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 Openings
If you are an ASI member interested in becoming a board member and helping Adaptive Sportsmen Inc., starting with our 2015 election, please call 414-333-4745 or contact one of the board members. Thank you.

New Audit Committee Openings
We are looking for people to help do annual audits of our books. Experience is not required. This should be a one-two day look at our income and expenses to verify accuracy. Contact Bill Koch 262-707-0476 or Al Neu 414-617-4870

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for more information

1/31/15 Annual Adaptive Sportsmen Board Meeting at Cabelo’s in Richfield. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to reserve your spot. All members are welcome but you must RSVP so we can be sure that we have enough room.

2/27-3/1 Madison Fishing Expo Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 to sign up to work the show.


4/10-4/12 Field & Stream Deer & Turkey Expo Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 to sign up to work the show.

4/4 Halter Kenosha Phesant Hunt Contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745 to sign up

5/9-5/10 Baraboo Turkey Hunt Contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745 to sign up

“IT can be yours” Equipment Grants
The James E Dutton Foundation has provided an equipment 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.

Pictures for the Newsletter and Facebook
We encourage you to send in pictures, stories and video to us for our future newsletters and on our Facebook page. Please email the items to alenneu@gmail.com or jmitchellwi@prodigy.net. Please includes the names of the people in the pictures so we can properly acknowledge the participants. We will try to get all of them into our newsletter as space provides.

Wautoma Area Accessible Hunting Blinds
Adaptive Sportsmen in conjunction with the DNR & NWTF have installed two accessible hunting blinds in the Wautoma area. You will be able to find them in the “Open the Outdoors” section of the DNR web page.

TRAK Chair Donation Fund Update
The fund was started by volunteers at the Halter Wildlife Refuge when two of them were demonstrated in the field. The Safari Club International added to our TRAK Chair fund with a $1000 donation. We have already collected more than $2700 and want to complete the purchase. All donations are encouraged. Those of you who have a chance to try out the chair at Baraboo this year know how much fun it was and how useful it was for getting around in the woods. Let’s get enough donations to purchase it this year!
Wisconsin River Power Plant Hunt

I had a wonderful time at this weekend hunt. I didn't shoot any deer but I saw 6 does, had 2 shooting opportunities but passed as the deer were small. Of the 10 hunters, 3 shot deer thru Saturday night. I only hunted in the afternoon/evenings. A new friend was very helpful and made me feel very comfortable for me. The shooting sticks worked the best for me as a mono pod when aiming at the 2 deer. It sure felt good and enjoyable getting back into the woods and deer hunting after 10 years. Wisconsin River Power Company did a great job sponsoring and putting on this hunt. This was their 7th year doing it. The food and hospitality were exceptional. I plan to apply for this hunt again next year and hopefully will be successful.

Dave

Shooting Picnic

Our prayers were answered with a great day in Muskego for the shooting picnic at Schultz Rod & Gun Club. The weather was 1000% better than the forecast from earlier in the week. We used an entire brick of 22 caliber ammunition and we broke over eight cases of clay birds (some with the ground). The bucket raffle rounded out the festivities. Thanks to the Schultz Rod and Gun Club volunteers for making this happen and thanks to our sponsor Independence First. The pictures tell the rest of the story.

John Mitchell

Comments: Just to let you know that yesterday's shooting, (and eating) event was great! It was certainly worth the drive from Green Bay. The shooting club members were very nice folk as well as all the other volunteers. Take care! Jeff Thanks Kim for the impromptu donation! John (the other one)

The pier is on the Teffer Farms property at 124 Estate planning is never a real popular topic to talk about, but it is better to see the visitors have such great time. I have the flyers you gave to me, and will share with our members. You are a great person! – Thanks

Thank you and Mary for organizing the picnic. We all had a great time, and I appreciated the guys at the trap line teaching the boys. Remember the boys and I if you ever need a hand, they are always willing to help. Is there someone particular at Schultz that I can send a thank you to? Tim

Thanks John had a great day. Cliff

Kelly Lake Pier Fishing and Pontoon Boat

For those of you in Southeast Wisconsin (or visiting) Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. has finished a project to modify a pier for fishing on Kelly Lake in Milwaukee County. They remodeled the Teflon motor boat dock in their camp and were able to accommodate people in wheelchairs. There are pictures of the pier on the next page. Any Adaptive Sportsmen member can use it, you should contact jmitchellwi@prodigy.net for details. You will need to have your membership card in case the landowner inquires. Enjoy it.

Include Adaptive Sportsmen in Your Will

Estate planning is a never a popular topic to talk about, but it is better to plan now than leave your heirs wondering what you wanted to do. You can also take the time to sort out what you want to leave as a legacy. Adaptive Sportsmen is hoping that you will be able to think about your estate planning and leave some of your resources to Adaptive Sportsmen.

You could start with something as simple as a donation of hunting equipment and adaptive equipment. We can get your good used equipment to a needy AIS member or sell it and use the proceeds for our events. Used vans, wheelchairs, crosstown and guns are examples. Check out the corporate.

A more involved estate plan would involve giving a portion of your estate to the AIS. You can dedicate any amount of money or property for a specific event or purpose and we will use it just for that event or purpose. We can do this as a Bequest or Trust. As a Bequest, you can give us anything from $200 to $200,000, any amount is good. We can memorialize your donation or let it remain as an anonymous donation.

We can also work with you if you want to donate in the form of a charitable trust. We can act as the trustee for your charitable trust if you want to transfer larger donations or real estate while retaining control of the asset during your lifetime.

No matter the size or type of your estate, we would be happy to talk to you about your estate planning.

Huntsmaster Blind

The Huntsmaster blind donated by Larry Drake is available for loan. I used it this fall in the Wausau area and was impressed with the ease of use and the great view it affords. I was gun hunting in the specific area and for the birds and saw at least 150 birds fly by while I was out there. I am away from one that would have never been seen from a ground blind. It is easy to use once it is set up and I used it by myself without needing another person to help. The setup is a little tougher, but can easily be done with the help of an able bodied person. The blind is built into a trailer that will also hold an atv. You can trailer it with a car or sivu into the woods or you can have an atv on the trailer to take in and out of spots that a car cannot reach. The outriggers are the hard part for a handicapped person to set up, but they provide safety and stability during the use of the stand. The stand has a solar panel built in to recharge the battery on the trailer. The stand is big enough inside for a manual or electric wheelchair and has room for an additional person. I hope that our members will consider using this stand and thank Larry for the donation. I know that I will be looking to use it many times in the coming years.

I have posted a video on you tube showing the operation of the stand. You search for Adaptive Sportsmen on the youtube.com site and you will find it.

I also want to thank Wayne Krueger from Wausau for his work in maintaining the blind. We would not have been able to hunt without your help and we are grateful.

In Memory – he will be missed

We learned Carl Clementi passed away in August. He was one of the veterans who came to our bow hunts in the Badger Army Ammunition Plant and our 3D shoot at the Horizon Marsh Bowmen. He was a cook in the army and once told me the scariest time for him in Vietnam was delivering the food to the men on the front line.

Miscellaneous

I wrote a book titled Always Climb Higher and it is getting great reviews. Here is a concise way to say your life (and the book itself) is remarkable is an understatement. It was great to read all the things you have done in spite of your "disability" and you NEVER GAVE UP... Such a lesson in life you have taught us. To order a signed copy from me, simply email me a mailing address, jcpagels@att.net.

Check our Facebook page for more pictures.

Volunteer Spotlight

Al Jeske serves on our board, landowner committee and volunteers to help for both deer and turkey hunting. Thank you AI.

Duck Hunt

This year I attended the duck hunt put on by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with the DNR at the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. It is a great opportunity and I met some wonderful hard working volunteers. If you do not have a duck hunting bucket list then you may want to check it out. The hunt takes place the second opener and mid week the two following weeks. A local family provides a great lunch on the weekend. You can get into a non-motorized boat or hunt from accessible blinds. The ducks are plentiful and a layout is there to warm up in if need be. You need to arrange your own lodging. If you are interested in the next hunt contact jennifer_lilla@fws.gov by John Mitchell

Clintonville Bow Hunt

It's time for my article on the Clintonville Bow Hunt, but first I need to mention Carl Keller. Carl was the caretaker for the Christus Church Camp where the lodge and some of the shooting took place. He was one of the many veterans that came to our bow hunts in the Badger Army Ammunition Plant and was a great guy. He took care of the camp ready for us and would say we always left the camp so clean. Carl was 89 helping his wife in her fight against cancer, and was still care-taking. He suffered a massive stroke and died a few days later. We missed him at Camp this year as he usually stopped by to say hi or fix something for us. We gave him a lighted key chain and an Adaptive Sportsmen coffee mug with some other small items from our group and he later sent a handwritten thank you note. That exemplifies the kind of guy Carl was, a person who took care of others.

The date is October 16th 2014 and both hunters and helpers from around Wisconsin are rolling past the gate to the Christus Camp. Hardwoods that still have fall color hanging on around the red granite and its foliage through red pine and into the green grass yard of the lodge. The weather is forecaster 40’s and 50’s and only small chances for rain. Bernie brought his tracking dog “Tracker.” Pat Hansen, Mary Mitchell, and Dan Wieck both were on the “A” game in the kitchen. We had help this year from Lake and Linda Drake’s grandson Kyle and his girlfriend Rachel plus Kyle’s Mom. We did not harvest a deer this year but had a good time trying and several close calls. Three does were feeding on alfalfa towards one of our blinds when a black cat ran out of the woods and pushed them up the hill out of range. Bernie made a tent blind location change which resulted in Mike Kelly and Pat Sullivan viewing multiple deer that afternoon, but out of range. They both shot their first deer ever with the help of an able bodied person. The blind is built into a trailer that will hold an atv and had a shot opportunity on a doe but could not get the shot off in time. Patrick was right on target the day before, while we all practiced, and made sure our equipment was sighted in, so I think, that is one lucky deer. We were able to loan out our group crossbow as one of the hunter’s was off clay birds the day before. Jesus here is to always make sure to practice shoot, after traveling with your equipment.

Saturday night is always a high point as people get to know each other a little more by the meal is fantastic. Larry and Everett, are able to join us for a meal, some hunting stories and a few laughs. Larry Drake was the originator of the hunt and always has some valuable advice for me.

Thanks to caretaker Don Krueger, we had an electrician come in because the oven may have been on the fritz. I think the kitchen people overworked that old oven. Thank you also goes to the Clintonville School District folks, Les King and Al Wichman, for allowing us access to 85 acres. Shooting a few more deer would be fun no doubt, but there is something to be said for having fun trying. You just never know when a black cat is going to cross your path, or in this case, come tearing out of the woods to spook the deer you have been patiently waiting for. We look forward to another fun hunt next October. By Dan Jacoby

Comments:

I Had A Good Time At The Clintonville Hunt But I'm Still Hoping For The Baraboo Hunt Next Year. Thanks Again, AL
Kelly Lake Pier and Eagle Scout Project

The accessible pier at Kelly Lake in Milwaukee County is ready for use. We had several volunteers modify the railings and go over the structure to get it ready for use. We also had Salvatore Mingari of Boy Scout Troop 83 volunteer to make a wheelchair sidewalk to improve access to the pier. He is shown in the picture (above left) in the yellow and black jacket along with many helpers.

ASI Member Max shot a bear this year. He came to the shooting picnic to practice his marksmanship and made that practice pay off.

Brad Suter and his friend Dave show off the deer that Brad got this year

Hunting Lodge used at the Clintonville hunt this year

Group picture of the Clintonville hunting crew and support people

The crew that set up the Wautoma accessible blinds pose in front of one of the blinds. Thank you for your work. Tim Welch, an ASI member is seated in the front row flanked by his sons and in the back row are the Wautoma area helpers.
Lindsey Muench poses with the elk she shot out west this fall.

Charlie Ande practices with his crossbow at the Shooting Picnic in August.

Many people tried out their hand at the trap shooting range during the Shooting Picnic.

The trap range was a busy place during the Shooting Picnic.

Many people tried out the rifle range at the Shooting Picnic and we had several talented volunteers to help out.

The Huntmaster Blind donated to ASI by Larry Drake is shown in the raised position. See the story in this newsletter about the blind and a youtube video posted on line.

Pat Sullivan (on the left) and Mike Kelly spent time out in the wonderful fall colors deer hunting. Here they are traveling down the trail to the ground blind where they will be hunting.

John Mitchell takes a shot at the Horicon 3-D shoot this summer.

Many techniques were tried out during the 3-D archery shoot in Horicon.