

# ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN INC.

Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. 8727 W Coldspring Rd Greenfield, WI 53228

**“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

Able body and physically challenged volunteers and sponsors in Wisconsin have shown a tremendous commitment to physically challenged sportsmen by sharing their time and money to help out with bow and gun deer hunting events and 3D archery tournaments. The efforts of volunteer sportsmen in Wisconsin during the last five years has resulted in the organization of more new hunting and target shooting opportunities than most other Midwestern states. Your efforts have allowed many physically challenged hunters to take their first deer with a bow, to go turkey hunting again, and to participate in outdoor recreation activities that would normally be impossible for disabled people to enjoy. Many individuals have suggested we can do even more to open up the great outdoors to disabled people. This is our goal.

In order to accomplish this goal, a new corporation has been formed in Wisconsin called the **Adaptive Sportsmen, Inc.** The corporate charter for Adaptive Sportsman states that the purpose of the organization is to provide outdoor recreational opportunities for physically challenged people. In addition to the whitetail deer hunts and 3D archery tournaments, other recreational activities like fishing events, turkey hunts, and goose hunts have been suggested. Also, the many volunteers in Wisconsin have offered additional opportunities for gun and bow deer hunting.

We know that the volunteers and sponsors in Wisconsin are a strong force and can accomplish much more in the future. Our purpose at the Adaptive Sportsman is to work with the generous people of Wisconsin in continuing to expand the available outdoor recreation events for physically challenged people. We will sponsor some of these events, and will provide contact information for outdoor recreational opportunities that are offered by other organizations.

Both able body and physically challenged members are welcome to join Adaptive Sportsman Inc. We will have membership applications available at our meetings and events, or you can contact us at the location listed below. Feel free to contact us with any suggestions or offers for additional recreational opportunities for the disabled people of Wisconsin

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Ps. If you have pictures of hunting or recreational activities or equipment you have adapted for hunting or fishing please send us the pictures so we can display them at our fundraisers and put them in the newsletter. We would like to highlight the accomplishments of our disabled members, in addition to showing people the many ways that we have adapted to the trials of disability

We would like to stage an **ATV ride in Northern Wisconsin** in the early summer. If anyone would be able to help organize this, please contact Allen Neu at [aneu@wi.rr.com](mailto:aneu@wi.rr.com) or 4114-617-4870 to work out the details. We are looking for someone who is involved with or knows people from one of the ATV clubs in Northern Wisconsin to help plan an event.

Also, we will be working at fund raising events this year, including the Deer and Turkey Expo this spring in Madison. Any volunteers for this and other fund raising events would be much appreciated.

## Thank You

Wayne Ingham, through his work with Quality Deer Management, was responsible for obtaining the first donation for Adaptive Sportsmen. The donation was designated for equipment. Other donors include the Greenfield and New Berlin chapters of Whitetails Unlimited (thanks to Dale Klingbell and Jerry Briski), the West Allis Bowmen and the Cheuwomegon Sportsmen Club. We now have some blinds and radios available for members to use throughout the year and hope to have more equipment soon.

The Adaptive Sportsmen would like to thank Tom Gertsman, Diane Borgwardt, Don Moreau, Mary Mitchell and John Mitchell for help working at the gun boards during the recent Whitetails Unlimited banquet. Part of the banquet proceeds will be given to the Adaptive Sportsmen.

## Pictures and stories are welcome; we will print them as space permits



Allen Neu (above right) poses with the 25 lb. turkey he shot this spring with Wayne Ingham's help. Wayne (left) has been a key figure in opening up recreational opportunities for disabled people in Wisconsin, as well as working for Quality Deer Management issues and Hunter Safety training.



The highlight of the hunt at Dale's North Mound tavern in Willard WI was the buck shot by Brent Harding. Blind since birth, new hunter Brent (right) of Algoma, wasn't sure if he would be able to enjoy a sport that most Wisconsinites take for granted. With the caring aide of his father Burt (left) and the relentless help of guides Kendal Durham and Kevin Oldham, Brent managed to harvest a yearling on October 5<sup>th</sup> and returned to harvest a nice 10 point buck (shown) on the last evening of the hunt on land enrolled by Joe Trybula of Willard. See the related article on the hunt in Willard for more information



Dick Fischer (left), a blind member of the board at Adaptive Sportsman shot this buck in the wind, rain, and snow on the 28th of October. They passed up several smaller bucks but it got too cold to pass this one up. Jim Johnson, a former student and a great friend, helped with the hunt.

Congratulations to **Dale Petkovsek on his 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Special Hunt for Hunter's with Disabilities"**. Thanks to the dedicated help of numerous guides and assistant's, the 39 participants ended the week with 43 deer; 6 Buck, 27 Doe and 10 Yearlings from 5,100 acres of privately enrolled property. For most of them, this event would be their only chance to go hunting this year. As Dale puts it "This hunt is no longer about shooting deer - It's about the friendship and camaraderie shown by willing sportspersons wanting to help those that need it!... Each year there are a handful of new hunters arriving with new challenges and familiar apprehensions. By the time they leave they are counting down the days until next year with new hopes, with a rekindled spirit and full of self-esteem. The simple task of walking into a woods or climbing a tree is taken for granted by most of us, until you find yourself blind or confined to a wheelchair or required to use crutches for mobility."

Dale is a quadriplegic who runs Dale's North Mound Tavern and Sunset Pines resort in Willard WI. He has arranged for many donations of door prizes for this event, in addition to the many hunting opportunities. He should be commended for his work in helping to expand opportunities for disabled people. You can view pictures of this year's hunt and many new photos of the resort on its web site at [www.sunsetpinesresort.com](http://www.sunsetpinesresort.com)

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

### Dec. 10 DNR Deadline for Spring Turkey permits.

We have had several people offer hunting opportunities for disabled hunters. Contact John Mitchell (414) 541-4505 for info.

**January 31 Board meeting for the Adaptive Sportsman Board** is at Camp Grey in Baraboo from 10am to 2pm(?), meeting time and place subject to change. The meeting is open to all members of Adaptive Sportsman Inc.

**February 5th, 2004 The New Berlin chapter of Whitetails Unlimited will hold a banquet** at the Legacy Fine Dinning on National Avenue in New Berlin. This is a really nice banquet and part of the proceeds will be donated to the Adaptive Sportsmen. Get your friends together and call Jerry Briski at (262) 246-3499 for tickets

**February 6-8 Eau Claire Deer Expo.** Contact Dick Fisher (715) 333-6405 for info

**March 12-21 Milwaukee Sport Show.** Contact Mary Mitchell (414) 541-4505 for info

**March 2004 3D Tournament**  
Lori G's Wildwood Archery in Union Grove.  
Contact Dottie Dirksen (262) 886-3078 for info

**April 2-4 Deer & Turkey Expo in Madison.**  
Contact John Mitchell (414) 541-4505 for info

**May 6 Adaptive Sportsman Annual Banquet.**  
Contact Rick Schaefer (262) 966-7058 for info

**June 2004 3D Tournament**  
Horicon Marsh Bowmen.  
Contact Jeff Miller (920) 485-2387 for info

**August 2004 3D Tournament**  
Blackhawk Archers in Verona.  
Contact Les Werner (608)845-8296 for info

**Oct. 1- 3, 2004 Whitetail Deer Hunt** in Baraboo. Contact John Mitchell (414)541-4505 for more information.

Let us know if you have an event or announcement that we can put in the newsletter  
Contact Allen Neu at [aneu@wi.rr.com](mailto:aneu@wi.rr.com)

## BACK TAG

We will be listing the names and results of disabled hunts, so send in any reports of success in the coming year.

Send all results to; Allen Neu at [aneu@wi.rr.com](mailto:aneu@wi.rr.com)

The harvest report as of 10/28/03 is:

Jim Dekay	Spring Turkey	Crossbow
Al Neu	Spring Turkey	Shotgun
	Early Gun Deer	Rifle
John Mitchell	Antelope Buck	Crossbow
	Small Mouth Bass	Fishing
Cal Popp	Black Bear	Crossbow
Dick Fisher	Pheasants	Shotgun
	Croppies	Fishing
	Whitetail Buck	Bow
Jim Dekay	Whitetail Buck	Crossbow
Virgil Haldorson	Whitetail Doe	Crossbow
Mike Little	Whitetail Buck	Crossbow
Travis Solmon	Whitetail Doe	Shotgun
Rick Schaefer	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
John Mitchell	Whitetail Doe	Crossbow
Larry Drake	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Bob Mayer	Whitetail Buck	Crossbow
Tom Zimmer	Whitetail Doe	Crossbow
Jeff Olson	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Kristy Urban	Whitetail Buck	Rifle
Ralph Douville	Whitetail Doe(2)	Rifle
Glen Robinson	Whitetail Doe(3)	Rifle
Jim Hansen	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Leslie Davis	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Duane Johnson	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
	Whitetail Buck	Crossbow
Jerry Watkins	Whitetail Doe(3)	Rifle
Carey Pettis	Whitetail Doe(4)	Rifle
James Rood	Whitetail Doe(2), buck	Rifle
JackClouse	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Verlyn Noah	Whitetail Doe(2)	Rifle
Fred Besler	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Dick Fisher	Whitetail Doe (2)	Rifle
John Martinson	Whitetail Doe (2), buck	Rifle
Dave Tiry	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Norm Scofield	Whitetail fork buck	Rifle
Jerry Hill	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Daryl Halopka	Whitetail Doe (2)	Rifle
Stephen Ranallo	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Brent Harding	Whitetail Doe, Buck	Rifle
Carey Pettis	Whitetail Doe (2)	Rifle
Danny Peterson	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
James Fleishman	Whitetail Buck	Rifle
Kevin Lasnetzke	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Vernon Berg	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Ralph Douville	Whitetail Doe	Rifle
Mike Englesby	Whitetail Doe	Rifle

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Please contact at [aneu@wi.rr.com](mailto:aneu@wi.rr.com) with any questions or comments

We are looking for people to help organize or work in the following events for the coming year. Spring Turkey Hunts, spring and summer fishing events or tournaments, an ATV ride in the early summer, fall deer hunting, and snowmobiling for the winter of 2004-2005.

Ideas for events or activities for disabled people would be appreciated. Contact John Mitchell or Allen Neu at 8727 Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53229 or [aneu@wi.rr.com](mailto:aneu@wi.rr.com)

Rick Schaefer is looking to organize an ice fishing event, contact at 262-966-7058 if you can offer any help.

### ADAPTIVE SPORTSMAN INC. BOARD MEMBERS

Dottie Derksien	(262) 886-3078	John Mitchell (Pres)	(414) 541-4505
Tim Weinke	(608) 524- 1949	Kristy Richardson (Sec)	(262) 495-2550
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Dick Fisher	(715) 333-6405	Brian Graham	(262) 637-5168
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Jeff Miller	(920) 485-2387		
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### Adaptive Sportsman Membership Card

Expiration Date 12/31/2004

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please return boxed portion with \$10.00 to: Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.  
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Please Circle One  Physically Challenged  Able Bodied

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