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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 <a href="mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org">aneu@adaptivesportsman.org</a>

#### **Volunteer Spotlight**

**Rick Ammons** has been a steady supporter of the turkey and deer hunting activities of the Adaptive Sportsman for a long time. An engineer at Bucyrus, Rick has been a friend and mentor to the turkey hunters at Baraboo, teaching several people to call turkeys and always has been ready to guide when the time comes. I don't know why his wife puts up with him, but I say "Thank You" and I hope to see him and his wife at the Pig Roast again this year.

#### **Member Spotlight**

The future Mr & Mrs James Cullen practiced archery at the Wildwood indoor winter shoot March 24 in Union Grove, WI. See the story and pictures about the event in this newsletter

#### October 2007 ATV Raffle

We are raffling off another ATV and Trailer for our fundraiser this year. Les Werner is the point man, so if you want to help out you should contact him asap. If you want to find out how YOU can have a chance to win a muzzle loader by helping with the raffle call Les Werner at 608-513-4312.

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

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## 2007 Annual Board Meeting

At our annual meeting Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> Glenn Howell was added to our board of directors. Glenn is from Chippewa Falls and has attended the Baraboo hunt and been active as the captain of our booth at the Northern Deer Classic in Eau Claire. Larry Drake from Tigerton and organizer of our Clintonville hunt has become our first Vice-President. John Martinson from Rio and organizer of our fishery has become the second Vice-President.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

May 30- June 3......ATV Ride in Mercer - A fun ride in the great north woods for disabled and able bodied riders alike. The fee of \$20 per person includes lodging and food for four days and three nights at the scenic Pine Forest Resort just outside of Mercer Wisconsin. We have all kinds of riders and skill levels, from ex motocross racers to new riders just getting started. There will be a fast group, a slow group, and a walking pace group, to provide the right type of northwoods experience for all types of riders. .... Contact Al Neu at aneu@adaptivesportsman.org or 414-617-4870 for more information or click here for an application form.

**June 24......Madison Fishery** at Feney Park on Madison's lakes Mendota and Menona - Pontoon boats and bass boats are available to accommodate all types of fishermen (and women) Contact John Martinson for information at 608-846-4818

**July 7......Horicon 3-D Archery Tournament** hosted by the Horicon Bowmen. A great chance to get some practice or try out new equipment before the fall hunting season. Prizes and trophies and a dinner after the shoot highlight the day. Contact Jeff Miller for more information at 920-485-2387

**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

**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 <u>click here</u> 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, <u>click here</u> for an application or contact Larry Drake at 715-535-2697 for more information.

### Other Hunting or Fishing Opportunities

Accessible fishing spots and target shooting facilities are listed on our Web site. <a href="www.adaptivesportsman.org">www.adaptivesportsman.org</a> 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

**Howard Wohlgefahrt** helps to run the local Chapter for the NWTF. They donated \$250 to help out with the disabled pheasant hunt. Howard also mentioned they have a "**Wheeling Sportsmen**" membership program for disabled hunters. There's no cost to the disabled hunter to sign up and they get a magazine, hat, and decal, just like a regular member. If anyone is interested contact Howard at 262-878-3158.

### So what do you do in Retirement?

The day is always brighter when **Les Werner** is around. He said his first year of retirement contained a Canadian fishing trip, a trip to Wyoming for a pronghorn antelope and Wisconsin hunts for deer, pheasants and turkeys. This year his first grandchild arrives. Les is our coordinator for the ATV raffle Adaptive Sportsmen is conducting. **If you want to find out how YOU can have a chance to win a muzzle loader by helping with the raffle call him at 608-513-4312**.



John Martinson prepares to shoot



**David Schieble** gets ready to shoot using the new gun and bow holder purchased with money donated by the NRA



Joe Bilansky shows off his crossbow

## Wildwood Archery 3-D shoot March 24<sup>th</sup>

The 4th Annual 3-D Archery shoot was held at Wildwood Archery Center on March 24th. We had a good turnout and a challenging course of 24 3-D targets nestled among trees and fences, with a perfect score of 240. The top shooters were: Disabled archers: Walter Joost – 232, Al Neu – 213, John Mitchell – 198, Joe Belinsky – 197, Abled bodied archers: Chet Brunz – 238, Mark Seeley – 232, Antone Roszince – 228, Jason Stozel – 217 We would like to thank Rock'n Robyn's and Web's Wildwood Archery Center for hosting our fund raiser. Also a big thank you to Don Boelter and Jim Caminitti from the pro shop. And of course our volunteers Peggy Chevaleau, Laurie and Dan Wolff and Mary Mitchell. Thank you to our three Oak Creek High School girls, Amy Gojewski, Sammi Zake and Alexis Wolff who served lunch which included Venison BBQ donated by Sherry Nielsen, Tuna Mac salad from Mary along with hot turkey sandwiches and fix'ns. Thank you again to all that participated and to the volunteers for their time. Dottie Dirksen



Charlie Ande gets ready to go out shooting at Halter



John Martinson shoots down a bird at Halter



Harley Kurtz shows off the birds he shot at Halter

## **Disabled Pheasant Hunt.**

Fantastic does not adequately describe the great time we had on the pheasant hunt at the Halter Wildlife Area in Kenosha County. **Joel Chic** and **Dale Hochhausen** did a great job making the arrangements and finding this location. Lunch before the hunt was catered by Steve's. Pheasant with mushrooms was a special feature along with wild rice, rolls and salad. Volunteers also brought dishes prepared from elk and bear. We had 13 hunters participate. The weather was beautiful and volunteers complimented the marksmanship display. The bird cleaning crew lost count at 45 birds and estimate over 50 were taken and cleaned. Thanks to all of our sponsors which included **Artisan Taxidermy**, **Wings over Wisconsin**, **Solofora Plumbing**, **Land Mark Title**, **Postocka**, **Swenson's Pheasants**, **Rice Farms** and the **Root River Longbeards NWTF**. Over 30 volunteers were on hand with over a dozen dogs. Names are to numerous to list but thanks to all of you from the dog handlers to the kitchen crew and everyone in between. **John Burke** invited us back to Halter for next year too.



The future Mr. and Mrs Jim Cullen pose for us at the Wildwood Archery Center March 24<sup>th</sup>. We don't have a date from them yet, but from all of us at Adaptive Sportsman, we wish Jim and Ashley the best in what life has to offer. Good luck and best wishes from all of us!

# **Request For Letters of Support**

We have an opportunity to ask the Wisconsin DNR to purchase a parcel of land from Plum Creek Timber Company to be used for disabled hunting. The parcel is located in Clark County, several miles from Dale Petkovsek's Sunset Pines Resort in Greenwood.

This is a preliminary request, to ask the DNR to consider the purchase of the land in order to use it in the best interests of the general public, and also to provide a piece of property dedicated to hunting for the disabled population.

Please send your letters and comments to;
Dale Petkovsek c/o Dale's Northmound
W8902 Rock Creek Road
Willard, Wi 54493-9016

Email at <u>aneu@adaptivesportsmen.org</u> or call me at 414-617-4870 for more information. Al Neu



The 2007 Deer and Turkey Expo with Les Werner, the guy who can sell ice in iceland, once again came through with all his hard work to have a record sales event for raffle tickets! But more important we signed up a bunch more members and reached out to sponsor's and great people to help in our mission of providing recreational opportunities for physically challenged people! I want to thank Les Werner, Bruce Gerhke, John Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Dottie Dirksen, Charlie Ande, Brian Graham, Garth Harris and my dog sitter Duane Johnson. The booth looked very professional with the great back board that Mike Gustin built and a slide show put together by Al Neu. We had a lot of fun and having hot sandwiches from the slow cooker with all the water you could drink made the time fly by. The highlight of the show to me was when 10 year old **Randi Williams** and her dad stopped by the booth with an emergency issue of not having a crossbow that she was strong enough to pull the trigger with, Mary Mitchell made a quick call to John Mitchell and he was able to bring youth crossbow to show the next day to deliver a crossbow to her dad so Randi could go to the Youth Turkey Hunt this spring. Take care, John Martinson

## In Memory

Adam Zimmerman and Mike Vold, supporters of Adaptive Sportsmen as volunteers and sponsors recently passed away. They will be missed and not forgotten.

### **Help Contacting Members**

The newsletters for **Mark Testmeier**, **Donald Peterson** and **Jimmy Walz** have been returned without a forwarding address. Their phone numbers no longer work. We hope they are doing fine. Please call **Mary Mitchell** at (414) 916-2298 if you have any information.

# Milwaukee Sport Show

The 2007 Milwaukee Sport Show was a great success. We signed up new members, distributed information on the Adaptive Sportsmen activities and sold more raffle tickets than last year. I would like to thank all of you for your help. I will try to list all the names and if I missed somebody please accept my apology. Joe Bilansky, John Mitchell, Ken Thompson, Larry Geike, Garth Harris, Tom Gerstman, Ron Anderson, Les Werner John Martinsen, Charles Lohr, Bob Ruth, Al Neu, Mike Little, Pat Buhr, Mary Mitchell, Nancy Fleischhacker, Curtis Fleischhacker, Bette Koch, & Lynn Ruth. The booth looked very professional and we can be proud of Mike Gustin who designed and built it. Mike Little made my job a lot easier as he provided the names of the people who worked last year. I had a great time working with all of you and in the process got to talk and meet great people. The 2008 show will be 5 days from Wednesday through Sunday. Thanks again for your help, Bill Koch

Mike Davis has asked if he could put together a waterfowl hunt for a disabled kid during the youth waterfowl season, September 15 and 16. (Dates will be finalized in mid August). They are offering this hunt to a disabled kid (12-15) and his/her guardian. This will be a fully guided hunt offered at no charge to the youth or his/her guardian. I will supply breakfast and lunch, and a ride to and from the blind and my calling skills. If for some reason this hunt seems too risky, or if this youth hunter feels he/she would rather do a goose hunt in a field, I would be open to that as well. Contact Al Neu at <a href="mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsmen.org">aneu@adaptivesportsmen.org</a> or 414-617-4870 for information or to sign up.