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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

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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; Summer Fishing events, Fall Deer and Waterfowl Hunts, 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 53228 or aneu@adaptivesportsman.org

Check out these organizations.

North American Squirrel Association, in Holmen, Wi. They also provide services for the physically challenged.

Web site is www.nasasquirrel.org

Wheelin' Sportsmen, sponsored by the **National Wild Turkey Federation** at www.wheelinsportsmen.org

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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

An **ELK HUNT** for a bull elk was donated by **Jeff and Terri Fritz** of **Elk Valley Ranch** in Osseo, WI and used as the prize for our membership drive this summer. **John Martinson** of Rio was the winner and we look forward to hearing about his hunt later this year, which will take place at **Eastfork Hunting Preserve** in Merrilan.

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| <p>Include \$ 10 membership fee Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen</p> | | <p>Adaptive Sportsman Membership Card Expiration Date 12/31/2004</p> | | <p>Mail to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. 8727 W Coldspring Road Greenfield, WI 53228</p> | |
| 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 _____ | |



Year in Review

Our First Year: Your organization is just over one year old. We have grown to over 150 members in that time. Articles about Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. have appeared in several newspapers across Wisconsin. The word about Adaptive Sportsmen has been spread by members to their friends and family, by our raffle & banquet, and also by the many booths at hunting and fishing sport shows across the state. Several 3D archery tournaments, a turkey hunt, an ATV ride and a fishery have already taken place and whitetail deer bow hunts and a pheasant hunt will occur this fall. Thank you to all of the organizers of these events, the board, and all of the members and volunteers working on the front lines and behind the scenes. Congratulations on a job well done.

John Mitchell, President, Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.

Election for the Board of Directors

The time for our first election of board members by our general membership is now close at hand. The board is responsible for ensuring that we met our mission of "outdoor recreation for physically challenged people". The board has a winter and summer meeting supplemented by some special email votes on precise details. If you would like to nominate any paid up member, including yourself, to serve the term from 2005 to 2007 please notify our corporate secretary Kristy Richardson by October 30th, 2004. Members that have paid dues by October 30th will receive a ballot with instructions for voting so the process can be completed by year-end. We need a picture and a short description of their interests and qualifications for the people who are running for the Board.

Board of Director Nominations should be sent to kristy@adaptivesportsmen.org or mail to; Adaptive Sportsmen, 8727 Coldspring Rd. Greenfield, WI 53228 **On or before Oct. 15th**



Group photo at the start of the second day (left)

1st ANNUAL ATV RIDE



Getting off the ATV's at Bear Chasers Bar (right)

The first annual ATV ride sponsored by the Adaptive Sportsmen was held June 3-6. **John and Cheri Stratte of Pine Forest Lodge** were the proud hosts for 19 members of Adaptive Sportsmen who came out to ride the trails in Mercer, WI. Nine disabled members and ten AB riders enjoyed the freedom of riding the extensive network of trails between Mercer and Hurley.

Disabled riders were **Pete LePage, Doug Bureta, Joel Hoedel, Joy Comb, Jamie Richardson, Bill Koch, Dan Kleen, John Stratte, and Allen Neu**, and the AB riders were **Karli LePage, Lisa Hoedel, Emma Combs, Charles Lohr, Ron Dobbert, Steve Casper, Bob Casper, Joe Vance, Dan Jacoby, and Joan Giusto**. Cheri Stratte and **Shirley Jacoby** helped out with the meals while **John Martinson** came out to take some pictures.

Dan Kleen, Steve Casper, Bob Casper, and Joe Vance are with **National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)** and they came up from Iowa. The NOHVCC gave out some very nice door prizes to all of the participants.

Pete and Karli LePage came down from

Minneapolis, while the rest of the participants were from Wisconsin.

The weather was great the first day, and the trails were not too full. We broke up into two groups and headed out to the trails. We met for lunch at **Bear Chaser's Bar**, where John and Cheri Stratte brought the wheelchairs out to let us get off the machines. By the end of the first day, we had covered almost 110 miles and everyone was dusty and tired.

The second day was cloudy, and it started to rain shortly after we began. But the rain suits came out and we ended up doing another 108 miles the second day. It is really fun to ride in the rain, the dust settles and the trails get slippery, which is a lot of fun.

A banquet was held on Saturday night, with Elk Barbeque from **Sue Lloyd** and lots of other great food.

Thank you to all of the people and companies that helped out, including Pine Forest Lodge, Subway of Mercer, Loon's Nest Rentals, and the NOHVCC.

We have penciled in a date for next year, the weekend after Memorial Day, so be sure to mark that on your calendar and we hope to see you there.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN

INFO ON ALL OF THE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB
SITE www.adaptivesportsmen.org

Oct. 1-3 Whitetail Deer Hunt in Baraboo.
Contact John Mitchell 414-541-4505. The hunt is full but we are taking names for a waiting list

Oct 2-3 and 9-10 Whitetail Deer Hunt in Willard.
Contact Dale Petkovsek at 715-267-6989

Oct 8-10 and 15-17 Clintonville Area Bow Hunt
Contact Larry Drake at (715) 535-2697 or larryd@adaptivesportsmen.org

Oct. 30 Smith's Pheasant Crest Hunting Preserve.
9 hunters to hunt Pheasants. Hunting license is not required.
Co-sponsored by Pheasants Forever
Contact John Martinson at 608-846-4518

Mar 5 Lori G's 3-D Archery Shoot
20715 Durand Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182
Call Dottie Dirksen at (262) 878-4255

Other Pheasant Hunts

Sept 18 Pheasant Hunt, Whispering Emerald Ridge
Menomonie WI. Teresa Olson or Mike at 715-233-1281

Oct. 9 Pheasant hunt Star Prairie Fish & Game
Star Prairie WI. Terry Zais 715-248-7950

Accessible Shooting Ranges, gun and archery

Lori G's Archery Range (262) 878-4255
20715 Durand Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182

Buck Rub Archery Range (262) 547-0535
N13W28400 Silvernail Road, Pewaukee, WI 53072

West Town Archery (414) 444-7944
6725 West Burleigh Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210

Badger Guns and Ammo (414) 383-0885
2339 S 43rd St. West Milwaukee

Conservation Club of Kenosha County 262-857-7200
21001 85th St in Bristol, WI.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Challenge the Outdoors, (920) 833-6274, has the following events;

October 2 – 10 Early Gun Deer Hunt. Must apply by August 31th.

Pontoon Boat on Shawno Lake is available from May-October for day or evening fishing outings. You can also go to the website at: <http://www.challengetheoutdoors.org/> and see the events pages by month.

Fishing Has No Boundaries www.fhnbinc.org (800-243-3462) is holding several fishing events in Wisc. Including; Holcombe Flowage August 21st-22nd Fon Du Lac September 11th-12th.

Dunn County Sportsmen Alliance, a group that offers fishing and hunting opportunities for people with disabilities.
Contact Mary Butler at mbutler@co.dunn.wi.us



(From left to right)
Les Werner
Walter Joost
Mike Gustin
Travis Salmon

Blackhawk Archers 3-D Tournament, Aug 2004

The weekend of August 14th & 15th was perfect weather for the Annual 3-D tournament in Verona. Many physically challenged and volunteer guide members of Adaptive Sportsmen participated. Each day physically challenged shooters went through the course along with volunteer guide members that were also shooting. Saturday was the tournament-style shoot for trophies. Individual scores were tallied and in the hand-held crossbow division **John Mitchell** took first, **John Martinson** second and **Les Werner** (the tournament director) third. In the fixed pivot division **Travis Salmon** took first, **Brad Sutter** second and **Walter Joost** third. Sunday was a fun filled team shoot combining the score of the physically challenged and volunteer shooters. The teams of Travis & **Bruce Salmon** (569), **Steve Prieve & John Neuman** (565), and Les Werner & **Mike Delopp** (550) took home merchandise prizes donated by **Gander Mountain**, **Vendon's Magnum Archery**, and **Valkleri Archery**.



Horicon Marsh Bowmen Adaptive Sportsmen 3-D Tournament, June 19th .

A total of 39 shooters came, a very good turnout. **Jeff Miller** again did a fantastic job of setting up the course. **John Deere** provided several Gators. There were a lot of old faces in addition to some new ones. **Lynn Krueger** won this year's fishing trip donated by **Reid Nehls**. Everyone also enjoyed a great steak dinner later in the afternoon. This year your name didn't have to be John to win in the shoot either! Thanks to all that participated to make this year's shoot a success and hope to see you next year for some more shooting fun.
Pat Buhr

The transfer of the Wisconsin Bear Hunting tag from an Adaptive Sportsmen volunteer under the new law that benefits young people between the age of 12 and 18 went to **Miles Miller**. He joined our organization after attending the Horicon 3D tournament. He and his family also participated in the Blackhawk Archers 3D tournament.

Buckhorn State Park provides an accessible cabin, accessible trails and an accessible fishing pier and boat launch. The park also holds special deer hunts and most recently a special turkey hunt for disabled hunters.

Mirror Lake State Park near Baraboo. Mirror Lake features the first fully accessible cabin the DNR Disabled Advisory Council built. With the help of the American Telephone Pioneers, the park has continued to expand access to its trails, programming, and many amenities and features.

The **DNR Disabled Advisory Council** presented a Past President Award to Adaptive Sportsmen member **Jim Rutledge** of Monroe. Rutledge, president from 1994-1999, also served on the council for over 10 years as a vital advocate and learned legal resource on hunting and access issues.

Something every hunter needs is practice, whether with gun or bow, and 3D targets are the best practice for bow hunting. **Lakeshore Bowhunters**, outside Fond Du Lac, invited our members up to their club July 17th to try out their 3-D range. And the members that went said it was a very nice practice indeed.



Heather Degenhardt, shown at left.

Madison Fishery, June 2004

Tip-up! First of all I would like to thank all the sponsors, including **American Packaging**, **Endres Manufacturing**, **Oscar Mayers**, **Wilderness Fish & Game**, **D&S Bait**, **Bavaria Sausage Haus**, **General Communications**, **Gander Mountain**, **Findorff**, **Land's End**, **Pan Of Gold**, **Dave Krattiger**, **John Mitchell**, and all the volunteers!

A great time was had by all, except the fish didn't cooperate. It's been a tough year with a cold spring and all the wet weather. Next year we'll know more and work on catching some FISH! But it was fun going through the locks and seeing Heather win that tackle box she had her eye on. I'm looking forward to next year I'll have a few more surprises and I think your going to love them!

Take Care, **John Martinson**

Landowners have approached the Adaptive Sportsmen with offers to hunt on their land. We are looking for hunters and also volunteers to form a liaison committee to work with landowners and physically challenged hunters. The goals are to utilize the properties while respecting the landowner's privacy and their wishes for the hunt process. Some landowners want to have the same person throughout the season, or ask that we follow quality deer management rules, or they will let the guide assisting the physically challenged hunter may also hunt. Some of the locations include Wausau, Crivitz, Sussex, Mukwonago, Princeton, Chippewa Falls, Manitowoc, Tomah, and Jefferson. If you would like to help coordinate or use these properties contact John Mitchell at 414-541-4505.

Big Buck Contest: **Jerry Phelps** of The **600 Club Taxidermy** has donated a shoulder mount to Adaptive Sportsmen that will be awarded to the physically challenged hunter with the biggest buck taken in the upcoming season. The deer can be taken with gun or bow but to be eligible membership dues must be paid before the season opens. To enter send your picture with the deer indicating the number of points, the inside spread and the DNR registration number. In case of a tie Boone & Crocket measurements will be used.

Gun Raffle: We have a beautiful **Bicala**, 12 gauge over/under shotgun being raffled. It comes with three different choke tubes and it has been made truly one of a kind by laser engraving the Adaptive Sportsmen logo on the side. The drawing will take place on October 30th after the pheasant hunt. We will have tickets available at the Bow hunts in Baraboo and Clintonville. The tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. If you would like to help sell a few (or a bunch), contact Mary Mitchell at 414-916-6087.

We currently have a variety of crossbows, different types of blinds, devices to steady a crossbow or rifle, and radios available for the use of our members. If you want to borrow something, have a suggestion for another type of equipment we need, know where we can get something, how to build a device or want to donate a piece of equipment please contact one of the members of our equipment committee. [Allen Neu](#) ; [Rick Schaefer](#) ; [Larry Wilkinson](#) ; [Patrick Buhr](#) ; [Mike Little](#); Larry Drake, John Mitchell or Garth Harris.