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Some of you are into or are thinking about getting "into" throwing knives. This can be tricky. I've asked "hobbiest" Matthew Rappaport to write an article giving us a few pointers.

Part of the article is displayed below. Hope this helps.
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Choosing a Throwing Knife

What follows pertains primarily to knife throwing for sport, both target throwing and hunting with throwing knives. There is considerable debate as to the wisdom of ever throwing a knife in a self defense situation.

There are masters of the art who could get away with such, but they are few and far between. In any case, self defense aspects also involve concealment, and thus fairly small knives. As we shall see, where throwing knives are concerned, small is not necessarily beautiful.

First things first:

What's the first thing everyone thinks of when they talk about throwing knives - Balance!

Well its hoey! If balance were really that important, there

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wouldn't be anybody throwing axes I can tell you that! The only thing balance determines is the knife's suitability as a handle vs. a blade thrower.

A knife that is handle heavy, throws more easily when gripped from the blade. A blade-heavy knife (for example a typical Bowie) is more easily thrown from the handle. Only knives that are balanced very close to their center point can be thrown equally well from handle or blade. So what is important? Three things, weight, length, and the the weight/length ratio....