Adaptive Sportsmen Inc
8727 W Coldspring Rd
Greenfield, WI 53228

“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 MEETING
The Annual Board Meeting of Adaptive Sportsmen will be held January 22 at Cabella’s in Richfield, starting at 10am. All ASI members and interested members of the public are invited to attend.

The board of Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. oversees the activities of the foundation as we follow our mission of providing outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. If you need more information or are interested in attending, please email jmitchellwi@prodigy.net or call John Mitchell at 414-333-4745.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for info

January 22 Annual Board of Directors meeting. Our annual Board Meeting will be held on Saturday January 22 at Cabella’s store in Richfield. Meeting starts at 10am. Contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745 to apply or to get more information.


March 3-6 SEWI Sport Fishing/Hunting Expo If you want to help out at this event contact Kristy Richardson at 262-978-2092 (wish her well on her new baby too)

March 3-13 Milwaukee Sport Show Come out to the State Fair Expo building and help spread the word about all of the good things that Adaptive Sportsmen does for physically challenged people of Wisconsin. Contact Bill Koch 262-707-0476 to attend for free.

April 2 Halterling Pheasant Hunt this is a great pheasant hunt and all of our members are encouraged to attend. Contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745 to apply or to get more information.

April 1-3 Deer & Turkey Expo The Deer and Turkey Expo in Madison is a wonderful place to get information on new products, meet outfitters, and spread the word about the events and opportunities offered by the Adaptive Sportsmen. Contact John Martinson 608-846-4518 for your free entry.

June 3-6 Mercer ATV Ride Our annual ATV ride in Mercer is a fantastic event, with riding opportunities available for riders from beginner to advanced. Contact Al Neu aneu@adaptivesportsmen.org or call 414-617-4870 to get information or reserve your spot.

Thank You
As another year draws to a close we reflect on the blessings of 2010. We have hundreds of volunteers to thank for helping us with our combined events. There are also dozens of donors and sponsors to thank. Some remain anonymous. Others are: Truist, Whitetails Unlimited, Abbott Laboratories, National Wild Turkey Federation, Safari Club Sables, Hatfield ATV riders, Art’s Snowmobile & ATV Inc., Trails North ATVers, T.A. Motorsports, Dusty Trail Finders, Therapeutic Rec Assoc of Milwaukee, North Country Riders, United Way, Alliant Energy Foundation, All Season Riders, St Germain ATV Club, Polaris Industries, St Croix Trail Riders, Harrison Hills ATV Club, Independence First, OSI Environmental, Martins Auto Repair, Cardinal Tree Service & Safari Club International.

Thanks again, Merry Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.

It can be yours
The James E. Dutton Foundation has provided a grant to Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. to start a program helping physically challenged people with the cost of acquiring their own Adaptive Equipment for enjoying the outdoors. Applications are being reviewed and should be sent to 8727 W Coldspring Rd Greenfield, WI 53228. “Thank you is an inadequate expression for their generosity. We are eternally grateful.”
Baraboo Bow Hunt

The second weekend of October found the Adaptive Sportsmen back in Baraboo for our fourth year. I had the opportunity to go to the Badger Army Ammunition Plant and was interested in donating some hunts to physically challenged sporting clays shooters. It was very enjoyable to actually see and hear the sights and sounds in the Baraboo area for me to participate in. Several animals were occupied and shot guns if needed and wonderful volunteers for the event. They even went as far as to bury the five stations to ground level so that a wheelchair could easily roll into them. All had a great time and for some it was their very first time at shooting sporting clays! A special thank you to all the members for this first event and hopefully we can enjoy another shoot next year, because I can’t wait! Thank you, by John Martinson

Montello Sporting Clay Shoot

The Montello Rod and Gun Club just south of Montello on Highway 22 hosted a physically challenged sporting clay shoot for Steve Prieve, Nolan Nehmer, James Luedeke (Lefty), Steve Lang, Dale Rebeneck, Gerry Scheick, John Martinson and Jacob Pielpostki on September 18th. The Montello Rod and Gun Club is supportive of our mission of outdoor recreation for physically challenged people to help more individuals experience Wisconsin’s outdoors and obtain additional volunteers. Raffle tickets are also sold to help pay for our events. If you can spare some time to help out, give one of the booth captains listed in the calendar a call. Thank you!

Booth Season

Our booths at the Sport Shows are an important function of Adaptive Sportsmen. That is when we can explain our mission of "outdoor recreation for physically challenged people" to help more individuals experience Wisconsin’s outdoors and obtain additional volunteers. Thank you to the guys gutted, John Sysco Foods and Game, Gary Debuhr,野生鱼, James Luedke, Rozek, McFarland, Bill Wild, and John Mitchell for creating this experience.

P.S. During the shotgun shoot the following weekend Jim Dekey claimed a seven-point buck and Dale Rebeneck returned to take his turkey.

The Little Things In Life by John Martinson

This was my first time ever bow hunting and I really enjoyed it. Of course, my mom and I almost flipped when we found out that we had to get up around 3:30 am to get ready and have breakfast and get to the ammo plant by 5am. While my guides took me out, my mom went back to sleep in the truck. She enjoyed hearing the birds start singing as the sun came up. There are a lot of really cool people at this bow hunt and a lot of joking and laughing too. This was my mom's first year taking me hunting and she really had a good time too. The food was delicious for all the meals. I appreciated all the help I got from everyone to make this hunt worthwhile and fun. My mom was especially happy that the guys gitted, skinned and quartered the deer I got. She said butchering on Sunday was plenty simple but very good, with an emphasis on fruits, venison, and lamb. Pierre's wife, Annemarie Molman, was a great hostess and we had a pleasant time relaxing each evening with Annemarie and Pierre.

First Bow Hunt at Baraboo by Travis Allen

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Out of Africa by Allen Neu

It is a common dream for hunters to want to go to Africa for a safari one day. I had that same dream, especially after working the Adaptive Sportsmen booth at the annual Madison Safari Club International (SCI) winter meeting. Looking at all of those strange and exotic mounted heads, the pictures of animals, and in the beautiful landscape, made me long to go. This year I got a chance to fulfill that dream.

In 2007 while John Martinson and I were working the SCI meeting, John spent a long time talking with Pierre Moolman of SunAfrica Co. They run a safari guide service called Out of Africa that is managed by Pierre Moolman and the Adaptive Sportsmen. The first hunt was donated in season 2008-9 and used by Pete LePage in 2009. The second hunt was donated for 2009-10 and I was the successful raffle winner.

A drawing for the hunt was held in April of 2009, and after I won the drawing I arranged to take the safari in September of 2010. Then began the search for a traveling partner in exchange for the blind. The cost of the trip, vacation time, and the length of the flights (16 hrs Washington DC to Johannesburg SA) I had some trouble getting a travel partner. I asked a lot of people to go, and eventually my sister Margaret agreed to go. This was a good choice for both of us, she has a lot of experience traveling all over the world and this was going to be a relatively cheap way for her to see Africa. SunAfrica is based in Petersen, South Africa, which is about 200 miles from Port Elizabeth, which itself is 350 miles west of Cape Town. We needed to get to Port Elizabeth to begin the 10-day hunt September 5.

We wanted to do some sightseeing in South Africa before the safari, so we flew into Cape Town, rented a car, and drove 350 miles (the long and scenic way) to Port Elizabeth. The road signs are in English, which made it easy to navigate our way. (English is the official second language). We visited wineries, Ostrich farms, art galleries, wildlife parks, penguin nesting areas, ocean surf, and made our way through the winding coastal mountains to finally end up in Port Elizabeth. Port Elizabeth is a historic port town of two thousand people. We went to a word-class dinner at the Seaside Hotel, because it was on our way up to his lodge and Pierre had a spot picked out there to hunt Kudus., I didn't bring my rifle along and just planned to use his gun. We went out the day after we arrived to try to get a couple of shots at different animals. I shot a Springbok, Steenbok, Impala, Black Wildebeest, Warthog, Red Hartebeest, and a group of elephants so close you could almost touch them. We saw Warthogs grazing by the road, Kudos walking through the bushes 20-30 yards away, and a Black Backed jackal. A very nice way to end a fantastic trip.

I think this was a trip of a lifetime, and all of our members should consider something similar. This hunt was a lot of fun and expensive but this is the USA, but South Africa was much lower cost and more accessible. I found the ramps steeper, but manageable. The tour guide we worked with had a big list of places to stay and to visit that were accessible. This is a nice idea to visit the great place to hunt. I would go back again, that's for sure!

Thank you to Pierre and Annemarie Molman and SunAfrica for their generosity and hospitality.
A Fall to Remember by Lindsay Muench

The Fall to remember started when my mom and dad saw an article in the Adapтив Sportsman's newsletter saying that there was a donated bear tag available. This was something that we had been wanting to do for ages, especially since the 2020 season was canceled due to the pandemic. We had both been waiting for this opportunity for a long time.

The next week we went out to Dan's cabin and set up. We had been trying for a bear hunt for a long time, but we never had any luck. We finally decided to try and get a bear.

We waited all day, but we didn't see anything. We were getting a little bit worried that we might not get to see a bear. We were sitting in the tent and waiting for the rain to stop.

We heard a noise in the distance, and we thought it might be a bear. We didn't want to give up, so we kept waiting. Finally, we caught a glimpse of a black bear. We were so excited!

We started calling all our friends and family to tell them about our success. We were so happy that we finally got a bear.

We had so much fun on our bear hunt. We were so happy that we finally got a bear. We will remember this day forever.
Caleb Stroo receives some instruction at the Schultz Rod and Gun Club Saturday July 31st in Muskego.

Bob Schuh (left) of rural Whitelaw shot this 140 lb. black bear near Niagara, WI On Friday, September 10th, 2010. Bob’s brother, Rick Schuh (right), helped him with the sighting of the gun, as Bob is totally blind. The bear took a 180-grain acu-bond from his 30.06 and went 40 yards before piling up. This was Bob’s first time drawing a bear kill permit.

Ivan Craig (sitting middle), along with the guide and dog handlers, shows off the pheasants he shot at the Smith’s Pheasant Crest hunt in November.

John Mitchell (left), one of the many dog handlers, and another hunter in the Polaris Ranger pose in front of some pheasants shot at the Halter hunt in April

Travis Salmon (front right) prepares to shoot at the Horicon winter 3-D archery shoot

Joe Brown (left) and Dale Rebernik (right) show off the turkeys they shot this spring at the Baraboo Turkey hunt.

Gary DeBuhr (right) shows off the nice 6-point buck he shot at the Baraboo deer hunt this October. Lowell Betcher (left) helped him on the hunt. Gary is a T-8 paraplegic and has a novel way to hunt. He uses a regular ladder stand and he has someone attach a hand winch (come-along) to the tree above his stand. Then he winches himself up into the stand. We will feature Gary and his hunting method in a future newsletter.

A group picture of the participants at the Montello Sporting Clays Shoot, September 18th

Group picture (above) of the participants at the Halter Pheasant hunt in Kenosha this April