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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



Elections

Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Foundation formed in Wisconsin. We have a governing board responsible for guiding our foundation to provide outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. Each year seven seats are up for election. The board meets twice a year and also communicates on issues throughout the year on email. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please notify either Kristy Richardson trophybone@yahoo.com or John Mitchell at jmitchellwi@prodigy.net or (414) 333-4745 by October 31st.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

You can also check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for information on events.

January 26-28 - Northern Wisconsin Deep Classic Contact **Glen Howell** (715) 456-4619 to help out.

March 9-17 - Milwaukee Sport Show Contact **Mike Little** (414) 545-9738 to help out.

March 17 - Pheasant Hunt at Bong including Catering by Steve from Heqwisch IL with lunch at 11:00 with hunting to follow at Bong Recreation Area in Kenosha County. Call John Mitchell 414-333-4745 for reservations by February 17th.

March 24 - Wildwood 3D Shoot Contact **Dottie Dirksen** (262) 886-3078 for information.

March 30 -April 1 - Deer & Turkey Expo Contact **John Martinson** (608) 846-4518 to help out.

2007 Annual Board Meeting

Our annual meeting will be Saturday January 13 at John Martinson's house from 10:00 until 2:00. John lives in Rio, just outside of Bristol, which is about 12 miles north of Sun Prairie. If you would like to come and help to plan events for 2007 please let Mary Mitchell know (414) 916-2298. **All Adaptive Sportsmen members are welcome to stop out.**

Several generous landowners have asked Adaptive Sportsmen to help them find physically challenged people to hunt on their land. Our Landowner committee has a list of available hunting locations for deer, turkey and soon to be added waterfowl. Contact **Charlie Ande** (608) 837-0822 or **Mike Little** (414) 545-9738.

2006 Sponsors

All of us at Adaptive Sportsmen would like to thank our 2006 sponsors. These are corporations, sportsmens groups, foundations and individuals who help provide the funding for events you read about in our newsletter. The major 2006 sponsors include **West Allis Bowmen, Quad Graphics, Abbott Labs, United Way, Sables of Safari Club International, American Packaging, Tri County Trailblazers, Whitetails Unlimited, Spirit Valley Riders, South Shore Trail Club, Wisconsin Deer Hunters, the NRA Foundation, All Seasons Riders, Independence First, Endres Manufacturing, Harrison Hills ATV Club, Findorf, Wilderness Fish and Game, Sysco Foods**, and several anonymous donors. Thanks again to all of you.

Note from Dan Jacoby

I was happy to be in the volunteer spotlight and since it did mention my squeaky stand, (actually a boot squeak), I thought I should tell the whole story. Opening morning 2005 at 6:50 am while slowly scanning the horizon for movement I saw a deer go into thick cover and I thought I spotted antlers. I shifted my stance and pointed my rifle into the shooting lane ahead when a big doe appeared momentarily. It vanished before I could shoot. I wondered if that was the deer I saw. A minute or two of silence went by and I thought there could be more deer in the brush or more coming so I shifted my feet which let out quite a squeak, followed by a snort and twigs snapping. The 8-point buck was in the brush behind the doe, but ran back the direction it had come from providing me with a lethal shot.

This year while I was bow-hunting I had a six-point buck walking a lake edge trail that, just as I was about to release, turned and went downhill to the lake then back up out of range. I thought, "what was that about?" A large tree had recently fallen and formed a wall of brush across the trail in the thick balsam trees which is what caused the buck to dip downhill. One lucky moment, one unlucky moment, two very different results. That is the fun part of hunting to me; you just never know what will happen next.

Anyway, thanks for the mention in the newsletter and good luck and good hunting to all of my fellow Adaptive Sportsmen members in the future.

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Volunteers, participants and ideas for events or activities are always welcome. Contact John Mitchell at 8727 W. Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53228 or aneu@adaptivesportsman.org

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 aneu@adaptivesportsman.org

Volunteer Spotlight

Kristy Richardson is another one of our hard working board members and the secretary of Adaptive Sportsmen. You have seen her in our booth, at the Baraboo Hunt and at our 3D shoots. She recently took a bear from a ground blind that was bigger than her dad's from last year and her husband's from a few years back. Not bad for a gal with a borrowed gun that was purchased from a volunteer in the kitchen. And it all started with the recommendation from our member **Cal Popp** to use **Whisky Ridge Outfitters**. (see photo on second page)

Member Spotlight

Dale Petkovsek, who runs **Dale's North Mound** in Willard has been named an alternate member of the Disabled Advisory Council of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He also received an award for the work he has done to create opportunities for physically challenged people to hunt deer in Wisconsin. Many of our members have participated in the incredible disabled deer hunt he runs in October, and he has a Resort in Willard that caters to the disabled community. You can check out his resort at www.sunsetpinesresort.com

October 2006 ATV Raffle Winner

The winner of the ASI Raffle for the ATV was **Shirley Thompson** from Argyle Wis. She and her husband are farmers. She bought the raffle ticket at the Fishing Expo from **Charley Andy**. She said she was real excited about the ATV being a Polaris, they have a couple other ATV's and they are Hondas and she likes the Polaris better.

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The Combo Hunt by John Mitchell

I had polio when I was nine months old and have been a member of Adaptive Sportsmen since the very start. Cowboys like Roy Rogers (who I got to see in person) were my first heroes. I think that led to my interest in guns and then to my interest in hunting with gun or bow. I have dreamed of hunting mule deer ever since reading a borrowed copy of Outdoor Life while in high school. Well this year it happened as a combo hunt (in several ways) with Garth Harris during a trip to Wyoming. We have been on a combination hunting small game and big game in several states and provinces. Those hunts have all been great experiences in the outdoors. I have definitely received the better part of the deal since Garth has carried in my gear, dragged out my deer and also carried me out once when a kidney stone acted up.

Garth and I had a chance this year to go on a mule deer and antelope hunt in Wyoming, and we got the animals shown above. You can read the full story in the article "The Combo Hunt" posted on our Adaptive Sportsman web page. (www.adaptivesportsman.org). There just wasn't enough room to tell the whole story here.



Disabled members **Steve Prieve, Gary Deburg, Les Werner, John Mitchell, and Tom Macosiak**, pose with some of the guides from the Baraboo hunt in 2006 (left)

My Baraboo Hunt by Patrick Sullivan

It was a great weekend to be hunting in Baraboo. My first night out I saw a 6 pointer at about 25 yards, but decided to pass on him. Looking back I should have taken a shot, but hindsight is 20/20. After that I saw one doe on Saturday and that was it. All of the promising signs were evident - scrapes, prints, rubs, etc. I think it was just too warm for them to be moving around.

Baraboo Bow Hunt

The summer of 2006 saw an increased amount of work in the dismantling of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant. As a result the plant was closed to hunting for 2006 so we hunted on several nearby private lands. We will continue our hunts in multiple locations including Badger in the future. Twenty-four hunters and twice as many volunteers enjoyed a beautiful fall weekend in and around Baraboo. One of our new members **Gary Deburg** was first to bring down a doe from his blind in the cornfield set up by guide **Bill Stuber**. **Mike Little** was next to bring in his doe from the spot selected by his guide **Garth Harris**. And **Charles Tetslaff** brought his doe in just in time to get it into the picture as we were breaking camp (It was his first deer with his crossbow). **Mike Ramsey** and Laney were helping him out. A spike was passed by **Nick Yang** and a 6 point by **Pat Sullivan** and several hunters passed on does, so a third of the hunters had opportunities in 2 & ½ days of hunting.

We also all gained some weight from the fabulous meals prepared by Mary Mitchell's cook crew. Her new volunteer Taylor Wilkinson was so helpful and a special delight. They could not have prepared those great meals without the help of our main Baraboo sponsor, **Sysco Foods**. We also need to thank **Wilderness Fish and Game** for donating scents and cover sprays for the hunters to use during the weekend and for some door prizes and silent auction items at our banquet. **Mid States Equipment** and **Mount Horeb Implement** provided the use of gators that were a big help moving hunters into and out of the field. One of our junior guides, **Tate Kuester**, was looking forward to being able to help with field dressing for his first time but that will have to wait until next year. Thanks to everyone.

Clintonville Bow Hunt

This hunt was located in a bible campground surrounded by private land. There is a small lodge which can sleep twenty-four, this where we stayed. In the center of the main room are a couple of dining room tables end to end. A large fireplace with blower fans kept the place plenty warm. Behind the fireplace is a small kitchen, big enough to seat twelve for breakfast. Off to the side are two bathrooms with good showers.

Because this is a bible camp there are good paths to get all over the camp. The Pigeon River and a bow hunter club's hunting land and farm fields are near are right next door. A great property to hunt and we had some good local guides.

Not many deer were shot but you can't do anything about the weather. It was 30 degrees and winds blowing 15-25 miles per hour. The deer were not moving very much because of the wind. This did not stop hunters from going out and sitting in blinds, the guides and hunters did what they could, and some deer were seen but none were shot.

Pat who ran the kitchen for all of us, feed us well and kept the fires burning. It sure was great to come back into a warm place after a cold hunt. We had a great social time laughed and goofed around. Thanks to the guides, Pat, Larry and his family.

Steven Prieve-hunter-volunteer



Mike Little shows off the three birds he shot at Smith's Hunt



J.R. Wynne, James Cullen, Charlie Ande, and John Martinson (in the chairs) pose with some of the volunteers at Smith's 2006 Pheasant Hunt.



Jim Rutledge poses with the 5X6 mule deer taken Oct 24th, at the **Beaver Creek Rendezvous** in Montana. You can access their web site at www.beavercreekrendezvous.com. This is a special hunt for disabled hunter & companions



Kristy Richardson, Adaptive Sportsman Board member and Secretary poses with the bear she shot this year. Congratulations Kristy!

Smith's Pheasant Crest 3rd Annual Disabled Pheasant Hunt.

After months of planning and preparation for an ideal hunt the weather played a big factor with the wind blowing so hard that the birds didn't want to fly, but that didn't stop our hunters. **Bill Ranner, Jim LaMarche, Mike Little, Charles Ande, Les Werner, William Carter, John Martinson, Gerald Schick, James Cullen, Steve Prieve, Al Neu, JR Wynne, Benji Malm, Steve Beaton, Jim Krall, and Duane Lee** harvested over 30 birds on Saturday October 28 at the Smith's Pheasant Crest game preserve near Oxford.

I want to thank our sponsors **Total Concrete, Rio Gun Club, S.C.I.-Badgerland, Pheasant Forever Columbia, H & H pool & Spa, Columbia County Sportsman Alliance, Findorff, Pheasant Crest birds, WI Trappers Association, Source One, Johnson Sausage, Blau Chiropractic, Davis Construction, Sta-Care Inc.** and many more that helped out!

Once again **Wayne and Robin Smith** spear-headed a safe and enjoyable hunt with the help of many good-hearted volunteers That was greatly appreciated by the 20 disabled hunter who cherished the opportunity to get out there and bang away at a few birds. Even I was fortunate enough to get two birds from shooting off the back of a Yamaha mule!

John Martinson

Back Tag

Larry Drake, turkey (shotgun), deer (rifle & crossbow)
Charlie Ande, antelope buck (crossbow)
Jim Rutledge, 6x5 mule deer buck (gun)
Gary DeBurg, deer (crossbow)
Mike Little, deer (bow), bear (gun)
Steve Prieve doe (crossbow)
Ralph Barten, 11 point Buck, doe (gun)
Dale Petkovsek, 2 doe (muzzle loader)

Brad Suter, 14¼ antelope buck (crossbow)
Les Werner, antelope buck (crossbow), turkey & pheasant (shotgun)
John Mitchell 6x4 mule deer buck & 15" antelope buck (gun)
Charles Tetslaff, deer (crossbow)
Virgil Haldorson 10pt buck (crossbow)
Duane Johnson 2 doe
Al Neu, 5 point buck (bow) 2 does (gun)
Mark Baehr, Doe (gun) Hen turkey (gun)