



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



Finding land for ASI activities

Adaptive has a landowner liaison committee that searches out and catalogs public and private lands available and suitable for the Adaptive membership to use for different uses all over Wisconsin. (Some restrictions may apply) Contact a committee member to get help finding a place to hunt deer, ducks or pheasants or an accessible place to catch a fish or ride an All-terrain Vehicle. Contact the Landowner Liason Committee members Cal Popp, Brian Graham, Tim Welch, and Jeff Pagels, phone numbers and email addresses are listed in the web page under Contacts.

2022 Calendar

May -October Madison Fishing Outing. We have a new format for the Madison Fishing outing. We will be taking appointments for fishing outings from May through October. Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 or email johnmartinson@msn.com to make your appointment.

August 5-7 Deer Fest West Bend. We will have a booth at the Deer Fest, which is being held at the Washington Fairgrounds in West Bend. We need volunteers to man the booth Cal Popp at 920-517-8027 or lovemypins@att.net to sign up.

August 27 Family Picnic & Shoot. The picnic will take place from 10:00am until 3:00pm. This is an opportunity for those with physical challenges to shoot side by side with their friends and family as hunting seasons approach. The archery, trap, pistol bay and the rifle/pistol range will be in use. We will have .22, 9mm and 20 & 12 gage ammunition to use. There will be a lunch and bucket raffle that you can also participate in. You can bring your own weapons or borrow a .22 or shotgun from the Schultz Gun Club. Our crossbows will also be available for use. If you are coming or need information please contact John Mitchell at jmitchellwi@prodigy.net or 414-333-4745. Thank You.

September 24 Feather Ridge Pheasant Hunt. We are planning another pheasant hunt at Feather Ridge in Marshall this year, We will open at 9 am and start activities at 10 am. Please contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 or johnmartinson@msn.com for more information.

October 14-16 Sandhill Bow Deer Hunt The archery deer hunt at the Sandhill State Wildlife Area is being held this year. Contact John Mitchell at jmitchellwi@prodigy.net or 414-333-4745

October 28-30 Clintonville Bow Deer Hunt Contact Joe Ehr at 920- 244-7737 or josephehr@gmail.com for more information.

Accessible Range

Wern Valley & McMiller now have all terrain wheel chairs available for use. The shooting ranges at McMiller have been updated for accessibility.

Volunteer of the month

John Martinson who puts in many hours making our events special for the members.

Passed On

Leo Sperberg a member of Adaptive Sportsmen has passed away. We were informed by his wife.

Harley Kurtz passed away in August 2021. He was a member for many years. He was soft spoken and attended many pheasant hunts along with his son as a volunteer.

Glen Turner has passed away. He frequented our Shooting Picnic and attended the bow hunt in Baraboo.

Raffle

A Henry Golden Boy lever action .22 is the top prize for this year's raffle. A fishing bow and handmade quilt are the second and third prizes.

Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCO) has begun the planning phases and is proud to host its annual three day deer hunt, for hunters with disabilities, this October 2022. The corporate leadership team continues to support this special event and currently we are in a good place with regard to the COVID-19 Pandemic and associated restrictions/recommendations.

The Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCO) hunt takes place in our Petenwell Wildlife Area located on the Wisconsin River

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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 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 _____

Mail to;
Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.
8727 W Coldspring Road
Greenfield, WI 53228

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 _____

Kelly Lake

We will start 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.

Halter Wildlife Pheasant Hunt 2022 By Chris Salamone

This year's Halter pheasant hunt was a big success for our ASI hunters. We all had lots of birds to shoot out in the fields and at the tower shoot. A big thanks too Halter Wildlife Game Farm for hosting and catering our ASI event along with all of their staff. We would also like to give a big thanks to **Wings over Wisconsin Mayville Chapter** for loaning ASI two track chairs and all of the ASI Volunteers, and their dogs that made all this possible. Without all of their generosity these types of events would not be possible.

Our day's event got off to a quick start at 8am with registration, hot coffee and donuts. Then our 13 hunters took five shots at the trap range to get warmed up. At 9am after the safety briefing we were able to get paired up with our fellow hunters and volunteers to head out to the fields. It was nice that the weather decided to cooperate until about lunchtime. It was mostly cloudy around 40 degrees with a light breeze. It only took minutes and the shooting began as the dogs started kicking up the pheasants and chucker's. You didn't even have time to think about getting cold as the birds were plentiful for the dogs to kick up even when the pheasant didn't cooperate and fly in your direction to get a shot. It wouldn't take long and the dogs would be on another bird. By around 11:30 we headed in for lunch of burgers and hot dogs along with various side dishes which hit the spot along with tales of our morning's successes and failures. At which time the weather changed with cooler temps and here came the snow almost like a white out with big heavy flakes. Well we were not done yet we had the tower shoot to go. So we headed out into the field and got all of us lined up around one side of the tower and here came the birds. It seemed like there was no end of how many birds kept coming out of the top of that tower it had to be close to 100 birds. I believe we had about 70% success rate on birds coming out of the tower from birds either flying to low or not flying in our direction. None of the dogs seemed to tire at all from the retrieving they did. I'm sure they took a long nap after. All the while we were starting to look like snowmen from the heavy wet snow. With so much shooting action though you didn't really think about the cold or the snow. Then we went back inside, got the birds divided up as we warmed up and dried off. Then we were off to say thanks and goodbyes before we headed home.

Talking to everyone, hunters and volunteers alike we all had a very good time and were impressed by how nice and how big **Halter Wildlife Game Farm** is. They all say they can't wait until next year to do this event again. I believe even the dogs can't wait to get back out into the field next year there at Halter. It is definitely a pheasant hunt nobody would want to miss out on.

Booth Season by John Martinson & John Mitchell

Open Season Sportsman Expo was held at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells May 25-27. Thanks to **Ray Rabuck** for setting up and taking down the booth along with manning the booth throughout the show. **Lowell Boettcher** did a great job working the booth along with **Chris Salmone, Brian Graham, John Mitchell**, myself, and **Brad Powell**, who also helped with tear down. Wisconsin Fishing Expo also had some valuable volunteers with **Dan Jacoby, Chris Salmone, Don Zurfluh, Brad Powell**, and myself. The Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel Sport Show also had a great group of volunteers. **Dennis Lorentz, Don Lampien, and Steve Heiges** set up, Steve also staffed the booth along with **Jim Hitchcock, Mary Mitchell, Dottie Dirksen, Lloyd Soter, Mike Gustin, Gregg Edgerle, Pete Mittelsteadt, Rick Oldenburg, Darly Connel and John Mitchell. Don Lampien & Ron Lewis** packed up and hauled the booth away for use next year. Without all of these valuable volunteers Adaptive Sportsman wouldn't be able to get the word out about our organization to help more people, get more volunteers and sell raffle ticket to fund the events to offset the cost for Adaptive Sportsmen. I'd like to give a much appreciate Thank You to the group!

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.

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

Turkey Hunting in Wisconsin By John Mitchell

Well, I hunted in period B with a wool blanket on my lap. When I arrived at the hotel in Baraboo for our period D hunt my SUV's thermometer read 95 degrees. Some hunted Friday afternoon and commented the blind was like a slow cooker oven. We all gathered in Mike's Italian Restaurant Friday night for introductions, strategy and camaraderie. Saturday morning one hunter and guide team observed 3 strutting Toms with 2 hens right in front of their blind as they approached it at 5:15. The turkeys left the field and gobbled non-stop until 7:00 because their party was interrupted. Saturday night we gathered at Pizza Ranch to eat and take our group photo. On the truly beautiful Sunday morning a bearded hen appeared at about 40 yards but the hunter decided not to shoot. Thanks to our volunteer guides and our sponsor SCI Badgerland for making this hunt possible. By **John Mitchell**

Don Kender sent in his picture and said I got this old Tom at 6:30am in Washington County with a 9 1/4 inch beard and 1 inch spurs. I was only out for one half hour after setting up the decoys.

2022 Northwoods Adventure in Mercer

The Northwoods Adventure at Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer was a success again this year. We had two trak chairs supplied by **Access Ability**, which **Calvin Richtig** from **Options for Independent Living** brought up. The trak chairs were well used to explore the more than 4 miles of hiking trails around Pine Forest Lodge. Calvin also brought an electric-assist recumbent bike that was a big hit. The weather was too cold for anyone to try Kayaking, and too windy for any extended pontoon boat rides or fishing. A group of six people went on an ATV ride Friday, in two rented machines and had an awesome time. **John Martinson, Joe and Sharon Ehr, Calvin Richtig, Pete and Riley LePage, Melissa Smith, Steve Heiges, Karli Sikora, Paul McCreight, Doug Bureta, Dan and Gina Egan, Randy and Dora Johnson, Greg and Candi Edgerly and Allen Neu** participated in this great weekend. By **Allen Neu**

We were able to spend an amazing weekend at the Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer WI with the Outdoor Adaptive Sportsman. This is our second year and we felt like we were right at home with our hosts John and Cheri and their new puppy Aloha. It was great to see returning guests and new friends as well. Even though the weather was not as warm as we would have liked we were able to get out in the track chairs in the woods, spend some quality time with friends playing cribbage and having coffee. Some of the guests went four wheeling while others enjoyed the beautiful views of the lake and surrounding areas. The pontoon was also a big hit with many guests while hearing the history and stories of Pine Lake. John captured all of our attention with his Al Capone stories. Last but not least the food was also spectacular. Everyone brings their favorite dishes to share and no one ever goes hungry. Thank you John and Cheri for sharing your beautiful resort with Adaptive Sportsman. By **Steve Heiges**



Steve Ward and Don Leschke pose with a pheasant shot at Halter (above left). Gerry Schick and his buddy Jim pose with their birds at Halter (above right).



Group photo of the Baraboo Turkey Hunt with Scott Uverich, Bob Ettinger, Brad Powell, Ron Lewis, Mike Gustin, Pete Mitsteadt, Keith Pamperin, John Mitchell, and (not shown) Ron Wroblewski (above left), Don Kender poses with the turkey he shot this spring (above right).



Doug Bureta, Riley LePage, Allen Neu, Dora Johnson, Mellisa Smith, and Darrin Malsak pose in front the rented ATV (above right). A view of the lake from the lodge (above left)

This is the first time I've attended this adventure, When we arrived, we were greeted by our hosts John and Cheri Stratti and their new puppy Aloha. After we settled in to our rustic cabin by the lake we proceeded to the office/lounge where everyone was congregated around a large selection snack and drinks. Conversations, games and lots of laughs followed. It was good to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. The surprising story was how **Dora Johnson** fell asleep in the ATV while it was doing 65 mph (Note; it was a smooth riding machine. Allen Neu) If you ever have an opportunity to attend this outing I would highly recommend it. By **Greg Edgerly**