Winter and Spring are both seasons. We have booths at many of the sports shows and club banquets to inform people about the activities of Adaptive Sportsmen, to raise money for events, and to add to our membership. Ideas for new events and additional opportunities to enjoy the outdoors are born. We also hold raffles to help support outdoor recreation for physically challenged people.

The Milwaukee Sport Show March 5-14th came and went but this one was different in that it being our first year of forming our Organization (Adaptive Sportsmen), we were more than doubled our membership, raised more money and volunteers, and received offers from landowners to allow our members access to their property. This impact on our Organization came from the generous donation for the booth from Quality Deer Management. A special thank you to Wayne Ingham and Quality Deer Management. And another special thank you to all the volunteers, including Mike Kelly, Garth Harris, Larry Geike, Ken Thompson, Mary Mitchell, Dietrich, Menke, Michael Little, Tom Gertman, John Mitchell, Harry Guild, John Martinson, Rick Schaef, Al Neu, and Mike Gustin who donated their time to sit in the booth giving out information and selling raffles tickets and signing up new members.

On March 8th Lynn Krueger staffed a booth at the Eau Claire Area Woodland Owners Conference in Baldwin. March 19th to the 21st Les Werner operated a booth at the Cabelas in Prairie Du Chien.

March 6th was the indoor shoot at Lori’s Wildwood Archery in Union Grove. The star of the shoot was new member Walter Joost that took first place prize shooting a score of 210 with a crossbow borrowed from Rick Schaef. Veteran shooter James Cullen, a new member, and John Martinson shared second place with a score of 187. Steve Priewe took the fourth place prize with a score of 182. Mark Russell took first place with a bow shooting a score of 221. Henry Laupon was close behind in second place with a score of 217. Veteran guide Billy Paulson took third place with a 212 while Cooks and Grounds crew member Ken Rosenau took fourth with a score of 207.

Thanks to Dottie Dirksen and her crew for organizing the event and to all of the archers that participated. Further information can be found at the website, with the article from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

The Deer & Turkey Expo was held April 2nd to the 4th. Members helping were John Martinson, Garth Harris, John Mitchell, Pat Buhr, Mike Little, Kristy Richardson, Mary Mitchell, Dottie Dirksen, Rick Schaef, Al Neu, Leslie Laabs & Joe Billanski. Les Werner organized a raffle for this show and Tim Bodis took home the first prize bow donated by Dorn hardware, while Jineen Pregowski claimed the turkey decoy and Randy Higgins won the knife from Rust Gun shop.

Cabelas was again the site for an Adaptive Sportsmen booth on April 30th and May 1st and 2nd. Les Werner John Martinson and Travis Salmon were on hand.

Anthony J. Johnson
Wayne Hollings (left) Adaptive Sportsmen member who works at Gander Mountain in Brookfield, is shown with the Turkey he shot this spring.

ANNUAL BANQUET MAY 6TH

Adaptive Sportsmen would like to thank Wayne Ingham for the tremendous amount of work he did for our banquet Tuesday May 6th. It was a very impressive evening at the Quilted Bear. The meals were excellent and the large number of silent auction items, gun boards, and raffles gave everyone a chance to dream of going home with a nice prize.

Two awards were given out at the banquet, one to Wayne Ingham for his work to help physically challenged people enjoy Wisconsin outdoors and the other to Terry Dorerry for the contributions he has made through his artwork. These awards were handsome Laser Engraved Plaques made by our member, Duane Johnson.

Rick Schaef helped Wayne set up and run the Banquet. I don’t know if many people could handle the stress and aggravation of coordinating an event like this, but Rick did a great job. We also need to thank the many members that donated or solicited items for the banquet that helped the volunteer who at the end of the day not only included the Wayne Ingham family, Virgild Halderson, Garth Harris, Mary Mitchell, Kathy Schaef, Leslie Laabs, John Mitchell, Kristy Richardson, Mike Little, Dan Jacoby & family, Jerry Briski, Joe Bilansky, Steve Page and Jeff Miller.

**ATV RAFFLE RESULTS**

The ATV raffle that Les Werner organized and worked so hard at since December came to a close at the banquet. In front of 132 people at the banquet a seven-year-old girl reached into the bin and pulled out ticket number one as the winner of the Honda Rancher ATV from Vetenskips Powersports. The winner was John Mitchell of Milwaukee. Proceeds from the banquet and raffle will help all Adaptive Sportsmen enjoy the Wisconsin outdoors.

ATV RIDE IN JUNE

Last Chance, sign up before May 29th

Call, write or email us for the application form for the ATV ride in Mercer this June 3-6. We are only signing up 25 disabled riders, if you want to go, call to see if there is still room. The cost is $30 for members and includes lodging and food. Call 414-617-4870 or email at aneu@adaptivesportsman.org

ATV RIDE IN JUNE

The Adaptive Sportsmen Turkey hunt at the Baraboo Army Amnive Plant May 7th turned out to be a successful and enjoyable hunt for all. Matt Spalding from7Pines Taxidermy Studio offered to donate a full body mount to a physically challenged hunter that takes a turkey with a bow, and that certainly increased the interest in bow hunting turkeys. Dick Fisher and Jim Dekay had already coordinated that feat before the Adaptive Sportsmen turkey hunt. Patrick Sullivan added his name to the hat by using his second chance to harvest his first turkey. Pat missed the first of the pair of gobblers that responded to the call but his guide was able to cock his crossbow again (no easy task inside of a blind with a turkey strutting outside) and Pat made the longer second shot good that took Dick’s next turkey. Dick Schaef also took a bird with his shotgun that afternoon. On Saturday, mother nature put on a fabulous light display early, and shortly after daylight when rains came the only choice was to stay in the blinds that had been borrowed from the volunteers. The rain subsided by late morning and everyone reported seeing a tremendous amount of turkey activity that afternoon. Bob Ruda watched two Tom’s display for five hens for over forty-five minutes as Brad Stuter, Walter Jost, and Larry Drake had close encounters. Aaron Czemiat took his first turkey with a shotgun. It was the prettiest bird ever seen with spurs an inch and a quarter long.

Thanks to these volunteers that made this hunt possible: Jack Schripke & Mark Robinson with Jim Sarchet, Rick Ammons with Joe Kunz, Billy Paulson with Aaron Czemiat, Bill Stuber with Patrick Sullivan, Larry Geike and Ken Thompson with John Martinson, Pat Buhr with Brad Stuter, Brian Graham with Duane Johnson, Brad Powell and Don Owsianski with Bob Rude, Mike Gustin with Walter Joost, Bob Becker with Larry Drake, and Mike (Gato Man) Kelly driving the machines donated by Sauk Prairie Equipment.

Lucky for the turkey hunters was the accessible rooms at the Park Plaza hotel in Baraboo donated by the Sables of the Safari Club International and another anonymous donor.
CALENDER OF EVENTS

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

JUNE 2012

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

June 9 3D Tournament in Horicon
Horicon Marsh Bowmen.
Contact Jeff Miller (920) 485-2387

June 20 Fishing event in Madison
Contact John Martinson at 608-846-4518

July 17 3-D Tournament in Fond Du Lac,
Lakeshore Bowhunters
Contact Tom Benedict at 920-923-6263

August 13-14 3D Tournament in Verona
Blackhawk Archers
Contact Les Werner (608) 845-8296

August 27 Better Days in Hillsboro
3-D Tournament
Call Stanley (608) 553-0364

Oct. 1 - 3, 2004
Whitetail Deer Hunt in Baraboo.
Contact John Mitchell 414-541-4505

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Please Circle One
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BIG BUCK CONTEST

Jerry Phelps of The 600 Club Taxidermy has donated a shoulder mount to Adaptive Sportsmen that will be awarded to the physically challenged hunter with the biggest buck taken in the upcoming season. The deer can be taken with gun or bow but to be eligible membership dues must be paid before the season opens. To enter your picture with the deer indicating the number of points, the inside spread and the DNR registration number. In case of a tie Boone & Crocket measurements will be used.

BACK TAG

Cal Popp, Miriam Turkey, gun
John Mitchell, Buck, rifle
Dick Fisher, Turkey, bow
Bill Damm, Turkey, gun
Dick Fisher, Turkey, bow
Aaron Czerniai, Turkey, gun
Twice a year we will run the “Back Tag” in the newsletter. If you shot a deer, Turkey, etc, please mail or email the results to us so your name can be listed. Email to aneu@adaptivesportsman.org, or write to:
Adaptive Sportsmen, 8727 Coldsping Rd., Greenfield, WI 53228

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