

# ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN INC

Adaptive Sportsmen Inc 8727 Coldspring Rd. Greenfield, WI 53228

**"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

## FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for all of your letters and email, I will try to get the majority of the information into these newsletters. I may have to edit some of them but I hope to keep the important details. Feel free to contact me to update any events that you have and we look forward to hearing from all of our readers. Also, indicate any events and info that you would like included in our web page, which you can check out at [www.adaptivesportsman.org](http://www.adaptivesportsman.org)

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New logo for Adaptive Sportsmen Inc

## ANNUAL BANQUET MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

Mark your calendars for May 6<sup>th</sup>, when we will be having our annual banquet. This is a great opportunity for us to thank all of the wonderful people who help make the events of Adaptive Sportsmen turn out so well.

Contact Rick Schafer for information 262-966-7058 or check out the website at [www.adaptivesportsman.org](http://www.adaptivesportsman.org)

We always need donations for door prizes and fund raising raffles, so let us know if your friends, neighbors or co-workers can help out.

Sign up a table (8 people) and be eligible for the table captain raffle and other prizes.

January 31, 2004 the Adaptive Sportsmen's board met at Camp Grey in Baraboo. Some of the items discussed were;

- Our new logo was designed, (see left). Congratulations to the members who have come up with an excellent logo.
- Garth Harris ([birchrock\\_apartments@yahoo.com](mailto:birchrock_apartments@yahoo.com)) volunteered to be our Adaptive equipment coordinator. An Adaptive Equipment Committee was formed to examine possible purchases of equipment by Adaptive Sportsmen to be used by our members. Examples of modifications for Adaptive equipment that you have already completed would be needed so that we can help others. The Adaptive equipment that we have seen ranges from inexpensive PVC pipe units to expensive manufactured technology. Since we have activities and members throughout Wisconsin we will also need volunteers throughout the state to help physically challenged people with modifications to help them use their choice of equipment.
- Our first request for assistance came in today from another board member that is trying to help someone. We need to make something for an individual that uses a wheelchair and has the use of one arm. The goal is to go turkey hunting with a shotgun. Please send pictures, drawings of equipment, or other contact information you have so that we can help others.
- The 3D tournaments we participate in are an excellent time to make or adjust the adaptations. Our next 3D tournament is scheduled for Saturday March 6th at Lori G's Wildwood Archery in Union Grove. Please join us and please pass this information on to others you know.
- A **membership drive** was set up. An **ELK HUNT for a bull elk** was donated by Jeff and Terri Fritz of Elk Valley Ranch in Osseo, WI. All Adaptive Sportsmen members are automatically entered in a drawing for this hunt. In addition, any member will receive an extra entry to the drawing for each two new members they sign up. So get out and sign up those new members to increase your chances to participate in this excellent hunting opportunity. Also, any members that participate in the 3-D shoots or work a booth at one of the fund raising events will receive an additional entry to the drawing.
- Free one-year associate memberships for any person coming out of spinal rehab or physical therapy was approved. We would like to welcome all newly injured people into our organization and insure that they are aware of the opportunities available to all physically challenged people
- Other items discussed were the Baraboo hunt in October, the ATV ride in June, and the ATV raffle.

**COMING SOON;** A new section in the newsletter for selling, buying or donating new or used equipment. Contact [aneu@adaptivesportsman.org](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org) for info

**ATV RIDE IN JUNE** Call, write, or email us for the application form for the ATV ride in Mercer this June 3-6. We are only signing up 25 disabled riders, so sign up early to be sure of you spot. The cost is \$25 for members and it promises to be a lot of fun. [aneu@adaptivesportsman.org](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org)

## Thank You

**Case Archers** of Racine, founded in 1978 by workers at the former J.I. Case Company, has made a generous donation to the Adaptive Sportsmen. We would like to thank them for their donation and acknowledge their efforts to promote hunting in Wisconsin.

Thank you to Aaron Cyerniak, Billy Paulson, Diane Borgwardt and John Mitchell for their fundraising efforts Thursday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at the **New Berlin Whitetails Unlimited Banquet** organized by Jerry Briske. Each of these members earned another point for the physically challenged hunter Elk Hunt Opportunity in the Adaptive Sportsmen membership drive.

Betty Fisher and the following list of volunteers helped to set up and work a booth at the **Deer Classic in Eau Claire**, Feb. 6-8. Don Rydzik and his two sons (Roby & Scott), Randy Rydzik and Dick and Betty Fischer, Paul Fischer, Mark and Brandon Guy, Lynn Krueger, Al Bey and son Brandon Bey, Duane Johnson, Jim Johnson, Greg and Dean Borghwardt, Bernie Pagenhoph, and Dale Petkovsek. Additional ATV Raffle ticket sellers were Dean Chappel, Greg Symons, Francis Manning, Eugene Moe, William Carter, Frank Reinart, John Mitchell, Jim Hostrawser, Darryl Nelson, and Jan's Place of Alma Center. Donations for raffle prizes were made by Sandy Anderson, Gander Mountain, Scheel's All Sports in Eau Claire, Dale's Sunset Pines Resort, Mathews Inc., Wal Mart -Black River Falls, Duane Johnson, Linda Rydzik, Quality Powder Coating Inc., Gary Horky, Isakson's True Value, Dick Fischer, and Jane Dettmann.

Don Kender paid for a booth at the **Muskie Expo in Milwaukee** Feb 6-8, and Larry Geike, Don Patton and Ken Thompson worked the Booth selling ATV Raffle tickets and signing up new members.

John Martenson, Les Werner, Leslie Laabs and Allen Neu worked a booth in Madison at the **Safari Club International (Badgerland Chapter) Banquet** on Feb. 6-8. The booth was donated by the Safari Club, and the volunteers sold ATV tickets and signed up several new members.

The Adaptive Sportsmen would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted with the shotgun hunt at the BAAP October 10th-12th, 2003. These guides helped physically challenged hunters who have an opportunity to hunt in an area with some very nice bucks. Volunteers that gave up their own hunting time include; Ronnie Firkus, Glen Wood, John Balfans, Allan Mulligan, Bruce & Deb Solmon, Lee Thomas, Joe Murphy, Lowell Boetcher, Bill Stuber, Garth Harris and Mike Kelly.

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



We have several youngsters that have volunteered their time for the Baraboo hunt as daytime baby sitters, including Mara Borgwardt, Keaton Grene & Katie Borgwardt (shown above with Hailey Richardson). Other young volunteers have also helped in the field. If you know of a young person that needs to do some service hours for school or a youth program we would be glad to help.



Alex Weinke (left) helps Jim Dekay display the buck he shot this year at the Badger Army Ammo Plant hunt in Baraboo. Tim Weinke, Alex's dad, helped Jim with this hunt



Les Werner (above left), a disable member of Adaptive Sportsmen, and his brother Frank display the turkeys they shot this spring.

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## CALENDER OF EVENTS

### ADAPTIVE SPORTSMEN

INFO ON ALL OF THE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE  
WEB SITE [www.adaptivesportsman.org](http://www.adaptivesportsman.org)

- March 6 3D Tournament**  
Lori G's Wildwood Archery in Union Grove.  
Contact Dottie Dirksen (262) 886-3078
- March 12-21 Milwaukee Sport Show.**  
Contact Mike Little (414) 545-9738
- March 24 West Allis Bowmen Banquet**  
Contact Brian Graham at 262-637-5168
- April 2-4 Deer & Turkey Expo in Madison.**  
Contact John Mitchell (414) 541-4505
- May 6 Adaptive Sportsman Annual Banquet.**  
Contact Rick Schaefer (262) 966-7058
- June 3-6 ATV ride in Mercer**  
Contact Al Neu [aneu@adaptivesportsman.org](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org)
- June 19 3D Tournament in Horicon  
Horicon Marsh Bowmen.**  
Contact Jeff Miller (920) 485-2387
- August 14-15 3D Tournament in Verona  
Blackhawk Archers**  
Contact Les Werner (608) 845-8296
- Oct. 1- 3, 2004 Whitetail Deer Hunt in Baraboo.**  
Contact John Mitchell 414-541-4505
- Oct 8-10 and 15-17 Clintonville Area Bow Hunt**  
Contact Larry Drake at (715) 535-2697 or  
[larryd@adaptivesportsmen.org](mailto:larryd@adaptivesportsmen.org)

### OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- June 12 Fishing Event for the Disabled**  
The Dunn County Sportsmen Alliance is a group that provides fishing and hunting opportunities for people with disabilities.  
Contact Mary Butler at [mbutler@co.dunn.wi.us](mailto:mbutler@co.dunn.wi.us)
- Challenge the Outdoors**, (920) 833-6274, has the following events;  
**Feb 21** Shawano Lake Ice Fishing  
**April 3** Sporting Clays Fundraiser  
**May 15-16** Turkey Hunt in Marion, WI. The 2004 hunt is full but you are welcome to apply for next year  
**June 5** Picnic and Fishery on Shawano Lake, located in Cecil, WI  
**October 2 – 10** Early Gun Deer Hunt. Must apply by August 30th.  
**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.
- September** if you want to do a 2004 Wyoming antelope hunt check out Physically Challenged Bowhunters of America at [www.pcba-inc.org](http://www.pcba-inc.org)
- May 14-15** Ohio Wheelchair Games email [owg@ohwcsports.org](mailto:owg@ohwcsports.org) or check out <http://ohwcsports.org/OhioWheelchairGames.htm> Wheelchair Competition in Field Events, Shooting, Swimming, Archery, Track, and Weightlifting.

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We are looking for people to help organize or work in the following events for the coming year. Spring Turkey Hunts, spring and summer fishing events or tournaments, an ATV ride in the early summer, fall deer hunting, 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](mailto:aneu@adaptivesportsman.org)

#### ADAPTIVE SPORTSMAN INC. BOARD MEMBERS

Dottie Dirksen	(262) 886-3078	John Mitchell (Pres)	(414) 541-4505
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Garth Harris	(262) 363-8818	Mary Mitchell (Tres)	(414) 541-4505
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#### Adaptive Sportsman Membership Card

Include \$ 10 membership fee Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen	<b>Expiration Date 12/31/2004</b>	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 _____		

#### NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, ETC.

Check the website or write us for reprints of newspaper articles written about our organization and members including;

- The article written by Joe Knight of the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram about Dick Fisher and Adaptive Sportsmen. Dick Fisher describes the formation of Adaptive Sportsmen, the Fund Raiser in Eau Claire, and his personal efforts to overcome his disability and to continue enjoying a full hunting experience.
- The article written by Paul Smith for the Racine Journal Times about the Case Archery Club's donation to Adaptive Sportsmen. (Link) [http://www.journaltimes.com/articles/2004/02/22/local\\_sports/outdoors/iq\\_2719256.txt](http://www.journaltimes.com/articles/2004/02/22/local_sports/outdoors/iq_2719256.txt)
- The article written by Dan Durbin in Wisconsin Outdoor News (5/21/99) about Turkey hunting regulations for disabled hunters. The Wisconsin DNR set up a permit process for holders of class A or C licenses that insures disabled hunters the zone and times they want. This allows disabled turkey hunters to work with individual landowners to set up hunting areas that are accessible, without the uncertainty of the normal permit process. Wayne Hollings, an Adaptive Sportsmen member, explains in the article some of the reasons the DNR had to set up the permit system.

Check the DNR site for information (link) <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/HUNT/turkey/disabl.htm>



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