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Please contact at aneu@adaptivesportsman.org with questions or comments

We are looking for people to help organize or work in the following events for the coming year; ATV rides, Summer Fishing events, Fall Deer and Waterfowl Hunts.

Ideas for events or activities are welcome. Contact John Mitchell at 8727 W. Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53228 or 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

The Last Season
Agnes Mitchell, the mother of Board members John and Mary Mitchell, died June 28, 2008. She was 90 years old. On behalf of all of the members of Adaptive Sportsmen, I would like to offer our condolences to John and Mary and to offer a helping hand in any way we can.

2008 GANDER MOUNTAIN GIFT CARD RAFFLE
We still have a several hundred 2008 Raffle tickets left for the August 23 drawing. The prizes are 5 gift cards from Gander Mountain, ranging in size from $2000 to $500. Contact Mary Mitchell at 414-541-4505 for tickets. Remember, 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 give Mary a call.

Adaptive Sportsman Membership Card
Expiration Date 12/31/2009
Mail to: Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.
8727 W Coldspring Road
Greenfield, WI 53228

Name ______________________
Address ______________________
City State & Zip ______________________
Telephone # ______________________
e-mail ______________________

Please Circle One
Physically Challenged Able Bodied Volunteer/Sponsor

Interests  Hunting  Fishing  ATV Riding  Boating  Snowmobiling  Other ________

2008 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS
The results are in for the 2008 Adaptive Sportsmen Board of Directors, and the following people are elected for a three year term ending in 2010; Dottie Dirksen, Allen Neu, Cal Popp, John Mitchell, Bill Koch, Larry Wilkerson, and John Martinson.

Current Board Members also include Charlie Ande, Pat Buhr, Garth Harris, Dan Jacoby, Mike Gustin, Mike Little, Kristy Richardson (end 2008), Larry Drake, Brian Graham, Mary Mitchell, Tim Weinke, Stan Nosfinger, and Glenn Howell (end 2009).

Congratulations to all the members who ran for election and we hope that you will help Adaptive Sportsmen to grow and prosper, and to provide a wonderful program to our members.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Special Reminder!
August 16 Muskkego Archery and Gun Shoot. Join us for our 4th annual banquet. This year it is a picnic at Schultz Gun Club in Muskego, so in addition to food, raffles and prizes you will be able to shoot bows, rifles, pistols & shotguns. Get sighted in, pattern your shotgun, tune yourbro’adhead, or join the fun at the picnic style banquet. We will have silent auction items and raffles too. Call or email John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or jmitchell@prodigy.net to let us know you are coming.

Sept 14 Madison Fishery. The fishing event was originally scheduled for June and was rescheduled due to high water levels and flooding at that time. It is held at Tenny Park in Madison and gives you a chance to fish either Lake Mendota or Lake Minona. Lunch is included, boats are provided, fishing fun is the name of the game! If you have questions, please email John Martinson at johnmartinson@msn.com or call him at 608-628-2633 or Chad Thom at ctom@madison.k12.wi.us, 608-204-3020.

Oct 3-5th Archery Deer hunt at the Badger Army Ammo Plant and Lodging at Camp Gray. Come out and enjoy a great hunt and a chance to see some large deer. Call or email John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or jmitchell@prodigy.net or check the web site www.adaptivesportsmen.org for information and an application.

Oct 10-12 and Oct 17-19 Archery Deer Hunt at Clintonville. Come up to Clintonville on either weekend for a nice hunt for deer hunt and the company of some interesting hunting partners. Check the web site www.adaptivesportsmen.org for information and an application, or call or email John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or jmitchell@prodigy.net.

Oct 25 Pheasant Hunt. The Pheasants are flying in Oxford every year for this neat hunt. Wayne Smith and his wife Robin have a great crew of helpers and dogs to make the hunting fast and furious. For more information please email John Martinson at johnmartinson@msn.com or call him at 608-628-2633.

Other Organizations
August 10th Trap Shoot, Fishery, and Picnic. The NWTF is hosting a free fishery and trap shoot picnic at Hunters Nest S80W14401 Schultz Ln, Muskkego Sunday August 10th from 11:00 to 3:00. Please contact Jim Lutzen at 262-386-4793 before July 31 for information or to sign up. They have boats for fishing on Muskego Lake and trap shooting at the gun club, shells and targets supplied free of charge. Food is available at the event.

Winner of the Safari Raffle
Pete LePage of Minnesota won the safari donated by Sun Africa Safaris. The hunt is a $6000 value for seven animals which includes a Gemsbock, an Impala, an Impala, and a Kudu among others. This is for a disabled hunter only, but an observer or additional hunter can pay to come along. The hunter will pay all travel costs to get to the hunt and incidental expenses during the hunt.

Thanks to all that applied and Good Luck for the next time.

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Spring Pheasant Hunt

Thanks to Halters Wildlife Area for hosting the Adaptive Sportsmen pheasant hunters on a beautiful spring day. We started to arrive at 11:00 am and the first order of business was some practice at the trap range behind the clubhouse, and then out to hunt. All of the ammunition for the hunt was donated by the First Banking Center. By the end of the day 65 pheasants were downed and retrieved by a dozen dogs of different breeds. The Pheasants were donated by Lake Elaine Game Farm, McFarlanes Pheasants Inc. and Oak Ridge Pheasant Ranch Inc. The crew did a commendable job of cleaning and bagging the birds to go home with the hunters for many marvelous meals. Speaking of meals, our hunt organizer Joel Chick had roasted a pig and cooked some elk meat. Groka Catering supplied all the side dishes and other food supplies. The other sponsors included: The National, Wild Turkey Federation, Wings over Wisconsin, Solofra Plumbing, Landmark Title of Walworth, Reinman’s True Value Hardware and Gander Mountain. We also owe great thanks to our volunteers and their dogs in the field, as well as volunteers in the kitchen and cleaning house. They made the hunt really happen. They included: Brian Krowler, Will Paulson, Billy Paulson & Bree, Adam Barnard, Joe, Albert, Drew Albert, Tyler Chich, Jon & Kate Bechman, Thomas Solofra, Ray Solofra, Tricia Behm, Erin Bailey, Brandon Vroch, Mike Gustin, Shane, Bienemann, Eric Fitzpatrick, Josh Naber, John Stellmacher, Jay Nobilio, Jack Nobilio, Tim Siptok, Marty Johnson, Greg Crom, Mike Permann, David Weller, Cindee Smith, Chad Ande, Kyle Ande, Codie Chich, Mike & Jesse Proctor, Mike Boettman, & Kelly Vortayse. Our physically challenged hunters included: Mike Little, Les Werner, John Martinson, Charles Ande, Walter Jost, Dale Rebernik, Miriam Ben-Sliou, Andy Mehrens, Hurley Kurtz, Ken Berg, Dave Schiebke, John Mitchell, Aaron Czernjai & Joey. Special thanks to the Wisconsin DNR and Dale Hochhausen for finding such a wonderful place for the Adaptive Sportsmen to enjoy a day in Wisconsin’s outdoors.

You Know Its Spring When:

What would spring-time be without a story about Walter Joost chasing down turkeys? I know its spring when the phone rings in early March and its Walter on the other end. “You want to do some turkey scouting this weekend?” Walter asks.

You see, Walter starts his turkey scouting in Mid-March and doesn’t stop until the last day of the hunt. In four short years of turkey hunting, Walter has become one of the most accomplished spring turkey hunters in the state of Wisconsin, home of the toughest turkeys in the nation to kill.

Last year he was the first turkey hunter to harvest three mature turkeys in the same spring. This year with his crossbow out of the repair shop, he set out to do the same with his bow. How did he fair? We will get to that later.

Now, how is Walter so successful you ask? Is he a great caller? No way!! He can do the basics (cluck, purr, yelp) on the peg and not call a single gobble during the month of May. “Can you fathom that?”

The answer; Walter is a student of the land and a scholar of turkey habits. He knows where they want to go before they do! And he can talk the birds into coming out, he set out to do the same with his bow. How did he fair? We will get to that later.

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