



Adaptive Sportsmen Inc
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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 2018. 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

In addition to our annual raffle most of our events include a little silent auction or bucket raffle. If anyone would like to help procure items for these events we would appreciate it. Thank you to those that have already donated items.

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 _____

May 27 Saturday Madison Fishing Outing Our Annual Fishery in Madison will be held at Tenny Park. We have boats, guides and food set up for the event. Boats will be going to Mendota and Monona Lakes from the park. Bring your fishing gear if you have it, or contact us to arrange some loaner gear. We have pontoon boats for those who don't want to transfer to a regular boat. Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 or email at johnmartinson@msn.com

June 1-4 Thursday to Sunday Mercer ATV Ride We have our annual ATV Ride in Mercer, starting on Thursday night with check in. We will ride Friday and Saturday and head out on Sunday. This event is at the **Pine Forest Lodge**, on Spider Lake, just outside Mercer. This is a wheelchair accessible lodge on a 365 acre lake and will include ATV, fishing, kayaking and other outdoor activities. **Riders of all skill levels are welcome.** We will have some loaner machines available, contact us if you need a machine.. **This is a wonderful way to enjoy the beauty of the North Woods even if you don't ride an ATV.** Cost is \$30 and includes lodging for three days and food during the event. Contact Al Neu fat 414-617-4870 or email at allenneu@gmail.com for more information or to sign up. An application form is also on the web page.

June 10 Saturday Horicon Summer Outdoor 3D Archery Shoot . We have our annual 3-D Achery event at the Horicon Bowmen Archery Club outside of Horicon this year, and we hope you will come out, have fun shooting, enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones. Bring your gear or use the loaner bows we have. There is an optional dinner after and awards for the top shooters in each class. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or email jmitchellwi@prodigy.net for information or to sign up.

July 15 Saturday Kelly Lake Picnic Come out and enjoy a day of fishing on Kelly lake. The lake is on the border of Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. The 15 acre lake is a great place to fish, either from the two accessible piers or from the ASI pontoon boat. Food will be provided, we have fishing gear for those who need it, and plenty of people to help out. You can contact Steve Starz at 262-321-9653 or email jmitchellwi@prodigy.net for information or to sign up.

August 4-6 Deer Fest, West Bend We are having a booth at the Wisconsin Deer Fest in West Bend and need people to help out at the booth to inform th public about our group and to enroll new members and volunteers. Contact Cal Popp at 920-517-8027 for information or to sign up.

August 26 Saturday Family Picnic & Shoot We have our Annual Picnic and Sport Shooting Event at the Schultz Gun Club in Muskego again. We have a Picnic Lunch, Trap Shooting, Rifle range, and Archery shoot going on, along with plenty of fun and raffles during the event. Come out and enjoy the shooting, meet new and old friends, and get ready for the fall hunting season. Contact Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 or email jmitchellwi@prodigy.net to sign up or get more information.

August TBD Montello Sporting Clay Shoot. We will be having a sporting Clay Shoot in Montello again this year, check the web page or newsletter for more information as we set up the event.

October 20-22 Clintonville Deer Hunt Our Clintonville Deer Hunt is an Archery Deer Hunt, and a growing event for our members. This is a fun time and a good place to see deer and enjoy the hunting experience. Contact Joe Ehr at 920-244-7737 for more information or check the web page for sign-up information.

"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.

Don Zurfluh's Fall Bear Hunt 2016

I left home at 6 am on Wednesday, the opening day of bear season. I arrived in the town of Gliden in Ashland county, for the evening hunt. I met **Al Schoch**, my guide, at the motel and two hours later we were on our way to the woods.

Wayne Kruger sent the Adaptive Sportsmen's chair lift and made arrangements to have a track chair for me to use. The track chair was extremely nice. I drove the chair one quarter of a mile through mud and water puddles with no problem. I backed into the chair lift and up I went into the stand. I have been paralyzed for 42 years and that was the first time I have hunted off the ground in my life. The view was wonderful.

Al said he would come to get me at dark. I sat for about three hours and one small bear came to the bait but that was all. The next morning I was in the chair lift by 5 am, but no bear. On Friday morning I went back to the same stand but nothing showed up. Al and I went for breakfast and Al said he had another place for me to hunt for that evening.

Around 3 pm we took the track chair to a three sided wooden blind. Not more than fifteen minutes into the hunt, a bear stepped out, smelled the bait then went back into the brush. It was quiet for the next two hours until a large bear suddenly walked up to the bait. The bear began eating as a sow with two cubs also arrived at the bait. The first bear raised his nose into the air, turned and started walking straight towards me. I was waiting for him to turn so I could have a broadside shot. He just kept coming straight towards me. By then my heart was racing, I thought I had better shoot now before he is on my lap. With the bear at 15 yards, I pulled trigger on my 30-06 and the bear took off into the brush. Second later I heard him go down. I called Al and soon he arrived with two guys to help in the recovery. They had trouble dragging the bear so we decided to tie the rope on the track chair. Amazingly the chair pulled the 300 pound bear all way to the truck.

I would like to thank Adaptive Sportsman, Wayne Kruger, Chrissy and Al and Mary Ann for a memorable hunt

Ice Jamboree at Kelly Lake 2017

We were forced to cancel the Ice Jamboree at Kelly lake this year, the ice was too soft for safe fishing. The unusual warm weather just made it to risky. We plan on holding the Jamboree in February of 2018, so check the web page and newsletter for the new 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.

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

Rich Oldenberg Bear Hunting

I shot this bear (shown on photo next page) on the second day of the 2016 Wisconsin bear hunting season. Using a Mathews HTR no-cam bow and Muzzy 3-blade broadheads I put an arrow through his lungs from 17 yards away. The bear traveled about 150 yards before we found him. The bear made the Pope & Young record book with a score of 19 11/16. He is also registered with the Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club. This is the 3rd bear I've taken with a bow and arrow. All 3 of these bear where taken in Ashland county using a Mathews bow shot by Rick Oldenburg. The bear rug I had made from this trophy is now hanging in my home and measurers 6'9" from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail. Rick Ohlidenberg

Help Wanted- Waterfowl Hunting Opportunities

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

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.

Fall WRPC Deer Hunt

Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCO) is excited to again be hosting a private hunting opportunity for persons **with** disabilities this fall (2017). We are hoping our member will want to sign up for this wonderful hunt. This is a large parcel with plenty of opportunities to see and harvest deer, and a very pretty piece of land even if you don't get a chance to shoot a deer. .

The WRPCO hunt is scheduled for October 13, 14 and 15 in the WRPCO's 750 acre Petenwell Wildlife area, adjacent to the Wisconsin River in Necedah, Wisconsin. Please see the WRPCO Deer Hunt webpage for information about the hunt. The link is <http://www.wisconsinriverpower.com/hunt.aspx>" \t "_blank

Departed

Larry Drake passe away Nov 17, 2016. He was a veteran and a founding member of Adaptive Sportsmen. He was a tireless advocate for adaptive sports and a former member of the Wisconsin DNR advisory board. He helped start our Clintonville Deer hunt and donated the Deer stand lift that we have used the last few years. He will be missed.

Peter Panagis passed away in May 2017. He was our eldest member and thoroughly enjoyed the picnic and pheasant hunt. I was told he served in WWII.

Volunteer Spotlight

Trish- you know her if you ever attended the pheasant hunt at Halter Wildlife Area. She recruits the volunteers and their dogs to help the hunters and does many more behind the scenes tasks along with her first class assistant Erin.

Madison Fishery

ASI will hold their Annual Fishery Saturday May 27th, 2017 starting at 11:45am. We will be having a picnic lunch at the MSCR pontoon boat dock at 1615 Sherman Ave. next to Tenney Park then going out fishing around 1:00pm. Adaptive Sportsmen will supply bait, lunch, water, boats, free T-shirt to physically challenge members, life jackets (or bring your own), did I mention Cake! Please bring your own fishing gear (contact John Martinson if you don't have any gear), sun glasses, sun screen and dress according to weather. Free Fishing license is provided for the day for ASI members. Thanks, John Martinson (608) 628-2633

Note from Cal Popp

I recently attended the wedding of my Niece Nicole to her longtime boyfriend Bob Hall, Nicole and Bob know a lot about Adaptive Sportsmen, Bob has bought raffle tickets from us often, and Nicole has helped man our booth at Deefest in the past. The reason I am writing this story is, they had a really thoughtful idea during their wedding dance, if you payed a dollar or two to help Adaptive Sportsman do what we do, you could dance with either the bride or groom. It was such a touching idea for them to think of helping others on their special day. They raised \$138.00 for us and it was rounded up to \$150.00... Thanks again to two very giving people and may the Hall's have a long, happy and healthy marriage. Cal Popp

Pictures

We would like all of our members to consider sending in a picture of their recent outdoor experiences.**Please include the names of the people in the picture.** Send them to allenneu@gmail.com and we will try to get them in the issue.

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.

Winter Booth Season Wrap up

The booths at the Fishing Expo, Journal/Sentinel Sport Show, Deer & Turkey Expo and Rock Springs Earth Day all went well. Information was distributed and stories were shared with prospective members and volunteers. It is particularly gratifying when family members and hunter education instructors ask how we can help their family or students. Thanks to **Chris Salome, James Hitchcock, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Pagels, Tim, Conor and Rory Welch, Rick Oldenburg, Miriam Ben Shalom, Mark Laing, Tony Jacobi, Joe McGraw, Dottie Dirksen, Mary & John Mitchell, Lowell Boetcher, Ray Rabuck, John Martinson, Travis & Katie Rayala, Tony Paulson, Brad Powell, Tim & Michael Wills** and **Nick Woyak** for staffing set up and taking down the booths.

Halter Wildlife Area Pheasant Hunt

Some of you may remember challenges with snow and sleet during the 2016 pheasant hunt. Well this year the weather was perfect. I did scrape some light frost from my windshield first thing in the morning but bright sunshine greeted my day. Coffee and pastry from Panera Bread was waiting upon our arrival. After a few shots on the trap range we were pared up and went to our assigned fields.

Our group consisted of two hunters an exceptionally well trained close working red Labrador and four volunteers. The birds were readily flying and we both got some, me with my pump and Al with his semi-automatic. I saw other groups had primarily pointing dogs. During a great lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and many salads hunters exchanged stories and some tall tales about the morning's experience. After lunch we headed out to the tower shoot. There I saw some people were using double barrels. A yellow and black Labrador shared the retrieving chores. We owe thanks to many for that special day. Halter Wildlife Area and their staff was our host. Wisconsin Deer Hunters furnished the ammunition. **Mcfarlane Pheasants Inc., Lake Elaine Game Farm LLC** and an anonymous donor furnished 500 pheasants and many anonymous donors various items on the menu. Thanks to you all.

Other Hunts

Bill Stuber plans a fantastic hog hunt in Iowa. The hunt this year is December 8,9,10, all non-refundable deposits are due to Bill no later than Oct 1. Join the fun.

Rutting Ridge Foundation Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that was created to help physically challenged youth and veterans enjoy a hunting/fishing trip of a lifetime From hunting giant whitetails & turkeys in Buffalo County, Wisconsin, to fishing for 10 pound walleyes in the Mississippi River, it's an outdoor adventure they will never forget! Their memorable experience doesn't stop there. We also provide the means to be able to continue enjoying the outdoors long after their trip with us is over. Through the generous donations we are able to provide them with their very own Action Chair. This is done for one hunter a year. For more information contact jmitchellwi@prodigy.net.



Rich Oldenberg 2017 Bear



Wild Boar Hunt-North Star Gameland

From December 9-11, 2016, long time ASI guide Bill Stuber led a group of about 25 hunters/guides on a weekend Wild Boar hunt at North Star Gameland in Montour, Iowa. North Star is a 750 acre hunting preserve located west of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Most people stayed in the two on-site cabins; however, they are not wheelchair accessible, so I stayed in the Comfort Inn in nearby Marshalltown, Iowa. North Stars owner, Terry graciously let us use his heated garage as a base for breakfast, lunch and dinners. Bill supplied the food, and most people brought goodies to contribute to the potluck meals. The Friday morning hunt started around 0530, with hunters using 4-wheelers, a tracked wheelchair and trailers to get to their stands. Terry took my guide Dave Fitzsimmons and I to my stand using his John Deere tractor with a trailer over a dike pond trail-definitely my most challenging ride to a stand, even though I was strapped to trailer, and Dave was holding me in place. I hunted from a pop-up blind behind a huge fallen tree which provided some cover. We saw boar, but not in shooting range. We also saw rams and some nice whitetail bucks. After heading back to the garage for a quick lunch and warm-up, we headed back out to the blind. Several hunters, including my sons Conor and Rory were stalk hunting boar and rams. Conor and Rory each got a boar, while Dave and I patiently waited till dark until we heard a boar running towards us. The boar stopped to look back and feed, and I was able to harvest him with my crossbow. Several of us left Saturday morning just ahead of a snow storm, so I didn't get to hear all the stories, but 16 boar and 2 rams were harvested over the weekend. Big thanks to Bill Stuber for organizing, North Star for hosting us, and all the guides who helped us get into the woods for a memorable experience.

Tim Welch-ASI Life Member



Don Zurfluh's fish



Don Zurfluh's Bear



Cal Popp shows off a 22 lb turkey



Volunteers work the booth at the Madison Fishing Expo (upper left)

ASI hunters enjoy the experience at Halter, with plenty of track chairs and other ways to get out and enjoy a fine day of hunting (above and below)

