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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



Note from the Chairman of the Board, John Mitchell

During the past year several of our members (physically challenged and able bodied) saw the inside of various hospitals around the state. As life passes by for all of us many times things are out of our control. That is the time to visit or call those members. This is also the time to talk to the one in charge. Our Lord said to bring all our anxieties unto Him. As we pray for our members in the hospital we need to follow up with our prayers of thankfulness to our Lord for His answer to our prayers.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN**

Check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for information on events from other organizations

March 31st - April 2nd Deer & Turkey Expo-Madison. Call **John Martinson** to help out (608) 846-4518.

March 25 - Wildwood Archery Indoor Archery 3D Shoot. Call Dottie Dirksen (262) 886-3078 or email mskrtmnd@sbcglobal.net for information.

April 29th BAAP turkey hunt. This hunt is for members who did not get a spring turkey permit. A limited number of hunters will be offered a chance to hunt at the Badger Army Ammo Plant. Contact John Mitchell at (414) 333-4745 or email at jmitchellwi@prodigy.net

June 1-4 - Mercer ATV Ride. Our 3rd annual ATV ride in Mercer. \$20 includes lodging, meals and the use of an ATV if you don't have one. Beginners and experienced riders are encouraged to attend. Call **Al Neu** at (414) 617-4870 to get more details or email aneu@adaptivesportsman.org.

June 25 Madison Fishery at Teney Park. Pontoon boats and other fishing boats along with volunteers are provided to help create a wonderful day of fishing on Lake Mendota. Lunch is also provided. Contact **John Martinson** at johnmartinson@msn.com or (608) 846-4518.

October 21 Pheasant hunt at Smiths Pheasant Crest in Oxford, WI. 16 Hunters will get a chance to shoot 10 pheasants each, along with a meal and some pre-hunt trap practice. Contact **John Martinson** for more info at (608) 846-4518 or johnmartinson@msn.com

Booth Season

Hunting season is followed by the winter and then the spring booth season, where we spread the word about our mission to provide outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. Many members, volunteers and landowners first hear about us at one of these sport shows when they stop to see our pictures and literature. Raffle tickets are sold at many of the shows to help raise funds to pay for our events. Our thanks to the following people for the generous gift of their time at these shows.

At **Northern Wisconsin Deer Classic**, from Jan 27-29, **Glenn Howell** followed the big footprints of **Dick Fisher** by captaining the crew that included his daughter **Ashley Howell** and his father **Arthur Howell** along with **Bernie Pagenkopf** and **Bob Rude**. Special thanks to **Don Rydzik** for setting up the booth and **Ralph Barton** the top pre-show ticket seller. **Gary Nelson** won the 16' ladder stand and **Dick Patten** won the **Sunset Pines Resort** outing donated by member **Dale Petkovsek**. There were many other prizes.

LEAP (Local Educators & Agencies Promoting Potential) on Feb 1 in Wauwatosa had **James Hagen** exhibiting our summer activities for physically challenged youths.

New Berlin Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited on Feb 2 **John & Mary Mitchell** helped at the banquet of one of our sponsors.

Central Wisconsin Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited in Tigerton on Feb 4, **Larry Drake** organized the sponsor's banquet and led the crew of **Charlie Ande, Linda Ande, Lois Anderson, Linda Drake, 'Mom' Grunewald, Pat Hanson, John Mitchell, Robert Woelfel, and Carol Woelfel**.

Badgerland Safari Club on Feb 17-18 in Wisconsin Dells featured **Al Neu, Leslie Laabs, John Martinson** and **Les Werner** at the booth.

Northeast Safari Club was held on Feb 24-26 in Green Bay and **Mary Mitchell, Larry Drake, Bob Mayer, Mark Baehr** and **Cliff Pfeifer** worked the booth.

Milwaukee Journal Travel & Sport Show was from Mar 10-19th and **Mike Little** captained one of our longest shows. **Lisa Little, John Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Bill Koch, Charlie Lohr, Bob Ruth, Ken Thompson, Larry Geike, Bob Christopher, Bob Bennet, Al Neu, John Martinson, Les Werner, Joe Bilinski, Brian Graham, Al Geske, Garth Harris, Nancy Fleischhacker, Curtis Fleischhacker, Mark Robinson, Jim Yager, Jim Sarchet, Tom Gerstman, and Ron Johnson** helped out during this 10 day show.

The **Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo** booth, to be held from Mar 31 to Apr 2, will be captained by **John Martinson**. We expect another big crew there to help us showcase our fine organization.

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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

Tim Weinke has been one of our volunteers since the beginning, helping at both deer and turkey hunts. Like all of the guides he is a very accomplished hunter himself. He is one of the Baraboo Bowmen and works at our generous sponsor, **Sysco Foods**. And junior guides **Alex** and **Aaron Weinke** always seem to show up along with him, hmmm.. imagine that. Thank You Tim

Member Spotlight

Taryn Elaine is a brand new addition to the **Patrick & Aimee Sullivan** family. Patrick also finds time to help teach hunter safety courses. Patrick has helped in booths and attended several Adaptive Sportsmen hunts shooting a turkey with his crossbow and an 8 pointer with a borrowed shotgun.

2006 ATV RAFFLE TV Raffle

Our 2006 Raffle prize is a **Polaris Hawkeye ATV and Trailer**. Check out the web page for a picture of the ATV and contact **Mary Mitchell** at 414-541-4505 for tickets. This is one of our main fundraisers, so everyone should grab 50-100 tickets and get them out to your friends and family. It's important that we all take the time to make this raffle a success, instead of relying on one or two people to do most of the work, so please give Mary Mitchell a call for tickets.

Adaptive Sportsman Membership Card
Expiration Date 12/31/2006

Include \$ 10 membership fee
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Please Circle One Physically Challenged Able Bodied Volunteer/Sponsor

Interests Hunting Fishing ATV Riding Boating Snowmobiling Other _____

Challenge the Outdoors, an excellent Appleton Wi. organization working to improve hunting and fishing opportunities for disabled people is holding it's **8th Annual Sporting Clays Benefit** on Saturday, April 1, 2006

It is co-sponsored by: **J & H Game Farm and Hunt Club, Inc.** on Hwy 156, 2 miles west of Navarino. Call 715-758-8134 for sign up or more info.

All you can eat brats, kraut, bbq, baked beans, and chicken with purchase of a round of sporting clays. \$25 for 50 Targets, and you can shoot again for \$15. Dozens of fine door prizes will be given away and they will have a nice gun board too.

Public Service Announcement

Annually the **Veterans Wheelchair Games** are held in different places around the country with events in Archery, Track & Field, Weigh-lifting, Swimming, Bicycling etc. The June 2007 games will be hosted by the **Wisconsin Paralyzed Veterans** and will take place in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties. This is an excellent chance for you or your club to volunteer some time to pull arrows, keep time, mark courses, etc. You can contact **Mark Robinson** at the Zablocki VA Center by phone at 414-384-2000 to get more information or to volunteer.

Remember, Adaptive Sportsmen has blinds and shooting aids to loan out to our members. We have them in the North (Minoqua, & Tigerton), Central (Rio) and Southeast (Greenfield). Call John Mitchell 414-333-4745 for more information.



3rd Annual ATV Ride in Mercer

Adaptive Sportsmen Inc and Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer, Wisconsin will be holding their third annual ATV ride on June 1-4, 2006. The ride is for anyone with any type of physical disability who would like to try ATV riding. The three-day event costs \$20 per member and includes lodging and food. The ride will start from the wheelchair accessible cabins at the resort and will vary in length and speed depending on the number of riders and their skill levels. Loaner ATV's are provided for members if enough notice is provided. The Mercer area is known for it's beautiful woods, rivers, lakes and wildlife, and Iron County has hundreds of ATV trails. For more information, contact Al Neu at 414-617-4870 or email aneu@adaptivesportsman.org



Member Story

My 2005 Fall Bear Hunt, by Duane Johnson

My fall hunting began with the 4th annual Antelope PCBA bow hunt in Gillette, Wyoming. I left Prairie Farm, WI for Gillette Wyoming and then went directly to Manitoba, Canada for a black bear hunt on September 25th. After a very successful hunt in Wyoming and the greatest camaraderie with fellow disabled hunters I was on my way to Aggassiz Outfitters in Manitoba.

I arrived at the lodge in Manitoba the day before my hunt was to begin and met some of the nicest people I've ever met.

After a good nights sleep, I had breakfast at the main lodge and headed out to sight in my crossbow. I left for my blind at 1 PM for the evenings hunt. My guide, Greg, took me to the baited blind on 4-wheeler. The area showed signs of a plenty of bear activity. We sat waiting for what I had hoped would be a big bruin.

I didn't see the big bruin I was hoping for but was greeted by a small cub. It was the cutest thing. The little guy was digging at barrel, as I filmed him as Greg and I watched ad laughed.

All of a sudden the little guy decided to check us out came within 4 yards of us, before scampering off. I mentioned to Greg I wondered where his Mama was and Greg said she might have been shot by a landowner. He went on to explain that in Canada it's legal for residents to kill bear that are causing damage to property.

As darkness fell nothing more came into the bait barrel. We called it a night with the rewarding experience of watching the little guy entertaining us and the joy of being out experiencing life's pleasures.

By the third day of my hunt, another guide, Rob, took me to a different location. This too, seemed like a bear's paradise, a tamarack swamp with lots of pines. By 3 pm we were all set and ready for the bear to begin arriving. At 5:30 pm we had a bear coming in. A BIG BEAR!!! As his head and body appeared from the brush I got excited to say the least. In front of me was a bear, 400 to 500 pounds. He was skittish and I was worried he was going to spook at anytime. When the bear came in, he was facing me head on, giving me no shot with the crossbow that I had ready. To make matters more exciting he stopped 15 yards and began to stare at our blind set up, just as Rob had taken a small branch to pull the burlap down to see the bear. The bear decided that he didn't like this setup and was turning to make a hasty retreat the way he came. I hurried and took aim as he was passing broadside. As I squeezed the trigger of the crossbow, I saw the cross bolt take a hard right, hitting a small branch or the burlap of the blind. I missed this opportunity of a lifetime. For just a split moment I wished I had my 7MM and I would have owned a record class bear. But I am dedicated to bow hunting so I reloaded my crossbow.

About a half hour later we had 3 more bears approaching bait. These bears are so suspicious to their surroundings. One of these bears would come into view and then scamper off into the brush. They were all very skittish. After messing around for at least a half hour one bear decided come into clearing, presenting me with a shot opportunity. I settled the crosshairs on her and released the bolt. I heard the THUD and turned to Rob saying I thought I'd made a good shot. We patiently waited a little while and started to search for sign. Rob had decided that we needed to wait to retrieve my bear until the next morning.

The next morning Rob and Rick went to find my bear. A few hours later they returned with my first black bear in back of the truck. She had only traveled 50 yards Rick told me, leaving a lot of blood to trail.

This ended my fall hunting with many good memories that will last me a lifetime. Aggassiz Outfitters did a great job with my physically limitations. They have a 100 % success rate for black bears with 40% color phased!

My bear is now at the local taxidermist being done in a half body mount with the fighting look. I hope that every disabled person can someday experience the kind of hunting opportunity that I had this year, and have the chance to experience the wonderful outdoor life that comes from living in Wisconsin. Good Luck to you all.

Jan. 2006 Board Meeting

The January 2006 board meeting was held at Camp Gray in Baraboo on Jan 21st. **Dottie & Garth Dirkson, John Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, John Martinson, Dan Jacoby, Al Neu, Les Werner, Larry Drake, Mike Little, Garth Harris, Charlie Andie, Pat Buhr, and Kristy Richardson** attended.

The following actions were taken.

-**Charlie Andie** was added to the Board.

-A motion was made and passed to charge a nominal fee, up to \$20 for each activity or event.

- A motion was passed to have Hunters who cannot use the Camp Gray facilities make their own hotel reservations for hunts and Adaptive Sportsmen will reimburse people, according to need, up to \$60 per night.

-An ATV raffle was chosen for this years fund raiser and **Les Werner** will handle the selection of the ATV.

-An August 12th date was picked for a Pig Roast and fund raising banquet at Wildwood Archery in Union Grove.

A Long Overdue "Thank You"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every guide and volunteer that in any way, small or large, has so generously given of their time to help make possible the opportunities for us to participate in our events. I, as well as many others I've talked to, appreciate the time, energy, effort, and sacrifice that you give. Many of you give up your vacation time, time away from your families, as well as time where you could be hunting, fishing, or doing other things that you enjoy, just to be with us. The financial burden of attending our events, especially fuel, is another reason to wonder why you it. I hope that the memories and friendships that I hold so dear are a small part of why you have offered your support to our cause. May God Bless you and your families and thank you from all of us. **Mike Little**



John Mitchell, Bill Koch, and Charlie Lohr, are shown in the booth at the Milwaukee Sports Show, March 11

Picture Board



Linda Drager and John Mitchell are busy at a registration table



Bob Woefel works a gun board in Tigerton for Whitetails Unlimited



Jim Rutledge displays his pheasant at Springfield as his guides look on.



Greg Borgwardt and Pat Hansen slave away in the kitchen, as usual