



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 Jeff Pagel at 920-366-5731 or email at jcpagels@att.net 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. Jeff can put you in touch with the appropriate person to help you find the best place to enjoy activities in the Wisconsin outdoors.

2023 Calendar, full information on our web site.

Kelly Lake Ice Fishing Jamboree, Time and date to be decided based on Ice Conditions. An email will be sent out if and when we have conditions good enough for ice fishing.

Frost Fest 2/4 This is an event held at the War Memorial center, we will have a table there Contact Steve Heiges for more information at 414-349-6829 or email him at steven.heiges@gmail.net.

Fishing Expo 2/24-2/26 The Fishing Expo is being held at the Alliance Center in Madison. We will have a booth there. Contact John Martinson at 608-846-4518 to volunteer to help at our booth.

Milwaukee Sports Show 3/9-3/12 The Sports Show is being held again at State Fair Park in Milwaukee. We will have a booth there. Contact John Mitchell at 414-541-4505 to volunteer to help at our booth.

Deer and Turkey Expo 3/24-3/26 The Deer and Turkey Expo is being held at Kalahari resort in Wisconsin Dells. We will have a booth there. Contact John Martinson at 608-846-4518 to volunteer to help at our booth.

Halter Pheasant hunt has been postponed this year, We are looking to hold this again in 2024.

Badger Turkey Hunt 5/12-5/14 The Badger Turkey hunt will be held in Baraboo this year. Contact John Mitchell at 414-541-4505 for information or to sign up for the hunt.

Madison Fishery TBD We will again have fishing opportunities, Contact John Martinson at 608-846-4518 to schedule your fishing outing, dates will be set up on demand, according to Availability of boats.

Northwoods Adventure 5/18-5/21 We will have the Northwoods Adventure at Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer. Contact Allen Neu at 414-617-4870 for information or to sign up.

Fishing Picnic at Kelly Lake 7/8 We will have a fishing picnic at Kelly Lake again this year. Contact John Mitchell 414-541-4505 to sign up or for more information.

Horicon Summer 3-D Archery 6/3 The Horicon Bowmen will be hosting our 3-D archery outing. Contact John Mitchell at 414-541-4505 for information or to sign up for the event.

Deer Fest 8/4-8/6 Deer fest is being held at Washington County Fairgrounds in West Bend. We will have a booth there. Contact Cal Popp at 920-517-8027 to volunteer to help at our booth.

Shooting Picnic 8/26 The shooting picnic at Schultz Gun Club in Muskego is always a popular event. Contact John Mitchell at 414-541-4505 for more information or to sign up.

Feather Ridge Pheasant Hunt 9/23 Contact John Martinson at 608-846-4518 for more information

Sandhill Deer Hunt 10/12-10/15 Contact Al Jeske at 262-632-2768 for more information.

Clintonville Deer Hunt 10/26-10/29 Contact Joe Ehr at 920-244-7737 for more information.

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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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2022 Sandhill Hunt

ASI went back to the Sandhill State Wildlife Area in Wood County after a 3-year Hiatus due to the Covid outbreak. We had 5 hunters, 6 guides, and the Johnson brothers doing the cooking and deer processing. The lodge and the kitchen facilities at Sandhill were awesome!

Friday-We had a snowfall the first day with large flakes gently coming down. It accumulated on the trees but melted during the afternoon. It warmed as the day progressed, but it was good weather for hunting. There were a few deer seen but none were shot.

Saturday-The hunters moved around looking for more active spots. The weather continued to cooperate. In the morning, Top Dog Guide Brian "Stoney" Graham put Darwin Swille in the right spot, and Darwin connected by harvesting a nice doe. Then Stoney hooked up with guide Sammy Azarian, and put Darwin's brother, Randy Swille, in the same ground blind for the afternoon. Randy harvested another doe. Deer were seen by hunters, Ron Lewis and John Mitchell, but neither could get a shot. Hunter, Ron Wroblowski, seemed to be in the wrong place at the wrong time and did not see any deer.

Sunday-Ron Lewis was the only hunter to get out for the morning hunt and saw no action.

Thanks go out to Greg and Randy Johnson who kept us well-fed with eggs, bacon, pancakes, and sausage for breakfast, and sandwiches and homemade soup for lunch. Dinners consisted of bacon-wrapped venison, chicken, alligator, potatoes, and a vegetable. Fruit and bakery were made available all day. Special thanks to guides Al Jeske, Brian "Stoney" Graham, Sammy Azarian, Brian Anderson, Bob Effinger, and Jon Botting for volunteering their time to scout, assist hunters to the stands, and track and field dressing deer. We also thank Whitetails Unlimited for being a sponsor and the WDNR Staff at Sandhill for assisting the guides with scouting and accessing the information on the lands outside Sandhill.

Here are some comments we received:

The 2022 Sandhill hunt was a very enjoyable time. We all hunted hard to the best of our abilities. All of our mentors and volunteers helped us with whatever our needs may have been. We thank you for giving your time and efforts, we will pay it forward to others. The comradeship and joy of sharing life's experiences proved to be interesting and at times funny. Great food, good companionship, and new friends made this a wonderful experience. The Adaptive Sportsman organization has once again provided for a great time for its members and outdoor enjoyment.

Randy & Darwin Swille

I had a great time overseeing the hunt this past weekend, which goes to say what can be done with such a great group of volunteers. The guides went out of their way to try to get the hunters on the deer. The hunters were upbeat and stayed positive for not seeing many deer. The Johnson brothers cooked up a storm and kept the atmosphere cheerful in the dining hall. I want to thank you all for making the hunt so successful this year.

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

Subject: Good Things

Gary Jackson approached me at the 2019 SCI Badgerland Chapter fund raiser with an offer of helping him organize a disabled pheasant hunt on his farm. Myself being a full time wheelchair user and on the board of Badgerland jumped on the opportunity with both useless feet. This is where I found out that Gary is a man who wears many hats, many that involve humanitarian efforts.

Gary and his wife Katz own Feather Ridge Farm near Marshall WI. Where they raise registered Morgan horses and raise pheasants on their beautiful 136 acre game farm.

Gary's history of humanitarian efforts started out with offering mentoring gift certificates to hunt pheasants on his farm. Being a Hunter safety instructor (which he did for thirty years) made a perfect opportunity for people who have never hunted before safely learn how to hunt and handle a firearm the right way. From there he instructs two learn to hunt classes during the winter months with a variety of different cultural, never hunted before, and/or youth students learn what hunting is all about. He incorporated the R3 (recruitment, retention, reactivation) program into his classes.

The fourth annual Feather Ridge Farm Disabled Pheasant Hunt was a blast for the ten disabled hunters who were fortunate enough to participate. We had twelve hunters signed up but, two people had to cancel because of health issues, this is common in the disabled community. The day started with a 10 am safety meeting where Gary and Jerry Harvey informed everyone the importance of safe gun control and no bird command (if they fly in harms way towards people or dog path).

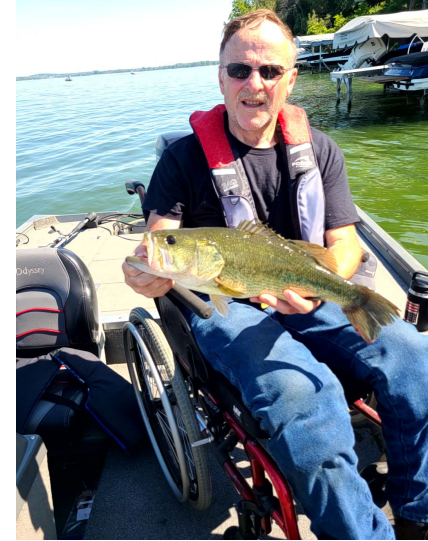
Trap shooting was up next with each hunter shooting a few clay birds in order to let the volunteers watch how much assistance is needed for the hunter to shoot comfortably and build confidence in the hunters shooting skills.

Three groups of hunters went out into three marshy fields that Gary had chopped pathways through in order to make them accessible. Most were in track wheelchairs which gives the hunter the freedom to maneuver around in order to get into position to shoot. The chairs also recline back which helps support the weight of the gun if you have no abdominal muscles. Pointer dogs were used in order to get the hunters time to get into position and ready to bang away. I love watching the dogs work and hold point till the command to flush is given. Luckily most of the birds cooperated by flying high. After the first round we eat lunch then pair up with different dog handlers and some of us go to different fields for another opportunity to just be fortunate enough to be able to get out hunting and do what we love.

In 1991 Gary started his game farm when he observed the natural pheasant population was struggling to sustain a natural survival population in Wisconsin. Gary became a SCI Badgerland member when it first started up and has been an active member throughout the years. Even with his Alaska, Africa, and Western US hunting adventures with family and friends, he still finds time to help others who are less fortunate enjoy the great outdoors.

I've been blessed to have had people like Gary and others get me back out hunting and the great outdoors, because once you get knocked down in life it's tough bouncing back to the things that you have loved and taken for granted.

John Martinson



My dad wanted me to send a couple pictures. The first two are from July, fishing in Madison. We caught a lot of fish that day on spinnerbaits and plastics. He caught his personal best northern pike-31". Although it isn't a person best, dad caught the largest bass of the day- 3lb largemouth.

Dad was also successful crossbow hunting this fall as well. He was able to take a really nice buck in the woods behind his house on October 26th. The buck came in with a doe. Dad made a great shot at 35 yards and the buck ran 80 before expiring. He was joined by his brother and nephew for the recovery.

Don Zurfluh written by Adam Zurfluh



Wisconsin Waterfowl's executive director Bruce Ross along with his dog Tack joined Chris Salamone and Darrin Malasak to use the new accessible blind on Jackson marsh. Mike Depies was the other volunteer assisting in the hunt. It's a nice blind with plenty of room for both manual and electric wheelchairs. They also made the blind to use for turkey and deer hunting once they clear some shooting lanes. It is nice to team up with Wisconsin Waterfowl's and more opportunities will take place in the future. We did get to shoot at a goose but he flew off. (Chris and Darrin shown above)



Here is a picture of the nice 7point buck I bagged last Sunday at WRPCO disabled hunt. For 2 days all I saw were several small yearling fawns and 2 nice bucks that were over 300 plus yards away and not really any good shooting chances. Then finally with only 2 hours left to hunt this buck popped up 60 yards to my left I took a shot and he dropped right there. After 5 minutes I unloaded my gun and cased it went and called for some assistance while waiting another 10 minutes he stands up and just stands there I don't believe it so I quickly scrambled uncased my gun and reloaded I shoot again he runs 40 yards and drops. Good thing I Got good the first time cause I missed the second time. **Chris Salamone**



Adaptive member Cal Popp assists member Damon Popp with his successful harvest of this adult doe. They enjoyed telling their hunting stories from the day with the sun setting on them on a cold opening day of gun season 2022.



Kristy Richardson and her crew of Ron Lewis, Bob Castelion, and Mike Gustin ran a booth for Adaptive Sportsmen at the McMiller Sports Center Open House on October 1st. They distributed information and raffled a Henry Classic Lever Action .22 won by Dan Meier.



The hunters at the Feather Ridge Pheasant hunt show off some of the birds they shot.



Harvested my first buck ever during the Michigan bow season. It was shot late in the day and found the next morning. Weston Strasser



I was invited by my nephew Gavin Bell to come down this year and try out a Texas Deer Camp. Our group of 12 people hunted in northwestern Texas, on the Oklahoma border on a 640 acre parcel. The season started out November 19 with cold (19 F) weather, more Wisconsin deer weather than Texas, and we saw plenty of does, but not a lot of big bucks. By Tuesday the weather had warmed up and both Gavin and I saw deer that were worthy of shooting. Although we were more than a mile apart, we both shot our deer within a minute of each other. The picture above is me, Gavin Bell and his son Asher with our deer. **Allen Neu**



I was lucky enough to get drawn to hunt at Badger Mine Co during the disabled gun hunting season. They have a few locations throughout the state. This buck showed up but it was walking straight away then at 100 yards it finally turned to allow me to see the vitals. Lucky enough to drop him where he stood. He ended up being a 9 pointer that scored 155" and weighed 265 pounds. **Cal Popp**



Challenge the Outdoors Spring Turkey Hunt.

Challenge the outdoors offers a multi day turkey hunt with lodging and food included at no cost. They have had some success in the past years. The hunt starts on May 19 and runs through May 21. The hunt is located near the city of Clintonville in Waupaca county. You would want to purchase a turkey tag for zone three period E which is the fifth period.. You have until March 1 to put your name in for consideration For additional information about the hunt you can contact Tom Naramore, 920-410-4436 or email him at naramore1988@yahoo.com



2022 Clintonville Hunt

Another successful year was enjoyed by 8 hunters and their guides. The weather was perfect and Alicia Hahn did a wonderful job of filling us up with the proper calories. Pam Reilly also helped with the meals. There were too many goodies to describe. Everyone saw deer; Ron Lewis got the one pictured. Thanks to our deer hunt sponsor Whitetails Unlimited and our guides Randy Johnston, Joe Ehr, Dan Egan (the story teller). Dan & Joe brought their UTVs which were a great help. The Clintonville hunt was a great opportunity to meet new friends and get reacquainted with old friends. Don't miss it in the future. It is a great time. **Gregg Edgerle**

Pictures above from the Clintonville, Meeting in the kitchen after a days hunt, top left, Ron Lewis with his deer, top center, and some of the guides and hunters top right.



This is the sign Cal received while running the booth at DeerFest. It is now in the accessible blind in the Jackson Marsh. It can be used for waterfowl, deer or turkey



Darrin Malsek and his guide show off some geese they shot this fall at the Trempeleau Wildlife Refuge



I took this 6 pointer bow hunting after passing up a bunch of does. As he was quartering away, I needed to take a heart shot at 18 yards because some branches were in the way. I saw him go down after 60 yards. He isn't the biggest but it sure does taste good. There is still 2 more months for bow hunting. **Rick Oldenburg**



Richy Riley waits for deer to show up at the Clintonville hunt.