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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



### Elections

Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Foundation formed in Wisconsin. We have a governing board responsible for guiding our foundation to provide outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. Each year seven seats are up for election. The board meets twice a year and also communicates on issues throughout the year on email. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please notify either Kristy Richardson [trophybone@yahoo.com](mailto:trophybone@yahoo.com) or John Mitchell at [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net) or (414) 333-4745 by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**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)

### Horicon Marsh Bowmen Shoot August 2006

August 26<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful summer day for a 3-D shoot. We had some new shooters this year as well as many returning participants. **Cliff Pfeifer** used his cross bow to turn in the high score card with a 267 out of a possible 280. Other high scores included the Miller brothers (264 compound bow & 263 cross bow) and guide **Jason Popp** at 263 with his compound bow. **Mary Mitchell** ran the silent auction and handed out door prizes. The great steaks were accompanied to dinner by potato salad, taco salad, beans and raw vegetables. Our thanks to the Horicon Marsh Bowmen for hosting the shoot and cooking the steaks.

### Wyoming Antelope Hunt

By Al Neu

Many organizations besides Adaptive Sportsmen work to provide an opportunity for disabled hunters to enjoy hunting and fishing, and this fall four of our members got a chance to go antelope hunting in Wyoming because of one of them, the Physically Challenged Bow hunters of America (PCBA). **John Martinson, Charlie Ande, Les Werner, and Al Neu** went out to Gillette Wyoming September 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> to bow hunt for antelope in a hunt put on by the PCBA. This is the Fifth Annual PCBA Antelope Hunt, a three-day hunt for buck and doe antelope. Mike Little and Duane Johnson have been on this hunt before and they recommended it to us. Boy do they know how to pick them!

We went to Gillette on my bus, a converted para-transit bus with a wheelchair lift, along with able-bodied helpers **Don Lloyd and Kyle Lloyd** (my brother-in-law and my nephew), who offered to help guide and hunt antelope for the first time. It was 900 miles to Gillette, but the time passed quickly as we drove straight thru to arrive at the Rocky Mountain Sporting Goods store in Gillette on Wednesday morning Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. The sporting goods store in Gillette has an archery range in the basement where we had a chance to meet our guides and shoot our bows and crossbows before we went out shooting the next day.

Thursday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> was a great day, warm and sunny with a stiff wind, as we met at the Perkins for breakfast before the hunt to go over the day's plans with our guides and get ready to have some fun. That day, Les had some great looks at big bucks, but no shots, while Charlie shot a nice buck. Don Lloyd missed a doe (he shot over it because he misjudged the range) while hunting with me, and John Martinson and Kyle Lloyd saw a few antelope but nothing to shoot at.

Friday was colder with a biting wind, as Charlie went looking for a doe and the rest of us kept looking for that big buck. John and Kyle went to a new spot hoping to see more antelope while Les went out for the bucks that had eluded him the day before. Don and I had to work on the bus, which had developed a problem with the alternator. By the end of the day, Les had several chances at a buck, but no luck, while Charlie was seeing does, but nothing close. John and Kyle had a couple of long shots at antelope, but no luck. The bus was in the shop and Don and I borrowed a van from a local quad to get around. No one shot an antelope, but everyone had fun.

Saturday was cold and windy, but we were all determined to hunt. Les finally shot a small buck, while John and Kyle saw many antelope without getting good shots. The bus was fixed, thanks to a small group of Wyoming residents who didn't charge us for the repairs. After the Banquet on Saturday night we got a good night's sleep and came back late Sunday and arrived in Wisconsin Monday morning.

This is a hunt that all of our member should consider, and the PCBA gives out \$200-300 to the hunters to cover the costs of the hunt. All of us plan on going back, if nothing else than to enjoy the wonderful camaraderie of our Wyoming guests.

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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)

#### Volunteer Spotlight

**Dan Jacoby** is an accomplished hunter and fisherman. Ask him about the squeak in his tree stand. He is also one of the members of our board that gives 110%. He has helped as a guide at hunts and ATV rides. He has tutored physically challenged people on the gun range and helped at banquets. Thank you, Dan.

#### Member Spotlight

**Les Werner** is a member with physical challenges that is a well-rounded outdoorsman. He has taken deer with his gun and bow. He has taken turkeys and pheasants with his shotgun and has bragging rights with a fishing pole in his hands. We should also mention Les is also a volunteer spending many hours in booths explaining our mission of outdoor recreation for physically challenged people and tirelessly selling raffle tickets. Thanks for all you do Les.

#### Booth Season Continues Year Round

**Charlie Ande and John Martinson** staffed a booth at the Columbia County fair on July 27<sup>th</sup> continuing to discuss our activities with people. We would like to encourage all of our members to take any opportunity to work county fairs, local church fairs and other events to help spread the word about our organization. Call or email Al Neu at 414-617-4870 or [aneu@adaptivesportsman.org](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org) for information or brochures.

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## The Unexpected Visitor

by Mark Seeley

Walter was back at it again. After a successful spring turkey hunt in which he harvested his first turkey, Walter was now out in the woods trying his luck for fall turkeys. Just as he did in May, he would attempt to harvest a fall turkey with his crossbow.

It was the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup> that Walter and I decided to give it our best shot at getting us a turkey. We were going to be hunting my favorite hunting spots on the Yellowstone Lake State Public Hunting grounds.

Friday night we pulled into camp around 10 p.m. The 2-½ hour drive to camp was filled with hunting stories and strategy for the weekend hunt. Turkey wasn't the only game in town that was talked about. Walter had not yet had an opportunity to loose an arrow at a deer so far this season. I advised Walter to be ready for a deer as well as a turkey.

5:00 a.m. came quickly. We packed and headed out of camp to our hunting spots. Walter's set-up was going to be on a nice drainage ditch funnel just behind a pine tree buffer on a hardwood ridge surrounded by alfalfa, corn, and soybean fields.

As the sun rose about 7 a.m., Walter heard several turkeys fly down from their roosts. The ground cover was thick and Walter was not able to locate the grounded turkeys. At about 8:15 a.m. a single hen flew in to Walter's set-up. The hen, only 17 yards away, followed the ditch leaving mere seconds for Walter to get a good shot. No shot was taken. Walter wasn't going to tag this turkey, as it walked harmlessly away. "Good enough for BBs but not for an arrow!" That's my quote which seems to get a lot of use when I hunt turkeys with a bow. The next excitement came about an hour later, as a nice big gobbler crossed the drainage ditch funnel about 35 yards away. Just a bit to far for a shot. "Good enough for BBs but not for an arrow!"

About 10 a.m. Walter and I headed back to the truck for some snacks and soda and a bit of leg stretching. By 11:00 a.m. we were back on the stand. Noon came and went with the sound of nearby gun fire as hunters and their dogs worked the nearby fields for the noon opener of pheasant season.

About 1:00 p.m., 30 yards away, I noticed a small tree shaking. I was unable to see through the thick underbrush to see what was shaking the tree. Then it dawned on me that it might be a buck making a rub on the tree. I bleated with my mouth and within a minute a buck was moving in our direction. I got Walter's attention and signaled to him there was a buck approaching. Walter, sitting on the ground in a windfall saw the buck coming and got into position for the shot. I bleated a few more times to keep the unexpected visitor interested and coming. He was very cautious and slow to move. After fifteen minutes of motionless waiting for the perfect shot, the buck finally turned broadside at 18 yards. Walter was ready and fired the bolt! A perfect hit right behind the shoulder! The buck bolted back into the thick underbrush and pine trees. We waited 30 minutes, and then tracked the buck's very heavy blood trail to where he fell. It was a perfect shot taking out the left ventricle of the heart and passing completely through the deer. Walter was pretty excited as he checked out his biggest buck by bow. The 6-point buck had a broken tine from fighting and already was showing a swollen neck for the rut. He weighed approximately 160 pounds field dressed. After congratulating Walter on his fine shot and buck he said to me, "I guess you got to write another story!" You just never know what you might get fall turkey hunting.

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.



## Pig Roast Picnic Banquet

Wildwood Archery was the place to be on August 19<sup>th</sup> for a great dinner and lots of fun. There was a silent auction and raffles including the shotgun board, the rifle board, artwork, sportsman's tables as well as the special ladies table. Eighty people attended from far and wide including Wausau, Marshfield, Woodruff, Madison, Milwaukee, Racine and many places in between. There are many people to thank for making this event such a success. **Mike Little** and his brother donned aprons to roast the pig. **Charlie Ande** helped with the slicing when it was done. **Dottie Dirksen's** family made the potato salad the night before. **Mary Mitchell** baked beans in a slow cooker and **Leslie Laabs** made delicious deserts to top off the meal. Helping Dottie's family in the serving line was **Diane Borgwardt**, and Mary Mitchell. The raffle workers included **Pat Buhr**, **Greg Borgwardt**, **Diane Borgwardt**, **Keith Knutson**, and **John Mitchell**.



Greg Borgwardt works the sportsman table( above left) and Pat Buhr (above right) sells gun raffle tickets at the Pig Roast



## Madison Fishery 2006

There are many situations in life where people with disabilities have got to deal with the fact we don't always have control of what life deals us. Well the weather was one factor we had to deal with at the 3rd annual Madison Fishery when we got rained out, but not before some of us were lucky enough to catch some fish.

One positive is we can always rely on the camaraderie of good friends and having a good meal, plus the door prizes were great. I would like to thank all the sponsors for their time and donations, **Endres Mfg. Co. Foundation**, **American Packaging Corp.**, **Bavaria Sausage**, **Oscar Mayer**, **D&S Bait**, **Pan of Gold**, **Karen the cake lady** and **Ace Wilderness** of Sauk City. I want to say thanks to all the participants and Volunteers and I hope to see you next year!

**John Martinson**

