The 2005 booth and exposition season has drawn to a close with the Deer and Turkey Expo in Madison just completed. Our booths at various sport shows and banquets allow us to explain our mission of outdoor recreation for physically challenged people and to raise funds for these events. We hope that everyone had a chance to participate, and to meet and talk to the many generous people that help make our organization possible.

This summer’s events promise to better than ever, with the Spring Turkey Hunt in Baraboo, ATV ride in Mercer, Madison Fishery, Archery Events in Horicon, Fond Du Lac and Verona, and possibly several other events to be added as the year continues. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Check the Calendar of Events on the web page for an up to date list of the events, event information, and contact numbers.

Spring Fund Raisers
As many of you know, winter and spring is fund raising time for our organization. We have people attending many sport shows and banquets to raise money for our activities and to inform the public about our activities. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of our members, who work to make Adaptive Sportsmen a better group. Thank You!

Eau Claire Classic
Dick Fisher and his crew again manned a booth at the Eau Claire Classic January 28-30. The held a nice raffle and worked to inform people about our group. In addition to Dick, the following people helped out in the booth; Betty Fisher, Jim Johnson, Duane Johnson, Paul Fisher, Chris Stanek, Glen Howell, Ashley Howell, Bernie Pagenhoph, Greg Borghardt, and Dean Borgwardt.

Badgerland Safari Club International
The Badgerland Chapter of the Safari Club International held its winter meeting Feb 25-27. Al Neu organized the booth and John Martinson, Charlieande, and Leslie Laabs helped out.

Green Bay Chapter of the Safari Club
The Green Bay chapter of the Safari Club International held its winter meeting Feb 25-27. Mary Mitchell, Cliff Phiefer and Larry Drake worked there selling raffle tickets and passing out information about our events.

Milwaukee Sports Show
The Milwaukee Sports show was held from March 11 to the 20th at State Fair Park. We had a booth there to inform the public about our organization and to sell raffle tickets. Mike Little did a good job organizing the staffing for the booth, and Ken Thompson, Amanda Little, Pat Sullivan, Nancy Fleischacker, Curtis Fleischacker, Bill Paulson, Mary Mitchell, John Mitchell, Lisa Little, Bill Koch, Charlie Lohr, Rick Schaefer, Bob Christopher, Al Geiske, Brian Graham, Al Neu, Miles Miller, Mark Tesmier, Mike Fleischacker, and Gene Wrench all worked the booth during the show.

Wittenberg Whitetails Unlimited Banquet
The Wittenberg Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited held a spring banquet Saturday April 2 and is sharing the proceeds with Adaptive Sportsmen. Larry Drake worked hard on this banquet, along with Linda Drake, Mary Mitchell, Charlie and Linda Ande, Lois Anderson, Dan and Shirley Jacoby and Gary and Linda Vanderhaavel.

Deer and Turkey Expo in Madison
The Deer and Turkey Expo was held again in Madison April 8-10th. A wide variety of exhibits and displays were on hand. John Martinson organized the staffing for the booth, with Garth Harris, John Mitchell, Charles Ande, Mary Mitchell, Mike Gustin, Gene Wrench, Al Neu, John Hammen, and Rick Schaefer helping out.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN
Check www.adaptivesportmen.org for info

May 7th-8th  Badger Army Ammo Plant Turkey Hunt. Check the web page for information or contact John Mitchell at 414-541-4055 for details.

June 26-7th  2nd Annual ATV Ride in Mercer See accompanying article or call Al Neu at 414-617-4870 or email to aneu@adaptivesportmen.org for more information.

June 11th  Horcon 3D Tournament & cookout Call Jeff Miller (920) 485-2387 for information.

June 20  2nd Annual Madison Fishery Noon to 8 PM. Call John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or help up at (808) 845-4518.

July 13-14th  Lakeshore 3D Shoot, Fond Du Lac. Contact John Mitchell for info at 414-333-4745.


Oct 7-9th  and 14-16th  Clintonville Bow Deer Hunt Call Larry Drake at 715-635-2897 for information.


OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
Challenge the Outdoors, has the following event. Call (920) 833-6274 or (920) 766-9218 or send emails to: ctoformex@yahoo.com for details.

April 16th  Archery Shoot at the Archery Shack in Neenah Call 920-733-6824 for information.

June 4th  7th Annual Shawano Lake Fishery & Picnic Call us at (920) 833-6274 or (920) 766-9218 for details.

Ponitto Boat on Shawano Lake is available from May-October for day or evening fishing outings. You can check out more at: http://www.challengetheoutdoors.org or more information.

April 16th  Whispering Emerald Springs is holding their annual pheasant hunt. Contact Bruce at 1-715-233-1281

Fishing Has No Boundaries www.fishingonline.com (800-243-3462) is holding several fishing events in Wisconsin in 2005, including; May 20-22 Hayward May 21-22 Lake Winnebago May 28 Hayward June 3-5 Eagle River July 9-10 Madison August 20-21 Chipewa Valley August 27-28 Lake Winnebago

Dunn County Sportsmen Alliance June 11th  Fishing event in Menomonee, WI. Contact Mary Butler at 715-232-1496 or email to mbutler@co.dunn.wi.us for information. They offer fishing and hunting opportunities for people with disabilities.

Visit the Wisconsin DNR “Open the Outdoors” website for information on events, licenses, and permits for disabled hunters; http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/at/af/open/

2005 HDTV RAFFLE
In 2005 we are holding a fund raising raffle to help pay for the many events that we hold. This year we decided to raffle off a 55” Sony HDTV and Sony Home Theater System. Raffle tickets are $5 or 3 for $10 and the drawing for the TV will be held Oct. 1 at the Baraboo deer hunt. This TV and home theater system is a $4000 value, so it’s going to be a great prize to win. Everyone should contact Mary Mitchell at 414-316-2298 to get tickets to sell. We need to sell lots of tickets to help pay for our events during the year.

If you can arrange to spend a day in front of a local Wal-Mart, Gander Mountain, Best Buy, or other retail store to sell tickets, that would be helpful. We can arrange for signs or posters to help explain the raffle and our organization’s purpose. Everyone should be working to sell these raffle tickets, since it is a major funding source for all of our events.

Board of Directors Meeting, Jan. 15, 2005 Members can contact Kristy Richardson for the minutes of the meeting or other details.

Disabled Youth Bear Hunt Opportunity Following the example of the bear permit donated to Miles Miller last year, another generous hunter has offered to transfer this permit to a physically challenged youth. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or send an email to aneu@adaptivesportmen.org if you know of a youth that would be interested.

2005 Snowmobile Ride
The 2005 snowmobile ride was cancelled due to bad weather. We were supposed to drive up to the Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer WI. March 18th, but a snowstorm made travel too difficult. Jim Zomcheck was able to demonstrate his snowmobiling technique to several of us in Waukesha, but we will have to wait until next year to hold an Adaptive Sportsmen snowmobile ride.

Donations
Thank you to the generous people of Wisconsin, including Wisconsin Deer Hunters, Whitetails Unlimited, Lori G Wildwood Archery, Badgerland Safari Club, Quadgraphics, and other anonymous donors for their recent contributions.

Check out this website. It seems to be a really excellent site and has a lot of useful information from adaptive equipment to Hunting and fishing regulations for the US. The site address is www.atracy.org.

Turkey Caller
A landowner called us and he would like to take physically challenged hunters out on his land to call turkeys. If you have a Zon 12 spring tag contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745.

Email or write to us with your hunting and fishing successes so that we can list them in the “BACK TAG”. We will try to run the back tag twice a year, so if you miss one we can always get it in the next issue. aneu@adaptivesportmen.org

Volunteer Profile: Some of you know Dottie Dirksen. All of you that have attended the Lori G Wildwood Archery 3D shoot, the Badger AAP bow deer hunt or the Camp Gray membership meeting have tasted some of her good cooking. She was happy to announce taking her first deer with a bow in 2004. She previously took a coyote with it.

2nd Annual ATV Ride
The 2nd annual ATV ride in Mercer WI, is planned for June 2-5. Last year we had 9 disabled riders and this year we hope to have 20 disabled riders (companions and helpers are welcome). The event costs $20 per person and includes food, lodging and use of an ATV if you don’t have one. We will be arriving on Thursday, and riding on Friday and Saturday with a banquet and campfire on Saturday night. Sunday is an optional riding day and travel day. Sign up deadline is May 15, and it’s first come, first serve, so don’t wait till the last minute. Check our web site or call Al Neu at 414-617-4870 for signup information. We look forward to seeing many new faces at this year’s ride.

Additional Events
The Milwaukee Iron wheelchair Quad Rugby team invited Adaptive Sportsmen to participate in the Mobility Fair held as part of their tournament at South Division High School on February 12th. Mike Little, Patrick Sullivan and John Mitchell were on hand.

The Quad Graphics plant on Hwy 100 was the site for the LEAP Fair (Local Educators & Agencies Promoting Potential) on February 16th. The program was organized by the Wauwatosa school district and focused on success for families with physically challenged children. Rick Schaefer, John Mitchell, Miles Miller and Scott Miller staffed the booth and distributed literature.

Mark Robinson and John Mitchell were speakers on February 18th at a continuing education seminar sponsored by UWMM for the Therapeutic Recreation Association. We discussed the benefits of an Adaptive-hunting program for people with physical challenges.

The Lori G Archery Tournament
The 2005 Lori G Wildwood Archery indoor shoot on March 5th was another great event. Physically challenged and able body shooters used crossbows, compound bows and recumbent bows side by side. The course was challenging, requiring us to shoot around fences, ponds and Christmas trees. The targets included black bears, skunks and baboon. A delicious lunch included hot dogs, bratwurst, barbecue and flatbread. Some of you know Dottie Dirksen who pulled arrows and served lunch. The top three shooters with compound bows were Brian Graham, 228 pts, Henry Leopold 220 pts and Mark Seeley 216 pts. The top three with crossbows were Walter Joost 221 pts, Steve Prive 219 pts and John Mitchell 214 pts.

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