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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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN

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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

Loan Equipment

We have blinds, crossbows, gun rests, electric tree stand and fishing gear, including an electric reel available for you to try out and enjoy Wisconsin's outdoors. These items are free to borrow for members of ASI. Call Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 to reserve your equipment.

2011 Fund Raising Raffle

Once again we have the Gander Mountain gift card raffle underway. There are four prizes. They are \$2,000; 500; 250 & 250. If you can help sell some tickets call Mary at 414-916-2298.

Adaptive Sportsman Membership Application

Include \$ 10 membership fee
Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen

Expiration Date 12/31/2011

Mail to;
Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.
8727 W Coldspring Road
Greenfield, WI 53228

Name _____

Address _____

City State & Zip _____

Phone #s _____ e-mail _____

Please Circle One Physically Challenged Able Bodied Volunteer/Sponsor

Interests Hunting Fishing ATV Riding Boating Snowmobiling Other _____

June 11 Madison Fishing Outing. Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 for information or to sign up for his fishing event on the lakes in Madison.

June 25 Horicon Summer Outdoor 3D Archery Shoot, sponsored by the Horicon Marsh Bowmen. Contact Pat Buhr at 920-386-5644 to sign up or to get more information

July 30 Annual ASI Family Picnic & Shoot at Schultz's Gun Club in Muskego. Trap shooting, rifle and pistol range, and 3d archery along with good food and friends. What more could you ask for. Contact Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298.

August 27 Sporting Clay Shoot in Montello. This event was started last year and will again prove to be fun for anyone who attends. Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 to sign up or for more information.

October 7 –9 Badger Archery Deer Hunt in Baraboo. Our annual big archery hunt in the Baraboo area. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to sign up or to get information.

October 14-16 Clintonville Deer Hunt This is a small and fun archery deer hunt that would be worth your time to check out. Contact Steve Prieve at 608-220-9288 or Dan Jacoby at 715-356-7803 for information.

Nov 5 Smith's Pheasant Crest Pheasant Hunt in Oxford. Contact Wayne Smith at 608-566-9585 for information.

DNR Kayaking Event

On June 18th there will be a paddling event on Mirror Lake for people of all abilities. There will be 8 adaptive kayaks available for participants with disabilities as well as canoes and kayaks for able-bodied participants. To view further details click on the link below. You can also register at the bottom of the page. This web site is not very user-friendly so if you or anyone you pass this on to have questions contact Maria Sadowski at maria.sadowski@wisconsin.gov or at 866-264-4096.

<http://guest.cvent.com/d/6dq6x9/4W>

It should be a great trip, especially for individuals with disabilities who have never kayaked before.

Wheelchair Curling

Wheelchair Curling has been a Paralympic sport for only the past two Olympics, its popularity is growing rapidly, but from a very small base. It is hard to believe that the Sochi 2014 Trials are only 18 months away. That 18 months though, will allow an existing athlete to learn the game and become competitive for one of the coveted 5 National Paralympic spots.

If you might be interested in learning more about the sport please contact Russell J. Schieber at 608.296.2121 x1249

It can be yours

The James E Dutton Foundation grant is still available to Adaptive Sportsmen members to help 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.

Halter Pheasant Hunt, Member Views

The Halter Pheasant hunt April 2, 2011 in Kenosha was great. I brought a new member with me to the hunt. We came in about ten a.m. They fed us with a hot pheasant sandwich or BQ sandwich. Chips soda water and a couple other hot dishes.

Dustin and myself were fixed up with a crew. The dogs were a ten year-old golden lab and a young four year-old lab. The dog handler did a good with them.

Dustin was in a manual wheel chair and I use a cane. They set him on the front of an ATV. I sat in the front of a gator with a driver, and off we went to the field. The sky was partly cloudy with a little wind and a good temperature, a beautiful day.

The first bird flew up for perfect shot but I had the safety on, stuff happens. The first hour we had a hard time to get shots. Then it all broke lose we shot ten birds. Dustin got some good shots with his helpers. I did fine since I started using a 20 gauge.

A big thanks to pheasant club for having us, and a special thank you to all of the wonderful helpers for a great hunt. **Steve Prieve and Dustin.**

I had an absolutely wonderful time at the pheasant hunt. Time to get a little lighter shotgun than my father's 'camel back' however. It is getting too heavy for me!
Miriam

The Halter pheasant hunt is a big group effort. Sometimes the shot opportunities are not evenly spread out. In the morning all the birds went to the left where Jerry was. That is all part of hunting and it became amusing after a while. I got plenty of shooting in the afternoon at the tower. I had heard about a tower shoot but never participated in one before. The birds that are shot belong to everyone in the group and everyone shares them. A hunter told me he had six chances but did not hit anything because the sun was in his eyes, he had the wrong choke, he did not have the right shot size and he should have had a different gun.

John Mitchell

The sponsors from the Halter's hunt

Charles Schultz - clay birds, Pheasants; Mr. Bill MacFarlane - MacFarlane Pheasants Inc., Mrs Carrie Wierzba- Lake Elaine Game Farm, Swanson Trust - Swanson Pheasant Farm, Jim & Kim Zindl - Oakridge Pheasant Farm
Other sponsors were; Darrell Bohn - Asch's Place, Reinaman's True Value, National Turkey Federation, Nestles Water - Thomas Madden, Bill Foster - The Cottonpicker – caterer and Hostess, George Grocke – Caterer, Frito Lay, Forbes, Safari Club, Bumper to Bumper, Wings over Wisconsin, Gina Miller, Bigalow Appliances, Ducks Unlimited, Merke Display, Equipment Services and Halter's Wildlife, Inc. And Jeff Solofra - Solofra Plumbling, we could not have done this without him

Thanks to the many people that made this another great hunt for Adaptive Sportsmen. The coordinators **Joel Chic** and **Tricia Behm, John Burke, Al Benson,** and the staff from Halter, the dog handlers and their dogs, the cooks, the bird cleaning boys and the raffle selling girls.

Madison Deer And Turkey Expo

This year Saturday April, 2, 2011 was a popular date. Adaptive Sportsmen had their Halter pheasant hunt and the Madison Deer and Turkey Expo going on Challenge The Outdoors had their big fund raiser up to J&H also Dale Petkovsek with Rock Creek Disabled Outdoors had their pheasant hunt going on too all on the same day!

Thankfully we had enough volunteers to cover the event with **Garth Harris, Kelly Frawley, John Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Dottie Dirksen, Diane Borgwardt, Al Lamovec, Ken Balageren, Les Werner, Charlie Ande, John Martinson and Joe and Debbie Kunz.**

Event Coordinator **John Martinson**

Milwaukee Sports Show

The 2011 Milwaukee Sport Show was very successful. Several land owners said they will be offering their property for our hunting fishing activities. We also had people stop by and will sign up to join our club. We managed to sell raffle tickets champion ticket sellers **Ivan Craig** and **Ken Berg.** I want to thank all the people that helped make the show a success **Ken Thompson, Larry Geike, Garth Harris, Wayne Del Ponte, Ken Berg, Ivan Craig, Al Neu, Joe Bilansky, Ron Anderson, Pat Buhr, Don & Gayle Leschke, Rick Oldenburg, Curt & Nancy Fleischhacker, John Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Dan Koch, & Josh Miller.**

The slide show was a big hit and we had many good comments. Plans for 2012 are already underway.

Bill Koch

Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer Wi is a proud partner in our annual ATV ride and owner John Stratte has worked for many years before this at Independence First to help many disabled people enjoy sports in Wisconsin. The lodge offers retreats, rallies and opportunities for people with disabilities at significant discounts from our regular rates. If you'd like, they usually can offer you the chance to come for extra days to enjoy all the resort has to offer.

Upcoming events

June 2 to 5. - ATV Rally (with Adaptive Sportsmen). Options of long or short, fast or slow rides through beautiful and (or) exciting northwoods.

August 20 to 27. - Kayak/Resorting Week. Come all or part of the week. Kayak trips arranged daily, various lengths and waterways. If you'd rather, you can hang at the resort and enjoy other activities.

September 9 to 11. - Spina Bifida - Northern Wisconsin annual retreat.

September 23 to 25. - Musky Tournament (tentative). Saturday & Sunday fishing tournament on Spider Lake (boat landing for the lake is right at the resort).

Cheri Stratte says; If your group would like to schedule an event some other time, let's talk. Discounts are based on space we have available but there are great possibilities any season. Activities are designed for people with disabilities, family and friends. We have made some accessibility improvements to 6 of our 9 cabins as well as to the accessibility of our grounds, docks, and amenities.

Look at our website www.pineforestlodge.com to see our facilities, amenities, programming. With specific accessibility and opportunity questions, please call John or Cheri Stratte at 715-476-2241. Pine Forest Lodge, 2060 W Pine Forest Rd., Mercer, WI 54547

A bit of sad news

We received a call from his daughter informing us that **Joe Brown** passed away in December of 2010. His son, **Jeff Brown**, passed away earlier that year. They both had attended the Baraboo Turkey hunt and the Clintonville deer hunt. We also received a call that **Nada Greenley**, another physically challenged member, had passed away in February.

Luke Koch was a very enthusiastic volunteer for Adaptive Sportsmen. He recently passed away. I last saw him during the Board meeting in Cabelas. He was a cousin to Adaptive Sportsmen board member **Bill Koch.** Luke's wife sent me an email indicating they would list Adaptive Sportsmen as a charity to receive donations in his memory. The Wisconsin Energy Foundation sent \$1000. (Luke had worked at Wisconsin Energy). Individuals have sent several hundred dollars including the \$100 check that came today. We will miss his boyish smile.

Our condolences to each family.

Odds and Ends

Our membership application has an area where other events can be suggested to expand our activities. Two of the more unusual have been **4WD wheelchairs** and **skydiving.** Is anyone serious about setting up these events or any other ideas?

Contact Al Neu at aneu@adaptivesportsmen.org if you wish to set something up.

Badger Army Ammo Plant Spring Turkey Hunt

The guides and hunters met at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant Friday May 6th for a short meeting to select good spots for everyone and to set up the blinds. Anticipation for a great hunt the next mornings was only heightened by the site of tom turkeys strutting in the field. Stories of past hunts were retold during dinner at a local restaurant among friends old and new. We had the best weather for the hunt this year and everyone saw turkeys. People also reported seeing badgers with kits, coyotes, deer, racoons and a skunk. **Les Werner** with his guide **Lloyd Soter** were the first to see action. The first opportunity raced away but a short time later the tag was tied on a jake. **John Martinson** made his first shot count when his guide **Lowell Boetcher** lured in a nice Tom. After **Larry Wilkinson** displayed his talents as camp cook grilling bratwurst and hamburgers **Charlie Ande**, assisted by his guide **Ray Rabuck** did some running & gunning. They moved the wheelchair down the path, hiding Charlie next to a bush as Ray fell back with his calling to bring in not one but three Toms side by side. Charlie picked the best one and had the third turkey of the day. Another hunter fired a shot at a turkey the following day and won the opportunity to test his shotgun at the patterning board during the shooting picnic on July 30th.

There are many people to thank for this opportunity. The guides once again were outstanding. Thanks to the people at Badger for hosting us again. The Sables of the Badgerland chapter of Safari Club were once again our primary sponsor for this event.

The Hunter & Guide Teams included: **Les Werner and Lloyd Soter, Jerry Schick and Al Jeske, Cal Popp and Jason Popp, Dale Rebernik and Mike Gustin, Willian Ploor and Brian Graham, John Martinson and Lowell Boetcher, Charlie Ande and Ray Rabuck, Dawn Ziegler and John Balfanz.**

Shooting Sports is a one-day workshop for women with disabilities. Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
<http://csa12.com/>

Columbus Sportsman's Association, W10924 Breyer Road,Columbus, WI 53925

This is a day long workshop for any woman with a physical disability who would like to experience rifle shooting and archery in a safe, supportive environment. You will learn safe and proper handling of guns and bows as well as basic terminology. Participants will then break into groups where they will work one on one with an instructor and volunteer to make needed adaptations, so each woman can be as independent as possible based on her comfort level. Each group will spend quality time learning both rifle shooting and archery (see schedule on next page) with lots of fun practice time on the shooting ranges (including a 3D archery range for those interested and time permitting). We will conclude the workshop by discussing options for further practice and opportunities for applying their skills beyond practice shooting.

Lunch will be provided. We will gather by the clubhouse to enjoy some wild game prepared in Dutch ovens. This is a FREE workshop. Generous efforts have been made to raise funds so financial barriers are not a factor preventing any woman from participating in this exciting outdoor experience. If you have transportation needs, please inform us when you register so we can provide some assistance with travel arrangements.

If you know of a woman with a physical disability who may be interested in broadening her outdoors experience, please pass on this information to her. No prior shooting experience is needed, and we will work with any physical disability. Because of the individualized instruction, space is limited to 15 women, so register early to ensure a spot.

Registration Deadline: June 4, 2011

Contact: Dawn Ziegler at 608-347-5000 or by email at dziegler222@aol.com (put "BOW workshop" in subject line)

If you are interested in getting involved as an instructor or volunteer, then please contact Dawn at dziegler222@aol.com or 608-347-5000. If you would like to help by sponsoring this event or providing equipment or other materials/supplies, then contact Peggy at 715-346-4681 or pfarrell@uwsp.edu.