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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

- Saturday January 20 Annual Adaptive Sportsmen Board Meeting
Cabela's in Richfield John Mitchell 414-333-4745
- Friday February 23-25 Madison Fishing Expo, John Martinson, 608-628-2633
- Wednesday March 7-11 Milwaukee Sport Show, Mary Mitchell, 414-916-2298
- Saturday April 7th Halter Pheasant Hunt, Trish Boehm, 262-206-6319
- Friday Apr 6-8 Madison Deer & Turkey Expo, John Martinson, 608-628-2633
- Saturday May 9-12 Badger Turkey Hunt, John Mitchell, 414-333-4745
- Saturday May 26 Fishing Outing, John Martinson, 608-628-2633
- Thursday May 31-June 3 ATV Ride in Mercer, Al Neu, 414-617-4870
- Saturday June 9th Summer Outdoor 3D Archery Event in Horicon, John Mitchell, 414-333-4745
- Friday August 3-5 Deer Fest, Cal Popp, West Bend, 920-517-8027
- Saturday August TBD Shooting Picnic at Schultz Rod and Gun Club, Muskego, Mary Mitchell, 414-916-2298
- October TBD Archery Deer Hunt in Clintonville, Joe Ehr, (920) 244-7737
- Friday October 19-21 Archery Deer Hunt, Rice Lake, Rick Schaefer, (262) 966-7058
- TBD Dells Bow Hunt, Wisconsin Dells, John Mitchell, 414-333-4745

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.

Action Track Chair

There are many places to get a track chair to use for hunting or other outdoor adventures. You can contact the following people for information and to sign up to use a track chair this year. For **Wings Over Wisconsin** call: Larry Luedtke in Eden 920-960-7986, William Burdahn in Mayville 920-948-0926, Carrie Ingish in Lacrosse 608-519-5516, and Heath Kersten in Green Bay 920-655-8687 **From Pheasants Forever Access Ability** Contact Ray Anderson in Madison 608-886-9388

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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

Expiration Date 12/31/2018

Include \$ 10 membership fee
Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.

Veterans Membership is Free
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 _____

Mail to;
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Bear Hunt-Wheel Em Inn

I just wanted to drop a note to give a big shout out to some very well deserving people: First to **Steve Starz** who was gracious enough to donate his 2017 Bear Tag to my nephew **Tyler Zelko**. Without this first step, he would have had to wait years until he had enough points to draw for a bear tag. So Thank You Very Much Steve for offering this opportunity as well as putting us in touch with **Wayne Krueger** of "Wheel Em Inn" in Wausau.

The adventure started with Wayne's suggestion that I come up to see some of his handicap access stands and I could get Wayne up to speed on Tyler's needs. He explained how he converted his original hunting cabin to full handicap access. As we headed out to check few stands to determine what would be the best fit.. Let me just say he "knocked it out of the park". He showed me stands where I could drive the van right up to the hunting blind, and oh by the way, the view from the blind to the baited area was absolutely the way you would see it in top outdoor magazines with rolling hills and beautiful trees all around you.

Tyler, his Mom and Grandpa were blown away by everything they saw. The shooting range in the backyard, trout stream and motorized track chair that Tyler couldn't wait to try out.

As time moved along (quickly as it always does when you're on a hunt) we got to know both Wayne & Sue more and more and the obstacles that they have had to overcome as well as the people they have met along the way and you were always torn between smiling and a tear in your eye from the heart warming stories of tragedy and ability to overcome hardship by 'never giving up' and God has a plan for everything. Their faith and courage were on display continuously through the stories and photos they shared and I couldn't help but continually asking more questions because every time they answered a question, it was interesting that it sparked the next.

In the few days we had, unfortunately Tyler didn't get an opportunity to bag a Bear (I told him that although he did pray hard, the Bear just prayed a little harder), we had the time of our life in seeing deer, grouse, more birds than I could even identify and even a WOLF at 30 yards and YES, Tyler got to drive the track chair out to one of many of Wayne's cool tree stands (across the trout creek) and grinned from ear to ear so it was definitely a success by anyone's standards. In the end I think the 2 biggest things we learned is sometimes its better you didn't know what you didn't know (as sometimes the surprises in life are the best memories) and secondly that there are Angels all around us if w are will willing to take a chance and allow them to help us.
Todd Zelko

Departed

Ralph Barten passed away in May 2017. He was one of our blind members and a very joyful person. He made those deer antler zipper pulls that some of you have received at events.

Travis Allen passed away 10/22/17. He was an avid outdoorsman in his young life participating in target shooting events, fishing and hunts. He transferred his 2017 bear tag to another Adaptive Sportsmen to concentrate on his school work. We were fortunate to have both of them as members.

2017 Deer by Lloyd Kalfs

I shot a whitetail buck on October 28th, 2016 in Wyoming after a hunting buddy spotted the deer bedded halfway down a hillside. With the wind in our face we slowly crept over the edge of the draw and saw him bedded 60 yards downslope from our position. I centered the crosshairs mid chest just behind his shoulder and sent a perfect shot down range. The buck never even stood up from his bed. It was an incredible western spot and stalk hunt in my Action Trackchair!

Lloyd Kalfs (Editor's Note Picture on following Page)

Shooting Picnic August 2017

The slightly overcast day was perfect for shooting trap, archery and guns. Each year one of the ranges seems to draw more of a crowd than the others and this year it was archery. No arrows were lost thanks to good shooters and expert instructors. We used a brick of .22s and cases of shotgun shells with the guns loaned from Schultz's Rod and Gun club. Many people also brought their own guns including some big ones that were going out west with their owners. Mary and her food crew served another excellent lunch. We had many sporting goods on our bucket raffle and Dr Sam our photographer cleaned up.

Volunteer Spotlight

Tim and Michael Wilms are avid outdoorsmen, fishing and hunting various species. They also mow the lawn next to our access pier on Kelly Lake and help with set up and tear down at various events.

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

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.**

Cow Elk by Jeff Pagels

I was able to travel to Wyoming last week and participate in a Wyoming disabled Hunters hunt for Elk. I was given a cow elk tag to fill. I hunted for for hard long days. At 3:00 p.m on the last day down to my last hope, I was able to take a fine cow at about seven thousand feet elevation. It was one of the hardest hunts I have ever been on. Elk are very very smart animals. **Jeff Pagels**
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Wyoming Disabled Hunt By Bob Schuh

I was lucky enough this year to get drawn for a mule deer tag through Wyoming Disabled Hunters. On Saturday, Oct. 28 Mary and I headed west toward Wyoming, doing some sightseeing as we went as I first had to be there on Monday, Oct. 30. On Tuesday the 31 we had a practice day with our guides to make sure all equipment was in good working condition and hitting the mark.

Vince McCollam was my guide and it was a perfect fit as Vince has a cousin that is also blind so he was in the know on how to sight a blind hunter. On Wednesday, Nov. 1 was the start of the hunt so Vince and I headed to the ranch in the Heart Mountain region near Cody, Wyoming where we would be hunting. On the way in the mule deer were all over the road so we went in to meet the rancher, **Jim Ownbey** and his wife, **Dianne**. Dianne immediately offered us coffee, tea, or anything else that we wanted complete with nine containers full of cookies, bars, and treats of all sorts.

Jim and Dianne told me they were watching a buck for me and he shows up every day from the corn field. The blind was 250 yards from the ranch house but lots of deer were between us and the blind so we set up on the lawn. At daybreak the buck showed with six or more doe and I had my gun leveled on him, just waiting for the does to clear. Just then a doe walked in front of him and they went down the draw out of sight. Vince and Jim glassed the field all morning watching for the antlers when the buck put his head up. Around noon the buck must have been bedded down so Vince and I went to the **Heart Mountain Nature Conservancy** where the hunters were gathered for lunch.

When we arrived back at the ranch, Jim said the buck stood several times but remained in the corn field. If we could only get to the blind, I would have a short 50 yard shot but that was not going to happen with all the does moving about. They estimated about 40 deer in the 16 acre corn field with about five bucks including the one I was after. With no way to get to the blind without blowing the whole herd out of the area we watched from the house.

At 5 p.m. some deer started moving closer to the edge of the corn and Vince said lets go out and set up. Just outside of the ranch house door we set the stool and bi-pod and I got my Savage 30.06 ready. A minute or so later the buck cleared the corn and I had the crosshair on him. Vince made sure I was totally comfortable and ready as this was a 175 yard shot. With some final tweaking Vince gave me the signal and the lead was in flight taking out both lungs.

The buck made a 50 yard bolt only to fall and tumble end for end from the momentum. Vince yelled he's down as the door flew open as Jim and Dianne came out to congratulate me on the shot. The mule deer was a ten point (5 by 5 western count) and had a 16 inch inside spread. What a great adventure and hunt with a great group of people that make this hunt possible for disabled hunters.

See all of their hunts at wyomingdisabledhunters.org or check them out on Facebook. (Caption for photo) Bob Schuh shows his ten point (5 by 5 western count) mule deer that he shot with the help of his guide, **Vince McCollam** of **Wyoming Disabled Hunters**. The buck had a 16 inch inside spread and was taken in the Heart Mountain region, near Cody, Wyoming.

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.



Craig Simpson antelope (above) bear (below) and Elk (below right)



Bob Schuh Mule Deer (above) Don Kender Deer (below)





Pat Sullivan with Hog (above)
Don Kender deer (below)



Dustin with deer (above) and Antelope (below)



Jeff Pagels deer (above) Don Zurfluh deer (below)

