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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



## Volunteer Spotlight

Our volunteer spotlight this newsletter is on **Dan Jacoby**, a charter member of Adaptive Sportsmen and hard working employee of the Wisconsin DNR. He was instrumental in setting up the Clintonville Bow hunt, an accessible rifle range in Minoqua, and the new blinds at the Gypsy Trails in Northern Wisconsin. Dan the man, he does a lot of work unseen, and he doesn't think he does as much as he does for us.

Thanks Dan!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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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)

### Loan Equipment

We have blinds, crossbows, gun rests, electric tree stands 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.

### 2012 Fund Raising Raffle

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

**Wheelchair bowling** is offered every Friday night at AMF Bowlero Lanes, Wauwatosa, WI, from 6:30 to 9:30. The WWSA sponsors the league, and **the first 4 nights are free to wheelchair bowlers.** You can bowl once, or as many times as you like. Stand-up bowlers are also welcome. Stop out and meet new friends while you enjoy the bowling. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners to experts. Call Doug Bureta at 414-750-2750 for information.

### Adaptive Sportsman Membership Application

Include \$ 10 membership fee  
Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen

**Expiration Date 12/31/2012**

Mail to;  
Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.  
8727 W Coldspring Road  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**March 7-11 Milwaukee Sport Show** The Milwaukee show is a big event with a wide variety of hunting, fishing, boating, and outdoor vendors. We always have a booth and need volunteers to help sell raffle tickets and talk to the public about our group. Contact Bill Koch at 262-707-0476 for information or to sign up to man the booth.

**March 16-18 South-East Wisconsin Sport Fishing/Hunting Expo** This expo is in Oconomowoc and is a fun event to help us present our organization to the public. Contact Kristy Richards at 262-978-2092 to help.

**March 17 Horicon Indoor 3-D Archery Shoot** Sign up for a fun 3-D archery at the Horicon Bowmen archery club. This is a nice place to meet friends, practice your archery skills, and just have fun. Contact Pat Buhr at 920-386-5644 to sign up.

**March 30- April 1 Madison Deer & Turkey Expo** This show is one of the big events in the Midwest. Sign up to help us sell raffle tickets and to show the public what we do. Of course you will get a chance to check out the show while you are there. Contact John Martinson at 608-846-4518 to sign up.

**April 7 Halter Pheasant Hunt in Kenosha** A wonderful pheasant hunt with trap shooting, food and a great chance to shoot some pheasants. This hunt fills up fast, so be sure to contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 as soon as possible.

**May 5-6 Badger Turkey Hunt in Baraboo** Our Badger hunt is a great chance to see many different animals. Coyotes, deer, foxes, along with turkeys have been sighted at this hunt. Send your application to John Mitchell at [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net) or call 414-333-4745 to sign up. Space is limited!

**May 31-June 3 Mercer ATV ride** We always have a great time in Mercer. The ride is staged from the Pine Forest Lodge, a wheelchair accessible resort, and connected to the ATV trails that lead all the way up to Lake Superior. We have some loaner machines available on a limited basis. UTV's are also allowed on these trails. We will have some new trails to ride on this year, and John Stratti has offered to lead an "off-trail" ride again this year. Contact Al Neu 414-617-4870 or email [allenneu@gmail.com](mailto:allenneu@gmail.com) to sign up.

### Archery Shoot for Disabled Veterans

We had a great turnout on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> and Feb 13<sup>th</sup> for our adaptive archery event and we're looking forward to our next event scheduled for Monday, March 12 from 2-4 PM at West Town Archery, 4135 N 126<sup>th</sup> St, Brookfield. The regular range for compound and recurve bows were open along with Video target archery and the 30-yard lane for crossbows. We have 2 crossbows on loan from Adaptive Sportsmen as well as shooting sticks.

All Disabled vets are welcome along with friends and helpers. You're invited to bring your own equipment and we will also have recurve bows available. Snacks and beverages will also be provided.

Contact Art Marchessault at 414-333-4950 or [marcheaj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:marcheaj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) Let us know, at your earliest convenience, if you plan on attending or bringing participants. Registration is required as there is a maximum of 16 spots available. **Volunteers are needed, please let us know if you plan to attend as well.**

### It can be yours

"The James E Dutton Foundation has provided a grant to Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. to fund 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.





### Ralph Barton at a Buckmaster hunt in Alabama

Article by Jo Barton

We submitted Ralph's name in the Buckmaster's Challenged Hunter Award and he won. Just got back from that hunt in Alabama. It was such an honor for him. He met 15 other physically challenged hunters there, they hunted together and shared lots of great experiences. Ralph won because of his efforts to encourage terminally ill/differently-abled individuals through items he makes and donates to over 25 different organizations that help get them outdoors to enjoy hunting. He will donate to groups or individuals for benefits, or any activity where folks gather to hunt, fish or just be together to enjoy the great outdoors.

The pictures are of Ralph with Jackie Bushman of Buckmaster and Ralph's helper Bill Brown from Baraboo.

Editor's note, Ralph is a blind member of ASI who has donated deer horn items for many of our raffles

### Clintonville Bow Hunt

By Dan Jacoby

The 2011 Clintonville Archery Hunt for Whitetail deer was once again a good time had by all. Four of the eight hunters were able to hunt a few hours on Thursday evening. Three of the four hunters saw deer Thursday evening, so we thought there might be some good shot opportunities as the weekend progressed.

The wind began to howl and did not stop until Sunday AM. We agreed Sunday morning the deer movement would likely increase. The deer may have been moving, but not past our hunting group.

One hunter /guide team of Kaley and Kyle watched and filmed a 6 point buck feeding for 15 minutes just out of range in front of their ground blind on Saturday evening. A close encounter, but a real good choice by Kaley not to try to stretch her range of accuracy.

The food was excellent, the constant wood fire was warm, and some friends were made. Cribbage, Escanaba in the Moonlight, and even some Sheephead broke out in the day room. One Mother/Daughter and two Father/son teams attended and all were fun to have around.

Special thanks go to **Karl Keller** and the **Christus Memorial Camp** for having us, excellent new guides **Mike and Kyle Theine**, our reliable cook **Mary Mitchell, Ray Berendt** and the **Boy Scouts** who will be assisting us with our blinds, and baiting again next year. The 2011 crew of cooks, guides, hunters and helpers proved that a hunt could be great fun even without a harvest.

#### Note from Kaley Wockenfus

I was given an opportunity to participate in the archery hunt sponsored by Adaptive Outdoorsmen. The archery hunt took place in Clintonville and I had such a great time! The people I met were a lot of fun! I had as much fun playing cards and listening to Steve's jokes as I did hunting for deer. The weather wasn't the greatest for hunting, but Dan and my mentor Kyle, went above and beyond to put me in the best spots. On the last day, I did see a nice buck, but it just wouldn't get close enough for me to get good shot. A thank you also goes out to Mary for preparing our delicious meals. I had an incredible time and I wish to thank everyone who made this hunt possible.

### Horicon 3D Indoor Archery Shoot

Saturday March 17 we have our winter indoor 3-D archery shoot at the Horicon Marsh Bowmen Club house. The address is N7240 County Road V, Horicon, WI 53032-9750. Take Hwy 33 west from Hwy 67 to County Road V, turn north on V and go a little over a mile, the sign for the club is on the right side of the road.

Start time is 11am- to 1pm. There is a \$5 fee, and all of the money will be returned as prizes. Food and beverages will be sold; they will have chili, hot dogs, chips, beer, and soda.

**Crossbows, compound bows, and longbows are welcome. Please come out, meet new and old friends, and have a great time.**

### ATV Ride in Mercer, WI

Once again we are holding our annual ATV ride at the **Pine Forest Lodge** in Mercer May 31-June 3. We will be riding on some new trails this year so come out and join the fun. John Stratti has also promised to lead an "off trail" ride again this year. This off-trail ride was a big hit the last time, so don't miss it. The resort is on Spider Lake just outside Mercer, and it is an accessible resort. Email Al Neu at [allenneu@gmail.com](mailto:allenneu@gmail.com) or call at 414-617-4870 for information. You can also contact John or Cheri Stratte at 715-476-2241. Pine Forest Lodge, 2060 W Pine Forest Rd., Mercer, WI 54547 with any questions

The cost is \$30 and includes food and lodging for the event, Thursday night to Sunday afternoon. Come out and enjoy the company of a great group of people and the wonderful ATV trails in Northern Wisconsin.

Allen Neu

### Odds and Ends

Hey John I just wanted to say thank you to you and the entire Adaptive Sportsmen group for helping me get this new equipment so I can get back out and enjoy hunting and shooting. The LM100 gun rest that you helped me get works great for my various guns and my crossbow I would also like to say thank you for a wonderful year of fun with you all at the events I was able to join in on.

**Dustin Palenshus**

My son and I had a great time. We were treated really well by all the personal and received the best experience I have ever had pheasant hunting. Thank you for the organization of this wonderful experience.

Regards, **Joe**



### Gypsy Handicap Trail Hunting Blinds

The Gypsy Handicap Trail is the location for two wheelchair accessible hunting blinds. The Gypsy Handicap Trail located about 4 miles east of Lake Tomahawk in northern Wisconsin.

Blind #1 is located on the edge of an oak ridge, overlooking Woodcock Lake and a wetland. It is on the edge of a selective cut hardwood stand and adjacent to a large area of young aspen. Blind #2 which is also in a thick hardwood stand but overlooks a large black spruce bog, Woodcock Lake and is also adjacent to thick brushy aspen regeneration. Both blinds are over 1 mile beyond the entrance gate. The road is not plowed so there are times a 4WD vehicle is needed. The blinds can also be used for wildlife photography or just a quiet place in the woods to read and relax.

Contact the Clear Lake Ranger Station 715 356 3668 on the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest and ask for Rosie for details about using the blinds and the combination to the gate. Blinds are first come first serve at this point. Special thanks must be given to **Dan Jacoby**, a DNR employee and ASI board member for his efforts to make these blinds possible. You can contact him at [Danojacoby@hotmail.com](mailto:Danojacoby@hotmail.com) for additional information about the blinds.

### Baraboo Bow Hunt at the Badger Army Ammo Plant

Our bow hunt in the Badger Army Ammunition Plant was a great combination of old friends and new members, some hunting for the first time after an injury. We selected stand sites during the early fall guide meeting and set up blinds before the hunter's arrival. We had warm fall weather so we did not use much firewood in the hall or hot soup for lunch. Dave Peck shot his six-point buck in area five. Some other hunters made mental notes to hone their shooting at next year's target events (In other words they missed). McFarlands provided the use of a mule and Fred Rents provided some Bobcats to get hunters into their spots. Some ATVs were also used at walking speed to get in and out of the blinds.

Hunters and volunteers had lunch in Badger at Spike Camp and Main Camp. Heather entertained with a game of trivial pursuit on her smart phone. Those at Camp Gray had lunch in the hall. Breakfast and dinner were at Camp Gray and were always tremendous. Thanks to Sysco for their support. We had three meat dishes for the banquet concluding with the silent auction and awards. Wilderness Fish and Game provided many items for us. Kwik Trip supplied our daily morning donuts. Hunters with a fall turkey tag could also hunt them in addition to deer using their bow. The Alliant Energy Foundation helped make this possible. Thanks to all of you that volunteered cooking, guiding and making or bringing items for the bucket raffle. I was not able to see each of you as we broke camp to head home from the hunt. We had about 80 people at the hunt counting up the hunters, family members and volunteers and about another dozen behind the scene hauling, loading, unloading and arranging for supplies and equipment. Thanks to all the volunteers! **John Mitchell**

#### Notes from the Participants

Hello,

I am sorry I had to leave early on Sunday and didn't have a chance to say "Thank You to all the Volunteers and Cooks" for a hunt that I truly enjoyed. I was able to meet a lot of new and wonderful people and have a great hunt to boot. Thanks Again **David Peck**

We were fed like kings, the food was great, (especially the applesauce), we had great guides that were like bloodhounds finding my buck. This was the most fun since my honeymoon. **Richard DeYoung**

Thank you ever so much for a wonderful weekend! Tyler had the best time that he has had since his accident and for that I can't express my gratitude enough. The entire experience far surpassed my expectations. I have shared the experience with the therapy departments at St Lukes hospital in Milwaukee and Lakeview Rehab hospital in Waterford and they were stunned something of this caliber even existed. Your entire organization is to be applauded. **Kim Zelko**

### Brad Suter's first deer

**Brad Suter** has been an ASI member for quite a while, and is a familiar face to many of our members. We received a picture this year of deer he shot this fall. Congratulations Brad!

