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

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## 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

ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN

Check [www.adaptivesportsmen.org](http://www.adaptivesportsmen.org) for info

### Special Reminder!

**August 16 Muskego 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 your bro'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](mailto: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 Monona. 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](mailto:johnmartinson@msn.com) or call him at 608-628-2633 or Chad Thom at [cthom@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:cthom@madison.k12.wi.us), 608-204-3020.

**Oct 3- 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jmitchell@prodigy.net) or check the web site [www.adaptivesportsmen.org](http://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 and the company of some interesting hunting partners. Check the web site [www.adaptivesportsmen.org](http://www.adaptivesportsmen.org) for information and an application, or call or email John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or [jmitchell@prodigy.net](mailto: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](mailto:johnmartinson@msn.com) or call him at 608-628-2633

### Other Organizations

**August 10<sup>th</sup> Trap Shoot, Fishery, and Picnic** The NWTF is hosting a free fishery and trap shoot picnic at **Hunters Nest** S80W14401 Schultz Ln, Muskego 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, 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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Please contact at [aneu@adaptivesportsman.org](mailto: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](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)

### 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

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Please Circle One Physically Challenged Able Bodied Volunteer/Sponsor

Interests Hunting Fishing ATV Riding Boating Snowmobiling Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2008 HORICON 3D ARCHERY SHOOT

There was quite a turnout for the Horicon Archery shoot June 28<sup>th</sup> of this year, with many members of the **Horicon Bowmen** Archery club as well as Adaptive Sportsmen. The day started at 11 am with some target practice at the range then off to the course for some "competition". The teams consisted of 1 disabled archer and 1-3 able body archers to shoot and help pull arrows, etc. **Charlie Ande** needed the most helpers for he seems to lose the most arrows, but on this day he only lost one so it saved some time and the helpers got to shoot some more (I had to, Charlie). And not to leave **Cal Popp** out, he was good to join any group (had to Cal).

With the assistance of some "Gators" that we borrowed from the Horicon Bowmen the shoot went pretty smooth and easy for everyone. Early afternoon thunderstorms came out just about when everyone was done shooting and we gathered in the clubhouse to tally scores and just hang out and catch up on what everyone had been doing lately. It didn't take long for the storms to knock out the power to the clubhouse, but it never dampened the spirits of anyone. That includes **Les Werner**, who took the opportunity to sell more raffle tickets (only to have John Mitchell win it anyways). The club members grilled some excellent steaks on the grill and had great bartenders to keep everyone happy while the power was off. It also gave me a chance to talk to **Caleb Stroo**, who was turning 14 in two days (Happy Birthday Caleb!!). He had shot a crossbow donated by Adaptive Sportsmen and he was really pumped up to go hunting. I spoke with his Mom, Dad, and younger Brother about all that Adaptive Sportsmen has to offer and hopefully we will have a new addition to the group at Baraboo in October.

I left before the scores were announced, we can get them in another issue and have them posted on the web page, but by the numbers I was hearing they were some pretty good scores, so I can only say, "NO EXCUSES THIS FALL GUYS!!"

Thanks, Dan Owisany



**The Mercer ATV Ride, 2008 style**

This year we had 34 people participate in our 5<sup>th</sup> annual ATV Ride in Mercer, WI. Twenty disabled riders and 14 able bodied riders rode Friday and Saturday all over the pretty Northern Wisconsin forests and fields. We had rain, sun, clouds and enough mud to make everyone happy. We found a new way to get to the shores of Lake Superior! The mosquitoes were bad, but that is what we brought bug spray for. The fire pit was a great place to share stories about past and future plans. We had a lot of nice door prizes and raffle items to give away, and I don't think anyone left empty handed.

Among the disabled riders were **Missa Lessard, John Mitchell, Walter Joost, Brian Deeroucher, Rick Benvedes, Erin Brownell, Doug Bureta, Gary Debuhr, Scott Eidsvoog, Todd Grugel, Gina Hackell, Joel Hoedel, Ron Koppes, Pete LePage, Tom Macosiek, John Martinson, Al Neu, Tracey Pavlicek, Jamie Richardson, and Sam Tabaka**. The able-bodied (helpers?) were **Jessica Anderson, Tammy (Yaya) Bliffert, Scott Burns, Marc Dahlin, Jack Fisher, Penny Hansell, Heather and Kurt** (didn't get their last names) **Tim Joost, Leslie Laabs, Karli Lepage, Mel Llanas, Don Mrotek, and Jolie Williamson**.

The ride was sponsored in part by **Harrison Hills ATV Club, Crandon International Raceway, Chippewa Valley ATV, TA Motorsports, Arts Snowmobile and ATV, Team Motorsports, Dusty Trailfinders ATV club, Marshview Riders, Northwoods ATV Association, North Country Riders ATV club, Road Track and Trail of Big Bend, Kolpin Powersports, and John Hartwig Motorsports**. We would like to thank all of our sponsors for their help, this event couldn't go on without them. Also, special thanks to **Cheri and John Stratte of Pine forest Lodge** for their help and hospitality which really makes this special every year.

### 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 pheasant 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 Chic, Jon & Kate Bechman, Thomas Solofra, Ray Solofra, Tricia Behm, Erin Austin, Ally Baum, Brandon Vrochta, Mike Gustin, Shane, Bienemann, Eric Fitzpatrick, Josh Naber, John Stellmacher, Jay Nobilio, Jack Nobilio, Tim Sipott, Marty Johnson, Greg Crom, Mike Permann, David Welch, Chris Such, Mark Zielinski, Clarissa Mazur, Mark Schieble, Cody Chic, Mike & Jesse Procto, Mike Boetmann, & Kelly Vortesh**. Our physically challenged hunters included: **Mike Little, Les Werner, John Martinson, Charles Ande, Walter Jost, Dale Rebernik, Miriam Ben-Shloam, Andy Mehrens, Harley Kurtz, Ken Berg, Dave Schieble, John Mitchell, Aaron Czerniak & 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 Toms 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 pot calls just good enough to be dangerous! How about the mouth call? Yeah gads! I tell him to put that wounded goose back in it's cage! If he's not a champion caller, what makes him so lethal???

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 knows how they are going to get there. Many hours of turkey hunting seminars and days a field have given him this ultimate edge. Combine this knowledge and his drive and perseverance to succeed (some call it stubbornness) and you have the perfect predator. If we could only get him to learn how to call! Well, maybe not, that just wouldn't be fair!

Now, how did Walter do this spring? As I said earlier, Walter had his bow back from the repair shop and was determined to harvest the Wisconsin Slam (3 Turkeys) with his bow. He meticulously sighted in his bow. His arrows tipped with the new head chopping Magnus BullHead broadhead. It would be head shots only for Walter. He was ready.

Walter's first permit was for the 4<sup>th</sup> period in SE WI. He was successful harvesting a Jake with a 24 yard shot to the head, dropping the bird instantly. First bird of the bow slam accomplished.

His next permit was for the 5<sup>th</sup> period also in SE WI. Walter nailed another turkey with a 10 yard shot. The Jake fell in it's tracks as the Magnus BullHead all but cut off the turkey's head. Bird #2 of the bow slam was complete.

The third and final leg of the bow slam put Walter in the 6<sup>th</sup> period hunting in SW WI. Walter had several encounters with gobblers (some close, some far) but was not able to get a shot for one reason or another. "Close enough for BBs but not for a broadhead!" Walter did finally get a shot. It was about 40 yards. Shooting at the head, Walter aimed and let the arrow fly. The arrow flew harmlessly by the turkey, as night fell and the hunting season came to a close.

Story written by, Mark Seeley



**The Bearded Hen Hunter at Baraboo, 2008**

What are the odds of shooting two bearded hens in three years? Obviously pretty good if you have an awesome guide like Mike Gustin. Two years ago, Mike guided me out for the spring turkey hunt at the Badger Ammunition Plant and I was fortunate enough to shoot my first turkey ever. It happened to be a bearded hen. Last year, Mike couldn't guide me and I didn't have any luck that season. Now this spring once again Mike was able to take Kurt Christensen and I out at Badger. We set up right next to each other, with Mike and Kurt in one ground blind and myself in the other. At about 7:30 am, a bearded hen and three other hens came over top of the hill in front of Kurt, but unfortunately Kurt wasn't able to get a shot off. Then they came over in front of my blind so Mike told me to shoot. I dropped the bearded hen at twenty-seven yards and the pressure was off. I really appreciate Mike and all the other great volunteer guides that Adaptive Sportsmen provides and would like to give thanks to Adaptive Sportsmen for the opportunity to participate in these fun events that they hold. So if anyone has an interest in having a chance to take a bearded hen, then Mike Gustin is the guide for you! Thanks, John Martinson.