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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



Board Members

The board of Directors for Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. oversees the activities of the foundation as we follow our mission of providing outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. Each year 1/3 of the board members are up for re-election. If you or someone you know is interested in serving a position on the board, please call John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to apply. Or send a short resume or Biography in an email to jmitchellwi@prodigy.net. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN

Check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for info

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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

Fundraising

In addition to our annual ATV or Gift Card raffle most of our events include a silent auction or bucket raffle. Contact Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 to donate items for these fundraisers. And a big Thanks to all of you that have already donated to the auctions or bucket raffles.

2009 FUND RAISER

Our gift card raffle winners drawn on Sunday October 12th were: \$2,000- **Phil Grinvalsky**, \$500- **Jennifer Davey**, \$250- **Jerry Hagen**, \$250- **Payton Neal**.

On behalf of Adaptive Sportsmen I would like to thank all of the people who bought tickets for our raffle and who are helping to support the wonderful work that we do. John Mitchell.

<p>Include \$ 10 membership fee Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen</p>		<p>Adaptive Sportsman Membership Card Expiration Date 12/31/2010</p>		<p>Mail to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. 8727 W Coldspring Road Greenfield, WI 53228</p>	
Name _____					
Address _____					
City State & Zip _____					
Phone #s _____ e-mail _____					
Please Circle One Physically Challenged Able Bodied Volunteer/Sponsor					
<u>Interests</u> Hunting Fishing ATV Riding Boating Snowmobiling Other _____					

January- Adaptive Sportsmen Board meeting. Time and place to be announced. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or email to jmitchellwi@prodigy.net for further information or to attend.

2/27/09- Horicon 3-D Winter Archery Shoot The winter archery event normally held at Wildwood in Union Grove is going to be held at the Horicon Marsh Bowmen's facility in Horicon. For information please contact Pat Buhr at 920-386-5644.

3/10/09 to 3/14/09 Milwaukee Sport Show To sign up to work the booth at the show please contact Bill Koch at 262-707-0476. This is a great show and workers get into the sports show for free.

4/3/09 Halterling Pheasant Hunt This annual pheasant hunt is a great time to do some hunting and open up the new year's hunting season. Contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745 for information or to sign up.

4/9/09 to 4/11/09 Deer & Turkey Expo in Madison. This is a wonderful show in Madison, and we need people to work the booth to let people know what a great job we do and to sell our new raffle tickets. Contact John Martinson 608-846-4518 to sign up.

6/3/09 to 6/6/09 7th Annual Mercer ATV Ride Contact Al Neu 414-617-4870 to find out more information on this fantastic ATV ride held every year the weekend after Memorial Day. Disabled and able bodied riders are invited to come up to the Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer and ride the fantastic trails in northern Wisconsin and enjoy the friendship of some wonderful people.

October Disabled Deer Hunt at Dale's North Mound, Willard, WI

It isn't October in Wisconsin if I am not looking forward to the disabled hunt that **Dale Petkovsek** puts on every year. The deer hunting in Clark County is always good, and when you add the wonderful people that Dale has collected, it just keeps getting better. He has a great group of landowners, volunteer guides, deer processors, and kitchen staff. The banquet each Saturday is huge and so many people get a door prize I just wonder how he keeps it all straight.

This year's 11th annual hunt had 74 hunters from all over Wisconsin. There were 111 landowners, 50 volunteer guides, and 70 merchandise donors. The group shot 98 deer with 56 of the 74 hunters getting one or more deer for a 76% success rate. Of course, any hunt is a success when you get a chance to get outdoors and enjoy the Wisconsin fall weather and seeing all the animals and plants that make this such a nice state to live in, but shooting deer just adds icing to the cake for me.

On behalf of all of the disabled hunters in Wisconsin I would like to say thank you to Dale for another great hunt, and to remind everyone that the **Sunset Pines Resort** is a completely accessible place to stay any time of the year. You can find a link to his resort on our web page.

Volunteer Spotlight

Garth Harris is a board member and another one of the volunteers that has helped Adaptive Sportsmen from the start. He has guided for deer and turkeys, cooked for the turkey hunt and helped install adaptive devices to help provide outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. He joins **Mary Mitchell, Dottie Dirksen, Les Werner, Tim Weinke, Mike Gustin, Dan Jacoby, Rick Ammons, Joel Chic** and **Kristy Richardson** that previously appeared in the spotlight. Thanks to these people and all of our volunteers. If any member would like to submit an article on a volunteer we would be happy to include it in a future issue of the newsletter.



Kent Doberful sets his crossbow at the shooting picnic with some help from our volunteers.

Shooting Picnic by John Mitchell

On Saturday August 29th in Muskego at Schultz's Rod and Gun Club we held our 2nd annual shooting picnic. The fun began at 10:00. Lunch was fantastic featuring hamburgers and hot turkey sandwiches done by the **Dirksens**. It also featured salads, beans, desert and beverages. People brought their own guns and bows or borrowed equipment from Adaptive Sportsmen and Schultz Gun Club. We shot bows at the 3Ds, target bag and block with the help of **Garth Harris**. **Charlie Ande** took a bite out of **John Mitchell's** bolt with his Rage broadhead as he did a "Robin Hood". We patterned shotguns of several gauges and shot trap with scores from 12 to 20. Thanks to **Lenny Pilack** and **Dick Rozek** for pulling the trap and giving there shooting tips. Pistols and rifles were sited in at the range from 25, 50, 75 &100 yards thanks to the help of range officer **Mike Kelly**. Shooting pistols at the steel targets in the action bay was a special treat. Thanks to **Julie Williams** for setting that up. **Mary Mitchell** coordinated the silent auction, bucket raffle and door prizes. Thanks to **Ken Berg** for obtaining most of those items. Finally thanks to our young volunteers **Michael and Katie Williams** for keeping the grounds clean.

Member Spotlight

I wanted to share a moment that happened to Ivan Craig this year. The Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks from Merryville Ohio came to visit with the Elks in Wisconsin. At the Sheboygan banquet held along with this meeting, Craig was presented with the Presidential "Call to Service Award". The award was a signed plaque from President Obama, a gold pin with the US Emblem and a letter thanking him for service to the people of America.

The award is for the over 4000 hours of service to the Wisconsin communities of Omro, Winneconne, Berlin, and Wautoma. The work was helping students get over \$582,000 in local and national scholarships plus additional service to Ducks Unlimited, Challenge the Outdoors, UFFDA, Fishing Has No Boundaries, Adaptive Sportsmen, and many more. Craig Ivan has been the scholarship chairman at the Oshkosh Elks Lodge for 17 years. Please join me in giving Craig a loud Hurrah and job well done. It is with members and volunteers like this that so much valuable service is taken care of in Wisconsin and America.

Thank You!

The Adaptive Sportsmen owe thanks to so many volunteers that have given of their time throughout the year helping people hunt, fish, target shoot and ride ATVs. There are well over 100 of you. The physically challenged people and their guides have another group of volunteers to thank and that is our cook crews that keep everyone well fed at our events. We also have to thank our major cash sponsors that support our efforts of Outdoor Recreation for Physically Challenger People. The **James E Dutton Foundation, Whitetails Unlimited, Safari Club International, National Wild Turkey Federation, Aliant Energy Foundation** and the many anonymous donors.



Don Leske poses with the Buck he shot at Baraboo this year

Baraboo Area Bow Hunt by John Mitchell

Old friends and new faces recently gathered in Baraboo for the annual fall bow hunt in the Badger Army Ammunition Plant and surrounding lands. The feature meal at the Thursday night "get acquainted and safety meeting" was pasta. The 4:00a.m. full-feature breakfast included eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and oatmeal. The weather was cooler this year ranging from the low 30s to the high 40s. The lunch in the field included hot soup, venison bratwurst and sandwiches that disappeared in a hurry.

Many different makes and models of blinds were in use as well as our electric 12' tree-stand. It recorded the first shot opportunity this year, a clean miss. Four bucks put on a fantastic show sparring in the alfalfa field, safely out of range. Most hunters saw several deer and a few saw none. A hunter passed an easy shot when two does arrived hoping the buck would come closer but 49 yards was to far to shoot. That is real fair chase hunting. **Don Leschke** guided by **Al Jeske** brought in a 6 pointer and received a plaque for his antlers at the banquet Saturday night. Turkey was the main course and included the trimmings. A really nice silent auction ended the evening around 9:30 so hunters and guides could prepare for the final morning hunt. **Dale Rebernik** opted to change locations Sunday morning. **Kyle Gustin** went in to his old stand to pack it up and found a nice buck bedded in view of the blind. Dale was able to return the following weekend and tagged a doe with the help of **Mike Gustin**.

Thanks to our sponsors for this event **Sysco Foods, Wilderness Fish and Game, McFarlands, & Kwik Trip**.

Interest in Shooting Sporting Clays?

We are looking into the opportunity in setting up something in the summer of 2010, would you be interested in a round of sporting clays with lunch at Milford Hills Hunt Club for a special \$25 fee? They are located along I-94 between Madison and Milwaukee. For further information or to sign up to shoot or volunteer, please contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745.



Bear Tag Transfer Results

Amy Loehr and Kramer Endries were chosen for the 2009 bear tag transfer.

Here is a story from the Endries family. (A picture of Kramer and his bear rug are shown above)

I just wanted to thank the Adaptive Sportsmen club for doing the bear hunt for Kramer. It was a thrill of a lifetime for both of us. I still can't believe that a trip to the Fishing Expo would lead into a hunt of a lifetime for my son. I wish all of you could have been there to see Wayne Krueger and his Family & friends after the Kramer killed the Bear. Wayne & His friends did a great job putting on the hunt. Also we did get to spend 2 nights with Sherri (the woman that donated the tag). She came to the cabin to talk with Kramer after the first night of hunting and then the night after he shot the bear I treated about 18 people for dinner at a restaurant and she showed up for that too. I will let Kramer tell you all about the hunt in a future story.



Pete's African Safari, donated by Sun Africa Safaris

May 19th 2007, my 34th birthday. I arrived at work to see an Email saying that I won a raffle for a 10 day 7 animal hunt in South Africa. It was like a dream, and it would have to wait 2 years to come true. With careful planning, lots of vaccine shots, and the most expensive plane ticket I have ever purchased, we were ready in September of this year! After 31 hours of travel time, including a 19 hour stretch in the same seat, my father and I arrived in Port Elisabeth South Africa to be met by **Pierre Moolman** and **Ronnie Roos** from **Sun Africa Safaris**.

The full story of my hunt is on the web page with the pictures of the many animals we saw and the ones I was able to shoot. The variety was incredible, and included Vervet Monkeys, Blue Wildebeests, Blesbucks, Zebras, Giraffes, Springbucks, Impalas, Kudus, Elephants, Rhinos, and many more.

The highlights of the hunt were the Kudu and Gemsbuck shown above. And of course the folks at Sun Africa Safari's went out of there way in their accommodations, their assistance, and hospitality. South Africa you will never be forgotten and you can count on seeing me again!