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**"Our mission is providing recreational opportunities for physically challenged people."**

Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. is a Non-Stock, Not for Profit 501(c)(3) Foundation organized in Wisconsin



**Booth Season**

The Spring 06 booth season came to a close with the **Deer & Turkey Expo in Madison**. Captain **John Martinson** and the crew of **Les Werner, Al Neu, Charlie Ande, Mary & John Mitchell** and **Larry Drake** spread the word about our mission to provide outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. Our thanks to the student members of the Future Farmers of America from Madison East that helped to bring in our booth. The booth could not have been set up without the help of **Mike Werner** and **John Hoffmann** or taken down without the help of **Bill Stuber** and **Bob Hofmann**. Thanks again.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

You can also check [www.adaptivesportsmen.org](http://www.adaptivesportsmen.org) for information on events.

**August 12 Pig Roast Picnic Banquet.** This fundraiser will be held at Wildwood Archery in Union Grove beginning at 3pm on Saturday August 12th. Get your friends together and come to win some of the fabulous prizes. Gun Boards, Archery items, Ladies items and some fine Silent Auction items will be available, along with Sponsor raffles and Table Captain gun raffles. For information call (414) 916-2298.

**August 19 Horicon Marsh 3D & Cookout.** A great chance to get some practice or try out new equipment before the fall hunting season. Prizes and trophies and a dinner after the shoot highlight the day. Contact **Jeff Miller** for more information at 920-485-2387

**Sept 29-Oct 1 Baraboo Deer Hunt** in Baraboo WI. 2-1/2 days of hunting, food, and lodging are provided for this great deer hunt. This is a wonderful area to see some big deer and enjoy the Wisconsin outdoors. Email us or call **John Mitchell** at 414-333-4745 for more information or a hunt application form.

**Oct 13-15 and 20-22 Clintonville Bow Hunt** Two weekends of bow deer hunting in the Clintonville area with an accessible bunkhouse available for lodging. Email us or contact **Larry Drake** at 715-535-2697 for more information.

**October 28 Pheasant hunt at Smiths Pheasant Crest** in Oxford, WI. 16 Hunters will get a chance to shoot 4 pheasants each, along with a meal and some pre-hunt trap practice. Contact **John Martinson** for more info at (608) 846-4518 or email at [johnmartinson@msn.com](mailto:johnmartinson@msn.com)

**Other Organizations**

**Fishing Has No Boundaries** [www.fhnbinc.org](http://www.fhnbinc.org) (800-243-3462) is holding several fishing events in Wisconsin in 2005, including; Chippewa Valley - **August 19-20** and Fond Du Lac - **August 26-27**

**Wisconsin Paralyzed Veterans of America , July 14-16 WPVA Trapshoot** at Brown County Sportsmen Club. The entry fee is \$ 140, which includes target for competition on both Saturday and Sunday (100 singles, 50 pair doubles, and 100 handicap). Send fee and entry form to WPVA, 2311 South 108th St., West Allis, WI, 53227. Call 800-875-9782 for more information. Check out [www.wisconsinpva.org](http://www.wisconsinpva.org)

**Big Rock Hunting Preserve, August 26 Pheasant Hunt** in Gilman. No fee charged. dogs and handlers provided. From 9 am to 3 pm. A dinner at the Northwoods Archery clubhouse will follow. \$10 per person. anyone is welcome. Call (715) 668-5557 for more info.

**Northwoods Archers, August 27 3D Archery Shoot** in Medford. No fee charged. Crossbows welcome. The only 100% self- service paved asphalt course in the state, ADA accessible. Call (715) 785-7352 or (715) 785-7327 for info.

**Midstate Independent Living Consultants (MILC) July 20 Trap Shoot for People with Disabilities** at the Hodag Shooting club in Rhinelander WI. Clays (25), shells, throwers and food for \$8. Contact JR Wynne at 800-382-8484 for information or to sign up. **August 15 Kayaking Event** Kayak and food will be provided. Contact **JR Wynne** at 800-382-8484 for information or to sign up.

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Volunteers, participants and ideas for events or activities are always welcome. Contact John Mitchell at 8727 W. Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53228 or [aneu@adaptivesportsman.org](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org)

**E-mail notices are sent out to all members about special events and opportunities that come up on short notice.** Send us your email address so that you might get a chance to participate in events that might not be in the newsletter or on the web site. Send your email address to [aneu@adaptivesportsman.org](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org)

Our **Equipment Loan List** is getting bigger; we have a number of different blinds, crossbows and shooting supports available to borrow for your turkey or deer hunting. We also have Flambeau decoys to help your deer hunting. Thanks to a grant from the National Rifle Association our list of adaptive equipment will keep growing.

**Volunteer Spotlight**

**Mike Gustin** has been one of our volunteers since the very beginning helping at both deer and turkey hunts. Like all of the guides he is a very accomplished hunter himself. He also built the backdrop for our booth to help display our organizations' work.

**Member Spotlight**

**Mike Little** was successful in his pursuit of a black bear from Quebec. Mike is a physically challenged member of Adaptive Sportsmen and also a volunteer at banquets and sport shows. Congratulations and thank you Mike

**2006 ATV RAFFLE**

Our 2006 Raffle prize is a **Polaris Hawkeye ATV and Trailer**. Check out the web page for a picture of the ATV and contact **Mary Mitchell** at 414-541-4505 for tickets. This is one of our main fundraisers, so everyone should grab 50-100 tickets and get them out to your friends and family. It's important that we all take the time to make this raffle a success, instead of relying on one or two people to do most of the work, so please give Mary Mitchell a call for tickets.

Include \$ 10 membership fee Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen	<b>Adaptive Sportsman Membership Card</b> <b>Expiration Date 12/31/2006</b>	Mail to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. 8727 W Coldspring Road Greenfield, WI 53228
Name _____		
Address _____		
City State & Zip _____		
Phone #s _____	e-mail _____	
Please Circle One	Physically Challenged	Able Bodied
	Volunteer/Sponsor	
Interests	Hunting	Fishing
	ATV Riding	Boating
	Snowmobiling	Other _____





### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ATV Ride in Mercer

**Pine Forest Lodge** in Mercer, Wisconsin and proprietors **John** and **Cheri Stratti** graciously hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual ATV Ride June 1-4<sup>th</sup>.

We had 12 disabled riders and 11 able-bodied riders who enjoyed a wonderful weekend of ATV riding, fishing, great meals, campfires, and the Wisconsin Northwoods (the more experienced riders said it was too sunny, they like more rain and mud!). Participants included disabled riders **Pete Lepage, Gary Bebuhr, Dan Hedtke, Rick Benavidas, JR Wynne, Joel Hoedel, Mike Gorman, Les Werner, Levi Watkins, Doug Bureta, Joy Combs, Al Neu,** and able-bodied riders **Karli Lepage, Lisa Hoedel, Joane Gusto, Crystal Gorman, Scott Burns, Justin Burns, Sarah Zuelhke, Jason Schultz, Joe and Tracy Rivera, and Emma Combs.**

**Leslie Laabs** and Cheri Stratti kept us fed with chili, potato salad, cake, and many other items, and **Sue Lloyd** donated elk meat for the barbeque.

**Triton Trailer** donated a jacket and shirt, **John Hartwig Motor Sports** gave a vest and gloves, and Adaptive Sportsmen gave out T-shirts. The following ATV clubs donated cash to help pay the lodging and food costs, **Tri County Trailblazers ATV Club, Spirit Valley Riders ATV Club, South Shore Trail Club, All Season Riders ATV Club,** and **Harrison Highland's ATV Club.**

We want to thank all those who helped make this event a success, and hope to see more people out here next year to "enjoy the outdoors".

-- Member **Marc Nelson** (608) 935-1600 bought a new crossbow and would be happy to discuss the virtues of various models with anyone.

-- Adaptive Sportsman member **Aaron Czerniak** has volunteered as a technical advisor to the Department of Natural Resources on their accessibility modifications for hunting the Bong Recreational area.

-- Member **Mark Muelbeck** has passed on to a better place. **Larry Drake** introduced him to Adaptive Sportsmen. **Rick Schaefer** modified a cross bow for him that he used at the Horicon Marsh Bowmen 3D shoot assisted by guide **Pat Buhr.**

-- Accessible fishing spots and target shooting facilities are listed on our Web site [www.adaptivesportsman.org](http://www.adaptivesportsman.org)

-- Several generous landowners have asked Adaptive Sportsmen to help them find physically challenged people to hunt on their land. Our Landowner committee has a list of available hunting locations for deer, turkey and soon to be added waterfowl. Contact **Charlie Ande** (608) 837-0822 or **Mike Little** (414) 545-9738.



### MY FIRST TURKEY By Charlie Ande

I got started seriously turkey hunting 2 years ago after joining ASI. My first hunt was at Baraboo in 2005 where I saw lots of turkeys, but none close enough to shoot. This year I contacted **Wayne Krueger**, who has graciously offered the use of his land for ASI physically challenged members.

Wayne worked hard to get me a turkey. He took me out to many spots on his land where we heard lots of gobbling, but again none close enough to shoot. I had a 12 gauge 2 3/4", so he let me use his 12 gauge 3 1/2" for more range.

I think it was on the third day of hunting when he had 4 Toms going crazy with their strutting and gobbling. However, they were across a waterway and up a hill. The turkeys would just not come down close to the water. I was going to take a shot, but again thought it being to far. Now, in hindsight and after talking to Wayne, the 3 1/2" would have done the job. Still, it was great watching those big Toms put on such a show.

The next day was my last day to hunt. Wayne could not make the hunt, but he set me up with **Dan Spindler** to help me. There was a slight rain and nothing was gobbling in spite of the great calling going on by Dan. We tried several locations, but no response. Dan said we should go back to one of the ground blinds overlooking a grass field. He felt good about our chances of seeing a turkey at that spot.

It was getting late and the rain started coming down again, but we felt we would see something. It was a treat hearing Dan with his mouth calls. I think he can make any noise a turkey makes. Well, about 3:00 p.m. I saw a Jake coming out of the woods. Then I saw another and another and another. There were approximately 7 Jake's. This was my last chance and I had never shot a turkey, so, I waited until they started to separate and I let that 3 1/2" cannon do the job. When the Jake dropped, the others put on quite a show. They would not leave. They started strutting all around the dying bird. Some of them even started to peck at it. What a show. We almost had to shoo them away to get to my first turkey.

Thank you Wayne and Dan for my first wild turkey.



### Spring 2006 Turkey Hunt

Ten hunters and guides, including two first time hunters, set up in blinds looking for the main dish for a nice turkey dinner at Badger Army Ammo Plant in Baraboo. After the hard work and calling was over no Toms accepted the invitation. Everyone saw and heard turkeys but only the hens came close.

Thanks to our cook crew of Greg Borgwardt and Les Werner everyone was well fed on venison barbecue and chicken. Thanks to the guides everyone had a good time and smiles abounded. Thanks to the Sables of the Safari Club for making our stay at the accessible Park Plaza possible



### Mike Little in Quebec

This spring, I had the opportunity to fulfill a long held dream of mine . . . to go on a spring bear hunt. My friend had worked out a deal with an outfitter that I had hunted with before, and even with the high gas prices we were able to get an affordable hunt. Although I had been bear hunting in the fall several times, spring bear hunts are a different thing. The weather is much nicer in the spring but the black flies and mosquitoes were out in full force. However, I found a new product called ThermoCell that made handy work of keeping them away.

It only took me two days to get my first spring bear. As I was the first to fill my tag, I was elected to the post of camp cook and bottle washer for the rest of the week. While some might protest this job, I also had the pleasure of catching, cleaning and cooking some great tasting fish.

Kudos should go to outfitter **Magnum Outfitters-Paul Bertrand**, who provided clean, comfortable cabins, and an outstanding guide. Thanks to him and his family I had a great trip.



### TURKEY HUNT by Les Werner

I thought I would tell you about a very exciting turkey hunt that I had this year. It all began when I drew a tag for the second period of the hunt

I set up the Double Bull blind I borrowed from Adaptive Sportsman two weeks before the hunt. My brother Frank was hunting with me, and he set up his blind about 100 yards away on another field. On opening day we arrived before daybreak, wondering if there were going to be any birds. At first light we got our answer, as a gobble broke out about seventy yards from me. It was two toms with two hens. I tried a mouth call to get them to come close enough for a shot but they wandered away. During the rest of the day I saw four sets of turkeys, five toms total and fifteen hens but the closest any came to us was seventy yards. Frank's day was just as fruitless.

On the second day, the first turkey I saw was all by himself up on a ridge, approximately one hundred yards away. I did a mouth call. The turkey fanned out and did a gobble. Looking at my watch, it read 6 A.M. The turkey was on a plowed strip, with a strip of grass, another plowed strip and a field between us. My blind was about seventy yards from the lower plowed strip. The turkey continued walking back and forth on the upper plowed strip but wouldn't proceed over the strip of grass. After thirty or forty minutes of anxious waiting on my part, he finally walked through the grass on a deer trail down to the lower plowed strip. He got to the lower part of the strip and again wouldn't step on the grass. The entire time, this Tom is talking back and forth with me, fanned out and gobbling almost continuously. Finally, he decides he would not walk on the wet grass and struts out of sight behind some trees. I could no longer see him but I just kept calling ever three to four minutes.

Suddenly something made me look up and there he was, standing about five yards from my decoys and ten yards from the blind. Slowly I eased the gun up and stuck the gun barrel out an open window, breathlessly hoping he wasn't able to see me in the blind. I must have been lucky, because he just stood there, tail feathers all fanned out. Taking careful aim at his head, I pulled the trigger. He jumped a few times and that was it. I looked at my watch and it was 7:20 A.M, an hour and twenty minutes talking back and forth with that bird.

The Tom weighed 24 pounds, his beard was eleven inches long, and the spurs were one inch long. I now have a second turkey tail to be mounted for the wall. I hope the rest of you had as much fun as I did turkey hunting this year.