



Adaptive Sportsmen Inc
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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



Board Positions

If you are interested in running for a position on the board and serving our foundation please let us know. We will have elections early in 2017. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to sign up as a candidate. All members are invited to apply.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for more information

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Please contact at allenneu@gmail.com 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 jmitchellwi@prodigy.net.

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

We Loan ASI Equipment to members
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.

Fundraising Shotgun Raffle
The winners of our major fund raiser were 1st Mary Mitchell, 2nd Rock Tranel & 3rd Dave Leminer

Facebook Page - Please Post your pictures and stories
Please remember to check out our Facebook page and **Post your pictures and stories!** We all can share what exciting and fun things that our members are doing. Let's all stay connected!

Adaptive Sportsman Membership Application
Include \$ 10 membership fee
Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.
Veterans Membership is Free

Expiration Date 12/31/2016

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 _____

Saturday June 11th Summer Outdoor 3-D Archery Shoot We are holding our summer 3-D Archery event at the Horicon Marsh Bowmen Club in Horicon. This is a great event and food is offered after the shoot for a nominal fee. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or email him at jmitchellwi@prodigy.net for more information or to sign up.

Friday August 5-7 Deer Fest We are having a booth at the 2016 Deer Fest in West Bend and need volunteers to help Cal Popp work the booth. You can contact Cal at 920-517-8027 for more information or to sign up to help out.

Saturday August 6 Family Picnic & Shoot Our Annual Picnic is being held at the Schultz Rod and Gun Club in Muskego. We have a 3-D archery range set up, Trap Shooting (free shells and loaner guns to use), a pistol and rifle range, plenty of great food and raffle prizes. Come on out, tune up your fall hunting skills, enjoy food and the company of some fun people. Meet old friends and make new ones. There is no charge to attend , family members and friends are welcome. Contact Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 or email jmitchellwi@prodigy.net for more information or to sign up.

Saturday August 20 Sporting Clay Shoot The Montello Gun Club will be hosting the annual trap shoot in Montello, Wi. This is a great event to warm up your shooting eye and get ready for the fall hunting season. Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 or email johnmartinson@msn.com for more information.

Friday October 14-16 Clintonville Deer Hunt Our Archery Deer Hunt in Clintonville is a great way to hunt deer in the fall and enjoy the company of some wonderful people. Contact Dan Jacoby at 715-356-7803 or email at danojacoby@hotmail.com for information or to sign up

TBD Dells Bow Hunt We will have a late season Archery hunt in the Wisconsin Dells area in December. This is a limited hunt but should be a lot of fun and not too cold (I hope) Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or email him at jmitchellwi@prodigy.net for more information or to sign up.

"It can be yours" Equipment Grants

The James E Dutton Foundation has provided an equipment grant to Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. to start 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.

Pictures for the Newsletter and Facebook

We encourage you to send in pictures, stories and video to us for our future newsletters and on our Facebook page. Please email the items to allenneu@gmail.com or jmitchellwi@prodigy.net . **Please includes the names of the people in the pictures** so we can properly acknowledge the participants. We will try to get all of them into our newsletter as space provides.

Booth Season

Our booths at various Sport Shows around the state allows us to make contacts with new members, volunteers and landowners to carry on our mission of Outdoor Recreation for Physically Challenged People. It is also an opportunity to raise some funds through our raffles that help pay for the events we hold. We encourage members to participate in these booth events. Those of us with physical challenges can be mentors and can explain the mission to others that want to enjoy Wisconsin's outdoors. Thank you.

Kelly Lake Grand Opening

The pier is completed and over 70 people were present for the dedication. It was great to see the two busses from the VA. Dozens of fish were caught and released using rods that were donated for our members use. It was a spring day with below normal temperatures. The large tent supplied by Dennis was a God send. The musical group played and sang there throughout the day. The fire ring was a popular gathering spot for conversation. People also gathered around the 24 Tower chickens that were slowly turning on the spit as George tended the coals. Greg made 9 gallons of coffee and two gallons of hot chocolate. We had 10 salads and a dozen deserts in the pot luck with no duplications. Steve Starz who organized the event presented Don and Roman with plaques as a token of our appreciation for all they have done over years to make this place possible. Ben from the DNR gave a report on his study of the lake to complete the ceremony. Mary had her bucket raffle to add more fun. Thanks also to all of the volunteers that made or served the food and those putting tackle on the rods, working the pier and parking lot. May God Bless you all.

Thanks to Glow Prow for the donation of lures for our use and to **Dennis Schaefer** for the use of the tent. **Artistic Tinting & Auto Detailing** and **Kendor Boating Supplies**, were other sponsors. The volunteers were Ron, Joe, Tim, Matt, Harry, Patricia, George, Dennis, Patrick, Al, Todd, Barb, Jim, Miriam, Mary, Diane, Dolores, Duane, Donna, Greg, Larry, Helga, Jennifer, Diane, Margo, Lloyd, Gary, Austin, Rorie & her brother, the Welch brothers, Conner, Ben, the Teffer family and one more thanks to Steve Starz for his hard work and dedication for weeks before the event.

If you want to spend some time fishing off the pontoon boat contact Steve Starz 262-321-9653. He will set you up with one of our boat captains. There is a ramp onto the pontoon boat. You will need to have your Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. membership card or veterans identification. Enjoy it. If you just want to picnic there is now electricity in 6 different locations on or around the piers.

Ice Jamboree at Kelly Lake

A small group "Got On The Water" in February to have an ice fishing experience. John Martinson transported those interested from shore to ice. Northerns were caught and released. We look forward to a larger group in 2017 to use the ice fishing gear that was recently donated.

UW-Madison

Thursday April 21st John Martinson, Kramer Endries and Cody Novotny attended the Adaptive Technology and Innovations Night at Gordon Commons on UW-Madison Campus to share innovations of Adaptive Sportsman with students and the public.

Wicked Freedom Hunting Shacks

Wicked Freedom Hunting Shacks are located in Burnett county. All that is required is that the hunter have a disability (physical). The Shacks are managed by the WI DNR at Crex Meadows. Each hunter can reserve a Shack for 3 days. Each Shack can be driven right up to for access. Call 715-463-2896 to make the reservation, Go to the Crex Information Center in Grantsburg, WI the day before to get instructions and directions.

Charlie Slater, 14323 State Road 70, Grantsburg, WI 54840, 715-463-5300 – Office 612-619-4600 – Cell www.harveyallenoutdoors.com

Youth Archery

We hosted a group of 7 disabled teens from Variety Wisconsin at an Archery Shoot at Westown Archery in Brookfield this spring. It was a lot of fun to see the disabled teens quickly figured out how to hit the targets and enjoyed a fun time putting arrow after arrow into the targets. They started shooting at the 3-D targets and after a few misses they got the handle at that also. We look forward to seeing some of these teens at our archery events and hunts in the future. We look for opportunities to introduce young disabled people to the various outdoor recreational activities open to disabled people in Wisconsin.

Madison Fisheree

We had great weather and caught a few fish on Lake Mendota with **Charlie Ande, Kurt Zeise, Zach Zeise, Dustin Palenshus, John Mitchell, Chris Salamone, Les Werner, Keith Wanta, Joe and Debbie Kunz.** Everyone got a T-shirt, fishing lure and gas gift card plus Delicious food and a chance to go fishing! Thanks to our volunteers, **Tim Richardson, Chloe Liska, Lloyd Soter, Bruce Gehrke, Travis Rayala, Katie, Jeremy, Christine, Matthew, Kenny, Jess Martinson, Tony and Laurin.**

BACK TAGS NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR DEER, BEAR HUNTERS IN WISCONSIN

DNR officials say that brings deer and bear hunting more in line with the requirements for small game hunting and fishing.

Fishing Equipment Needed (cont)

Our request for equipment was met with a tidal wave of soft water and ice fishing gear. Our volunteer Ray Rabuck was able to pick the items up for us. A BIG thank you to Mel for the donation. It has been put to use.

ASI Cookbook

Do you have a favorite recipe? Something grandma or your great Aunt Sarah used to make all the time and got rave reviews? We're looking for your tried and true recipes for an Adaptive Sportsmen cook book. Anything from appetizers to window cleaners. Maybe you have some wild game recipes you'd like to share. We're also looking for short, funny one-liners and maybe a picture or two. Please help us make this the cook- book that everyone will want to buy. Send your ideas either by mail or email to; Recipes C/O Adaptive Sportsmen 8727 W Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53228.

Spring Turkey Hunt

We had an excellent hunt this year. We hunted Friday afternoon and saw a nice tom but did not get close enough. He strutted at about 100 yards for 20 minutes but would not come in. When we left for the night we moved our blind to a spot we thought would put us close to him the next morning. We settled in the blind about 4:45 and waited to see if we made the right decision. From around 5:00 until 8:30 we watched the tom and one of his rivals strut and woo 5 hens. About 8:30 we finally had him at 30 yards from the blind with Scott drawing a bead on him. Scott pulled the trigger and all we heard was click. We got another round in the chamber and Scott lined up again. The tom cooperated by standing tall and looking at the blind trying to figure out what we were. This time the gun went off but Scott wasn't ready to be done with the hunt and he shot right over the top of the tom's head. We moved the blind back to our original position across the field and settled in for the day. We were both a little down about the tom getting away but made the best of it and kept calling and watching.

At noon we had the other tom from the morning show come to about 100 yards but he was courting a hen. While he did show us some interest the real hen won out and he disappeared into the woods. Around 4:15 a jake made his way across the field 200 yards away. We were busy trying to get his attention and we didn't notice the tom that checked us out at noon sneak in to 10 feet from our blind. We frantically tried to get Scott into position for a shot but it wasn't to be. There was a tree in his way and Scott couldn't get the bird in his sites. With the bird at 30 yards and moving away, I was able to lean out to the side of the blind and filled my tag.

We settled in again and made a call to see if we could locate another bird. One gobbled back from behind us. After about twenty minutes of calling back and forth and getting Scott into position before the bird showed himself, all our work was rewarded with a strutting tom coming into view 10 yards away. Scott got his revenge for the earlier miss by shooting the very same bird. This time he was ready to be done hunting and the bird never even twitched after he shot it. Scott had several keep sakes from the hunt. Fresh turkey to eat, beard, spurs, tail feathers, spent shell casing, and the shell with a dimpled primer from the first shot attempt that did not go off. Seeing as Scott has missed the first bird he has shot at the last two years I am not sure if it's tom fever or if he is really just missing on purpose so he can be out in the woods longer, but the memories it has left us with will put a smile on our faces and give us topic of conversation for years to come. Thanks, Scott.

Hunters and Guides were; **Scott Uverrich and Lloyd Soter, Troy Kurczek and Lowell Boetcher, Miriam Ben-Shalom and Cody Novotny, Dale Rebernik and Mike Gustin, Chris Salamone and Bill Stuber, John Martinson and Ryan Stuber, Terrence Green and Brad Powell, Pete Mittelsteadt and Mark Sealey**

For sale, battery powered lift, for hot tub. Excellent condition. \$1,000. In Green Bay. Contact Jeff Pagels at 920-366-5731 or jcpagels@att.net

Free- Shower chair, to good home contact Greg at bear8923@gmail.com

Include Adaptive Sportsmen in Your Will

Estate planning is never a real popular topic to talk about, but it is better to plan now than leave your heirs wondering what you wanted to do. You can also take the time to sort out what you want to leave as a legacy. Adaptive Sportsmen is hoping that you will consider us when you start your planning.

- **Donation of hunting equipment and adaptive equipment.** We can get your good used equipment to a needy ASI member or sell it and use the proceeds for our events. Used vans, wheelchairs, crossbows, and guns are popular items to donate.

- **Dedicate any amount of money or property for a specific purpose** We will keep that money separate and use it as you wish. From \$2 to \$200,000, any amount is good. **We can memorialize your donation or let it remain as an anonymous donation.**

- **Donate in the form of a charitable trust.** We can act as the trustee for your charitable trust if you want to transfer larger donations or real estate while retaining control of the asset during your lifetime.

No matter the size or type of your estate, we would be happy to talk to you about your estate planning.

Halter Pheasant Hunt

It was another memorable day at Halter Wildlife with changes in the weather every 30 minutes. We had an inch of snow during the safety meeting that included a few shots at trap. That quickly melted as the sun came out and the dogs of various breeds went to work. The pheasants showed off their foot work before taking to the air. Our group saw another storm in the distance but decided to make one more pass on the edge of the field. It made the ride back to the lodge for lunch an experience with the sting of sleet in the face. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads desert and all the fixings made for a fine lunch. The weather brightened and we were able to hold the tower shoot in the afternoon. Thanks to Trish and all the volunteers that worked the dogs, carried guns, drove vehicles, cleaned over 100 birds, made and served lunch. Thanks also to **Mcfarlane Pheasants Inc., Lake Elaine Game Farm LLC** and an anonymous donor for the pheasants and partridges. Ammunition was through the courtesy of the **Wisconsin Deer Hunters.** The volunteers were Mike, Joe, Bree, Al, Allan, Jeff, Allen, George, ... and one more thanks to **Trish Boem** for her hard work and dedication for weeks before the event.

Help Wanted- Waterfowl Hunting Opportunities

We have an increasing interest in waterfowl hunting among our physically challenged hunters. We know of some places to go. If you have experience in waterfowl hunting and are able to commit some time please let us know by emailing jmitchellwi@prodigy.net

Volunteer Spotlight

Ray Rabuck is one of our very active volunteers. He has guided at deer and turkey hunts as well as working in some of our booths at sport shows. He displays our logo on his backpack and vehicle. Now he has also helped to obtain a donation of a large number of fishing rods for use of Adaptive Sportsmen that do not have their own. Thank you Ray

Other Hunts

As announced in an email invitation **Bill Stuber** planned an Iowa hog hunt and **Ray Rabuck** planned a late season bow hunt in Wisconsin. Three physically challenged hunters participated in both of these hunts.

Departed

Ron Pulcine attended several of our hunts in Baraboo. He fought to the end but passed away in 2015.

Jeff Vogel's mother called to say he passed away. We have been missing him at events.



Roman Niemjski (left) and Don Teffer (center) receive awards from ASI for their generosity and work setting up the Kelly Lake Facility



This is our Accessible Pontoon boat with ramp at Kelly Lake. It is available by appointment to our members



A view of one of the piers and members fishing at the Kelly Lake Grand Opening



Kelly Lake Grand Opening May 2016, it was cold unless you were near the fire pit



John Martinson on the Trak Chair with his turkey at Baraboo.



Troy Kurczek poses with the turkey he shot at Baraboo.



Lloyd Soteron (left) and Scott Unverrich pose with the turkeys they shot at Baraboo this spring



Chris Salamone shows off the turkey he shot at Baraboo this spring. He is using one of the all-terrain Traks chairs that we have to use at some of our events.



Group picture from Madison Fishree 2016



Pre-Hunt trap shooting practice at Halter Pheasant Hunt



Another method for getting hunters out in the field at the Halter Pheasant Hunt



This is one of the ways we got hunters out in the field at the Halter Pheasant Hunt