by example in the purest sense. He doesn't seek recognition, yet consistently does the kind of work that keeps the spirit of axe throwing alive & positive, inclusive, and community-driven. He is widely respected across the Australian axe throwing community, and you would be hard pressed to find anyone who hasn't had a positive experience with him.</p> <p>On a personal note, it was a privilege to receive my Standard 81 coin from Rick. He continues to inspire me to become not only a better thrower, but also a better person and friend. For all of these reasons, I strongly believe Rick Priest is a deserving recipient of the LaFace of the Community Award.</p> <p>Preacher gives of his time and resources without asking for anything in return to help grow thrower's confidence and skill. He is everyone's greatest cheerleader and would prefer to see others succeed than take any easy win.</p> <p>Preacher has been around in the community since the early days of axe throwing in Australia and we lovingly refer to him as "the people's thrower" whether you're a seasoned veteran or someone just walking past wanting to learn about axe throwing he always makes time for everyone and uplifts the community from the ground up. He was one of the early pioneers in getting Premier ruleset off the ground in Australia, he always gets involved in sponsoring throwers and events, helping venues and tournaments with marketing and hype, he'll be your first and most vocal cheerleader every day of the year, and cares so much about the spirit of the game and the passion in the community.</p> <p>He is always been a beacon of the community and has supported and helped any new throwers into the fold.</p> <p>Preacher has always been someone who looks after our league. He takes the time to mentor new throwers and makes sure everyone understands that axe throwing is meant to be fun, not treated like life or death. He has a way of bringing out the best in people by encouraging them to enjoy themselves and show their personality, instead of making them feel pressured to perform from day one.</p> <p>He really is the calm, fun, and knowledgeable face of axe throwing in Australia. Everyone knows him, and everyone loves him for good reason. His passion for the sport goes far beyond competition. Through Priesty Axes, he creates quality, unique axes and accessories, and he always adds personal touches that show how much he cares about the people buying them.</p> <p>He also sometimes brings along his guide dog in training, which says a lot about the kind of person he is and the positive impact he wants to have on the community.</p> <p>One of my favourite memories is throwing against Preacher in our Standard final. He was comfortably ahead because he was relaxed while I was incredibly nervous. Instead of taking advantage of that, he slowed the match down and helped me settle into the moment and enjoy it. Thanks to him, I was able to let go of the anxiety and throw my best game, eventually taking the win. What stood out most was that he genuinely didn't care about losing. He was just happy that I'd learned something important about the sport and how it should feel. I'll always be grateful to him for that.</p> <p>These are the reasons I think Preacher should be LaFace of the IATF.</p> <p>Preacher is a person whom I personally have looked up to in my short time in the sport. We throw together at Maniax Knox he has been nothing but helpful always happy to give me tips and advice on correcting my throwing style and helping me improve. He also gives a lot back to the community worldwide with his sheaths he personally makes and sells and his axe making. He is currently making me an axe. He has been at the forefront of axe throwing in Australia having been in the community for well over 10 years. But all in all, I cannot fault him in any way and I believe he would make a perfect recipient of the LaFace of the community award!</p>
Rob Morrison	Huckleberry	Warriors	<p>This gentleman goes out of his way to open his whole life to this community. His heart to everyone that he meets around the world always with a smile and positive attitude. His home and targets to all that make the trip north to throw. Supporting the youth, women, and competition across all facets of the sport. 10/10 dude. 10/10 axe thrower.</p>
Ryan Hayward	Good E Nuff	Riot Axe	<p>As one of the owners of Riot Axe in Guelph, Ryan is always encouraging both new and old throwers, and is one of the most friendly people in the sport. Always uplifting the throwers around them in any situation.</p>
Sarah Czerfn	Sawah	RATI Port Lands/Warriors	<p>Shes cool</p> <p>Sarah is an absolute delight. She runs a handful of leagues with care and passion. She loves the game and helping people feel comfortable and welcome so that they fall in love with the game too. Building a community within her leagues (and above) is paramount.</p> <p>The leagues are run professionally and efficiently. She's always making sure that she's doing everything for all of us to have the best experience possible. From making sure boards are changed as needed for the best quality of throwing, lending people axes from her arsenal so that they can get a feel of what axe might best suit them to ensure their best results and even pulling someone aside if they are having a rough go and need a pep talk.</p> <p>I personally see her bust her ass from week to week and always with that hilarious and positive attitude just bringing people together. She's a tiny girl with a huge heart!</p> <p>I had quit axe throwing and I came back to leagues because she was running it and I knew it would be a great experience. I wasn't wrong.</p> <p>As a former league runner at BATL, I can confidently say that Sarah is the best league runner I've ever had. She is truly an under appreciated pillar of the axe throwing community and I believe she's the best candidate for the LaFace of the Community award.</p>

			<p>Sarah is truly one of a kind. She can make anyone laugh without even trying. She cares about her league members and is always looking to grow the community.</p> <p>She really loves the community and is always making sure everyone is taken care of and is always making sure no one is left out.</p> <p>Whenever she sees anyone struggle, she will give her time and effort to help them out and will 100% give away one of her many axes to someone if she sees them throwing well with it.</p> <p>She even goes above and beyond outside the leagues she runs and supports other venues that need it. Example of this is that the escape manor needed to work on their premier clutches and Sarah made sure they got a premier clutch stencil without being asked.</p> <p>Sarah has a huge heart, very caring, always giving and very thoughtful.</p> <p>She has always been the friendliest and most encouraging person, also her dedication to the sport is second to none, shes always precise with her calls, always ensures our leagues run smoothly. She's so friendly and is the funnest to be around, and shes one of the people who has inspired me to throw better!</p> <p>Sarah is the greatest coach, league runner, axe sister and community member. She has always stood ten toes down for all of us.</p>
Sasha Edwards	Sasha	The Range	Sasha is a friend to everyone. We all look forward to seeing her. She is a great ambassador for the community. She's an enthusiastic and fair competitor. She represents the women in the sport both as an owner and competitor.
Steven Fleming	Sarge	AxeAholics	When our previous venue closed down someone we throw with decided to not let our community die and opened his own venue. Steve has spent countless hours helping him to get it back on his feet and make it a great new home for everyone. From painting floors, to streaming tiktoks, late nights, early mornings, media posts, you name it and sarge has had his hand in helping out with every aspect. He should be proud of himself for the time and effort he's put into helping get our venue back up and running. I appreciate you Steve.
Tristan Campbell	Mathrowsaurus	Maniax Perth	Tristan is facing a bigger challenge than most people within the axe throwing community, but this does not stop him from continuously throwing axes. For those not aware, he is battling Parkinson's for the past few years, but he has kept his strength and passion for Axe Throwing, attending tournaments where possible and always supporting new throwers. He has raised his own platform to help spread awareness of Parkinson's within the axe community, whilst openly discussing his progress. He is an example of someone who isn't letting his illness stop him from doing what he enjoys, if anything, he is adapting. Vote Tristan aka Mathrowsaurus
Vanessa Devico	Loch Nessa	Choppers and Clutch Shot	Nessa may try to come off like she doesn't care but she loves everyone in the sport deep down. She runs women's leagues with passion and support. She will 100% be mad I nominated her but she needs to know she makes a difference!
Will Godfrey	Gary FCKN LazerEyes	BATL Hamilton/BATL Niagara	<p>He is always willing to educate new and experienced players alike, offers his wisdom and energy to league runners, he also steps in when it gets really busy for both league runners and other BATL employee, and best exemplifies the core values that makes IATF great.</p> <p>Will is an AWESOME coach! Adjusting things with experienced throwers or helping new throwers find their footing. Always a positive attitude! A blessing to the community. So glad to have someone like him at my venue. He encourages everyone to throw better!</p> <p>Will "Gary FCKN LazerEyes" Godfrey is the kind of person who makes the axe throwing community better simply by being part of it. Over the last two years, he has been a huge contributor to the community through his work with the IATF during the IATC, always showing dedication, professionalism, and passion for the sport and the people in it.</p> <p>As a former General Manager of an axe throwing venue, Will has not only helped grow the sport but has also created welcoming spaces where throwers of all skill levels feel included. He brings an incredible energy everywhere he goes. When Will walks into a room, his personality fills the entire space. His humor, friendliness, and outgoing nature instantly make people feel comfortable and part of the community.</p> <p>What truly sets Will apart is his willingness to help others without ever needing to be asked. Whether it's stepping in to lend a hand, supporting event operations, or helping someone improve their game, he does it naturally and genuinely.</p> <p>Will is also an exceptional coach. He is always willing to share tips, tricks, and encouragement with anyone who asks, helping new and experienced throwers alike gain confidence and improve their skills. His knowledge of the sport combined with his approachable attitude makes him someone people naturally gravitate toward.</p> <p>Will embodies the spirit of community, sportsmanship, and leadership that makes axe throwing special, and there is no one more deserving of recognition than Gary FCKN LazerEyes himself.</p> <p>He is always willing to give tips to players, pend experience to League Runners, and demonstrates the core values of Iatf</p>
Zoe Kellam	Hatchet	Maniax Marrickville	<p>Zoe Kellam, better known in the community as Hatchet, exemplifies the spirit of the LaFace of the Community Award through her tireless work to grow and diversify axe throwing in Australia.</p> <p>Over the past several years, Zoe has been a driving force in building a more inclusive, supportive, and welcoming community, particularly for women and non-binary throwers. She played a major role in establishing the women and non-binary tournament at APATC, and the Queen of the North Big Axe tournament at Pacific Regionals, providing opportunities, visibility, and community spaces that have had a meaningful impact on many competitors.</p> <p>What makes Zoe especially deserving of this recognition is that her contributions extend far beyond tournaments and events. She consistently works to ensure the axe throwing community is a place where people feel accepted, supported, and safe to participate. She is approachable, responsive, and willing to step in when issues arise, often taking on difficult work behind the scenes and at significant personal cost because she genuinely cares about the wellbeing of the community.</p> <p>Zoe is also an outstanding competitor in her own right, and is a force to be reckoned with in the big axe community. Despite her own achievements, she remains someone who endlessly encourages and supports other throwers on a personal level no matter what point they are at in their axe throwing journey. She celebrates others'™ successes and ensures newer competitors feel welcomed and confident in the sport.</p> <p>Zoe leads through action, compassion, and persistence. The positive culture she has helped create within the Australian axe throwing community, especially for underrepresented members of the community, is a direct result of her dedication, and she is deeply deserving of recognition through the LaFace of the Community Award.</p>