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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

Adaptive Sportsmen hopes that all of our members are safe and healthy as we see that Covid has continued to cause many changes and cancellations, while the rollout of the new vaccines has raised hope of a return to normal. 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 co-ordinator or John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to see if any changes have been made to the dates or size of each event.

### 2021 Calendar

Watch your mail and our web page for more news on the events we are planning to hold.

**October 22-24 Sandhill Archery Deer Hunt** The 2021 Hunt has been cancelled. We will try to reschedule this event for 2022. Check our website for more information as the hunt gets closer or contact Glenn Howell at 715-456-4619 or email at [howellg@workforceresource.org](mailto:howellg@workforceresource.org)

**October 29-31 Clintonville Bow Deer Hunt** This archery deer hunt has become a nice place for our Adaptive Sportsmen members to hunt and gather with friends in the Wisconsin deer hunting tradition. Contact Joe Ehr at 920- 244-7737 or email at [josephehr@yahoo.com](mailto:josephehr@yahoo.com) to sign up or to get more information.

We will be updating our web page calendar after the January Board meeting, where we go over all of our events for the year.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 **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 12/31/2022**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

### Volunteer(s) of the month

Our boat captains **Jim Stark, Al Delphonso & Greg Borgwardt** have served every week of the boating season running the pontoon boat on Kelly Lake taking members and veterans with the recreation therapists from the V.A. Medical Center on fishing trips.

### Raffle Winners

We held the drawing for our yearly raffle at DeerFest August 8. The winners are; Dave Beske was first, Jeanette Boehm second and Jeff Marusic third

### Passed On

Keith Smith a veteran was a member of Adaptive Sportsmen for a short time and has now passed away. We thank his family for his service.

### 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.**
- Dedicate any amount of money or property for a specific purpose**
- Donate in the form of a charitable trust.**

### Kelly Lake

We started using the pontoon boat again in May. The boat will be available until October The V.A. comes out every week since some of their other recreation events are still closed due to the virus.

### Another chance for Fishing- By Steve Lang

Great unique fly fishing opportunity I recently participated in. It was for smallmouth bass. The trip is about a 4-hour float down the Oconto River just north of Green Bay. The guide was super adaptive as I've never fly fished before. I was able to get in the boat with ease. Someone could use a slid-board to transfer from their wheelchair to a standard boat seat and fish. John (Captain/guide) is also going to be adding an additional wood platform to be able to accommodate fishing from your own wheelchair (if needed) as well. This is the only guide I've even been around that provided water, beef sticks, bug spray and sunscreen as complementary items. Cost was \$300 for the trip, but well worth it. I've attached the link for their website too. [firloutfitters.com](http://firloutfitters.com)

### Rescheduled Madison Fishery

**Paul and Brett Stapelmann** took **Chris Salmone**, and **Todd Jones** in their tritoon that they also use for bowfishing and can accommodate power wheelchairs. **Bruce Gehrke**, **Dustin Palenshus**, his son **Ayden**, captain **Rob Wixson**, first mate **Ken**, and I took the MSCR thirty-foot pontoon boat out. **John Mitchell**, **Tim Richardson**, and **Chloe Liska** took Tim's boat out. The weather cooperated this time because we had to cancel the first date from thunderstorms.

Next year we are thinking about doing something different, we will be setting up individual outings throughout the year. Call John Martinson to schedule a time at 608-628-2633. We think your going to love it!

### Bear Hunt Adventure

The wife of member Craig Simpson was drawn for a 2021 WI area D bear tag. She transferred it to Adaptive Sportsmen member Gary Roth. This is his story from the Hayward area.

The hunt started w/a meet & greet on Tuesday evening. The first day brought nice weather w/2 kills. Day 2 was 18 mph. wind w/3 kills followed by more wind and rain which brought the acorns down, they were popping under my tires when approaching stand the next day. Day 3 was nice with w/slight breeze & 1 kill. Day 4 I had a bear come in and huff at me from 40-50 yards but never a visual. With my bait hit 2 nights in a row. I had hope that day 5 might be the one, but no luck. Even though I did not harvest a bear I still had a great time, met many nice people and would recommend Lance & his crew to any one. With one other bear taken on day 4 the total was 7 in 4 days. Again I want to thank Craig and his wife for this great experience!!

### Shooting Picnic-By John Mitchell

Thank You to SCI Wisconsin Chapter for sponsoring the Adaptive Sportsmen shooting picnic and to the volunteers from Schultz Resort Rod & Gun Club for a safe and fun time. Thanks also to those that donated items to our bucket raffle. There were many smiles on that hot day. The rifle, archery & trap ranges were all in use. About 1,000 rounds of Adaptive Sportsmen ammunition was fired in addition to what people brought to site in their own weapons. There was over 30 items on the bucket raffle. Lunch was served from the air conditioned club house and people dined there or in the shade of one of the shelters.

Here is what we heard from some of the people in attendance:

One shooter told me he got good tips at the trap range. Another told me he had the opportunity to make adjustments on the scope of his crossbow. Shooters at the rifle range sited in an inherited .35 and another used a .44 that was recently purchased.

### Feather Ridge Pheasant Hunt

Gary and Katz Jackson own Feather Ridge Game Farm near Marshall WI. This is the third year that they have generously opened up their farm for the hunt. We were able to take twelve hunters out this year, but sadly two of them had to cancel because of health issues. It comes with the territory when you have compromised health. It's very much appreciated to have the opportunity in order to get out into the marsh and do some hunting. Thanks to the Jackson's and sponsors, **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**, **Wisconsin DNR**, and all the dog handlers, helpers, ground crews, hardworking dogs, for their donations and help.

Thanks to **Peter Butorac** for the pheasant hunt photos, we have several more that we will include in the next newsletter.

My name is John Martinson, I'm a proud board member of SCI Badgerland Chapter, Vice Chairman Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. and also participated as a hunter in the Feather Ridge game farm disabled pheasant hunt, I'm also paralyzed at the thoracic 8 level (just below my nipples) from a fall at my house nineteen years ago. I grew up on a farm and had plenty of experiences pheasant hunting which I loved to do as a kid. SCI Badgerland supported this event not only money- wise but, volunteer- wise!

The action track wheelchairs allowed me and the other disabled hunters to have the freedom to be able to go into the marsh and they lean back to give me support to hold my shotgun up, because I have no abdominal muscles. We use pointer dogs (which are exciting to watch work) that will hold the bird till we get into position to shoot, because we are limited with our range of motion shooting area. Dog handlers take two to three hunters into the fields at a time along the chopped paths that allow the hunters to get through the heavy marsh with their action track wheelchairs.

### Whitetails Unlimited makes a donation to ASI

Adaptive Sportsmen exhibits at several outdoor sports shows with one of them being Deer Fest in West Bend. Cal Popp and his crew not only sell tickets on our fund raising raffle but also speak with prospective members and volunteers. During one of those conversations people from Whitetails Unlimited committed to a donation and gave \$2000 to Adaptive Sportsmen after visiting our shooting picnic. Those funds will help our deer hunting and site in programs. During one of the other conversations another landowner came forward with an offer to use her property. Special thanks to Whitetails Unlimited, and Cal's crew for the work that they do. (See Picture below)



Group picture at Feather Ridge Pheasant Hunt



Jeff Pagel with his pheasant at Feather Ridge Pheasant Hunt



John Mitchell and Chloe Liske show off the Bluegills he caught at the Madison Fishery