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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. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN

Check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for 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 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 in May's newsletter about the hunt). Contact Steve Prieve at 608-220-9288 or Dan Jacoby at 715-356-7803 to sign up or get information.

November 6 Smiths Pheasant Crest Hunt This is a great pheasant hunt hosted by Wayne and Robin Smith in Oxford Wisconsin. They have put on this hunt for many years now and do a wonderful job getting birds, dogs, hunters and guides together for a fun time. Lunch is provided and there is a trap range set up to limber up the hunters. Call John Martinson at 608-628-2633 to sign up or to get more information.

Bear Tag Transfer to Disabled Youth

We have a bear kill tag for a **disabled youth** (under 18) donated for this fall. It is for the Wausau area and is free to the youth selected. We also have free lodging donated for the hunt, for the youth and parents/guardians who might want to come along.

If more than one youth applies for the tags then we will draw the winner at the July 31 picnic in Muskego. Applications must be received at Adaptive Sportsmen by Friday July 30 or they can be turned in at the picnic before 2pm to be eligible for the drawing.

The youths must be willing to spend time in the woods hunting. It can be several weekends before the bears decide to come in to the bait, so spending time in the woods is very important. We have blinds, bait and guides set up, so all you need is some free weekends, your hunting license and hunter safety certificate.

This is an awesome hunting experience and it is hosted by a great group of people in the Wausau area. You won't find a better way to get a chance to shoot a bear in Wisconsin. **To enter, send a letter to Mary Mitchell at Adaptive Sportsmen, 8727 W. Coldspring Rd. Greenfield, WI and ask to be entered into the Youth Bear Hunt Drawing.** Include the name and age of the youth hunter and a telephone number where you can be reached if you win.

Good Luck and Happy Hunting.

It can be yours

"The James E Dutton Foundation has provided a 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."

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Please contact at 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

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

Injured Reserve

We have heard Jim Dekay, Larry Drake, Tim Weinke and Cal Popp have been hospitalized at some time this year. Other members have had people from their family hospitalized too. Prayers for recovery are always welcome. If you know of others please let us know.

2010 FUND RAISER

Our 2010 gift card raffle will be drawn on Sunday October 10th 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.

Adaptive Sportsman Membership Card

Include \$ 10 membership fee
Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen

Expiration Date 12/31/2010

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 _____

Milwaukee Sport Show

I want to thank all of you that worked the 2010 Milwaukee Sport Show. The people that worked in the booth are **Charles Lohr, Bob Ruth, John Martinson, Charles Andee, Ron Anderson, Pat Buhr, Joe Bilansky, and John Mitchell**. The set-up people did a great job they were **Ken Thompson, Larry Geike, David Vonghamn, and Garth Harris** thank you so much for your work and putting everything was in place.

The show was very rewarding for me as club members stopped by to say thank you for the events held by Adaptive Sportsmen. I want to pass this along to all of you that worked hard to put these events on. A member of Whitetails Unlimited stopped by to say they would continue the support of Adaptive Sportsmen. Thanks again to all of you that helped.

Bill Koch

Halter Pheasant Hunt

The Halter Pheasant hunt was held in April again this year in Pleasant Prairie Wisconsin. The weatherman threw a scare into many people as the calls about a potential rain date started to come in on Friday night, but the stage was set with volunteers, birds and supplies so it was decided to hold the hunt, rain or shine.

Saturday morning was heavy with the threat of rain and the hunters headed to the field immediately upon arrival with the volunteers and their dogs of every breed imaginable. The early part of the morning hunt was fine, but everyone wore hunter orange and rain gear for safety. Late morning proved the weatherman was right as the rain began to fall but most of us were back at the lodge eating the barbecued pig, venison and assorted salads and I saw 4 dogs attempting to retrieve my first rooster that happened to fall into a pond. I saw a terrific long shot on another bird taken by an 80+ gentleman. We had two or three hunters in each field along with the volunteers and their dogs. Some people did get wet. After an hour or so the rain stopped and we headed back to the fields in sunshine for a beautiful afternoon hunt. (Editors Note; I came late and was one of those people who got wet in the late morning heavy showers, but I still had a great time and none of the helpers complained. Allen Neu)

I did not get a final count but everyone took some birds home so I imagine 100 of the 300 birds released were brought in and cleaned.

Thanks to all of the volunteers especially **Joel Chic of Artisans Taxidermy** for organizing the hunt and **John Burke** from Halter Wildlife for the use of the fields and facilities.

John Mitchell

Baraboo Turkey Hunt

Rain threatened the spring turkey hunt May 7-9 at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant but the spirits of the hunters and volunteers could not be dampened. The blinds offered concealment and protection. We had some drizzle and hail interspersed with beautiful periods of sunshine. **Greg Borgwardt** made 4 gallons of his cowboy coffee to go with three gallons of chili and a pile of hot dogs next to a stack of chicken breasts and **Lowell Boetcher** donated some tasty Jalapeno Hog sausage for lunch.

Dale Rebernik took his very first turkey, a bearded hen, about 6am with **Mike Gustin**. Mike has guided three hunters who shot bearded hens at Badger and that must be a record. **Jeff Brown** was next at 6:30am, taking his first adult Tom with a very nice shot at 45 yards stepped off by his guide **Lloyd Soter**. **Cal Popp** brought down the next Tom around 10:30am with his nephew **Jason Popp**. It was a very interesting adult with no spurs at all. Iron man **Al Neu** rounded out the harvest at 5:30pm with a 45 yard kill shot on his big Tom from with great calling help from his guide, **Dan Berens**. **Jim Rutledge** was not able to attend the weekend hunt because he used his tag on Wednesday with a neighbor's help. That makes 5 turkeys for 10 hunters an even 50%.

Thanks to all of the volunteers as well as **John Balfanz** and all of the people at Badger.

John Mitchell



Madison Fishery June 12th

The 2010 Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. annual Madison Fishery on Saturday, June 12th was a little wet, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the participants, **Les Werner, Charlie Ande, Steve Prieve, John Martinson, Jim Rau, Todd Jones, Gerry Schick, Cliff Pheifer, Bob Corey, Bob Gorzeck, Joe Kunz and Debbie Kunz**.

Unfortunately the fish didn't cooperate memo to bite, but a few of the boats were able to pick up some fish.

This year we had a great group of guys come up from Gurnee Illinois to help us out and we really appreciate their long trip coming up to Madison to help out!

The set up at the MSCR boat slip was really nice, with a cement landing area, wide gates on the thirty foot pontoon boats and aluminum ramps for a safe transfer for the power chairs.

We Had the privilege of inventor **John Lease** demonstrate some adaptive equipment for our members, John has a hand held power fishing rod and reel that uses a 18 volt battery or a power pack that will attach to your chair for lighter handling. He also has a automatic caster that you use a joy stick to operate that is really cool!

A big and appreciative **THANK YOU** to our volunteers, **Lloyd Soter, Bruce Gerhke, Steve Martinson, Dawn Soter, Kenny Martinson, Tony and Laurin Plevak, and Walleye Unlimited** from Gurnee Illinois.

Thank you to our sponsors, **Wilderness Sauk City, Karen The Cake Lady, Gary Engberg and APC**.

Hope to see you next year and happy fishing!

John Martinson.

Horicon Winter Shoot

With the closing of Wildwood Archery the Adaptive Sportsmen winter shoot was moved to the Horicon Marsh Bowmens clubhouse. It was a nice winter day for the indoor shoot and the course looked really nice and had just the right amount of challenge with all of the discarded Christmas trees from around town. All those that attended had a good time and enjoyed hot sandwiches and stories from last season. All shot good scores with the youngest shooters attaining the top spots. We are looking forward to even more people next year. The shoot date will be finalized later this year with some idea of the date by the summer shoot.

Thanks to everyone for helping out.

Pat Buhr



7th Annual ATV ride in Mercer

The Adaptive Sportsmen's ATV ride in the scenic north woods around Mercer Wisconsin has come and gone again for this year. A varied and interesting group of disabled and able-bodied people had a great time riding, eating, talking, kayaking and fishing. We had rain, sunshine, moonlight, midnight campfires and gentle evening showers to deal with, and I don't think we would want it any other way.

Every time I set up and run the ATV Ride in Mercer I try to come up with something new and interesting to do on the trails around Mercer, Hurley, Saxon Harbor and Pine Forest Lodge. We try to find new trails to go with the ones we already like, and the ATV clubs that set up the trails are always working on improving the ATV experience in Iron County. This year was no exception. John Stratti, the owner of Pine Forest Lodge, was able to take a small group of slow riders, ("Snails" as we call them), on a scenic and technically challenging ride around the Mercer area, using access roads, snowmobile trails and private trails. He has worked hard over the years cementing relations with the local land owners and was able to provide this neat ride as a result. We also had a UTV along with us this year, since Iron County now allows these machines on the trails. Pete Carrao brought his "side by side" UTV and he drove that with his 14 year old son while his 17 year old son drove an ATV.

We had disabled riders **Doug Bureta, Rick Benvinedes, Gina Hackel, Pete Carro, John Mitchell, Pete LaPage, Bill Koch, Dan Zenefski, Dale Rebernik, Jerry Schick, and Allen Neu**. Among the able bodied riders there was **Greg Olsen** and his wife Donna from the WATV Association, **Scott Burns, Karli LePage, Lisa Math, the Carrao boys, Kristy Richardson, Luke Koch, Joan Gusto**, and several others.

We also had surprise event. Kurt, a friend of Pete Lepage and Jamie Richradson, brought his girl friend Heather up for the ride, and he proposed to her on Friday night during our door prize giveaway. She said yes and all of the people present were invited to the wedding! That will be hard to top next year, for sure.

I want to give a big thank you to the donors this year, the ATV Clubs and dealers who stepped up big to make this event work. They were the **Trails North ATV Club, North Country Riders, Chippewa Valley Trail Riders, Harrison Hills Atv Club, Polaris Industries, St. Germain ATV Club, All Seasons Riders, Hatfield ATV Riders, Art's Snowmobile & ATV, Dusty Trail Finders, T.A. Motorsports, and Action Motorsports**. We only charge \$30 per person for the event, and between the lodging and food it costs a lot more than that to run the ride. Without their help we could not put on the ride!

Thanks to all who came out and helped and we hope to see them and you "Up North Der Hey" with us next year.

Allen Neu