Case Archers of Racine, founded in 1978 by workers at the former J.I. Case Company, has made a generous donation to the Adaptive Sportsmen. We would like to thank them for their donation and acknowledge their efforts to promote hunting in Wisconsin.

Thank you to Aaron Cyerniak, Billy Paulson, Diane Borgwardt and John Mitchell for their fundraising efforts Thursday Feb 5th at the New Berlin Whitetails Unlimited Banquet organized by Jerry Brike. Each of these members earned another point for the physically challenged hunter Elk Hunt Opportunity in the Adaptive Sportsmen membership drive.

Betty Fisher and the following list of volunteers helped to set up and work a booth at the Deer Classic in Eau Claire, Feb 6-8. Don Ryzik and his two sons (Roby & Scott), Randy Ryzik and Dick and Betty Fischer, Paul Fischer, Mark and Brandon Guy, Lynn Krueger, Al Bey and son Brandon Bey, Duane Johnson, Jim Johnson, Greg and Dean Borgwardt, Bernie Pagenhov, and Dale Petkovesk. Additional ATV Raffle ticket sellers were Dean Chappell, Greg Symons, Francis Manning, Eugene Moe, William Carter, Frank Reinsart, John Mitchell, Jim Hostrawser, Darryl Nelson, and Jarl's Place of Alma Center. Donations for raffle prizes were made by Sandy Anderson, Gander Mountain, Scheels All Sports in Eau Claire, Dale's Sunset Pines Resort, Mathews Inc., Wal Mart -Black River Falls, Duane Johnson, Linda Ryzidz, Quality Powder Coating Inc., Gary Horky, Isakson's True Value, Dick Fischer, and Jane Deltmann.

Don Dender paid for a booth at the Muskie Expo in Milwaukee Feb 6-8, and Larry Geike, Don Patton and Ken Thompson worked the Booth selling ATV Raffle tickets and signing up new members.

John Martenson, Les Werner, Leslie Laub and Allen Neu worked a booth in Madison at the Safari Club International (Badgerland Chapter) Banquet on Feb. 6-8. The booth was donated by the Safari Club, and the volunteers sold ATV tickets and signed up several new members.

The Adaptive Sportsmen would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted with the shotgun hunt at the BAAP October 10th-12th, 2003. These guides helped physically challenged hunters who have an opportunity to hunt in an area with some very nice bucks. Volunteers that gave up their own hunting time include; Ronnie Firkus, Glen Wood, John Balfans, Allan Mulligan, Bruce & Deb Solomon, Lee Thomas, Joe Murphy, Lowell Boetcher, Bill Stuber, Garth Harris and Mike Kelly.

Our first request for assistance came in from another board member that is trying to help someone. We need to make something for an individual that uses a wheelchair and has the use of one arm. The goal is to go turkey hunting with a shotgun. Please send pictures, drawings of equipment, or other contact information you have so that we can help others.

The 3D tournaments we participate in are an excellent time to make or adjust the adaptations. Our next 3D tournament is scheduled for Saturday March 6th at Lori G's Wide-Leg Archery in Union Grove. Please join us and please pass this information on to others you know.

A membership drive was set up. An ELK HUNT for a bull elk was donated by Jeff and Teri Fritz of Elk Valley Ranch in Osseo, WI. All Adaptive Sportsmen members are automatically entered in a drawing for this hunt. In addition, any member will receive an extra entry to the drawing for each two new members they sign up. So get out and sign up those new members to increase your chances to participate in this excellent hunting opportunity. Also, any members that participate in the 3-D shoots or work a booth at one of the fund raising events will receive an additional entry to the drawing.

Free one-year associate memberships for any person coming out of spinal rehab or physical therapy was approved. We would like to welcome all newly injured people into our organization and insure that they are aware of the opportunities available to all physically challenged people.

Other items discussed were the Baraboo hunt in October, the ATV ride in June, and the ATV raffle.

COMING SOON: A new section in the newsletter for selling, buying or donating new or used equipment. Contact aneu@adaptivesportsman.org for info
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN
INFO ON ALL OF THE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB SITE www.adaptivesportsman.org

March 6 3D Tournament
Lori G’s Wildwood Archery in Union Grove.
Contact Dottie Dirksen (262) 886-3078

March 12-21 Milwaukee Sport Show.
Contact Mike Little (414) 545-9738

March 24 West Allis Bowmen Banquet
Contact Brian Graham at 262-637-5168

April 2-4 Deer & Turkey Expo in Madison.
Contact John Mitchell (414) 541-4505

May 6 Adaptive Sportsman Annual Banquet.
Contact Rick Schaefar (262) 966-7055

June 3-6 ATV ride in Mercer
Contact Al Neu aneu@adaptivesportsman.org

June 19 3D Tournament in Horicon
Horicon Marsh Bowmen.
Contact Jeff Miller (920) 485-2387

August 14-15 3D Tournament in Verona
Blackhawk Archers
Contact Les Werner (608) 845-8296

Contact John Mitchell 414-541-4505

Oct 8-10 and 15-17 Clintonville Area Bow Hunt
Contact Larry Drake at (715) 535-2697 or larryd@adaptivesportsmen.org

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

June 12 Fishing Event for the Disabled
The Dunn County Sportsmen Alliance is a group that provides fishing and hunting opportunities for people with disabilities.
Contact Mary Butler at mbutterl@co.dunn.wi.us

Challenge the Outdoors, (920) 833-6274, has the following events;
Feb 21 Shawano Lake Ice Fishing
April 3 Sporting Clays Fundraiser

May 15-16 Turkey Hunt in Marion, WI. The 2004 hunt is full but you are welcome to apply for next year.
June 5 Picnic and Fishery on Shawano Lake, located in Cecil, WI

October 2 – 10 Early Gun Deer Hunt. Must apply by August 30th.

Ponoot Boat on Shawano Lake is available from May-October for day or evening fishing outings.
You can also go to the website at: http://www.challengetheoutdoors.org/ and see the events pages by month.

September if you want to do a 2004 Wyoming antelope hunt check out Physically Challenged Bowhunters of America at www.pcba-inc.org

Newspaper articles, etc.
check the website or write us for reprints of newspaper articles written about our organization and members including:
-- The article written by Joe Knight of the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram about Dick Fisher and Adaptive Sportsmen. Dick Fisher describes the formation of Adaptive Sportsmen, the Fund Raiser in Eau Claire, and his personal efforts to overcome his disability and to continue enjoying a full hunting experience.
-- The article written by Paul Smith for the Racine Journals Times about the Case Archery Club’s donation to Adaptive Sportsmen. (Link) http://www.journaltimes.com/articles/2004/02/22/local_sports/outdoors/s_2710256.txt
-- The article written by Dan Durbin in Wisconsin Outdoor News (5/21/99) about Turkey hunting regulations for disabled hunters. The Wisconsin DNR set up a permit process for holders of Class A or C licenses that insures disabled hunters the zone and times they want. This allows disabled turkey hunters to work with individual landowners to set up hunting areas that are accessible, without the uncertainty of the normal permit process. Wayine Hollings, an Adaptive Sportsmen member, explains in the article some of the reasons the DNR had to set up the permit system. Check the DNR site for information (link) http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/HUNT/turkey/disabl.htm

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We are looking for people to help organize or work in the following events for the coming year. Spring Turkey Hunts, spring and summer fishing events or tournaments, an ATV ride in the early summer, fall deer hunting, and snowmobiling for the winter of 2004-2005.
Ideas for events or activities for disabled people would be appreciated. Contact John Mitchell or Allen Neu at 8727 Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53228 or aneu@adaptivesportsman.org

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