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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 jmitchellwi@prodigy.net

# 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 <u>Post your pictures and stories!</u> 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 12/31/2021 Mail to: Include \$ 10 membership fee Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. 8727 W Coldspring Road Veterans Membership is Free Name Greenfield, WI 53228 Address City State & Zip Phone #s e-mail Physically Challenged Volunteer/Sponsor Please Circle One Able Bodied ATV Riding Boating Snowmobiling <u>Interests</u> Hunting Fishing Other



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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



# Covid update and info

Most of you are aware by now that Covid has caused many changes and cancellations, including several of our events. We will continue to evaluate all future events and make decisions based on the conditions at that time. If you have any questions about events please contact the event coordinator or John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to see if any changes have been made to the dates or size of each event.

# **Shooting Picnic**

We held our summer shooting picnic on Saturday August 22 at the Schultz Resort Rod and Gun Club. We had a few changes in the program to have an event safe from the virus. The weather was great for outside social distancing the lunch. The archery, trap, rifle and pistol ranges were all in use. The bucket raffle had many prizes to win. It was a fun time. Smiles abounded as people's skills increased sighting in for the fall hunt. See the pictures on page 2. By John Mitchell

### **Kelly Lake**

Our accessible pontoon boat has been pulled out of the lake but it will be back in waiting for you in 2021. Keep in mind you can still fish off of the pier as long as the water in open and then there will be ice fishing once it is solid.

# **Volunteer Spotlight**

By John Martinson

Gary Jackson and his wife Katz open their 140 acre Feather Ridge Game Farm up for a disabled pheasant hunt for the past two years now. Gary is an avid hunter and mentors hunters on his property in the DNR "Learn to hunt" program.

### **Feather Ridge Game Farm Pheasant Hunt**

By John Martinson

Owner Gary Jackson started off with a safety speech to everyone for gun handling and no low bird shooting in case the dog jumps in the way. The hunters shot clay birds first so helpers could evaluate how much assistance would be needed and helps the hunters get more comfortable with shooting.

Dog handlers took two hunters out at a time to planted birds in the wild field. We had helpers along in order to assist hunters and watch for birds dropping out of the sky. Each hunter had their own track wheelchair which was really nice because you can position where you need to be, and they tilt back for more stability while shooting.

Thanks to owners Gary and Katz Jackson, SCI Badgerland Chapter, SCI Wisconsin Chapter, Wings Over Wisconsin Mayville, Access Ability Wisconsin, Kenny Martinson Country Financial, Jeff and Conner Ericksen, McFarlane Pheasants, Dane County Conservation League, Smitty's Guns, and all the dog handlers, helpers, ground crews for their donations and help.

Hunters were Dustin Palenshus, Rick Schaefer, Chris Salmone, Randy Runge, Dale Rebernik, John Martinson, John Boie, Jeremy Lade, Pete Middlestat, and Jeff Pagels. Ron Kusiak will be hunting later because of health issues, Owner Gary Jackson will be dog handler and we will rent track chairs for them.

#### First Bear Hunt

My first bear hunt, while not bagging one, was a success. The hunt was made possible by Bill Rand, Mark Heath and Harry Rust. On around 3800 acres, a lake, cornfields and food plots could be seen all around while I hunted from a 68ft high tower stand with an elevator lift. We switched spots day 2 in which I was able to hunt from a gator utv and shoot out the front window. Late season made the bears come in after dark, but 20-30 deer were visible each night. A wheelchair accessible cabin for guests sits on the lake. Great time with even greater people.

By Weston Strasser

# 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.

# **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.** 

<u>Donate in the form of a charitable trust</u>. 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.

### Chris Salamone gun deer hunt

My deer story went like I first applied for the Wisconsin river power company deer hunt but it was canceled due to Covid-19 so I decided to give the Badger Mining Company deer hunt a shot. I got lucky and I got selected to hunt at their Green lake location which was nice as it is only a 2 hour ride from home. I met Branden and the rest of the volunteer's and the other two hunters about noon on a wet and rainy Saturday about noon time. They have a big garage so we able to set up and double check to make sure our scopes were sighted without getting soaked. Around two the rain started easing up and we headed out to the deer blind as soon as we got close there ten yards away a ten point buck just standing there but no way to get a shot. Needless to say I was very excited so we got set up in the blind and over the afternoon we must of seen over twenty deer but mostly does and small bucks so I didn't shoot. Sunday afternoon was much nicer weather with a good breeze we started seeing some does come through and a bunch of wild turkeys walked right past our blind. At six o'clock I saw a nice buck about 30 yards away I took a shot right through the heart he only ran about another 30 yards and dropped. He was a good size I would say a 7 point buck but he had also a couple odd extra 1 inch points on the one side so you could say a 9 pointer but I don't count them. I would like to thank everyone at badger Mining Company for putting on a very nice disabled deer hunt and Branden for field dressing my deer and taking it to the processor for me. By Chris Salamone

### **Elk Hunt**

Thanks David Silva owner at Gila DNA Outfitters for a hunt of a lifetime. I applied in February with David for unit 16D October 10 -14 a very tough tag to draw, but I hit the jackpot.

I arrived on Thursday the 8th around 2pm so we did some scouting and saw some nice bulls. Friday sighted in rifles in the afternoon and scouted in the evening. The lodge is pretty assessable for a manual wheelchair and is a ranch style house. The doors are wide enough for a wheelchair, but just a bathtub in bathroom with regular toilet.

We got up early Saturday morning, transferred into David's truck into the passenger front seat and we headed up the mountain. Unfortunately, we got a flat tire halfway up with the spare tire flat as well which ended our morning hunt. In the evening we took my van and hunted private property but got busted driving in. Sunday morning the truck was all fixed, so we headed down the road just ten miles from Reserve and parked in a field driveway in the dark. David parked on an angle so that I could use the passenger side mirror as a rest for his custom 300RUM rifle with a 21-power scope. It felt like it took forever for the sun to come up but, when it did there were six nice bulls along with 20-30 cows grazing at 500 yards in the valley..

David was videoing the bull when my one shot hit him in the shoulder at 500 yards. David wanted me to hit him there so he wouldn't jump the fence and get onto private land. He died in some low watery grass, so David used an UTV and rope to drag him out. The video is on Gila DNA website on Facebook. By John Martinson.



Feather Ridge Game Farm Pheasant Hunt group picture





Pete Mittelstead takes aim at an archery target



Chris Salamone takes a shot at the rifle range. Our kichen crew (above) did a great job



Weston Strasser and guide in the elavated bear blind



Gary Jackson, Volunteer of the month



John Martinson poses with the Bull Elk he shot at Gila DNA Outfitters in New Mexico



Chris Salamone poses with his deer