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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 Committe 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

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

Mary Mitchell puts in many hours making our events special for the members with marvelous meals and nifty raffles.

Passed On

Rudy Gawalita passed away in August. He was a long time supporter of Adaptive Sportsmen and a dedicated hunter safety instructor. **Cliff Pfeifer** passed away in September. He was a lifemember and attended many events. He also helped to make equipment to help physically challenged people enjoy shooting and hunting.

Raffle

Jay Frofming won the Henry Golden Boy lever action .22, Carol Osswald won the fishing bow and Laura won the handmade quilt.

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

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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 12/31/2023

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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Kelly Lake Fishing Picnic by John Mitchell

Our pontoon boat made three trips rotating different members to fish out on the lake while others fished from the two piers. Some of our catch is pictured and Jim filleted five nice ones for people to take home. Lunch was hamburgers, bratwurst and hot dogs with too many salads and desserts to list. Mary had another good bucket raffle. It seems each year a little girl wins a big knife that dad or grandpa secures for them. Cabella's is the major sponsor of our Kelly Lake activities.

Bear Hunting Story

On opening day of the 2022 Bear season **Bruce Massman** shot a 303 pound (dressed) Black Bear at 4:54 PM in Zone B on Family property. Without the support of family and friends the hunt would not occur. A friend of a cousin transferred his tag. During the summer months his son-in-law and nephews prepared the stand and groomed shooting lanes. Leading up to the season Cousin Tom baited the sites. When the season finally arrived it was family and friends that set him up and tracked the bear. An experience we all will not soon forget.

Adaptive Curling Classes

Adaptive ("Stick") curling classes will be held at the Wauwatosa Curling Club beginning in November. There is no cost, but registration is required. Additional details including dates, times and a link to register can be found at the club website: <https://wauwatosacurlingclub.com/> on the home page or under "Curling" Participants do not need to be a Wauwatosa resident. Class sizes are limited to 16 people. Non-participants are invited to attend to observe and learn about the sport of adaptive curling. You do not need to register to observe. You can also email the curling club at: adaptive@wauwatosacurlingclub.com with questions or comments regarding these and other adaptive curling opportunities, including scheduling an event specifically for the members of the community your organization serves.

The Wauwatosa Curling Club is a non-profit, all volunteer organization. We are located in the Muellner Building at: 7300 W. Chestnut St., Wauwatosa, WI Allen Miller, Wauwatosa Curling Club, Adaptive Curling Coordinator

Accessible Range Day

The McMiller Sports Center invited Adaptive Sportsmen to their range on a day they are typically closed. As you can see from the pictures it was a blast. We used the .22 plinking range knocking down steel targets, the 100 yard range for some serious sighting in and also the trap range to break some clays. Thanks to Kyle and the staff.

Turkey Hunting in Baraboo Wisconsin By-Keith A. Pamperin

What a fun time I enjoyed at my first Adaptive Sportsman's Baraboo Turkey Hunt. Friday and Saturday were a bit warm 80-92 degrees, but the breeze made it tolerable. We saw hens including my first bearded hen. Sunday morning the Tom Turkeys forgot to set their alarm, not a gobbler to our coaxing. A pair of pretty bluebirds entertained us daily. We had a visit from a coyote, which posed beautifully just out of range. My hunting partner long time Adaptive Sportsman Mentor, **Michael Gustin** did a great job of scouting and finding good accessible locations to position our blinds. Mike's historical knowledge and experience hunting the Sauk Prairie Recreational Area, (the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant) was an added bonus. I met new friends and as always **John Mitchell** did a great job of coordinating accommodations and evening meals. Although the Turkey's did not cooperate, it was a great opportunity for me to enjoy the outdoors hunting. Thank you to all the volunteers and mentors at Adaptive Sportsman! **Safari Club Badgerland Chapter** was the mail sponsor for this event.

Shooting Picnic by John Mitchell

Many smiles were seen on a truly beautiful day at the Adaptive Sportsmen shooting picnic sponsored by **Whitetails Unlimited** and hosted by the **Schultz Resort rod and Gun Club**. Over 1,000 rounds of .22 and 500 9mm were fired at the rifle range and pistol bay. The arrows and crossbow bolts went downrange over and over with only one breaking. We used about 2 cases of trap shells and hope to have more people come to the trap range in the future. Mary did a great job on the bucket raffle again. Nobody went hungry with a lunch of turkey, beef or ham sandwiches, vegetables, chips and deserts. Thanks to everyone that brought the homemade goodies.

Here are some comments we received:
The Stenseng family sends a huge Thank You to everyone for the amazing time we all enjoyed Saturday. The friendship and acceptance was much appreciated, and greatly needed. We look forward to future events!
Thank you to the Club, all the volunteers and to Adaptive Sportsman for putting on an outstanding day at the range. I was particularly impressed with the kindness and personal attention you showed my grandson (Alexander), you certainly made a positive impression on him and I believe helped to kindle a love for shooting sports. Thank you very much, Dale Nelson
I am feeling the exact same way as Dale, my 5 year old Daughter shot for her first time. **Darrenin Malsack**

Horicon Marsh Bowmen by John Mitchell

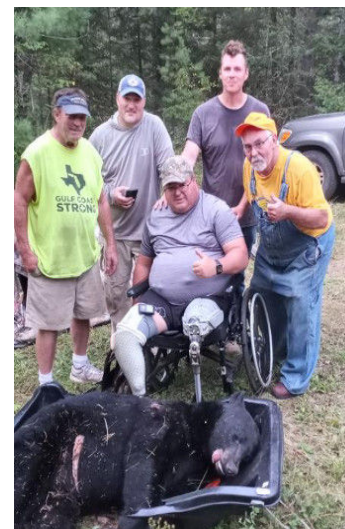
We had beautiful weather and a larger group with many returning shooters and three that came for their first time. It was good to hear stories from the past year and catch up. **Chris Salomone** made the highest score of 208 followed close behind by **Dustin Palenshus** at 202 and **Travis Raynla** at 194. After the shoot we enjoyed New York Strip steaks with potatoes and corn followed by deserts. Mary's bucket raffle provided some additional entertainment. Thanks to **Rob Krantz** and his committee for putting this on for us.



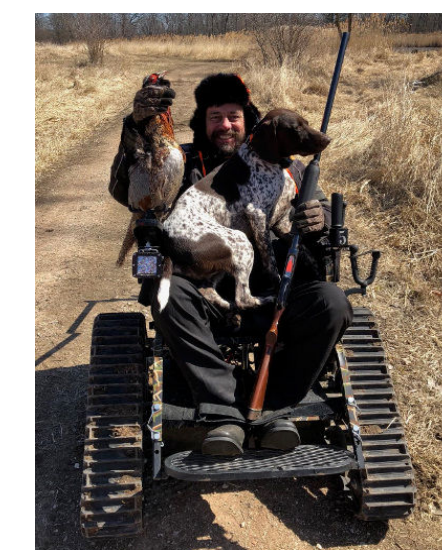
Bruce Massman practices with his crossbow at the Archery range during the Shooting picnic (above left). Dale Reberneck takes a shot at the trap range during the shooting picnic (above right)



Pete Mittesteadt aims at the clay pigeon during the shooting picnic (above left), Dottie Dirkson and Wally Janus help out at the check in tent during the shooting picnic (above right).



The 303 lb (Dressed Weight) bear shot by Bruce Massman eyes the bear bait moments before Bruce shot him (above left). Bruce poses with his bear and family and friend who helped track the bear (above right)



John Martinson shows off the pheasants he shot at the Pheasant Ridge Disabled shoot (above left). Darrin Malsak takes his turn at the trap range during the shooting picnic (above left),

2011 Clintonville Bow Hunt

By Dan Jacoby

The 2011 Clintonville Archery Hunt for Whitetail deer was once again a good time had by all. Four of the eight hunters were able to hunt a few hours on Thursday evening. Three of the four hunters saw deer Thursday evening, so we thought there might be some good shot opportunities as the weekend progressed.

The wind began to howl and did not stop until Sunday AM. We agreed Sunday morning the deer movement would likely increase. The deer may have been moving, but not past our hunting group.

One hunter /guide team of Kaley and Kyle watched and filmed a 6 point buck feeding for 15 minutes just out of range in front of their ground blind on Saturday evening. A close encounter, but a real good choice by Kaley not to try to stretch her range of accuracy.

The food was excellent, the constant wood fire was warm, and some friends were made. Cribbage, Escanaba in the Moonlight, and even some Sheepshead broke out in the day room. One Mother/Daughter and two Father/son teams attended and all were fun to have around.

Special thanks go to **Karl Keller** and the **Christus Memorial Camp** for having us, excellent new guides **Mike and Kyle Theine**, our reliable cook **Mary Mitchell, Ray Berendt** and the **Boy Scouts** who will be assisting us with our blinds, and baiting again next year. The 2011 crew of cooks, guides, hunters and helpers proved that a hunt could be great fun even without a harvest.

Note from Kaley Wockenfus

I was given an opportunity to participate in the archery hunt sponsored by Adaptive Outdoorsmen. The archery hunt took place in Clintonville and I had such a great time! The people I met were a lot of fun! I had as much fun playing cards and listening to Steve's jokes as I did hunting for deer. The weather wasn't the greatest for hunting, but Dan and my mentor Kyle, went above and beyond to put me in the best spots. On the last day, I did see a nice buck, but it just wouldn't get close enough for me to get good shot. A thank you also goes out to Mary for preparing our delicious meals. I had an incredible time and I wish to thank everyone who made this hunt possible.

2012 Archery Shoot for Disabled Veterans

We had a great turnout on Monday January 9th and Feb 13th for our adaptive archery event and we're looking forward to our next event scheduled for Monday, March 12 from 2-4 PM at West Town Archery, 4135 N 126th St, Brookfield. The regular range for compound and recurve bows were open along with Video target archery and the 30-yard lane for crossbows. We have 2 crossbows on loan from Adaptive Sportsmen as well as shooting sticks.

All Disabled vets are welcome along with friends and helpers. You're invited to bring your own equipment and we will also have recurve bows available. Snacks and beverages will also be provided.

Contact Art Marchessault at 414-333-4950 or marcheaj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us Let us know, at your earliest convenience, if you plan on attending or bringing participants. Registration is required as there is a maximum of 16 spots available. Volunteers are needed, please let us know if you plan to attend as well.

2012 DEERFEST July 20-22, Oshkosh

Well our first Booth at Deerfest was a success on the weekend of July 20-22nd in Oshkosh. **Cal Popp** was Booth captain for the event, **Scott and Christy Richardson** came up Friday to set the booth up and stayed with Cal all weekend. Saturday **Jerry Schick** and **John Mitchell** came up to work with us, and Sunday **Steve Starz** came to help. We were able to sell over 1200.00 worth of raffle tickets, hand out several Adaptive Sportsmen brochures to people with disabilities, or tp people who knew someone disabled who may want to join our organization. We had people request information to open their land to members with disabilities, even made contacts and picked up a few silent auction items. It was a great weekend so make it on your calendar next year and volunteer some time to come up, enjoy the show and help us man the booth.

We have decided to take a look 10 years back. This page is a selection of articles printed in the 2012 February, May, and September newslwtters

May 2012 Halter Pheasant Hunt

As you can see by the group photo the Halter Pheasant Hunt has become the Adaptive Sportsmen Inc event with the highest attendance. There are way to many participants and volunteers to name in this space. Thank you to all of the volunteers, sponsors and the Halter Wildlife Area for making this a reality. Volunteers' cleaned 126 birds for 33 hunters and some more were taken home to be cleaned after they were shown to friends and family.

Here are some comments received from some of the participants:

People at the hunt are so supportive and caring; they really bring this hunting experience to the people shooting! The dogs and their handlers are just out of this world; the 4-wheelers to help us get into the field make it lots easier. This hunt is one of the highlights of my year; I would not be able to hunt for pheasant now were it not for Adaptive Sportsmen. I welcome you to this hunt--you will have a super time. I may also add that is great to have another woman hunter! Yahoo!! Maybe we can convince more differently abled women to come and hunt and be members of this excellent organization. Looking forward to meeting you--and good hunting! **Miriam**

What an exciting adventure! My first hunt and I braised the pheasants in burgundy and wow! One of my sons said, "Way to bring the food to the table!" **Monica**

2012 Turkey Hunt at the Badger Army Ammo Plant

Our hunter & guide teams were Steve Prieve & Al Jeske, John Martinson & Lowell Boetcher, Bill Ploor & Calvin Ploor, Les Werner with Bill & Ryan Stuber, Dale Rebernik & Brian Graham, Cal Popp & Ray Rabuck, Gerry Schick & Mike Gustin, Scott Unverrich & Mark Seeley, Monica Kamal & Steve Spaeni, Charles Ande & Don Berndt John Mitchell and Larry Wilkinson were the lunch crew with Larry doing 90% of the work. Thanks to all of the volunteers, our sponsor Safari Club International and Clarion Hotels for our group rate. Two turkeys were harvested. Scott Uverich struck first and Monica Kamal was second taking her turkey on her first turkey hunt. Deer, raccoons, coyotes and skunks were also seen. Here are stories from the members themselves:

12 HOURS IN THE BLIND THE FIRST DAY ... Harvest the 2nd day within an hour. Wow ... The picture of me was taken within a 1/2 hour of this big storm. We were hurrying to get pictures, get in the van and loaded before the storm. Thank you Adaptive Sportsman's Club! Thanks to all volunteers' times! Steve (my guide and caller) called the turkey in from an outlying field. As the turkey got within 18 yards by the decoys, I shot and hit the tom directly in the head and neck. He was 17.5 lbs. While I am learning and using this new skill, I have a continued appreciation of nature and love being out there! Since I have been to the Becoming Outdoors Women (BOW) clinic last summer, I have learned so much and have had a wonderful journey to this point. I am very thankful to harvest food for the table and then I can cook it with new recipes! I am looking forward to my continued journey. From BOW and Adaptive Sportsman to all my friends who have been supportive. **Monica**

I wanted to take this time to thank you and all at Adaptive Sportsman for inviting me to help out this weekend @ the badger plant I had a great time even though Charlie didn't harvest a bird the memories will last me a lifetime, thanks. **Don**

The measurements on Scott's gobbler were 11" Beard, 1" spurs, and 23 #s. It was a very special hunt for me. I really enjoyed the company of Scott and Dale. I hope they enjoyed themselves as much as I did. I have hunted with Walter Joost so long and so many times it was different hunting with new partners and forming new friendships. My wife Linda said, "It was good for me to get out and hunt with someone else besides Walter", but as you know Walter and I have a special bond that will never be broken and he is my best friend. We talk almost daily and I owe it to Adaptive Sportsman for getting us together about 10 years ago. Thanks again for the great weekend! Mark Seely

2012 ATV Ride in Mercer, WI

2012 ATV ride in Mercer WI, was a small group but man did we have fun and the trails have never been smoother. There were 5 disabled riders and several others that joined us. A big thanks to **Greg and Donna Olson** for connecting with Polaris to get 2 loaner RZR's (Razor side by sides) one was even a 900 CC 4 seater with all the tricks. They were the hit of the trip, I think we all took turns riding in one or both of them and making a run down the Rally route as fast as we could. A 40 mile rip in the 900 took just under an hour and was fun because you could talk to each other as you were ripping down the trail. It was as close as you can get to sharing the lead with the rest of the group all at the same time. The first day we got a nice lazy start after breakfast and put on 50 miles right from Pine forest lodge and back. Had a great dinner and bon fire that eve, lots of great stories were told of years past. Day 2 we loaded the machines for yet again another lazy start and trailed up to Saxon and packed a trail lunch and road down to the Harbor and had lunch on the shore of lake Superior, everyone really enjoyed this vs. a Parking Lot or Tavern. After taking in the lake and lunch we made our way to the sand pit for some fun and then headed up the trail a ways and then realized we spent an awful lot of time at the lake and had to turn around to get some folks to a planning meeting for an even better trail network next year. When we arrived back at Pine Forest the RZR's came off the trailer and we made a few rally rides up Kramer Lake road and around to the rail road grade and adventurous speeds, MAN O MAN DO I WANT ONE OF THEM!! Thanks **John and Cheri Straite** from Pine Forest Lodge for everything you do and for sharing your amazing place with us. One more big thanks to Greg and Donna Olson for pulling strings with **Polaris Inc** for the sweet rides.

Pete LePage

Tyler Zelko and his Turkey

On the first day, my Uncle and I set up in a blind, on the edge of the woods, where turkeys had been spotted days before. We were fortunate to see a few birds in the morning and even had 3 jakes at 35 yards, but too far to risk wounding one, so we just enjoyed the view.

At noon, we decided to move the blind to a tree line that separated two fields, as we had seen a tom walk along it earlier in the day. That afternoon, a tom responded to our call and proceeded to come our way. When the bird was passing by at 20 yards, my Uncle used a high-pitch yelp on the call and the tom fanned out in full display to strut. Unfortunately, I was unable to locate the bearded beauty in the scope and he moved on. Oh what a sight and sound to behold!

The next morning, we were full of optimism when we heard a roosted gobbler gobbling about 150 yards away. Once it started getting light and we knew he was about to fly down, we used a few soft yelps, and boy did he respond with love on his mind. Within a few minutes, the bird was gobbling up a storm approximately 30 yards directly behind us!

The trick was how we would get the bird in front of us since we were on a fence line separating two fields, and the bird was in the wrong field for us. We were not using a decoy either. When we made a few soft calls, the tom would work himself into a lather gobbling to no end, it seemed. We decided to stop calling, hoping to force him to cross the fence line looking for the hen. We thought WRONG, after not hearing him for ten minutes. We proceeded to make a soft call and he responded; only he was now about 100 yards behind us! We decided to make some aggressive hard yelps on the call, quickly. He started gobbling fast and furious and was quickly running our way. Within 30 seconds, he appeared to our right stepping through the fence line. He walked up directly in front of us, at 20 yards. This time when my Uncle called, and the tom went into full strut, there would be no hesitation. I pulled the trigger and the arrow hit the mark dead center and my first turkey ever was in hand. We both celebrated like we had just bagged a 30-point buck.

I just want to say thank you again for providing the cross bow, which enabled me to make this incredible hunt happen

Editor's note; Adaptive Sportsmen loaned Tyler the crossbow he used to shoot the turkey. We have crossbows and other equipment available for our members to use



Mary Mitchell, the volunteer of the Month, poses in the kitchen at Shultz Gun Club during the shooting picnic (above left). Amanda Wendt gets help at the rifle range during the shooting picnic (above right)



John Mitchell in the Gator and Dale Rebernick in the trak chair wait for the guides to set the dogs free at the Halter hunt in April



John Martinson gets ready to shoot at the elk target during the 3-D Archery Shoot at the Horicon Bowmen's club in June.



Chris Salomone shows off a bass he caught in Kelly lake during the Kelly Lake Fishery in June



Bob Catellion and Steve Ward sight in their rifles at the McMiller Sport Center rifle range. McMiller opened up their facility to our members for a special chance to use the range during normally closed hours.