



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



**Do you need to find land for Hunting?**

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 Jeff Pagel at 920-366-5731 or email at [jcpagels@att.net](mailto: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.**

**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.

**Deer Fest 7/21-7/23** Deer fest is being held at Sunnyvale Expo in Oshkosh (note Date and Location has changed). We will have a booth there. Contact Cal Popp at 920-517-8027 to volunteer to help at our booth.

**Shooting Picnic 8/26** We will have our annual shooting picnic at Schultz Resort Rod and Gun Club in Muskego. The trap, archery, rifle and pistol range will be open. We have crossbows to borrow and trap shells and .22 loads to use or bring your own weapon and ammo. Mary Mitchell will have lunch and her famous bucket raffle. Call 414-916-2298 or [mary.mitchellwi@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.mitchellwi@yahoo.com)

**Feather Ridge Pheasant Hunt 9/23** The Pheasant hunt will be held again this year in Marshal, WI. Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 or [johnmartinson@msn.com](mailto:johnmartinson@msn.com) for more information.

**Sandhill Deer Hunt 10/12-10/15** The hunt, meals and lodging will be at Sandhill Wildlife Area in Wood County, WI. Check the web page for an application or call Glenn Howell at 715-456-4619 or John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net)

**Clintonville Deer Hunt 10/26-10/29** The hunt, meals and lodging will be around Clintonville, WI. Check the web page for an application or call Joe Ehr 920- 244-7737 [josephehr@yahoo.com](mailto:josephehr@yahoo.com)

Watch your email, check Facebook and our web page for additional news on the events we are planning for this year.

**Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCO) will be hosting 2023 Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities October 13-15.** WRPCO is proud to host this annual gun deer hunt for hunters with disabilities. The hunt provides people with disabilities a quality hunting experience that demonstrates the social and environmental integrity of our corporation and employees.

Each year, WRPCO sponsors the three-day gun deer hunt in early October at the Petenwell Wildlife Area located on the Wisconsin River between the Petenwell and Castle Rock hydroelectric project reservoirs near Necedah in central Wisconsin. The [Petenwell Wildlife Area](#) is a approximately 750 acres set aside by WRPCO as a wildlife refuge. The majority of the area is permanently closed to other hunting activities. Any hunter with a Wisconsin Class A, B, C or D disability permit is welcome to apply.

WRPCO provides the following hunting services without charge. Placement and preparation of deer stands in the Petenwell Wildlife Area. Transportation for hunters between deer hunt base camp and deer stands. Assigned hunting partners, if hunters don't bring their own companion. Field dressing, dragging, tracking, etc. of harvested deer. Convenient, nearby storage of deer until the hunt is over. Friday evening banquet dinner. Saturday and Sunday morning continental breakfasts before departing to the deer stands. Full deer camp breakfasts following the Saturday and Sunday morning hunts.

Hunters are responsible for transportation to the hunting base camp located at the WRPCO office at the Petenwell Dam lodging, remaining weekend meals, personal equipment, hunting license and deer processing. Hunters can use any firearm authorized for deer hunting in Wisconsin (e.g., rifle, shotgun, black powder, or handgun) for the deer hunt. For information Contact Kelly T Zagrzebski, Local and Governmental Affairs Leader, WEC Energy Group – Business Services. Mobile number: 715-573-7815. Email [kelly.zagrzebski@wecenergygroup.com](mailto:kelly.zagrzebski@wecenergygroup.com)

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Please contact at [allenneu@gmail.com](mailto: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 12/31/2023**

Include \$ 10 membership fee  
Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.  
**Veterans Membership is Free**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to;  
Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.  
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Please Circle One    Physically Challenged    Able Bodied    Volunteer/Sponsor

Interests    Hunting    Fishing    ATV Riding    Boating    Snowmobiling    Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Baraboo Turkey Hunt

Our six teams harvested one Tom during period D in Unit 1. We got Bob a 25# Tom with a 10 inch beard. I picked up Bob @ 3:00 p.m. Friday. Got to Jim's land and had Bob in the blind by 3:30. Bob got all set up for shooting before I made my first calls. We had an answer right back after the first call and there to our right stood two Tom's. They walked over to my decoys, Bob shot and that was end of story for that Tom. Great short hunt. Brought both Bob and his turkey to my home and I cleaned the turkey and had Bob back on the road to Baraboo by 6:15. We had a great hunt, took about 30 minutes. By guide John Balfanz & hunter Bob Castellion

I had a great guide in Sye Davidson. I rode down the hill on my scooter to the blind. Saturday morning two Jakes appeared in the field but shied away from our Jake decoy. Discretion was the better part of valor for them.

Another hunter reported his guide was asleep but woke him when a Jake was at 15 feet however he could not get the gun on target fast enough.

All shared in the camaraderie at dinners in the hotel. Thanks to the guides for all of their work and to our sponsor the **Badgerland Chapter of Safari Club International**. By Keith Pamperin

## 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

## Open Season Sportsmen Show

The Deer and Turkey Expo, now called Open Season Sportsman's Expo 2023, originally held at the Alliant Center in Madison is now at the Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells. I guess for more room and free parking.

**Ray Rabuck, Brad Powell, Brian Graham, Lowell Boettcher, John Mitchell. Mary Mitchell,** and I did an awesome job of getting the word out about Adaptive Sportsmen's mission and signing up new members.

By John Martinson

## Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel Sport Show

We again had the opportunity to discuss our mission of Outdoor Recreation for Physically Challenged People adding new members, landowners and volunteers. Raffle tickets for the .22 Henry Golden Boy were also sold. Thanks to our crew that set up tore down and staffed the booth. They were **John Presser, Ron Lewis, Leese Lestenseng, Dottie Dirksen, Mary Mitchell, Chris Salomone, Jeff Pagels, John Mitchell, Mike Gustin, Darren Malacek, Gregg Edgerle, Rick Oldenberg, Jim Hitchcock, Don & Dale Leschke.** By John Mitchell

## Passed On

**Kristy Richardson** a board member and our foundation secretary passed away February 13<sup>th</sup>. She helped with hunts and in booths at the sport shows. She will be greatly missed.

**Charles Tetzlaff** passed away. He participated in many of our Badger hunts.

## Horicon Marsh 3D Shoot

June 3<sup>rd</sup> was a great morning for Adaptive Sportsmen members and their friends and families to go through the woods at the Horicon Marsh Bowmen 3D shoot.

The course was in great shape, new bark on the trail, realistic target shots, and no mosquitoes. The 18 shooters with crossbows and compound bows traveled the course with track chairs, gators and on foot. High score for the 20 targets belonged to Cal Popp at 212. John Martinson came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 185 shading out Chris Salomone who had 184. The one-point difference continued with Travis Rayala at 183 and Lowell Boetched at 182. Bob Castellion was the most improved shooter at 175. Mary Mitchell had her bucket raffle set up in the air-conditioned clubhouse. The dinner was fantastic with New York strip steak, vegetable casserole, cheesy potatoes, rolls, salad and many deserts. By John Mitchell

## March Snow Goose Hunt

In Mid March I had the great opportunity to go on a snow goose conservation hunt in Tarkio, MO with a group of my friends and Sandhill Flyway Outfitters. I have hunted with this same group and guide before with great experiences and memories, which this trip did not disappoint. With my loyal hunting partner at my side, my black lab Nelli, the group was hidden in layout blinds in corn fields on the rolling hills in NW Missouri. It did not take long for the action to get started with a decoy spread of about 3000 decoys, spinning aerial motion decoys, and e-callers at work. Over the course of 2.5 days we bagged 68 snow and blue geese. Nelli got a real work out and did an amazing job of retrieving all of the birds for us. Conserve game and hunt with a well trained retriever! It was all of the camaraderie and support from my friends and the guides that made this hunt very special and gave me the opportunity to continue living my passion of the outdoors.

On a separate note On April 8<sup>th</sup> I got out on the Bay of Green Bay near Oconto and caught my first walleye of the season on the first cast! A nice 18" walleye that was released for another day. The search continues for that bucket list trophy! By Steve Berg

## Fishing Expo

**Dan Jacoby** drove all the way down from up North again just to help out at the Wisconsin Fishing Expo (Originally called Madison Fishing Expo). **Chris Salmone** drove quite a way as well to help out along with **Don Zurfluh** from Albany Wisconsin. **Tony Paulson** usually helps set up the booth along with my cousin **Paul Stapleman. Brad Powell** usually is my go-to member to help tear down the booth at the end of the show. All the sales and signing up new members, getting the word out about Adaptive Sportsmen definitely wouldn't of happen without the generous help of these members, so please give them a big Thankyou if you see them. By John Martinson.

## Northwoods Adventure

We held the Northwoods Adventure at Pine Forest Lodge in May. We had two track chairs to use on the trails around the lodge and they got a workout. The late winter in the Mercer area this year meant the ATV trails were still closed. Only the road trails were open, so we didn't get a chance to do any ATV riding. **Pete Lepage** did bring up his electric off road Quad-cycle and that was quite impressive, with a top speed of 40 MPH and good off road capabilities. He was able to ride on the trails around the lodge and the ATV road trails near the lodge and I think many of use will get a chance to try it out next year.

We had some great weather on Saturday for a cruise around Spider Lake on the pontoon boat, **John Stratti** had a story about almost every house or bay on the lake. We saw loons and geese all through the cruise, it was so nice to commune with nature since many parts of the lake are not developed and still in a near pristine condition.

Spider Lake is a good fishing lake, but no one took the time to do any fishing. Kayaking was another activity that we didn't get around to this year, looking forward to doing it again next year. By Allen Neu



Thank to **Whitetails Unlimited** for the donation we received at the banquet. **Pat Kirschbaum** is shown giving the check to John Mitchell (above). It is greatly appreciated. Our volunteers helping with the banquet had a really good time and we look forward to helping in future years.

I recently caught and released a really heavy smallmouth bass (see below) through the ice. I was on Plum Lake near Sayner. It is not my longest but it was convincingly the heaviest. Pretty sure it was over 5 pounds and had about an inch to spare in an 8 inch ice hole. This one was 19.75 inches long. I hope it survives to get even bigger! **Dan Jacoby**



**Cabela's** provided a donation to help sponsor this year's Kelly Lake Fishing Picnic. The store employees are shown (below) giving John Mitchell a check for the event. We can't hold these wonderful events without the generous support of people like Cabela's. Thank You!





Bob Castelion poses with the turkey he shot at the 2023 Baraboo Turkey Hunt (above left). One of the blind setups at Baraboo with the decoys ready to bring the Toms in (above left). Ron (Doc) Wroblewski waits in his blind at Baraboo with his grandson (above right).

Dan Jacoby and John Martinson man the booth at the Fishing Expo this spring.



Dora Johnston relaxes in one of the trak chairs we had at the Northwoods Adventure. She had fun with it around the lodge, but we couldn't convince her to take it out on the trails.

Iron County 4-H donated the use of their Trak Chair for the Northwoods Adventure. Here Darrin Malsack poses in the chair. Darrin rode this chair out on the trails around the lodge, we put about 4 miles on the trails during the weekend.

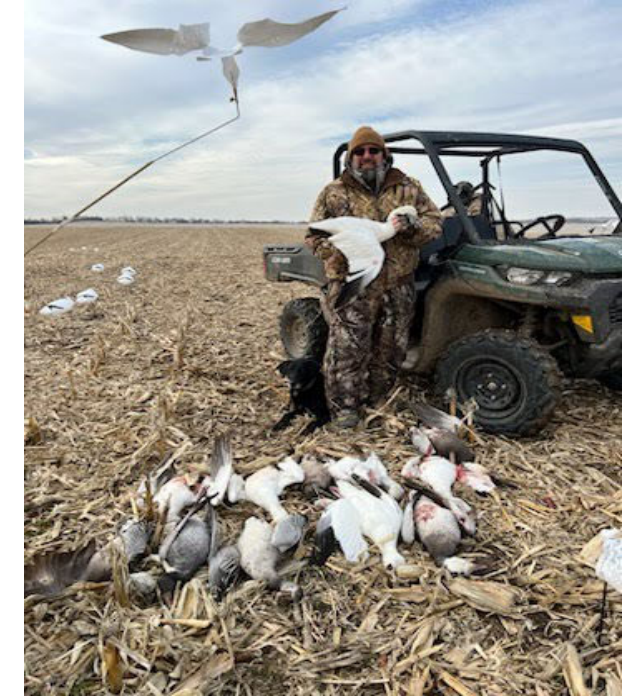
The group poses for a picture on the last day of the event. From left to right we have Darrin Malsack, Dan Egan, Joe Ehr, Pete LePage, Leslie Laabs, Al Neu, Randy Johnston, Riley LePage, and John Stratti. Karli Sikora and Dora Johnston are not shown. (Someone has to take the picture). Empowered Dreams donated the use of the second Trak chair.



Cal Popp works to get the crossbow cocked for a shot at the 3-D targets while Ray Raybuck looks on. Wings over Wisconsin was one of the organizations that offered the use of the trak chair he was using. We had several trak chairs available for people to use during the event.



It was a good spring for Steve Berg. He caught this walleye in April this year (above left). He went on a goose hunt in March, see the accompanying story, and they had a great time shooting Snow geese. The group pic with some of the birds shot is just a representation of the success of the hunt (above center). In the last picture (above right) shows the birds he shot, and you can see the swirling aerial decoy in the top left of the picture.



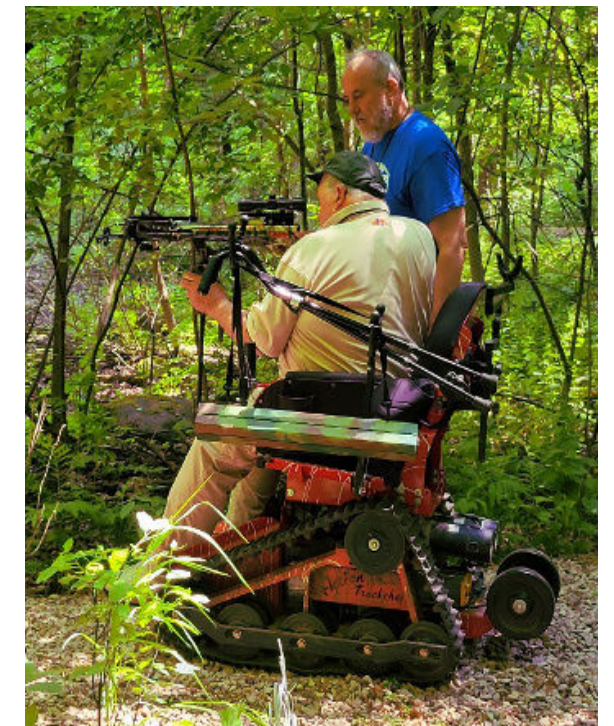
John Mitchell gets ready to go on the course, riding in one of the Gators we had at the event.



Ron Lewis gets ready to shoot across the gator using the steering wheel as a support while one of the Horicon Bowmen looks on. This is a popular way to get a steady aim on the target.



Chris Salomone aims at a target while seated in a trak chair. We had several types and sizes of trak chairs at the event.



Keith Pamperin uses shooting sticks with the trak chair to steady his aim while a Horicon Bowman volunteer looks on ready to help.