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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 jmitchellwi@prodigy.net.

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@adaptivesportsmen.org.

We Loan ASI Equipment to members
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.

Fundraising
We often have raffles at our events and the Expo Booths. If you can procure items for these events we would appreciate it. All items, big or small are welcome. Thank you to those that have already donated items. Call Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 to arrange your donation.

Facebook Page - Please Post your pictures and stories
Please remember to check out our Facebook page and Post your pictures and stories! We all can share what exciting and fun things that our members are doing. Let’s all stay connected!

Adaptive Sportsman Membership Application
Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. 8727 W Coldspring Rd  Oilville, WI 53228

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Board Positions
If you are interested in running for a position on the board and serving our foundation please let us know. We will have elections early in 2016. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to sign up as a candidate. All members are invited to apply.

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

Feb 3-5 Milwaukee Summer Deer and Turkey Expo
We are going to be hosting a booth again at the Milwaukee Sports show. We need volunteers to man the booth and explain our mission and organization to the visiting public. Contact Steve Starz 262-321-9653 to sign up.

April 1-3 Deer and Turkey Expo, Madison
We are again having a booth at the Deer and Turkey expo in Madison and need people to man the booth. Volunteers get in free and it is a great show. Help us inform the visitors about our great organization. Contact John Martinson 608-628-2633 to sign up.

Apr 2   Halter Pheasant Hunt
Our annual pheasant hunt at Halter Pheasant Club is a fun time and a great way to kick off the 2016 hunting season. There are plenty of people to help, dogs to point and birds to shoot. Come on out. Contact John Mitchell 414-541-4505 to sign up.

May 3-6 Kettle Lake Ice Fishing Jamboree
We are holding our inaugural Ice fishing Jamboree at Kelly Lake. Contact Steve Starz 262-321-9653 for more information or check out our web page as updates become available.

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May TBA Madison Board Meeting
Contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745 to get the date and location for our Annual Winter Board meeting. Members and guests are welcome but please rsvp to John Mitchell so we can properly plan for the number of people attending.

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May TBA Kelly Lake Pier Grand Opening
We will be holding a grand opening for the complete Kelly Lake Fishing pier in May. Contact Steve Starz 262-321-9653 for details or to volunteer your time, money or material.

May TBA Madison Field Day We are holding our annual Madison Field day at Tenney Park in Madison. Contact John Martinson 608-628-2633 for more information

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 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 allen@adaptivesportsmen.org or jmitchellwi@prodigy.net. Please includes the names of the people in the pictures so we can properly acknowledge the participants. We will do our best to get all of them into our newsletter as space provides.
Fishing Equipment Needed

Hey all our beloved members and volunteers, it’s me Steve Starz and I’d like to ask if you or someone you know would have an old tackle box or pole, maybe even a cane pole (remember those) that is just extra or may (unfortunately) not be used anymore. I’m trying to provide tackle and the best experience to those members, veterans and volunteers who use our location at Kelly Lake. I am seeking anything you can think of be it a sinker, old fletched arrow and old boat and cushion of course tackle. For some of our disabled members it is a lot of extra work to load and unload or store their fishing gear every time they want to fish. I’d like to have an equipment area where anyone can come in and walkall! Rods, tackle, bait and a guide there under request, when we are extra, they can have access to the area enjoying the day. My address, phone number and e-mail address is one our site under contacts. Get a hold of me personally or one of our Board members letting them know what it’s for and they’ll make sure it’s all be at the Sports Show in March. I’d be willing to come to get it. Thank You Steve Starz

Our Thanks

Heartfelt Thanks- for helping Adaptive Sportsmen provide outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. Thanks to our volunteers that work in the fields, on the water, in the kitchen and behind the scenes. There were about 100 of you this year. Thanks to our members who sold raffle tickets at shows or on your own. We hope you enjoyed the event, you can only sell raffle tickets if you also buy a ticket. We are grateful to them. They included The James E Dutton Foundation, Cabela’s Inc., Safari Club International, Badgerland Chapter, Whitetails Unlimited, M&H Industrial Service Inc., Madison Fishing Expo, Atterbuny Kammer & Haag, American Packaging, Independence First, OSI Environmental, United Way, Trusti, several company match donations, St Croix Trail Riders Club, Mark Schmitt, Mrs Seymour and several anonymous donors.

Member Stories

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Volunteer Spotlight

This newsletter’s volunteer spotlight goes to my well respected friend Roman Nieminski, owner of Roman’s Grading Service and all around good egg. Roman’s talent’s and creativity are evident from the road to the lake. Roman has been with Tess, Don and Joe since the start of the project. His talents can be recognized on every inch of the location and one of my favorite pieces are the Ramp. The time and talent that it took to get it right the first time is not luck, it’s all skill. You may see or hear one of these inspired creations while you are in Rome to go out fishing while he’s busy at something. Roman is such a great asset to us at Kelly Lake and it would not even be close to it looking as well as it does without him, so if you see our grounds and see him or anyone else they extended our gratitude and express your gratitude. They are great people to be involved on such a great task. So here’s to you Roman, I hope we got plenty of years as friends to enjoy what you’ve done for all of us. We at ASI and the VA thank you from our hearts…Good on ya. Steve Starz

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My Turkey Hunt

Less than 1 year after my car accident in June 2013 that left me paralyzed from the chest down, I was able to organize a turkey hunt with a few friends. After an unsuccessful first day we found ourselves in the turkey blind once again early the next morning. The turkeys flew down from the roost in our direction and outfitter and friend Clayton Miller began to coax the birds in. Frequent gobbles ensured us that the birds were on their way. Soon our eyes were fixed on a dominant tom intent on finding the source of the hen Clayton was mimicking. Once the tom saw our submissive hen and Jake's Hen, he rushed into the setup to assert his dominance as hens from "The long beard strutted!" about the decays for what seemed like an eternity finally with help from my friend Jake I was able to get on target and deliver a punishing load from my Winchester SX3! Excitement arose from our 2 blinds as I had just harvested my first wild turkey. Lloyd Katla
John Mitchell gets ready to shoot at the Montello Sporting Clays event.

Dottie Dirksen and Mary Mitchell talk with Wendy Allen during a break from working at the Summer Picnic.

Members wait at the firing line during the trap shooting part of the Summer Picnic.

Group picture of the participants at the Montello Sporting Clays event.

Several members get ready to shoot trap at the Summer Picnic.

Members look at the raffle prizes displayed during a break at the Summer Picnic.

Travis Allen prepares to shoot at the 3-D targets during the Summer Picnic.

Helpers work on the grilled chicken served at the Summer Picnic.

One of the adaptive guns mounts used by a member at the Summer Picnic.