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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 Openings

If you are an ASI member interested in becoming a board member and helping Adaptive Sportsmen Inc., starting with our 2015 election, please call 414-333-4745 or contact one of the board members. Thank you.

New Audit Committee Openings

We are looking for people to help do annual audits of our books. Experience is not required. This should be a one-two day look at our income and expenses to verify accuracy. Contact Bill Koch 262-707-0476 or Al Neu 414-617-4870

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for more information

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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

Loan Equipment

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.

Facebook Page

Please remember to check out our Facebook page and send your posts, stories, video's, and pictures in so 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 12/31/2015

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 _____

"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.

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.

Wautoma Area Accessible Hunting Blinds

Adaptive Sportsmen in conjunction with the DNR & NWTf have installed two accessible hunting blinds in the Wautoma area. You will be able to find them in the "Open the Outdoors" section of the DNR web page.

TRAK Chair Donation Fund Update

The fund was started by volunteers at the Halter Wildlife Refuge when two of them were demonstrated in the field. The Safari Club International added to our Trak Chair fund with a \$1000 donation. We have already collected more than \$2700 and want to complete the purchase. All donations are encouraged. Those of you who had a chance to try out the chair at Baraboo this year know how much fun it was and how useful it was for getting around in the woods. Let's get enough donations to purchase it this year!

Wisconsin River Power Plant Hunt

I had a wonderful time at this weekend hunt. I didn't shoot any deer but I saw 6 does, had 2 shooting opportunities but passed as the deer were small. Of the 10 hunters, 3 shot deer thru Saturday night. I only hunted in the afternoons/evenings. The weather was great for the hunters and very comfortable for me. The shooting sticks worked the best for me as a mono pod when aiming at the 2 deer. It sure felt good and enjoyable getting back into the woods and deer hunting after a 10 year absence. Wisconsin River Power Company did a great job sponsoring and putting on this hunt. This was their 7th year doing it. The food and hospitality were exceptional. I plan to apply for this hunt again next year and hopefully will be successful.
Dave

Shooting Picnic

Our prayers were answered with a great day in Muskego for the shooting picnic at **Schultz Rod & Gun Club**. The weather was 1000% better than the forecast from earlier in the week. We used an entire brick of 22 caliber ammunition and we broke over eight cases of clay birds (some with the ground). Some people brought their own guns or bows while others used loaner equipment. The rotisserie chicken (by **John Driscol**), hamburgers, brats and hot dogs with side dishes and desert was a great feast. The bucket raffle rounded out the festivities. Thanks to the Schuultz Rod and Gun Club volunteers for making this happen and thanks to our sponsor Independence First. The pictures tell the rest of the story.
By John Mitchell

Comments: Just to let you know that yesterday's shooting, (and eating) event was great! It was certainly worth the drive from Green Bay. The shooting club members were sure nice folk as well as all the other volunteers. Take care! Jeff
Thanks Kim for the impromptu donation! John (the other one)
Glad to be there to meet the people and help out. Very well organized and good to see the visitors have such great time. I have the fliers you gave to me, and will share with our Recreational Therapist – Thanks Again, Kris
Thank you and Mary for organizing the picnic. We all had a great time, and again I appreciated the guys at the trap line teaching the boys. Remember the boys and I if you ever need a hand, they are always willing to help. Is there someone particular at Schulz that I can send a thank you to? Tim
Thanks John had a great day. Cliff

Kelly Lake Pier Fishing and Pontoon Boat

For those of you in Southeast Wisconsin (or visiting) Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. has finished a project to modify a pier for fishing on Kelly Lake in Milwaukee county. The pier is on the Teffer Farms property at 124th and Grange. There are pictures of the pier on the next page. Any Adaptive Sportsmen member can use it, you should contact jmitchellwi@prodigy.net for details. You will need to have your membership card in case the landowner inquires. Enjoy it.

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.

You could start with something as simple as a 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.

A more involved estate plan would involve giving a portion of your estate to the ASI. You can dedicate any amount of money or property for a specific event or purpose and we will keep that money separate and use it as you wish. From \$200 to \$200,000, any amount is good. We can memorialize your donation or let it remain as an anonymous donation.

We can also work with you if you want to 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.

No matter the size or type of your estate, we would be happy to talk to you about your estate planning.

Deer Fest

We had another great show this year at Deer Fest after a shaky start. Thanks to a call from **Bill Koch** telling me that they had no booth set up for us, I checked into it and they had not received a deposit for our space. Thanks to Hugh from Deer Fest, he squeezed us in and all was well. We sold 1705.00 worth of tickets this year so it was a nice profit for Adaptive Sportsmen on the Smith and Wesson M & P 40 pistol we raffled off. The luck winner was **Christy Bell** from Reedsburg WI who purchased the winning ticket at the show on Saturday. She was very excited and pledged to buy a ticket from us every year. Thanks to all those who helped us pull it off again this year, **Scott and Christy Richardson** and **Garth Harris** did the set up and tear down, Myself, **Gerry Schick, Nicole Holtz, Mark Knoll** and his friend Don from Beaver Dam helped to man the booth for the weekend. We not only sold a lot of tickets, but got our name out there and several people grabbed literature. By Cal Popp

Huntmaster Blind

The Huntmaster blind donated by **Larry Drake** is available for loan. I used it this fall in the Wausau area and was impressed with the ease of use and the great view it affords. I was gun hunting in the special gun season Oct 5th and was able to shoot a doe about 150 yards away that I would have never seen from a ground blind. It is easy to use once it is set up and I used it by myself without needing another person to help. The setup is a little tougher, but can easily be done with the help of an able bodied person. The blind is built into a trailer that will also hold an atv. You can trailer it with a car or suv into the woods or you can have an atv on the trailer to take it into spots that a car cannot reach. The outriggers are the hard part for a handicapped person to set up, but they provide safety and stability during the use of the stand. The stand has a battery powered hydraulic system and it has a charging solar panel built in to recharge the battery on the trailer. The stand is big enough inside for a manual or electric wheelchair and has room for an additional person. I hope that our members will consider using this stand and thank Larry for the donation. I know that I will be looking to use it many times in the coming years.

I have posted a video on you tube showing the operation of the stand. You search for Adaptive Sportsmen on the youtube.com site and you will find it.

I also want to thank **Wayne Krueger** from Wausau for his work in maintaining the blind and fixing several small glitches that showed up from disuse. Make your reservations for this Huntmaster blind or one of our electric tree stands. Contact John Martinson at (608) 628-2633 for information or to make a reservation.

By Al Neu

In Memory – he will be missed

We learned **Carl Clementi** passed away in August. He was one of the veterans that came to our bow hunts in the Badger Army Ammunition Plant and our 3D shoot at the Horicon Marsh Bowmen. He was a cook in the army and once told me the scariest times for him in Vietnam was delivering the food to the men on the front line.

Miscellaneous

I wrote a book titled Always Climb Higher and it is getting great reviews. Here is a comment “To say your life (and the book itself) is remarkable is an understatement. It was great to read all the things you have done in spite of your "disability" and you NEVER GAVE UP... Such a lesson in life you have taught us. To order a signed copy from me, simply email me a mailing address, jcpagels@att.net.

Check our Facebook page for more pictures.

Volunteer Spotlight

Al Jeske serves on our board, landowner committee and volunteers to help for both deer and turkey hunting. Thank you Al.

Duck Hunt

This year I attended the duck hunt put on by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with the DNR at the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. It is a great opportunity and I met some wonderful hard working volunteers. If you do not have a duck hunting buddy they will match you with someone that is also allowed to hunt. The hunt takes place the second opener and mid week the two following weeks. A local family provides a great lunch on the weekend. You can get into a non-motorized boat or hunt from accessible blinds on the dike. They bring in an accessible portable toilet and a trailer to warm up in if need be. You need to arrange your own lodging. If you are interested in the hunt next year contact jennifer_lilla@fws.gov By **John Mitchell**

Clintonville Bow Hunt

It's time for my article on the Clintonville Bow Hunt, but first I need to mention **Carl Keller**. Carl was the caretaker for the Christus Church Camp where the lodge and some of the land we hunt are located. Carl and his fellow caretaker **Don Krueger** always had the camp ready for us and would say we always left the camp so clean. Carl was 89 helping his wife in her fight against cancer, and was still care-taking. He suffered a massive stroke and died a few days later. We missed him at Camp this year as he usually stopped by to say hi or fix something for us. We gave him a lighted key chain and an Adaptive Sportsmen coffee mug with some other small items from our group and he later sent a hand written thank you note. That exemplifies the kind of guy Carl was, a person who took care of others.

The date is October 16th 2014 and both hunters and helpers from around Wisconsin are rolling past the gate to the Christus Camp. Hardwoods that still have fall colors hanging on surround the red granite road through the red pine and into the green grass yard of the lodge. The weather is forecaster 40's and 50's and only small chances for rain. Bernie brought his tracking dog "Tracker." **Pat Hansen, Mary Mitchell**, and **Dottie Dirksen** were on their "A" game in the kitchen. We had help this year from Larry and Linda Drake's grandson Kyle and his girlfriend Rachel plus Kyle's Mom. We did not harvest a deer this year but had a good time trying and several close calls. Three does were feeding on alfalfa towards one of our blinds when a black cat ran out of the woods and pushed them up the hill out of range. Bernie made a tent blind location change which resulted in **Mike Kelly** and **Pat Sullivan** viewing multiple deer that afternoon, but out of range. They moved the blind closer to where they observed deer the afternoon before and had a shot opportunity on a doe but could not get the shot off in time. Patrick was right on target the day before, while we all practiced, and made sure our equipment was sighted in, so I think, that is one lucky deer. We were able to loan out our group crossbow as one of the hunter's was off target while shooting the day before. Lesson here is to always make sure to practice shoot, after traveling with your equipment. Saturday night is always a high point as people get to know each other a little by then and the meal is fantastic. **Larry and Linda Drake** with their family along with landowners who allow us to hunt, to include Larry and Everett, are able to join us for a meal, some hunting stories and a few laughs. Larry Drake was the originator of the hunt and always has some valuable advice for me.

Thanks to caretaker **Don Krueger**, we had an electrician come in because the oven may have been on the fritz. I think the kitchen people overworked that old oven. Thank you also goes to the Clintonville School District folks, **Les King and Al Wichman**, for allowing us access to 85 acres. Shooting a few more deer would be fun no doubt, but there is something to be said for having fun trying. You just never know when a black cat is going to cross your path, or in this case, come tearing out of the woods to spook the deer you have been patiently waiting for. We look forward to another fun hunt next October. By Dan Jacoby

Comments:

I Had A Good Time At The Clintonville Hunt But I'm Still Hoping For The Baraboo Hunt Next Year. Thanks Again, AL



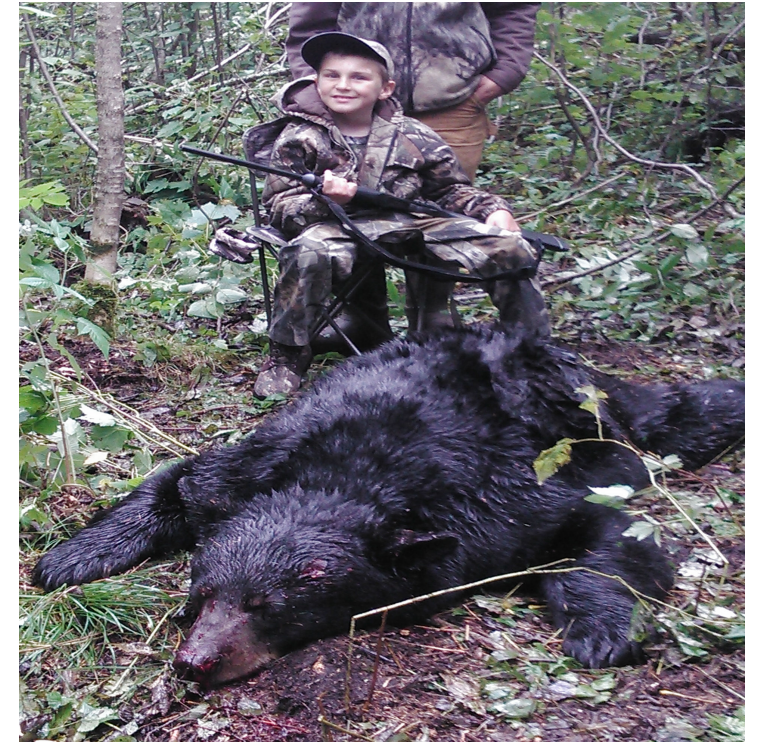
Brad Suter and his friend Dave show off the deer that Brad got this year



Hunting Lodge used at the Clintonville hunt this year



Group picture of the Clintonville hunting crew and support people



ASI Member Max shot a bear this year. He came to the shooting picnic to practice his marksmanship and made that practice pay off.



Kelly Lake Pier and Eagle Scout Project

The accessible pier at Kelly Lake in Milwaukee County is ready for use. We had several volunteers modify the railings and go over the structure to get it ready for use. We also had **Salvatore Mingari** of Boy Scout Troop 83 volunteer to make a wheelchair sidewalk to improve access to the pier. He is shown in the picture (above left) in the yellow and black jacket along with many helpers.



The crew that set up the Wautoma accessible blinds pose in front of one of the blinds. Thank you for your work. Tim Welch, an ASI member is seated in the front row flanked by his sons and in the back row are the Wautoma area helpers.



Lindsey Muench poses with the elk she shot out west this fall



Charlie Ande practices with his crossbow at the Shooting Picnic in August



Many people tried out their hand at the trap shooting range during the Shooting Picnic.



The Huntmaster Blind donated to ASI by Larry Drake is shown in the raised position. See the story in this newsletter about the blind and a youtube video posted on line



The trap range was a busy place during the Shooting Picnic



Many people tried out the rifle range at the Shooting Picnic and we had several talented volunteers to help out.



John Mitchell takes a shot at the Horicon 3-D shoot this summer



Many techniques were tried out during the 3-D archery shoot in Horicon



Pat Sullivan (on the left) and Mike Kelly spent time out in the wonderful fall colors deer hunting. Here they are traveling down the trail to the ground blind where they will be hunting.