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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 Members

The board of Directors for Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. oversees the activities of the foundation as we follow our mission of providing outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. Each year 1/3 of the board members are up for re-election. If you or someone you know is interested in serving a position on the board, please call John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to apply. Or send a short resume or Biography in an email to [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net). Thank you.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN

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Please contact at [aneu@adaptivesportsman.org](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org) 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 [aneu@adaptivesportsman.org](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org)

**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](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org)

### Fundraising

In addition to our annual ATV or Gift Card raffle most of our events include a silent auction or bucket raffle. Contact Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 to donate items for these fundraisers. We wish to give a big Thanks to all of you that have already donated to the auctions or bucket raffles.

### 2010 FUND RAISER

Our 2010 gift card raffle will be drawn on Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Baraboo Archery Deer Hunt. We have a \$2000, a \$500 and two \$250 cards as prizes for this raffle. Contact John or Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 to get your Raffle Tickets. On behalf of Adaptive Sportsmen I would like to thank all of the people who bought tickets for our raffle and who are helping to support the wonderful work that we do. John Mitchell.

Include \$ 10 membership fee Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen	<b>Adaptive Sportsman Membership Card</b> <b>Expiration Date 12/31/2010</b>	Mail to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. 8727 W Coldspring Road Greenfield, WI 53228
Name _____		
Address _____		
City State & Zip _____		
Phone #s _____	e-mail _____	
<u>Please Circle One</u>	Physically Challenged	Able Bodied
<u>Interests</u>	Hunting	Fishing
	ATV Riding	Boating
	Snowmobiling	Other _____
		Volunteer/Sponsor

**April 3 Halter Pheasant Hunt** This annual pheasant hunt is a great time to do some hunting and open up the new year's hunting season. Contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745 for information or to sign up.

**April 9-11 Deer & Turkey Expo in Madison.** This is a wonderful show in Madison, and we need people to work the booth to let people know what a great job we do and to sell our new raffle tickets. This is a wonderful show and the volunteers get in free! Contact John Martinson 608-846-4518 to sign up.

**May 7-8 Baraboo Turkey Hunt** Anyone who has gone turkey hunting at the Badger Army Ammo Plant in Baraboo knows how much fun this hunt can be. Most of the hunters have been selected, but if you still want to get into this hunt, contact John Mitchell at (414) 333-4745 or email [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net) to see if there is room.

**June 3-6 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mercer ATV Ride** Disabled and able bodied riders are invited to come up to the Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer and ride the fantastic trails in northern Wisconsin and enjoy the friendship of some wonderful people. Contact Al Neu 414-617-4870 or email at [allenneu@gmail.com](mailto:allenneu@gmail.com) to find out more information on this fantastic ATV ride held every year the weekend after Memorial Day.

**June 12 Madison Fishery** The Madison area has some nice fishing, and the pontoon boats and bass boats will take you there. You will meet at Teney Park and be almost sure to have a great time on either Mendota or Monona Lake.. Contact John Martinson for more information at 608-628-2633

**June 26 Horicon Bowmen Summer 3-D Archery Shoot.** You can come up to Horicon and enjoy a fun day shooting at the 3-D targets set up in the woods at the Club, and then enjoy a dinner and awards ceremony afterwards. Contact Pat Buhr at 920-386-5644 to sign up or to get more info.

**July 31 Summer Picnic** Schultz's gun club in Muskego is the site of our summer picnic. We have a 3-D archery range set up, a trap shooting range, and a pistol and rifle range (up to 100 yards). For a fun time and to meet some nice people, contact Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 to sign up.

**October 8-10 Baraboo Archery Deer Hunt** The Badger Army Ammo Plant has been the sight for many wonderful archery deer hunts over the years, and this year should be no different. You will have a chance to see some nice deer and if you are lucky you might get a shot at one. Of course the rest is up to you! You will be able to stay at Camp Grey for free and they have a good cooking crew that will try to keep you from getting hungry. Contact John Mitchell at (414) 333-4745 or email [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net) to sign up or get more information.

**October 14-17 Clintonville Archery Deer Hunt.** We have a very nice place to hunt deer in Clintonville and a very good group of people to help. (see the article about the hunt in this issue). Contact Steve Prieve at 608-220-9288 or Dan Jacoby at 715-356-7803 to sign up or get information.



### Member Spotlight

**John Martinson** is a familiar name to most of the people in Adaptive Sportsmen, he is a member of the Board and the coordinator of the Madison Fishery. It will come as no surprise to those who know him to hear that he purchased a Wilcraft ice fishing machine (shown above) this winter. The Wilcraft machine is an atv type of machine designed to get out on the ice safely and easily. It has a boat style body for safety and a rear wheel drive atv style propulsion unit. The back of the machine lowers via electrical actuators to make it easy for a paraplegic like John to get into the machine.

John has used this vehicle this winter for ice fishing and I am sure he will show it to any interested members during the course of the year. The Wilcraft line of machines (info at [www.thewilcraft.com](http://www.thewilcraft.com)) is the type of equipment that raises the interest of many of our members and will make it easier for all of us to get back to doing the sports we have enjoyed in the past. Contact John Martinson for further information about his machine at 608-628-2633.

### Equipment Available for loan

We have a wide range of equipment in different parts of the state available for our members. We have purchased or received donations of hunting blinds, crossbows, tree stands, and many other items. These are loaned out to our members free of charge. This will let our members try out different types of equipment before they buy them.

Here is a partial list of the items and what part of the state they are kept.

#### Northwest WI Glenn Howell 715-456-4619

Parker Crossbow, Hunting Blind

#### Northeast WI Larry Drake 715-823-2655, Dan Jacoby 715-356-7803

10 Point Crossbow, 5 hunting blinds, Kneepod shooting brace, Flambeau doe decoy.

#### Southwest WI John Martinson 608-628-2633, Les Werner 608-513-4312

Barnett, Horton, and 10 Point crossbows, Hunting blind, Kneepod shooting brace, bipod and tripod shooting sticks, electric fishing reels, and our powered tree stand.

#### Southeast WI John Mitchell 414-333-4745

Horton, PSE and 10 Point crossbows, 3 hunting blinds, Nachez gun support, monopod, bipod and tripod shooting sticks, and a Flambeau doe decoy.

#### South WI Dottie Dirkson 262-886-3078

10 Point crossbow and a hunting blind

### Adaptive Cross Country Sit Skis Available

This is a call to any park with cross country ski trails looking to offer a unique form of winter recreation to people with disabilities. The University of Wisconsin – Madison engineering program has been developing a simple yet state-of-the-art design for cross country skiing adapted for individuals with mobility impairments. They have over 100 of them made and are offering to borrow up to two to each interested state park at no cost.

Below is a picture of Jane Schmieding at Governor Nelson State Park using one of the sit skis. Jane has MS which restricts her ability to walk independently and, therefore, ski using traditional methods. As you can see, all of the movement is generated through the arms so flatter trails are preferred for obvious reasons.

Winter in Wisconsin is a difficult time for many people with disabilities, not only to enjoy the outdoors, but to complete simple tasks outside of the home due to snow. This is an amazing opportunity that can be offered at your park to get more people outdoors. We all know what the winter blues can be like!

If interested please contact accessibility coordinator Andy Janicki at 608-267-7490 or [andrew.janicki@wisconsin.gov](mailto:andrew.janicki@wisconsin.gov).

### Let's Go Fishing

**Jim Legenowski** is a retired professional fishing guide in Southeast Wisconsin. He would like to take some Adaptive Sportsmen out fishing. If you are interested email John Mitchell at [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net) and he will pit you in touch with Jim.

### Clintonville Hunt Story.

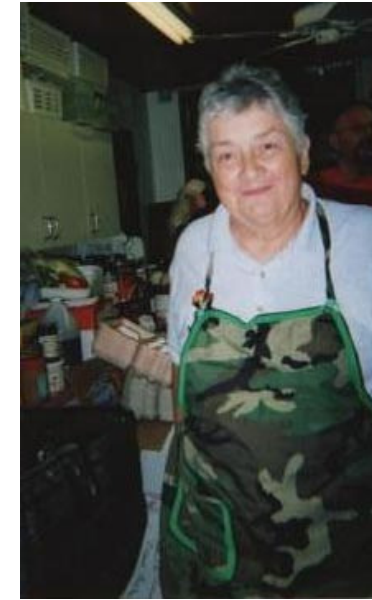
The Clintonville Area Bowhunt date for 2010 will be October 14-17 This is a small, quaint hunt based out of the **Christus Lutheran Camp** near Highway 45 and the town of Marion. The lodge at the camp is on 40 acres but there are another 160 acres to hunt on. The accessible lodge consists of a breezeway, day room with long tables, wood burning fireplace, 2 large sleeping quarter rooms with six sets of bunk beds in each, a large kitchen and 2 large accessible restrooms with showers.

The 40 acres consists of trails, open field areas, pines and brushy hardwoods. The 160 acres are owned by the Clintonville Area School District, the Town of Larabee and a sliver of DNR land. A portion of this land is along the Pigeon River.

This hunt is designed to accommodate up to six hunters along with a guide or assistant for each. **New this year will be the allowance of the helper or guide to hunt but they will need to be close enough to the hunter to assist at any time.** There are more blinds set, than hunters attending so a change of scenery is easily accomplished. Some choose to hunt hard and others will sleep in or adjust their schedule to the weather. Scouting in advance can be done but will need to be in coordination with the hunt organizers. The hunt organizers are willing to set up the type of hunt you prefer for example baiting versus runway hunting or near agriculture fields or river bottoms.

The smaller number of people at this hunt allows most of the meals to be tailored to your schedule. The wood is provided for the ever burning fireplace and is a great place to take the chill off after hunting. The people who have attended this hunt have commented that they enjoyed the relaxed nature of the hunt and the delicious meals. At night there are card games, board games and of course, story telling,

There will be three people coordinating this hunt in 2010 so feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. Larry Drake at 715-823-2655, Steve Prieve at 608-251-5590 and Dan Jacoby at 715-356-7803.



### Volunteer Spotlight

**Pat Hanson** shown her on the left in her Baraboo cooking attire, is one of the cook crew volunteers at the Baraboo and Clintonville Whitetail hunts. She is a fantastic cook and really great baker with a wonderful sense of humor. She always keeps us laughing. Pat is also a hunter in her own right and has bagged some nice trophies. Please join us in giving her a hearty cheer and thanks for a great job!

### Bear Tag Transfer to Disabled Youths

We have been very lucky to have several Bear Kill Tags donated for our disabled Youth members in the past few years. I am sure you have seen some of the stories in the newsletter and they are wonderful to read. These types of opportunities are only possible if we have people applying for their bear tag preference points, even if you do not intend to hunt bears. We have many people who will donate time and bait to set up these hunts. All we need is the Kill Tag!

**So remember, the next time you send in your permit applications include the Bear Tag application. You can be responsible for a great hunt and a big smile on the face of a disabled youth member.**

### Sign up for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ATV ride in Mercer

It's that time of year, as the snow starts to melt and cabin fever is in full bloom, our thoughts turn to outdoor sports and recreation. I want to remind everyone that we have room on our ATV ride in Mercer now, but it fills up fast, so sign up early.

This is a wonderful event and we get many happy riders who come back year after year. The resort is wheelchair and disability friendly, the owners (John and Cheri Stratte) are great hosts and will bend over backwards to make the guests happy.

The ride costs \$30 per person and includes lodging Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, and food on Friday and Saturday. What a deal! You can ride right out of the resort onto the ATV trails, so it is easy and fun to get started each morning. We have found some interesting and fun places to ride and it never seems to change enough each year so nobody is bored.

Contact Al Neu at 414-617-4870 or email me at [allenue@gmail.com](mailto:allenue@gmail.com) to sign up or to get more information. I hope to see you there. An application is also on our web page. [www.adaptivesportsmen.org/applications](http://www.adaptivesportsmen.org/applications)