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Adaptive has a landowner liaison committee that searches out and catalogs public and private lands available and suitable for the Adaptive membership to use for different uses all over Wisconsin. (Some restrictions may apply) Contact Jeff Pagel at 920-366-5731 or email at [jcpagels@att.net](mailto:jcpagels@att.net) to get help finding a place to hunt deer, ducks or pheasants or an accessible place to catch a fish or ride an All-terrain Vehicle. Jeff can put you in touch with the appropriate person to help you find the best place to enjoy activities in the Wisconsin outdoors.

# 2024 Calendar

**May 22, June 13, July 12 McMiller Shooting range \$6 Day** McMiller is opening the range in Eagle to our members, with sporting clays, 25 yd, 50 yd, 100 yd and 300 yd ranges open. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net)

**May- October Madison Fishing Summer** We will have fishing by appointment on Monona or Mendota in Madison. Please contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 or [johnmartinson@msn.com](mailto:johnmartinson@msn.com) to schedule you outing.

**June 1 3-D Archery shoot in Horicon** We will have our annual fun archery shoot at the Horicon Marsh Bowmens Club in Mayville again this year. Able body and physically challenged shooters should come to use compound, recurve or crossbows. A steak dinner adds to the fun. Please contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or [orjmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:orjmitchellwi@prodigy.net)

**June 1-5 Northwoods Adventure (These dates are changed from the calendar sent out to our members in February)** The Northwoods Adventure will be held at Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer. We will have ATV rides, Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, pontoon boat rides, and other regional activities. Come enjoy the beautiful northwoods at Pine Forest, located on the scenic 360 acre Spider Lake. Contact Al Neu at 414-617-4870 or [allenneu@gmail.com](mailto:allenneu@gmail.com) for more information

**June 22 Kelly Lake Picnic** We will have our annual fishery at Kelly Lake in Hales Corners. Bring your own gear or borrow some from Adaptive Sportsmen. Fishing can be done from the pier or on our pontoon boat. Mary Mitchell will have lunch for you. Call 414-916-2298 or email to [mary.mitchellwi@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.mitchellwi@yahoo.com)

**July 19-21 Deer Fest in Oshosh** We will have an information booth at Deer Fest at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh this year. Volunteers to man the booth are needed, and they will be supplied with free entry tickets. Deerfest web site is [www.deerfest.com](http://www.deerfest.com) . Please contact Cal Popp at 920-517-8027 or [lovemypins@att.net](mailto:lovemypins@att.net)

**Aug, 24 Summer Picnic and Shoot** We will have our annual shooting picnic at Schultz Resort Rod and Gun Club in Muskego. The trap, archery, rifle and pistol range will be open. We have crossbows to borrow and trap shells and .22 loads to use or bring your own weapon and ammo. Mary Mitchell will have lunch and her famous bucket raffle. Call 414-916-2298 or [mary.mitchellwi@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.mitchellwi@yahoo.com)

**September 21 Pheasant Ridge Pheasant Hunt** The Pheasant hunt will be held again this year in Marshal. Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 or [johnmartinson@msn.com](mailto:johnmartinson@msn.com) for more information.

**October 11-13 Sandhill Bow hunt** The hunt, meals and lodging will be at Sandhill. Check the web page for an application or call John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 or email [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net)

**Oct. 25-27 Clintonville Bow Hunt** The hunt, meals and lodging will be around Clintonville. Check the web page for an application or call Joe Ehr 920- 244-7737 [josephehr@yahoo.com](mailto:josephehr@yahoo.com)

**Nov. 2 Bong Recreation Area Pheasant Hunt** Our new Pheasant will be held at the Bong Recreation area in Racine. Please Contact Chris Salamone for information and to sign up at 262-914-7155 or [csalamone@wi.rr.com](mailto:csalamone@wi.rr.com)

Dates and times may change, updated information will be on the calander page of our web site in the case of any changes.

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**Please contact at [allenneu@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

## 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

In addition to our annual raffle most of our events include a little silent auction or bucket raffle. If anyone would like to help procure items for these events we would appreciate it. **2024 gun raffle**; We have another Henry Golden Boy .22 For the raffle. Please help us sell tickets on your own or at one of the sport shows to help pay for our events.

## 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.

## Physically Challenged Veterans Membership is Free

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State &amp; Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle One      Physically Challenged      Able Bodied      Volunteer/Sponsor

Interests      Hunting      Fishing      ATV Riding      Boating      Snowmobiling      Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### Don Zurfluh deer hunt 2023

It happened so fast I don't have much of a story, but here it is. I was bow hunting October 25<sup>th</sup>, I just got into my blind and here came this buck. I shot him with my crossbow at 20 yards. He went about 40 yards and then dropped. My problem then was it was warm and raining so my son and I skinned and quartered it and put it into my refrigerator. (picture on next page)

### Curt Hooten Hog Hunt

In March I received an email from John Mitchell about a hog hunt in Iowa that was scheduled for April 6th and 7th at the North Star Game Land Hunting preserve. I had never gone on a hog hunt and was excited for a new adventure and experience. I've never had the chance to hunt out of the state (especially on a preserve) for something besides whitetail deer and small game. I was in, my wife agreed and now the research began. I read up on everything and anything I could on hog hunting; surprisingly it is a little different than what I was used to. Before I knew it was April 5th and I was headed to Iowa for my first ever Hog hunt.

The next morning, I met up with Bill Stuber and his crew of skilled Hunters and the crew at the preserve. Lance and Terry were great, friendly, funny, and very knowledgeable of the areas where the hogs like to meander. I was placed in a blind up in some ridges and grateful for it because the wind was rough that day. As I sat and waited for the roaming future bacon to stumble across me a fork horn fallow deer popped up. It stopped by ate some grass and proceeded on his way (I didn't even know what it was until later). Not sleeping the night before and being out of the wind I started to get ready for the mid-morning nap (kidding). Then out of the corner of my eye I see movement. Yes, here come the pigs; three of them to be exact. My heart jumped into my throat this was really happening. I took aim at the biggest one, fire, get a perfect hit and down he goes. The other two hung around for a while and they didn't get scared by the shot but were acting a little strange. Eventually they walked over to the next ridge and started eating. Me being excited had get a closer look and take some pictures. I went out there with just my phone and started to take pictures and send them to my wife as I was now a successful hog hunter. I just happen to glance towards the other ridge where the pigs were chowing down. Well, they were making a B-line straight towards me. I returned to the Blind as fast as I could move, and they got there just a little behind me. I had a cranky Hog trying to get to me, that's a first, and I am glad I looked around when I did. Now I am sitting in the blind waiting them out, as the one decided to start chewing on my chair that I set outside of the blind. My wife responds to my pictures and text and says CONGRATULATIONS! Did you want to get another one? I had to call to make sure it wasn't a typo or that I wasn't just seeing things. I got her blessing to get another one.

Lance and Terry came around and picked up my hog and when I told them I would like to go for another, if possible. They said they would definitely help me do that. After they took care of their other business I was out in a Gator (John Deere UTV) with Lance and we were on the search for another hog. With it being really windy a lot of the animals were held up. We topped a ridge and saw a couple more fallow deer; one had a beautiful rack. Then we rounded the corner and saw close to 30 some whitetail deer running through the ridges. We drove around some more, enjoying the whole tour of the preserve. We get up into the plains area and here are two Buffalo chewing away in the field. We come across a lot of animals but no hogs. He sits me down where he knows they should be. Then he pulls a short drive, I see some movement..... ELK four of them. I have only seen elk in a zoo, but in person, they were a sight to see. Still no hogs but then he comes flying back with the gator and says I found some. We jump back in the Gator and drive a couple of ridges over. We start our walk, sure enough there were four tooling around on the side of the ridge out of the wind. We sneak up on them, I pick out what looks like the biggest to me and I get my second Hog. Lance starts scaring the other pigs away and says, "once they get the smell of blood in their nose, they get crazy". Now it makes sense why that one came after me earlier in the day. By **Curt Hooten**

### 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.**

**Dedicate any amount of money or property for a specific purpose**

**Donate in the form of a charitable trust.**

### It can be yours

"The **James E Dutton Foundation** has provided a 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

### Volunteer of the month

Chris Salomone runs pheasant hunts for us and helps at several booths each year.

### Board Member Changes

We have had several changes to our Board this year. **Dan Jacoby** and **Steve Heiges** resigned from the board, we wish to thank them for their many years of service to Adaptive Sportsmen.

We have added three new board members, **Breck Dokken** (608-571-8080 [bdokken29@gmail.com](mailto:bdokken29@gmail.com) ), **Travis Rayala**, ([trayala1683@gmail.com](mailto:trayala1683@gmail.com) 608-215-5417), and **Darrenin Malsack** ([darrinmal7@hotmail.com](mailto:darrinmal7@hotmail.com) 414-736-4083)

### Booth Season

Please lend some time to volunteer at our last sport show of the season, Deer Fest in Oshkosh. In addition to our raffle, we distribute information and acquire new members and volunteers. Contact John Mitchell at [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net) or 414-333-4745 to leave a message.

### Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel Sport Show

Our booth was staffed by **John Presser, Leese Lestenseng, Rick Oldenberg, Dottie Dirksen, Ron Lewis, Mike Gustin, Allyssa Gustin, Mary Mitchell, John Mitchell, Dale Leshke, Darrin Malacek, Jim Hitchcock Gregg Edgerle, & Chris Salamone**. Raffle tickets were sold and information distributed to prospective members and volunteers. Thanks to all of you.

### Eau Claire Sports Show

On March 15,16,17th my wife Dora and I chaired a booth at the Eau Claire WI sportsman show. It had been many years since Adaptive sportsman sponsored a booth in this area. With the help of: **Joe Ehr,Ron Lewis,Greg Edgerle** and **Erica Landethin** the event was a great success.This being our first show we learned a lot that will help us next year.We took our new adaptive one handed fishing pole to the show. It drew alot of interest. We were able to sell alot of raffle tickets and some cook books. The club was donated a 35 quart cooler from the Fallen Outdoors. We would like to thank them for that. Also was some cash donations from spectators. Thank you to everyone for all your help. We couldn't have done it without you. Your friends **Dora and Randy Johnston**.

### In Memory

Harry Ibis has passed away. He was often at Kelly Lake and also participated at the shooting picnic.

### Baraboo Turkey Hunt 2024

Our primary sponsor for the hunt was the Badgerland Chapter of Safari Club. Thanks to all of the guides for sharing their time, equipment and hunting knowledge. Here is more on the hunt.

Scott and I had a good time hunting but did not harvest a bird. Friday afternoon we had a tom gobbler for over two hours nonstop. He would not come our way. Saturday morning, he did the same thing but started to move away. We heard some shots later so we were thinking he wound up on someone else's dinner table. We saw hens periodically through the day but no toms. Sunday had turkeys gobbling but none close. We saw more hens and were visited by two coyotes. The first one came in and stared at the decoy for a while then ran in and knocked it over. It took him by surprise as he swung around and stared at the decoy laying on the ground. After about 5 minutes of looking at the decoy he finally decided it wasn't what he wanted and walked away. He made for an unforgettable hunt.

Thank you to Scott for putting up with me again and a special thanks to Sara and her family for letting us hunt on their property. Beautiful land with great access to the blind. Not all hunts require harvesting game to be cherished memories. By Lloyd Soter

### Halter Pheasant Hunt 2024

The Halter pheasant hunt turned out to be a pretty big successful hunt this year. We had 14 hunters with some new faces, including volunteers, making this a great hunt. The hunters had a lots of shooting fun and plenty of birds harvested. We really lucked out with the weather this year as it poured during the night and through wee hours of the morning but this skies dried up and warmed into the 40's by 8:00 am. We started at the trap range to sharpen up our shoot eyes. We then got teamed up with our volunteers and dogs and headed out on our morning hunt with some hunters shooting up to 10 birds before lunch. Lunch was nice to take a break after all our excitement from the morning hunt most of us were starving so plenty of good hot food was great. Brats and burgers really hit the spot with plenty of our hunting stories filled the air. After lunch it's time to head out to the tower shoot and it is like being at a shooting gallery with lots of birds to shoot at when they get tossed out from the tower. All hunters were able to get lots of shooting in with even a couple of birds even falling on other hunters. It's very hard to describe how much fun it is with a bunch of hunters being able to get all the shooting in with birds flying in all directions. I'm sure there were a lot of bruised shoulders from how much shooting was going on but nothing a little Advil and time won't heal.

We all at ASI would like to thank everyone at Halter Wildlife and the volunteers with their dogs for helping us greatly with this year's event without them none of this would be possible. It really is great place to be able to go meet up with friends and have safe and enjoyable pheasant hunt. All of us hunters I'm sure will be thinking of this nice hunt with plenty of pheasant to enjoy at the dinner table over the next few weeks thinking about hopefully being able to go back next year. By **Chris Salamone**

### Northwoods Adventure June 1-5 (Saturday to Wednesday)

The Northwoods Adventure will be held at Pine Forest Lodge in Mercer, WI. Enjoy several regional activities, including ATV rides, Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking, pontoon boat rides, and more! Join the Adaptive Sportmen Inc. at the beautiful Northwoods at Pine Forest on the scenic 360-acre Spider Lake on June 1-5, 2024.

We would like to thank the **Wisconsin Paralyzed Veterans of America** for their \$500 donation to fund the event this year.

### Fishing at Kelly Lake

Another fishing season is under way. The piers are available during daylight hours for Adaptive Sportsmen. Use of the pontoon boat and fishing gear can be arranged through an email [jmitchellwi@prodigy.net](mailto:jmitchellwi@prodigy.net). An authorized boat captain will pilot for you. The picnic shelter can be reserved by calling Don Teffer 414-659-3041. There is no trash pick-up so take those things home with you just as the parks require. The primary species are blue gills, crappie and bass. Good luck and have fun. The address for Kelly Lake is 12415 W Grange St., New Berlin



## Al's Spring Turkey Hunt

I got the opportunity to go turkey hunting this spring with Wayne Kreuger in Wausau. Wayne runs "Wheel Em In", a non-profit that puts on hunting events for people with disabilities. He started this venture more than 20 years ago from his hunting cabin and has done amazing things for Veterans and people with disabilities ever since.

I set up my hunt for the second period, and Wayne had blinds and property all set up for the hunt. We started on Wednesday morning at a blind near the Sugar Shack, heard plenty of gobbling, but no birds came in. After the noon break Wayne set up some decoys at another field where he had seen a lot of birds. When we got out there later in the afternoon one of the decoys had been knocked down by a turkey. Wayne set the decoy back up and we spent the rest of the afternoon watching deer, hens, and jakes in the field, but no toms.

Thursday morning we went back to the field and we heard gobbling all morning. We had two jakes come in to check out the decoys and they just couldn't figure out what the decoys were doing. They spent almost 20 minutes getting close to them but just couldn't decide what to do. Seven deer wandered through the field and they couldn't figure out the decoys either. Around noon we had two toms come out on the far side of the field but we couldn't get them to cross the field. We took a break for lunch and came back out at 3:30. We had just settled in when the gobbling started again. Every 20 minutes that tom would fire up several gobbles. He finally seemed to get closer but it seemed like forever until two toms stepped out onto the field again. One was gobbling and strutting and the other just seemed to be tagging along. These two toms started across the field in our direction and I got my gun up, ready to shoot when they came into range. I was looking out one of the windows when Wayne whispered to me "you are at the wrong window!". The toms had spotted the decoys and were trotting across the field towards the decoys. I switched my gun to the other window just as they came up to the decoys. They were so close together I couldn't shoot, but at the last minute they split up to attack the decoys from two directions. Bang! I dropped one of the toms but the other one just kept coming and started attacking the decoy. For the next 10 minutes this surviving tom kept attacking the decoy until he finally knocked it down. I used Wayne's phone to video tape the tom attacking the decoy, and he wouldn't leave the decoy and dead tom until we came out of the blind and chased him off. The dead tom weighed 23 lbs, and had 1-1/8 spurs and a 10-1/2 beard. Thank you Wayne for a great hunt and a wonderful story to tell. By **Allen Neu**



Al Neu poses with the 23 lb. Turkey he shot second period with Wayne Kreuger at Wheel EM IN in Wausau. Wayne has several blinds that he sets up for the many disabled hunts that he puts on. You can see the Jake decoy by the ramp to the blind, just a little worse for the wear caused by the tom attacking it. (See story above)



Picture of our booth at the Milwaukee Sports Show this year. Left to right Mike Gustin, his granddaughter Allyssa Gustin & Darrin Malacek.



Cabella's invited Adaptive Sportsmen to participate at their vendor fair. Curt Hooten, Frank Byrne & John Mitchell handed out brochures and talked with prospective volunteers. John Mitchell is shown in the picture at the booth.



Picture from the Eau Claire Sports Show booth. Ron Lewis, Randy Johnston, Gregg Edgerle & Dora Johnston (seated) and Joe Ehr.

## Booth Season

Every year we have a booth at many expos and conventions. We always have an excellent group of volunteers to inform the visitors about the great work that Adaptive Sportsmen does, to sign up new volunteers for our events, enroll land owners, and sell raffle tickets. This is always a fun time with a chance to socialize with both our fellow members and to speak with the wide variety of people who stop to check out our organization.

**We always need new volunteers to help work the booths, so please take some time to volunteer!**



John Martinson and Brad Powell man the booth at the Open Season Sportsmen Show, which was held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.



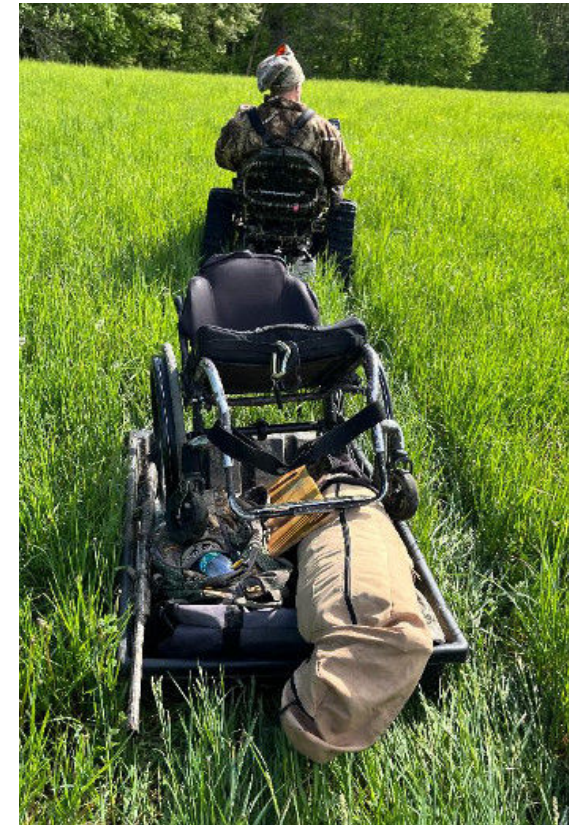
John Martinson, Brad Powell, Dan Jacoby, and Don Zurfluh work the booth at the Fishing Expo in Madison this spring.



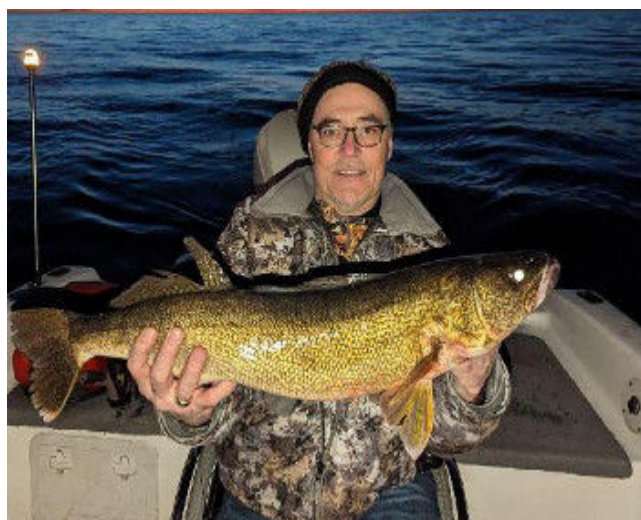


### Halter Pheasant hunt

The Halter hunt in Pleasant Prairie this March 30 started out a little wet. The volunteers use several methods to get people into the field. Upper left we have two of our members on a wide bed trailer. On the left we have Darrin Malzick strapped down on an ATV trailer. Above we have the volunteers getting ready in front of the clubhouse.



Darrin Malzick returns from his day turkey hunting at Baraboo. He is using his Trak chair to tow all of his gear.



Cal Popp did some fishing in Green Bay while he was up there during the third turkey period. He is posing here with a nice walleye he caught (above left) and the Tom turkey he shot in Door County. (above right.) BTW Cal said he didn't shoot the tail, it wasn't fanning when it came in and he was surprised by it too..



Don Zurfluh poses with the buck he shot with his crossbow this fall 2023. (See story on previous page)



Curt Hooten poses with the two hogs he shot in Iowa, (above left and above right) See the accompanying story on the previous page.