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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



Volunteer Spotlight - Lowell Boetcher

It was November 10 one of the few days with snow. It was the 1st afternoon the wind cooperated for me to hunt the stand my nephew urged me to hunt. It snuck up and across behind me and stopped on the "bah" call. I sent a perfect 35 yd shot, it was awesome following the nocturnal lighted nock. I watched it run off and disappear. I walked up looking to foot track him so I could mark it to have a spot for my blood followers to start. I couldn't distinguish footprints but we had an awesome blood trail that even I could follow. (the rage expandable broad head worked as advertised in this case) It was where I last saw him. **Lowell Boetcher**

Lowell has been one of our guides from the beginning, and has been a great help to our hunters as well as a wonderful person.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for info

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Please contact at aneu@adaptivesportsman.org 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 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

Loan Equipment

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.

2012 Fund Raising Raffle

Once again we have the Gander Mountain gift card raffle underway. There are four prizes; \$2,000, 500, 250, and 250. If you can help sell some tickets call Mary at 414-916-2298.

Wheelchair bowling is offered every Friday night at AMF Bowlero Lanes, Wauwatosa, WI, from 6:30 to 9:30. The WWSA sponsors the league, and **the first 4 nights are free to wheelchair bowlers.** You can bowl once, or as many times as you like. Stand-up bowlers are also welcome. Stop out and meet new friends while you enjoy the bowling. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners to experts. Call Doug Bureta at 414-750-2750 for information.

Adaptive Sportsman Membership Application

Include \$ 10 membership fee
Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen

Expiration Date 12/31/2012

Mail to;
Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.
8727 W Coldspring Road
Greenfield, WI 53228

Name _____

Address _____

City State & Zip _____

Phone #s _____ e-mail _____

Please Circle One Physically Challenged Able Bodied Volunteer/Sponsor

Interests Hunting Fishing ATV Riding Boating Snowmobiling Other _____

May 31-June 3 Mercer ATV ride We always have a great time in Mercer. The ride is staged from the Pine Forest Lodge, a wheelchair accessible resort, and connected to the ATV trails that lead all the way up to Lake Superior. We have some loaner machines available on a limited basis. UTV's are also allowed on these trails. We will have some new trails to ride on this year, and John Stratti has offered to lead an "off-trail" ride again this year. Contact Al Neu 414-617-4870 or email allenneu@gmail.com to sign up.

June 9 Madison Fishing Outing Our annual, free Madison fishing outing, starting at noon from Tenny Park in Madison. Fishing on both Lake Mendota and Lake Monona. Boats and bait are supplied. We can supply Fishing tackle if you don't have any. Food is supplied also. Contact John Martinson 608-628-2633

June 23 Horicon 3-D Outdoor Archery shoot See the article in the newsletter, for info or contact Pat Buhr 920-386-5644

July 20-22 Oshkosh Deerfest See the article in the newsletter, for info or contact Cal Popp at 920-517-8027

August 11 Summer Picnic and Shoot Schultz's Gun Club in Muskego. Trap shooting, rifle and pistol range, and 3d archery along with good food and friends. What more could you ask for. Contact Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298.

October 5-7 Badger Archery Deer hunt Check the web page for updates or contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745

October 19-21 Clintonville Deer Hunt Check the web page for updates or contact Steve Prieve at 608-220-9288 or Dan Jacoby at 715-356-7803

Deer and Turkey Expo 2012

First off I would like to thank this years volunteers **Tony Paulson, Garth Harris, John Mitchell, Cal Popp, Kelly Frawley, Ben Frawley, Mary Mitchell, Charlie Ande** and **John Martinson** without their help Adaptive Sportsmen would not of had the opportunity to get the word out about "Our Mission Is Providing Recreational Opportunities For Physically Challenged People" at the expo.

For me this year had a couple of strange coincidences with meeting **Rick Rollo** with the **SCI Wisconsin Chapter** who have a fund raiser to honor his Dad (Big Al) raise money for the Halter Wildlife disabled pheasant hunt in Kenosha County; Also I met **Chad Hermanson of Action Trackchair** who demonstrated their new stand up chair at the expo and Chad and Kelly brought a couple of track wheelchairs to the Halter hunt. John Martinson

Archery Shoot for Disabled Veterans

On the second Monday of each month, the ASI is holding an Archery Shoot for Disabled Vets, along with friends and helpers, from 2-4 PM at West Town Archery, 4135 N 126th St, Brookfield. The regular range for compound and recurve bows are open along with Video target archery and the 30-yard lane for crossbows. We have 2 crossbows on loan from Adaptive Sportsmen as well as shooting sticks. You're invited to bring your own equipment and we will also have recurve bows available. Snacks and beverages will also be provided.

Contact Art Marchessault at 414-333-4950 or marchej@milwaukee.k12.wi.us Let us know if you plan on attending or bringing participants. Registration is required as there is a maximum of 16 spots available. **Volunteers are needed; please let us know if you plan to attend as well.**

It can be yours

"The James E Dutton Foundation has provided a grant to Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. to fund 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.

Milwaukee Sport Show

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sport Show for 2012 is in the history books. I would like to say thank you to all that helped to make it a success. Set-up workers were **Larry Geike, Garth Harris & Mike Vondham**, they also did the take down. The people who manned the booth were **Charles Lohr, Wayne Delponte, Steve Starz, Jeff Miller, Pat Buhr, Ron Anderson, John Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Dottie Dirksen, & Nancy & Kurt Fleishhaker**. A special thanks to **Kristy Richardson** for her work with the pictures it made our booth look like a pro did it.

Many of our current members stopped by and thanked the club for the events we put on. New members joined. We will start planning the 2013 show. **Bill Koch**

Wisconsin Hunting & Fishing Show in Oconomowoc, 2012

This year I had great help for the booth at this show! I would like to thank **Ivan Craig, Rick Schafer, Chad Paulson, Helen & Jacob Peplinski, Jerry Schick and John Mitchell** for manning the booth with me. Also, thanks to my Pa (**Garth Harris**) for hauling the booth and setting it up and tearing it down with me.

Unfortunately this year, even though it was still only mid March, we had unheard of warm temperatures which had a negative effect on show attendance. With that being said, my **AWESOME** crew still sold out of all the gun raffle tickets that I was sent and put a respectable dent in our annual raffle as well! If anyone is interested in helping at this show in the future please email me at: trophybone@yahoo.com Thanks again everyone, I couldn't have done it without you!

Kristy Richardson

Halter Pheasant Hunt

As you can see by the group photo the Halter Pheasant Hunt has become the Adaptive Sportsmen Inc event with the highest attendance. There are way to many participants and volunteers to name in this space. Thank you to all of the volunteers, sponsors and the Halter Wildlife Area for making this a reality. Volunteers' cleaned 126 birds for 33 hunters and some more were taken home to be cleaned after they were shown to friends and family.

Here are some comments received from some of the participants: People at the hunt are so supportive and caring; they really bring this hunting experience to the people shooting! The dogs and their handlers are just out of this world; the 4-wheelers to help us get into the field make it lots easier. This hunt is one of the highlights of my year; I would not be able to hunt for pheasant now were it not for Adaptive Sportsmen. I welcome you to this hunt--you will have a super time. I may also add that is great to have another woman hunter! Yahoo!! Maybe we can convince more differently abled women to come and hunt and be members of this excellent organization. Looking forward to meeting you--and good hunting! **Miriam** What an exciting adventure! My first hunt and I braised the pheasants in burgundy and wow! One of my sons said, "Way to bring the food to the table!" **Monica**

Donated Bear Kill Tags (2) for Youth Hunters

Mike Kelly has generously offered his Zone A bear tag to a physically challenged youth. **Wayne Krueger**, from Wausau has a Zone C bear kill tag donated by a hunter in the Wausau area. **Wayne's hunt will include free accessible lodging, guide(s), and bear baiting**. He has had several kill tags donated in the past years and had several Bears taken by youth hunters in the past. It is important for the hunter to spend as much time in the woods hunting for bear in this area, so anyone applying for this kill tag should plan on spending 3-4 weekends hunting in Wausau. To apply for either tag, contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745. If we get several names we will pull one out of the hat.

Bear kill tags must be transferred before Aug. 15th . All youths must be 17 or younger at the time of the transfer. A Hunter safety certificate not required if there is a mentor hunting with the youth.

ATV Ride in Mercer, WI Opening still available, call soon!

Once again we are holding our annual ATV ride at the **Pine Forest Lodge** in Mercer May 31-June 3. We will be riding on some new trails this year so come out and join the fun. John Stratti has also promised to lead an "off trail" ride again this year. This off-trail ride was a big hit the last time, so don't miss it. The resort is on Spider Lake just outside Mercer, and it is an accessible resort. Email Al Neu at allenneu@gmail.com or call at 414-617-4870 for information. You can also contact John or Cheri Stratte at 715-476-2241. Pine Forest Lodge, 2060 W Pine Forest Rd., Mercer, WI 54547 with any questions

The cost is \$30 and includes food and lodging for the event, Thursday night to Sunday afternoon.

DEERFEST July 20-22, Oshkosh

ASI will have a booth at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Oshkosh. Deer Fest is a very large show and another good opportunity to explain our mission of "outdoor recreation for physically challenged people". We can reach new members and volunteers with the displays of equipment and events in our booth. We will also sell some of our Gander Mountain gift card raffle tickets that help to support our events.

Cal Popp is our booth captain. If you can make some time to help in the booth please contact him at lovemypins@att.net so we can schedule a few people to be there each day, thank you.

SHOOTING SPORTS for Women

A One Day Workshop for Women with Disabilities, includes workshops on Rifle, Archery, Trap & Handgun Skills. This is a FREE event. Lunch will be provided. **Columbus Sportsman's Association** W10924 Breyer Road, Columbus, WI 53925 **TO REGISTER:** Contact Dawn Ziegler by - **Phone:** 608-347-5000; **Email:** dziegler222@aol.com Saturday, June 16, 2012 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Horicon 3D Outdoor Archery Shoot

Saturday June 23, 2012 we have our summer outdoor 3-D archery shoot at the Horicon Marsh Bowmen Club house. The address is N7240 County Road V, Horicon, WI 53032-9750. Take Hwy 33 west from Hwy 67 to County Road V, turn north on V and go a little over a mile, the sign for the club is on the side of the road.

Start time is 11am. There is a voluntary \$5 fee used for prize money awards, and all of the money will be returned as prizes. Food and beverages will be sold; they will have a steak dinner with side dishes, and soda.

Crossbows, compound bows, and longbows are welcome. Please come out, meet new and old friends, and have a great time.

Odds and Ends

Wheelin Sportsmen sponsored by New Berlin Goblin Longbeards is holding a special needs picnic at Lakeview Rod & Gun Club Sunday August 5th from 11am to 3pm call **Dale Lutzen** 262-786-6834 to register.

The VFW Norwood Post 9398 located in southwest Colorado has two Action Trackchairs available for use, free to disabled veterans and at a small fee for other physically challenger people. Call Commander **Jerry Pike** 970-327-0234 for details if you are heading out there.

A week past his due date **Orion Chance Owsiany** arrived at 7 lbs, 13 oz, 20 1/2 " long. He his mom Kelly and long time guide Don are all doing fine.

Tyler Zelko is a 19 year-old wheel chair user. He sent us a beautiful card that said: To All of You...This is just a little note of thanks...but it comes with a big feeling of gratitude.

Inside: To Mr. Mitchell and the Adaptive Sportsmen group, Thank you so much for the generous contribution toward my crossbow! Looking forward to seeing all of you at the summer picnic shoot and going deer hunting with you all again.

Wayne Krueger, from Wausau, has recently gotten out of the hospital for surgery on his esophagus, and will be facing a long recovery period. Wayne and his wife Sue have been very big contributors to our program and have provided many great hunting opportunities for our members.

Baraboo Turkey Hunt at the Badger Army Ammo Plant May 5-6, 2012

Our hunter & guide teams were Steve Prieve & Al Jeske, John Martinson & Lowell Boetcher, Bill Ploor & Calvin Ploor, Les Werner with Bill & Ryan Stuber, Dale Rebernik & Brian Graham, Cal Popp & Ray Rabuck, Gerry Schick & Mike Gustin, Scott Unverrich & Mark Seeley, Monica Kamal & Steve Spaeni, Charles Ande & Don Berndt John Mitchell and Larry Wilkinson were the lunch crew with Larry doing 90% of the work. Thanks to all of the volunteers, our sponsor Safari Club International and Clarion Hotels for our group rate. Two turkeys were harvested. Scott Uverich struck first and Monica Kamal was second taking her turkey on her first turkey hunt. Deer, raccoons, coyotes and skunks were also seen. Here are stories from the members themselves:

12 HOURS IN THE BLIND THE FIRST DAY ... Harvest the 2nd day within an hour. Wow ... The picture of me was taken within a 1/2 hour of this big storm. We were hurrying to get pictures, get in the van and loaded before the storm. Thank you Adaptive Sportsman's Club! Thanks to all volunteers' times! Steve (my guide and caller) called the turkey in from an outlying field. As the turkey got within 18 yards by the decoys, I shot and hit the tom directly in the head and neck. He was 17.5 lbs. While I am learning and using this new skill, I have a continued appreciation of nature and love being out there! Since I have been to the Becoming Outdoors Women (BOW) clinic last summer, I have learned so much and have had a wonderful journey to this point. I am very thankful to harvest food for the table and then I can cook it with new recipes! I am looking forward to my continued journey. From BOW and Adaptive Sportsman to all my friends who have been supportive. **Monica**

I wanted to take this time to thank you and all at Adaptive Sportsman for inviting me to help out this weekend @ the badger plant I had a great time even though Charlie didn't harvest a bird the memories will last me a lifetime, thanks. **Don**

The measurements on Scott's gobbler were 11" Beard, 1" spurs, and 23 #s. It was a very special hunt for me. I really enjoyed the company of Scott and Dale. I hope they enjoyed themselves as much as I did. I have hunted with Walter Joost so long and so many times it was different hunting with new partners and forming new friendships. My wife Linda said, "It was good for me to get out and hunt with someone else besides Walter", but as you know Walter and I have a special bond that will never be broken and he is my best friend. We talk almost daily and I owe it to Adaptive Sportsman for getting us together about 10 years ago. Thanks again for the great weekend! **Mark Seely**

ASI Takes Aim and Supports Veterans with Disabilities

Adaptive Sportsmen is proud to sponsor a monthly archery program to support veterans with disabilities. Archery offers rewarding challenges while improving hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, strength and concentration. Held on the second Monday of each month at West Town Archery in Brookfield, veterans have to opportunity to improve archery skills for recreation or competition. Adaptive equipment and skilled instructors make it possible for veterans with a wide range of abilities.

"Adaptive archery has given me an outlet that I haven't had since I was able to bowl on a regular basis. It allows me the opportunity to work on my concentration and focus", says Retired **Major Gwen Sheppard**, a regular participant in the program. Gwen recently returned from the Warrior Games in Colorado Springs where she represented the Air Force competing in archery and air gun. She adds, "Even though I have disability, I can compete on a regular basis. It's a wonderful feeling."

Adaptive Sportsmen sponsors the monthly event and provides crossbows and other adaptive equipment for use. Veterans have the opportunity to shoot recurve bows and crossbows. Also available is video target shooting. In this popular event, normal tips are replaced with blunt tips and fired at moving video of elk, deer and other animals filmed in their natural environment. Points are scored based on kill zone accuracy.

To learn more about the program or to participate or volunteer, contact **Art Marchessault** at art@adaptivesportsmen.org or via phone at 414-333-4950.

Halter Pheasant Hunt 2012 Pictures



Group Photo, and I hope we included everyone!



Trackmaster brought out two of their off-road tracked wheelchairs for our members to try out. They have been very supportive of our efforts to show our members the equipment available to get disabled sportsmen back into the outdoors.



Here is one of the many ways that the volunteers at Halter got our members out in the field to hunt the pheasants. This homemade lift attaches onto the front of an ATV and makes it easy to get around in the tall grass and fields.

Adaptive Sportsmen Disabled Veterans Archery Shoot at West Town Archery



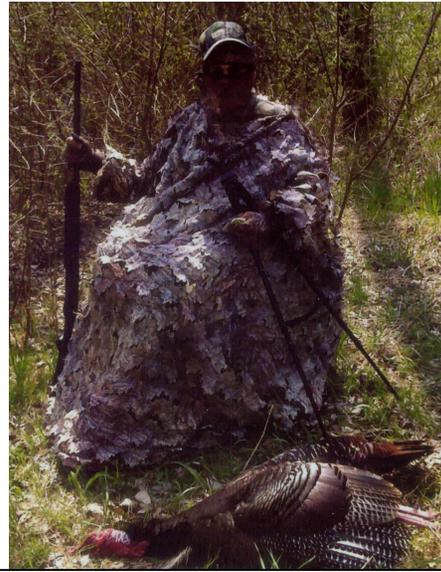
A disabled vet and helper on the crossbow range at West Town during our monthly archery event



Several disabled vets practice their archery skills at the West Town archery range during our monthly archery event. This event is held the second Monday of each month and is open to all disabled vets.



Tony Paulson and **John Mitchell** are working the ASI booth at the Deer and Turkey Expo this year.



Charlie Ande poses with his turkey and new personal ground blind suit. (I know his face is hard to see!)



Adaptive Sportsmen has provided money for materials for this new ground blind being set up by **Al Lamovec** at his property near Willard, Wisconsin. Al has been working hard to set up a disabled youth outdoor camp, called Wisconsin Adventures on Wheels. We are proud to help him provide outdoor opportunities for disabled youths in Wisconsin.



Horicon Marsh Bowmen Winter Shoot, March 17

We had 9 ASI shooters. **Jerry Schick** and **Bob Corey** led the shooters only 1 point apart with Jerry taking honors. **Charlie Ande** and Dustin were also 1 point apart. **Joe Kuhn** and **John Mitchell** were close behind. Some shooters didn't complete the whole course but everyone had fun. Good food, and a challenging course were the order of the day. Non-typical February short sleeve weather didn't help attendance. The Horicon Marsh Bowmen members, who are looking forward to the shoot in June, greeted the people. Thanks to all who participated. See you in June. **Pat Buhr**



Ray Rabuck poses with the nice buck he shot last year. Ray was the Volunteer of the Month last March but did not get his picture in the newsletter. Ray has been a tireless helper at many of our events, and is one of the many people that make Adaptive Sportsmen such a great group.