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"Our mission is providing recreational opportunities for physically challenged people."
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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

Joel Chic is busy with his taxidermy shop in Burlington known as **Artisan Taxidermy**. Yet, each year he manages to make time for Adaptive Sportsmen by arranging our Southern Wisconsin Pheasant Hunt. He has put together a really good group of sponsors and volunteers, which has allowed our hunter numbers to increase from eight in the first year to the high teens this year. Thank you Joel.

Member Spotlight

Al Neu is not only one of our members attending deer and turkey hunts but also the volunteer that coordinates our ATV ride. He is also a member of our board and editor for the newsletter and web page. (Editor's note, I did not write this, it was submitted by John Mitchell)

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Name _____

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Please Circle One Physically Challenged Able Bodied Volunteer/Sponsor

Interests Hunting Fishing ATV Riding Boating Snowmobiling Other _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

August 11 **Pig Roast Picnic Banquet.** This party and fundraiser will be held at **Wildwood Archery** in Union Grove, WI, beginning at 3pm on Saturday August 11th. Get your friends together and come to win some of the fabulous prizes. Gun Boards, Archery items, Ladies items and some fine Silent Auction items will be available, along with Sponsor raffles and Table Captain gun raffles. For information call Al Neu at 414-617-4870 or Mary Mitchell at (414) 916-2298.

August 12 **Wheelin Sportsmen Picnic.** This picnic with Pontoon boat rides on Muskego Lake and trap shooting will be held at the Lakeview Rod and Gun Club in Muskego. Contact **Mike Little** at 414-545-9738 for more information

August 25 **Shoot N Run** at the **Sunset Pines Resort** in Willard, WI. Event is open to the public, ATV rides, Trap shoot, (free to people with disabilities). Free fishing, no license required. Also there is an optional NWTF banquet on Saturday night with gun raffles, door prizes and other events.

October 5-7**Baraboo Deer Hunt** Archery deer hunt in Baraboo, WI. 2-1/2 days of hunting, food, and lodging are provided for this great deer hunt. This is a wonderful area to see some big deer and enjoy the Wisconsin outdoors. Email us or call John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 for more information or [click here](#) for a hunt application form.

October 12-14 and 19-21.....**Clintonville Deer Hunt** Two weekends of bow deer hunting in the Clintonville area with an accessible bunkhouse available for lodging. Email us, [click here](#) for an application or contact Larry Drake at 715-535-2697 for more information.

November 10 ... **Smith's Pheasant Crest Hunt.** Pheasant hunt in a game preserve in Oxford WI. Contact John Martinson at 608-846-4518 for more information

Other Hunting or Fishing Opportunities

Accessible fishing spots and target shooting facilities are listed on our Web site. www.adaptivesportsman.org Our Landowner committee has a list of available hunting locations for deer, turkey and waterfowl. Several generous landowners have asked Adaptive Sportsmen to help them find physically challenged people to hunt on their land. Contact **Charlie Ande** (608) 837-0822 or **Mike Little** (414) 545-9738

Booth Season Finale at the Deer and Turkey Expo in Madison

Thanks to **John Martinson** and his crew for staffing our booth at the Deer & Turkey Expo. **Les Werner, Charlie Ande, Duane Johnson, John Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Dottie Dirksen, Garth Harris, Bruce Gerhke, and Brian Graham** worked the Madison booth. People picked up literature and viewed a computerized slide show created by **Al Neu** explaining our mission of Outdoor Recreation for Physically Challenged People. Raffle tickets on the Polaris ATV were also sold.

4th Annual ATV Ride in Mercer Wi. May 31 to June 3

The 4th annual ATV ride in Mercer was by all accounts a rousing success. 23 riders including 13 disabled riders made it out onto the trails around Mercer Wi. The accessible **Pine Forest Lodge** just outside Mercer, run by **John** and **Cheri Stratte** is the perfect place to begin and end an ATV ride in northern Wisconsin. The riders made it to **Squeak's Bar** in **Montreal, WI** on Friday for lunch before making the long ride back to Pine Forest Lodge. Saturday we made it up to Lake Superior. The presence of a great sand pit play area was not enough distraction to keep the group from making it up to the marina in Saxon Harbor on Lake Superior. The chilling effects of Lake Superior were very apparent, as we got down the bluffs and close to the lake. After a little while checking out the awesome scenery down by the lake, we began our return to Pine Forest. A great weekend was experienced by all of the riders who made it through the complete ride! Thank you to **Dan Jacoby, Cheri Stratti** and **Northwood's Sports** for supplying machines for free or at a reduced cost.



OUTHOUSE BUCK by Bob Rude

This last year I was lucky enough to go out to North Dakota in mid September for a deer hunt. It was fun for a week and a half; I saw does, but did not get a good shot. Then on the 27th my luck changed.

That morning started out with a light rain as I waited for my brother Ron to take me out into the woods. Then it rained real hard for a while and stopped just as Ron showed up. Several more times as we made our way out to our hunting spot it would rain heavy and stop. The rain made Ron decide to set me up in a different spot than we planned. My new spot was in an old outhouse!

I got into the "blind", and saw I had to openings to shoot throw, on the east side and the north side. So I sat down to wait. About 7 pm a buck showed up about 67 yards away and I started to get excited. About a minute later another buck showed up in the same area. The first buck was looking my way and started working his way towards me. The second buck followed.

In a few minutes the first buck was about 24 yards away so I decided to take a shot. After the shot the bucks ran in different direction, but I could still see the one I shot at. It ran about 40 yards and then stopped and looked around for what seemed like forever, before it finally laid down. I called Ron to tell him I shot a buck and that it was down. He was about 300 yards filming my hunt.

When came over he went to where the buck went down and said it was a twelve pointer! That is my biggest buck for sure. I was so happy I just sat by that outhouse and soaked it all in for a while. Of course we had to call it the "Outhouse Buck".

SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

What a wonderful world when **Kurt Christensen** and his loving wife Susan were able to join us at the **4th annual Adaptive Sportsmen Fishery** at Tenney park in Madison. It was a gorgeous day and Kurt was able to load up on the thirty-foot Madison School & Community Recreation pontoon boat with a ramp and cement slip for easy and safe loading. We were able to attach a 12-foot fishing rod with the help of a brace and some velcro to Kurt's hand, the longer rod made it easier for Kurt to cast out. Kurt was able to use a regular open face reel, but we had an electric reel for back up. Just having the opportunity to get out on the lake meant a lot to Kurt Christensen, **Charlie Ande, Les Werner, Walter Joost, Steve Prieve, Joe and Debbie Kunz** and myself, with the help of **Bruce and Ann Gehrke, Lloyd and Dawn Soter, Tony and Laurin Plevak, Doug Stamm, Linda Laitinen, Scott Hoglan, Tim** and my brothers **Steve and Chris Martinson!** Thanks to everyone and our sponsors **American Packaging, Endres Foundation, D&S Bait, Pan of Gold Bakery, Bavaria Sausage, Oscar Mayer, Ace Hardware Sauk Prairie, Okuma and Gander Mountain East!** Everyone caught fish and I feel sorry for those who couldn't join us! Tip up! John Martinson.



Baraboo Turkey Hunt, 2007

The second time was the charm for **Jim LaMarche** at the 2007 spring turkey hunt in the Badger Army ammunition plant. He fired a warning shot in the morning and after refueling at noon with hot dogs and chili prepared by **Katie Harris** and **John Mitchell** he was able to use his shotgun and bag the Tom called in by his guide **Al Jeske**. Thanks to the Safari Club Sables and the NWTf for sponsoring the hunt. We had a great evening the night before the hunt at Park Plaza that included dinner and lots of camaraderie. The other hunters saw many uncooperative turkeys. Thanks to all of our guides for giving us this day afield.



Horicon 3D

The 7th annual 3D at the Horicon Marsh Bowmen was another great time of shooting and eating steaks off of the grill. Many tales were told before and after the shooting. We had people walking, wheeling or riding ATVs and Gators through the beautiful shaded course. The after dinner festivities included a silent auction and door prizes. **Tom C.** was able to shoot a perfect score of 280 with his compound bow. **Miles Miller** had the high score of 259 among people that were using crossbows. Close behind were **Cal Popp** at 253 and John Mitchell at 250 even. Thanks to everyone at the Horicon Marsh Bowmen.

Members of 2007 Turkey Hunt

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Al Neu, | Rick Ammons |
| Duane Johnson, | Brian Graham |
| Brad Sutter, | Jack Shirpkle |
| Tyler Halatek | Rick Talachec |
| Jim LaMarche, | Al Jeske |
| Joe Bilansky | Chad Paulson |
| Cliff Pfeifer | Garth Harris |
| John Martinson, | Mike Gustin |
| Charlie Andy, | Don Owsinisiany |
| Scott Basche, | Lowell Boetcher |

Shown in the group photo on the left



MY FIRST TOM TURKEY by Charlie Ande

Last year **Dan Spindler** guided and called for me on my last day of the season. He called seven jakes to come within range; I got one. It was very exciting. The story about how I got my first turkey, a Jake, was in the June 2006 newsletter and is on the web page.

This year I heard about a farmer in Wausau with crop damage tags he was saving for the disabled. **Wayne Krueger** was wonderful in working with the farmer to get the tags and setting up the hunt for me. He guided and called for me during the second season. Wayne took me to a corner of a grass field with a row of pines around it. I sat in a camouflaged converted golf cart with camouflage cloth around it and Wayne nearby. We heard what sounded like a bobcat scream and then we heard coyotes howling. It was eerie.

We could hear and see turkeys in the pine trees just over our heads. Soon the toms started to gobble. Wayne had placed a tom decoy about 15 yards from the cart. After the toms flew down and started to gobble, Wayne began using his slate to call back. I noticed four turkeys about 150 yards away walking into the grass field. I could see all four birds starting to strut. Wayne kept calling, and toms behind us were answering. It sounded as though Wayne and the toms had a regular conversation going.

Three of the four toms started strutting towards us but would stop and turn around. This went on for about 15 minutes. Suddenly there was the sound of wings flapping and a hen that was perched overhead in the pine tree, flew down. "What luck," I thought. She slowly walked across the field, looking this way and that. The three toms turned to take a look, but did not follow. They started coming towards Wayne's calling and the fourth tom starting walking with the other three in the direction of my blind. They got about 100 yards away and then another hen flew down to them. Two of the toms tried to breed her. She started walking across the field away from us and the toms started to follow her. With an expert hand, Wayne started his slate calling. The toms stopped and looked our way (after all, two hens had flown down from the pine tree, perhaps there is another hen).

The second hen started talking and the toms started following her again. Wayne did more calling, and they stopped and turned toward my blind. She started talking and they turned to her, Wayne called and they turned to us. This went on for about four or five times. Finally the toms let the hen go and she walked away. The toms were now coming our way!

My anticipation created a very long time watching the toms, but it was probably 15 minutes. I was getting very anxious. When they got closer, but still quite far away, they looked at the tom decoy and instead of coming in they started to veer off. If I was going to take a shot, I had better do it now.

I aimed at the neck of the last turkey and pulled the trigger, with a loud blast, "BOOM." He went down!!! I shot two more times to make sure he was hit. One of the other toms got on top of him and started to peck at him. Wayne whispered loudly, "RELOAD." Wayne had been so far back in the dark pine grove that he didn't see the four toms when they came in. All he saw were the two flying off after I made my shot.

My first tom was 19 lbs. with a 9" beard. I am so glad I got the chance to go on this hunt. I want to thank **Randy Krueger** for donating his crop damage tags to the disabled. Thank you, Randy and Wayne for something I will always remember.