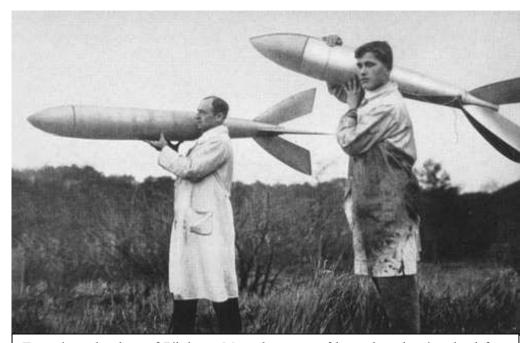
Lawn Darts, ca 1966



Ever since the days of Piltdown Man, the game of lawn darts has involved four large darts, two horizontal target rings, and two players. The players toss the darts underhand toward the target, where the weighted ends hit first and stick into the ground. Any dart that lands within the target ring scores a point. Simple. Safe. But, oh so dull! That all changed in 1966 when Dinklaker Experimental Toys introduced its Mad Bomber Lawn Torpedoes®. Each "dart" weighed forty-one pounds and was packed with enough explosive material to level a small city. The object was to lob it at the target in such a way that it didn't detonate. At first, the game was hugely popular, but sloppy play gradually thinned the number of available participants. Today, Mad Bomber Lawn Torpedoes is played only by a few die-hard (ha) enthusiasts predisposed towards nihilism.