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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



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 2017. 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

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Please contact at allenneu@gmail.com 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 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@adaptivesportsman.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 Summer Raffle

Tom Hangchell was the winner of the Smith & Wesson 9mm, congratulations. Thanks to everyone that sold tickets and our booth captains, John Martinson, Cal Popp and Steve Starz.

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

Include \$ 10 membership fee
Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.
Veterans Membership is Free

Expiration Date 12/31/2017

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 _____

December 2016 - Wisconsin Dells Bow Deer Hunt. The date has not been announced, but check the web page we will post it as soon as the details are finalized. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or email him at jmitchellwi@prodigy.net to sign up or to get more info.

January/February 2017 TBD - Annual ASI Board Meeting We will be holding our annual Board meeting in late January or early February this coming year. Members are invited to attend, please contact John Mitchell if you want to attend so we can be sure we have enough room for everyone. We will be posting the meeting info on the web page as it is scheduled. You can contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or email him at jmitchellwi@prodigy.net to sign up or to get more info.

February TBD - Kelly Lake Ice Fishery Once again we will be holding an Ice Fishing Jamboree on Kelly Lake, at Shangrall on Grange and 124th in New Berlin. This is a fun time at a great place to fish. This small lake has plenty of fish and if last year is any indication it will be a fun time. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or email him at jmitchellwi@prodigy.net to sign up or to get more info.

"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.

Help Wanted- Waterfowl

We have an increasing interest in waterfowl hunting among our physically challenged hunters. We know of some places to go. If you have experience in waterfowl hunting and are able to commit some time please let us know by emailing jmitchellwi@prodigy.net

Other Hunts

As announced in an email invitation Bill Stuber planned an Iowa hog hunt and Ray Rabuck planned a late season bow hunt in Wisconsin. Three physically challenged hunters participated in both of these hunts in 2015 and more are planning for 2016. If you have any ideas for additional hunts or other events please contact us. We are always looking for events and opportunities to offer to our members

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 allenneu@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.

Booth Season

Our booths at various Sport Shows around the state allows us to make contacts with new members, volunteers and landowners to carry on our mission of Outdoor Recreation for Physically Challenged People. It is also an opportunity to raise some funds through our raffles that help pay for the events we hold. We encourage members to participate in these booth events. Those of us with physical challenges can be mentors and can explain the mission to others that want to enjoy Wisconsin's outdoors. Thank you.

Clintonville Deer Hunt

The Clintonville Archery whitetail hunt this year was another great team effort. The weather varied from cool the first day, to warm and misty, to just warm on Sunday. Several hunters passed on does in range due to being too small or having a preference to shoot a buck. Five hunters participated in the hunt. The kitchen help consisted of Mary Mitchell and Dottie Dirksen. Richard Patton helped with the supplies and kept the wood bin full. Joe EHR, fellow board member was part of the team and managed to get some hunting in as well. His nephew Matt who was helped by his brother Mark went out hunting for the first time after four years of extensive rehabilitation.

The food was fantastic as usual. The cooks usually feed about 20 people on Saturday night with a few door prizes and freebies given out. All the hunters, their helpers, landowners and Tracker the trailing dog had some good conversation. Bernie had to break it to his dog that several does were passed. We have always said that it is the decision of the hunter on how they want to hunt, and what they want to shoot, so all in good fun.

Speaking of Bernie, he has decided that he will be helping some of his friends with varying challenges to hunt in the future and that this would be his last hunt. I have felt that when Bernie moves on that I would also. Bernie was at the event from the beginning 13 years ago only missing a year or two when he taught lineman school at Chippewa Falls. He is the best guide I have worked with due to his ability to sit with, set up or transport hunters to their ground blind tents. He brought his own ATV, blinds, and his tracking dog. When he arrived he was fired up and ready to go. During slow hours when hunters were out, he or Pat Hanson could be heard muttering at their hand held "hearts " game. They were on their hand held devices before it was cool.

I have been there each year starting with Larry Drake in 2004. The Drake family were the foundation this hunt was built upon. His wife Linda and her sister and their nephews and nieces and the whole family really set things in motion. Several people have helped to keep it going including Bill Ploor and the late Steve Prieve so hats off to them as well.

Bernie and I figured that conservatively, this hunt over 13 years, helped 75 of our members get out into the woods to hunt the Clintonville Deer Hunt. That is something he and I along with many others on the team should be proud of. I will be turning in the groups tent and loaner crossbow at the January meeting. I plan to help the new person or group of people that are willing to keep this hunt going. I will send maps, contact numbers and be willing to meet some one before the hunt next year, to walk the property.

It always brings a smile when I think of Larry Drake four wheeling in his chair over logs and sticks, or Steve Prieve with a gorilla mask or pink wig on. Bernie and I wish to thank everyone who has helped out as we always knew the value of a team effort. Almost the whole team is intact so just a couple of people who would like to organize is all that would be needed for 2017. Dan Jacoby

Ice Jamboree at Kelly Lake 2017

We are hoping to see you at the 2017 Ice Fishing Jamboree in February and hope to catch some more fish and have a good time. A small group "Got On The Water" in February 2016. John Martinson brought his "ice boat" and transported those interested from shore to ice. Northerns were caught and released. Check the web page for dates and times.

Wicked Freedom Hunting Shacks

Wicked Freedom Hunting Shacks are located in Burnett county. All that is required is that the hunter have a disability (physical). The Shacks are managed by the WI DNR at Crex Meadows. Each hunter can reserve a Shack for 3 days. Each Shack can be driven right up to for access. Call 715-463-2896 to make the reservation, Go to the Crex Information Center in Grantsburg, WI the day before to get instructions and directions.

Charlie Slater, 14323 State Road 70, Grantsburg, WI 54840, 715-463-5300 – Office 612-619-4600 – Cell www.harveyallenoutdoors.com

Horicon 3D Shoot

One of our veteran guides had the high score shading board member **Cal Popp** by one point. **Ray Rabuck** another Veteran guide was close to those leaders. Several points behind was **Les Werner** who was ecstatic that he beat **John Mitchell**. After the shoot we enjoyed steaks off of the grill. Mary's bucket raffle and door prizes rounded out the festivities. Thanks to the Horicon Marsh Bowmen for a great day enjoyed by all.

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ASI Cookbook

Do you have a favorite recipe? Something grandma or your great Aunt Sarah used to make all the time and got rave reviews? We're looking for your tried and true recipes for an Adaptive Sportsmen cook book. Anything from appetizers to window cleaners. Maybe you have some wild game recipes you'd like to share. We're also looking for short, funny one-liners and maybe a picture or two. Please help us make this the cook- book that everyone will want to buy. Send your ideas either by mail or email to; Recipes C/O Adaptive Sportsmen 8727 W Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53228.

Outdoor Buddies Antelope Hunt

My name is **Keith Wanta** and I had a chance to go on a Pronghorn Antelope hunt in Wyoming this year. I shot an antelope buck with 9 inch antlers at 200 yards with a 120 grain SST bullet using a Savage Axis XP .270 Winchester Bolt-Action Rifle on Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 at the Outdoor Adventures cattle ranch in New Castle, Wyoming. Many people deserve recognition for preparation for this hunt and for the equipment used during the hunt. Outdoor Adventures offered to let me use the Action Trackchair during the hunt because of its capabilities in thick terrain. A typical wheelchair has a tendency to get stuck in such terrain found on the ranch.

A special thank you goes to **Dave** and **Pat Pues** from Shiocton, Wisconsin, and in memory of his son **Jeff Pues**, for donating a Be Adaptive HQ100 gun turret (in the second picture) to me one week prior to the hunt. A special thank you to **Bob Kolodziej**, my step dad, for assisting me for the hunt, and for spending countless hours setting up various gun configurations, helping sight in different rifles, and building a custom scope adaptation for the rifle scope using a smartphone camera, PVC, Plexiglas and some MacGyver ingenuity. Two months prior to the hunt, Bob also won the signature raffle prize during the Outdoor Adventures fundraiser picnic in North Freedom, Wisconsin. This signature raffle prize just happens to be the same gun used during the kill, which he gave to me as a gift. Last but not least, the Outdoor Adventures staff and hunting guides should also be recognized for their generosity and courtesy during this successful hunt, and for the delicious food they cooked at the ranch! Keith Wanta

Volunteer Spotlight

John and Cheri Stratte run the Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer, and have been gracious hosts for our ATV ride each of the last ten years. The Lodge is wheelchair accessible and located on Spider Lake just outside of Mercer. The have 9 cabins, a main lodge with a small bar, a boat landing and several piers on the lake. John was the recreation/sports co-ordinator for Independence First before he moved up north to buy his dream home and resort business, so he has a lot of experience with different types of disabilities and a desire to provide opportunities for people with disabilities. He also suffered a spinal cord injury, L-1 incomplete, from a climbing accident in Hawaii when he was younger which gives him a close up and personal view of the difficulties that a disabled person has to face.

John and Cheri are very helpful in setting up, running, and promoting our ATV Ride each year. They donate time and lodging to help the ride be successful. They also hold a Kayaking event each summer for people with disability, where they offer people with disabilities a chance to get out on the water with one of their kayaks. John is an experienced and avid kayaker and 4-5 kayaks around the resort at any time. The kayaks are useful on the lake and wonderful on the local rivers and lakes. John and Cheri are great volunteers and Adaptive Sportsmen members and represent some of the best qualities that our volunteers bring to Adaptive Sportsmen. Without people like them we would not be able to offer the many awesome events we have come to expect from Adaptive Sportsmen. Thank You!

Departed

Charlie Ande a long time Board member passed away June 27th, 2016. He had participated inturkey and deer hunts as well as 3Ds and our shooting picnic. We will miss his smile and his willing to try attitude.

Include Adaptive Sportsmen in Your Will

Estate planning is never a real 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 consider us when you start your planning.

- **Donation of hunting equipment and adaptive equipment**. We can get your good used equipment to a needy ASI member or sell it and use the proceeds for our events. Used vans, wheelchairs, crossbows, and guns are popular items to donate.

- **Dedicate any amount of money or property for a specific purpose** We will keep that money separate and use it as you wish. From \$2 to \$200,000, any amount is good. **We can memorialize your donation or let it remain as an anonymous donation.**

- **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.

Summer Shooting Picnic

Adaptive Sportsmen members acknowledged how wonderful the volunteers from Schultz Rod and Gun Club are. We had a beautiful day using cases of shells at trap and the rifle/pistol range. Some fletching was knocked off of arrows by shooters in the archery area. New shooters using the Schultz hunter safety loaner guns participated with experienced shooters that brought their own. Thanks to **Mike Gustin** for doing the grilling and to everyone that brought salads and desert. I personally saw half a dozen salads and nine deserts but was only able to try three of each. Many home made items were included with the sporting goods on the bucket raffle. Many Thanks are due; to **Independence First** for a donation to cover supplies, **Blairs True Value**, **Master Lock** and **Shorty's Guns** for merchandise and door prizes, all of the volunteers from **Schultz Rod and Gun Club** for helping us out. **John Mitchell**

I also came out for the Shooting Picnic and would highly recommend it to our members. The free trap shooting is a blast and the volunteers at Schultz are awesome. I met many old friends and made several new ones. The rifle and pistol range is nice for some summer practice and to site your gun in for the fall hunting. The food was tasty and there was plenty of it. Plenty of raffle prizes to win, no need to go home empty handed. This is a fine event for summer fun and you should plan on being there next year. **Allen Neu**

Mercer ATV Ride

We had another fine ATV Ride in Mercer in June. 12 members showed up to enjoy the wonder of the beautiful Northern Wisconsin and the thrill of riding an ATV on the well maintained trails in Iron County. These participants included **Doug Bureta**, **Zach Zeise**, **Jade Roth**, **Mike Schmidt**, **John Martinson**, **Gina Lytle**, **Pete Lepage**, **Roger and Cindy Maeter**, **Greg and Donna Olsen**, and **Allen Neu**. Greg brought 4 loaner machine from WATVA for those members who don't have a machine to ride. John and Cheri Stratte, proud owners of Pine Forest Lodge were the gracious hosts. Pine Forest, located on Spider Lake just outside Mercer WI, has nine cabins, 5 which are accessible. Besides the ATV ride, the resort offers hiking trails, kayaking, fishing and boating activities. There is always plenty to do at the resort.

We were able to trailer the machines the first day to Saxon Harbor where we had the opportunity to ride down to Lake Superior and also spend some time at the sand pit near the trail head. Several videos of the sand pit were posted if you had a chance to see them. The second day we rode up to Hurley and back down to Bear Chasers for lunch. After leaving Bear Chasers we rode back through the rain, which is a fun experience for people who have good rainsuits, lol. We always plan for riding in the rain, it is so much fun.

The ride includes food for the two days and the menu included Tacos and Hungarian goulash prepared by Allen Neu and side dishes and deserts prepared by Cheri Stratte. Everyone ate well, no hungry people here.

Thanks to the St Croix ATV Club and Allen Neu, who donated money and food to cover the costs of the event.



Pictures from the Summer Picnic

We have many pictures from the Summer Picnic. shooters at the archery range, food servers in the kitchen, trap shooters on the trap range, ange shooters at the rifle range





Keith Wanta poses with his antelope(Upper left) Allen Neu shot a buck in Wausau (Upper Center) John Martinson with his Wyoming Antelope (upper right) Zach Zeise and Mike Schmidt ride the atv's in the sand pit in Mercer (lower left) Group picture from the Montello Sporting Clays (Lower center) and John Mitchell shows of a fish from Kelly Lake (Lower right)

