# Welcome to Challenge The Outdoors! www.ctoforme.org

#### November 2016 President's Message - Carl Gierke:

Well, 2016 is winding down and it's a good time to reflect on what CTO has accomplished this year. Thanks to your help, we've provided countless hours of recreation, fellowship, and fun for so many people. Chasing Rainbows, Shawano Lake fishing, Lake Michigan outing, shooting events, the annual Deer Hunt, Pheasant Hunts, in addition to other events like Auto Racing, the Timber Rattlers game, and our banquet and Christmas party, are just a few of the events CTO sponsors. These events don't happen without a dedicated bunch of people pitching in and we thank all those who helped and participated.

There are too many people to thank individually, but I certainly want to thank Jim and Rita Adamovich for serving as President and First Lady of CTO for the past three years. Their hard work has made a lot of things happen for CTO and its members and they continue to spend countless hours helping out. Give them a "Thank You" the next time you see them. Our event coordinators, board members, and all our volunteers do such a great job and it seems whenever there is a need for something, someone steps up to the plate. Providing Andrew Atnip the opportunity to go bear hunting this year is a great example of how several CTO members pitched in on short notice to enable him to hunt. Congratulations Andrew on your first bear!

As we approach the holidays, it's also a reminder to be thankful for what we have and what we can do, a spirit that can be seen in CTO and its members every day. The Christmas spirit of giving, sharing and making other people's lives a little better is so well represented in our organization – it's what we're all about.

Thanks to all of you for making it a great year! Here's hoping you have a great holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in 2017.

#### Past Member Dedication – Jim Adamovich: CTO recognized and thanked the following members:

- Larry Zander: A special bench in memory of Larry Zander was presented to his wife and family at the Pheasant Hunt on October 23rd at J&H game Farm. Larry provided support and assistance to CTO with many events and activities.
- **Jean Chapman**: A memorial plaque was presented to her husband, Harland Chapman and his family, at the Annual CTO Banquet. Jean worked hard and dedicated many years of service to CTO.

#### **End of Summer Outing at Outagamie Conservation Club, Saturday, September 17th 2016 – Jim Adamovich:**

This year we were grateful for a nice sunny day, attendance by 40 CTO members and the assistance provided by six members of the Outagamie Conservation Club. Some of us enjoyed fishing, pistol shooting, trap shooting and the best was just visiting with one another and enjoying a great day in the outdoors. Brats, hot dogs, hamburgers were enjoyed plus the many dishes to pass that everyone brought. We are planning to do this again next year and we hope to have even more members join us.

### CTO Annual "Shoot till You Drop" -- Jim Adamovich:

This event took place on September 20<sup>th</sup> at J&H Game Farm. We had great weather and the fish was wonderful thanks to Steve, Lee and Jeff. Thanks everyone who brought a dish to pass. We had fifteen people that enjoy a great day of

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shooting till you drop. Some shot sporting clays, 5-stand or skeet. Heard a few stories of why a shot was missed but in all it was a fun day. We would like to thank J&H for their constant support and help provided to CTO members. all the help they provide to CTO for Challenge the Outdoors.

#### October Disabled Deer Hunt —Carl Gierke:

Back in 1998, CTO sponsored its first outdoor event – a deer hunt for disabled hunters - an outing which has annually been one of its biggest. This year's hunt, which ran from October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>, was no exception. A huge group of people including hunters, volunteers, and landowners packed the Lessor Town Hall near Landstad on October 1<sup>st</sup> to take part in some food and fun. Our meeting technically started at 10am, but long before that people were attacking tables full of food and swapping a few hunting stories, some of which may have even been true.

Before the food coma set in, we interrupted breakfast to make some introductions and cover the guidelines for the hunt to make sure everyone knew where they were hunting, who their contacts were, new DNR regulations, safety rules, and other information relevant to the hunt. After the briefing, and in some cases a few more pieces of pie, hunters were welcome to head out to their hunting blinds which had been placed by CTO volunteers a few days earlier. Saturday was a little rainy in the morning, but it didn't dampen the hunter's spirits as they hit the woods. We met again on Sunday morning for breakfast, but because orientation was completed on Saturday and hunters were out in the woods early Sunday, the crowd was considerably smaller.

This year, 34 people signed up for the hunt and although not all that signed up hunted, the hunt went well overall. Ten hunters bagged deer over the course of the week, including eight does and two bucks. As far as we know, no deer were wounded, which is a complement to our hunters for taking good shots and knowing their limits. There were 20 different properties that were enrolled in the hunt and we can't thank the landowners enough for their generosity – without them we couldn't pull this off! Hunter's, if you haven't already, send a card or call and say thanks to the landowner for providing you with an opportunity to hunt.

Some of the highlights of the hunt included Bob Schuh shooting a deer (see Bob's article in this newsletter, which he initially wrote for the Manitowoc Lakeshore Chronicle), and a young hunter named Nick McNeill, who travelled all the way from Florida with his mom to take part in the hunt. Nick hunted hard and used our newly-equipped hunting trailer several days. Unfortunately, he didn't shoot a deer, but he sure gave it a great effort. Hey - sometimes the hunters win, sometimes the deer win.

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of people volunteering a lot of time to make a hunt like this happen and a big THANK YOU goes out to all who participated and all who helped. Special thanks to coordinator Pat Nieuwenhuis for his work setting up the hunt and contacting, hunters, landowners, DNR personnel, and volunteers. It's difficult to thank everyone by name for fear of leaving anyone out, but you know who you are and your help is so very much appreciated. There were CTO members and teams that repaired and put out hunting tents, assisted hunters, and bought and prepared mountains of food (yes, ladies and gents – you did your usual amazing job of making sure we were all stuffed). We also had some new volunteers, including a young Eagle Scout named Paiton Thibodeau and a gentleman named Tom Krsnich, who offered the services of his deer tracking dog. Overall, it was a great team effort!

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this year's hunt a great success. If you have suggestions for CTO's deer hunt or know of someone who might offer their services or land for future hunts, please let Pat or me know. We'd like to continue to provide additional opportunities for hunters and keep this great tradition going. We hope to see you again at next year's hunt or an upcoming CTO event.

We have also included a copy of the recent article written and published by Bob Schuh on his experience with his brother at this year's CTO deer hunt.

# Scoping The Great Outdoors -- Bob Schuh:

Saturday, Oct. 1 was the start of Wisconsin's deer hunt for disabled persons. It is a full nine-day season that always starts the first Saturday in Oct. CTO sponsors and provides the opportunity for a group of disabled outdoors persons to participate in these deer hunts. Landowners need to have their properties signed up in Aug. to make their land eligible for the hunt. My brother, Rick Schuh, and I took off Saturday morning for the Lesser Town Hall which is south of Bonduel, WI. CTO feeds all the hunters, landowners, and helpers a great brunch in which they had enough food to feed an army. During this time, hunters get to meet their helpers and landowners if they don't already know them. After the brunch, we had a short meeting to make sure everyone was on the same page and that all DNR rules were followed. Rick and I got into our stand which was elevated approximately eight feet complete with a roof. That was great because about ten minutes after entering the stand it started to rain and it continued for the next 3 ½ hours. When the rain stopped the birds started singing and soon a squirrel came through carrying a cob of corn. The wildlife was starting to move and within a half hour we had a doe and her fawn come through. No shot but in 15 more minutes they went back the way they came in but still no shot. Rick told me they should come out right by a group of pines and not long after that they did just that. This time they had another adult doe with them. One of the does' kind of knew something was up and kept looking our way but not picking us out. During that time, I was very slowly leveling my rifle. When I had it shouldered the doe was 30 yards in front of us with my crosshairs on her shoulder. My Savage 30.06 bucked hard and the doe only went a short distance before tipping over for good. A perfect heart shot made the job quick. Field dressing went well and the deer was loaded into my truck with plenty of light left. Up the road another shot rang out and that hunter also took a doe. With the warm weather, the work wasn't over. We still had to drive home, breakdown the deer, get it on ice, and then complete the final cutting on Sunday morning. Thanks to CTO and the landowner for a great experience. CTO provides many hunting, fishing, sport shooting, and other outdoor events for their members. Check them out at www.ctoforme.org.

<u>Fall PHEASANT HUNT-- Jim Adamovich:</u> It was nice cool fall day at J&H Game Farm that was attended by fifteen hunters and fourteen helpers. Once again, CTO members had a great meal prepared by J&H and was enjoyed by all. We'd like to say a special thank you to the following:

- John Krumrey;
- John Graham and his dog;
- Carl Gierke and his dog Nellie;
- Bob Day for his golf cart;
- The Navareno Nature Center for providing their ATV to be used by helpers during the hunt; and
- John Kempen for donating shells for 12 and 20 gauges.

The hunters were all able to shoot two pheasants a piece. One hunter said "Why do they fly so fast" when he missed one. Mark March 4, 2017 on your calendar for the Spring Pheasant Hunt During this event, CTO dedicated a bench to the family of Larry Zander for his many years of service to the organization. The Zander family requested this this bench be placed on the rabbit sporting clay stand. Larry had a hard time getting the rabbits but also his granddaughter beat him on that stand.

Contact information is: Jim Adamovich E-mail: jimrita0208@yahoo.com or 920-722-2090.

#### <u>List of Upcoming Board of Director Meetings -- Judy Paluch:</u>

Tentatively, all of the Board of Director's Meetings will be taking place on the **Third Tuesday** of each month. This will be voted on for confirmation at the next meeting. If you plan on attending a meeting, please call in advance in case of any meeting location changes.

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Good Will at 907 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah, WI 54956, 920-558-4507

November 15 at 6:00 p.m. December 20 at 6:00 p.m. January 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**Muehl Library** at 436 N. Main Street, Seymour, WI 54165 920-833-2725

February 21 at 6:00 p.m. March 21 at 6:00 p.m. April 18 at 6:00 p.m. May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Highlights of the Board of Directors Meetings -- Judy Paluch:**

- The September meeting was the first Board of Directors' meeting presided over by our new president, Carl Gierke. He gave us a short introduction and his ideas for CTO in the upcoming year.
- Our new banner, which will be put on the side of the barn at J&H Game Farm, is all done and ready to be put up. It will let everyone know about us.
- Tim Gorecki donated a Black Bear Hunting Tag to CTO for one of our disabled members to use. Andrew Atnip was the lucky hunter. He shot a 195-pound Black Bear at 3:30 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon in September. They hired a Hunting Guide to help them with the hunt.
- The Fish and Wildlife Refuge in the Horicon area has hunting areas open for <u>disabled</u> persons. You must have your own helper, but the blinds are there for your use. You have to make arrangements with them. If you are interested for next year, **go online to this address**-<a href="https://www.fws.gov/refuge/horicon/">https://www.fws.gov/refuge/horicon/</a> or call our office and we can get the information for you. Our office number is: 920-593-6300.
- There were six tickets left from people who didn't show up at the game or call so that we could fill the tickets CTO purchased. Peter offered the tickets (but no meal) on the chat group, and Mark Baehr went to a game. He said it was great except the game went into the 13<sup>th</sup> inning and he didn't know who won because he left at 11:00 p.m. Please note that CTO buys these tickets ahead of time in order to get the best seats and food in the special eating area. No-shows cause us to lose money even if someone uses the ticket at a later time.

#### **Calendar of Events for 2016:**

Month:	Date:	Time:	Event/Location	<b>:</b>	Contact:	
November	15	6PM	Board Meeting,	Goodwill, Neenah	Carl	
	8	11:00	Tuesday Shoot	@ J&H Game Farm	Jim Adamovich	
December	20	11:00AM	Board Meeting,	, Goodwill	Carl	
	13	6:00 PM	Shoot till you Drop @ J&H Game Farm		Jim Adamovich	
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Contact Phone Numbers:			Car	Carl Gierke 920-986-3272		
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Month:	Date:	Time:	Event/Location:	Contact:
January	10	11AM	Tuesday Shoot, J&H Game Farm,	Jim
			Navarino	
	17	6PM	Board Meeting- Goodwill, Neenah	Carl
February	14	11AM	Tuesday Shoot, J&H Game Farm,	Jim
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	18	11AM-4PM	Holiday Party, Clintonville Lanes	Judy
	21	6PM	Board Meeting, Muehl Library, Seymour	Carl
March	4	ТВА	Spring Pheasant Hunt, J&H Game Farm,	Jim
	14	11AM	Navarino Tuesday Shoot, J&H Game Farm,	Jim
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	21	6PM	Board Meeting, Muehl Library, Seymour	Carl
April	1	TBA	Annual Fund Raiser, J&H Game Farm,	Carl, Rita, Karen
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	11	11AM	Tuesday Shoot, J&H Game Farm,	Jim
			Navarino	
	18	6PM	Board Meeting, Muehl Library, Seymour	Carl
	TBA	TBA	Archery Shoot, R&B Black Creek	Brian
May	9	11AM	Tuesday Shoot, J&H Game Farm,	Jim
			Navarino	
	16	6PM	Board Meeting, Muehl Library, Seymour	Carl
	19-21	TBA	Turkey Hunt, Camp Christus, Clintonville	Cliff
June	3	TBA	Shawano Lake Fishing	Carl
	10	ТВА	Chasing Rainbows, Wilderness Trout	Cliff
	13	11AM	Pond, Northport Tuesday Shoot, J&H Game Farm,	Jim
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	20	6PM	Board meeting , TBA	Carl
July	11	11AM	Tuesday Shoot, J&H Game Farm,	Jim
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	ТВА	TBA	Lake Michigan Fishing	ТВА
	20	6PM	Board Meeting, TBA	Carl
	22	TBA	Annual Membership Banquet	Karen, Rita
August	8	11AM	Tuesday Shoot, J&H Game Farm,	JIM
			Navarino	
	15	6PM	Board Meeting	Carl
	19	TBA	Chasing Rainbows, Wilderness Trout	Cliff
			Pond, Northport	
	TBA	TBA	Night At The Races, Kaukauna	Jim
September	9	TBA	Youth and Ladies Day, J&H Game Farm,	J&H Game Farm
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			Summer Get Together, Hortonville			
	19 6PM Board Meeting, TBA		Board Meeting, TBA	Carl		
	19	19 TBA Shoot Till You Drop, J&H Game Farm,		Jim		
			Navarino			
October	7-15	10AM	Disabled Deer Hunt, Town of Lessor Hall	Pat		
	17	6PM	Board Meeting, TBA	Carl		
	22	TBA	Fall Pheasant Hunt, J&H Game Farm,	Jim		
			Navarino			
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Judy Paluch 920-336-1934			Cliff Pheifer 715-412-1772	Cliff Pheifer 715-412-1772		
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<u>CTO Annual Holiday Party-Judy Paluch:</u> This year's party will be held at Clintonville Lanes in Clintonville on February 18, 2017 at 11:00 AM when the doors open. We plan to have lunch at 12:00 PM. Everyone who plans to attend should bring a dish to pass. We hope to provide a delicious buffet of homemade food in addition to what CTO provides. We also request that each person who attends brings a non-perishable item to donate to the local food pantry. This donation is optional. Here is the address for this event:

J&H Game farm 715-758-8134

CLINTONVILLE LANES 250 CTY HWY I CLINTONVILLE, WI 54929 11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Karen Baehr 920-766-9218

Pat Nieuwenhuis 920-687-8707

For specific directions, please check the map on the Challenge the Outdoors calendar page at www.ctoforme.org

#### CTO AWARDS PROGRAM-From JULY 1, 2016 thru JUNE 30, 2017 – Peter Lathrop:

The 11th Annual Awards will be given out at the 2017 CTO annual banquet in the summer. Time frame to submit an entry for an award is from July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017.

#### **Procedures, Rules and Details:**

All the categories (Except Volunteer of the Year Able-bodied) entrants must have been a CTO DISABLED member before submitting an entry. The definition of a disabled member should meet at least 1 of the following requirements:

- 1. Have a Class A, B, or C hunting permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- 2. Have a disabled fishing license from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- 3. Other individuals can become qualified on a case-by-case basis. Contact Awards Administrator if you are not sure your disability qualifies.

The CTO Board of Directors shall appoint a CTO member as "Awards Administrator". In this capacity, this person will oversee tiebreakers, choose award winners in the "Honor" categories and otherwise administer this program. Send entries to the award categories to Award Administrator Peter Lathrop, either at plcaravan@yahoo.com or E9649 Pine

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Tree Lane, New London, WI 54961. Phone 920-982-4288. Feel free to ask questions.

A CTO disabled member can only win 1 of the hunting, fishing, or shooting categories in any one year. Enter as many categories as possible so you have a better chance at winning. Always include the date that the activity was completed; and whether you were on your own, or during a CTO sponsored group event.

A CTO disabled member can only win a Biggest Challenge Overcome Outside Award and a Deep Doo-doo Award twice, and Volunteer of the Year Award once for the life of this Awards Program.

A CTO able-bodied member can only win a Volunteer of the Year Award once for the life of this Awards Program.

Winners in these Honor categories might have their stories and photos published on our website and other publicity tools as are feasible. The winners might be notified of their Honors a few days before the banquet so they can prepare a brief presentation to the banquet attendees. The reason for this is to strive to show the group what a "real" winner does to gain such high recognition and provide inspiration for others to reach for similar achievements.

Volunteers and others will be encouraged to remind or make entries for disabled members with or without the member's knowledge. For example, boat captains on the Shawano Lake fishery will be advised to measure fish that might be award eligible.

All of the award winners in the categories below will receive a gift card for a retail store and a certificate for display.

#### **Award Categories:**

**Biggest Challenge Overcome Outside**: One year, a CTO member overcame his quadriplegia to hunt turkeys on his own. He set and reset his blind to get the best spot; he got in the blind and set up and after several exciting close calls was able to bag a turkey. Try and top that one to win. A person can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else. Past Winners include Mark Baehr, Steve Lang (twice), & James Luedke. Award = \$75 gift card.

**Deep Doo-doo Award**: For the CTO member who takes the biggest challenge in the outdoors while getting in a difficult situation. One winner was a wheelchair user who dropped a goose in a muddy cornfield and after his able bodied buddy could not find the goose, he crawled through the mud to find it himself. While the mud got washed off in a hot shower, the glow of the satisfaction of his achievement will last lots longer. So, get out there and expand your limits. A person can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else. Past Winners include Steve Lang (twice), Roger Mateer, Keith A. Pamperin, & Lauri Dubord. Award = \$25 gift card.

**Volunteer of the Year Able-bodied**: For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving to help others enjoy the outdoors. A person must be nominated by someone else. Past Winners include Bill Mayville, Larry Zander, Karen Baehr, Rod Barkhaus, Tony Gehr, Gary Thyes, Carl Gierke, Rita Adamovich, Jane Day, & Bill Baehr. Award = \$100 gift card.

**Volunteer of the Year Disabled**: For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving to help others enjoy the outdoors. A person must be nominated by someone else. Past winners include Jean Chapman, Judy Paluch, Toby Malchow, Larry Laehn, Mark Baehr, Peter Lathrop, Cliff Pheifer, Steve Harvey, Bob Day, & Patrick Nieuwenhuis. Award = \$100 gift card.

Longest fish, by the following species. During a CTO event or on your own: (length in inches) No photograph required, but it would be nice. Great Lake/Green Bay Trout or Salmon, Inland Trout, Walleye, Musky, Northern, Perch, Small and Large Mouth Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, Rock Bass, White Bass, Catfish, Whitefish, & Rough Fish (Bullhead, Carp, Dogfish, Sheepshead, etc.). There will be one winner for the longest rough fish of all of the rough fish species. Award = \$15 gift

card for the longest fish in each species.

**Chasing Rainbows Longest Trout at Both Events**: (length in inches) No photograph required. There will be one award for each of the Chasing Rainbows events. Award = \$15 gift card.

**Biggest Whitetail Buck harvested during a CTO event or on your own**: Number of Points longer than one-inch x maximum inside spread in inches. No photograph required, but it would be nice. In case of ties or near ties, antlers will be re-examined in more detail by CTO Award Administrator. Award = \$25 gift card.

**Biggest Tom Turkey harvested during a CTO event or on your own**: Length in inches of spurs and beard. The weight of the turkey is also required. No photograph required, but it would be nice. Award = \$25 gift card.

**Top score for Disabled Shooter at the J&H Sporting Clays Fund Raiser:** Bust the most clay pigeons and win. Top score = 50. Award = \$25 gift card.

**Top overall Trap Shooter:** Top 3 rounds times the distance for the year. Top score would be a score of 25 times the maximum yardage of 27 yards' times 3 = 2,025. Award = \$25 gift card.

**Top overall Skeet Shooter**: Top three rounds for the year. Top score would be a score of 25 times 3 = 75. Award = \$25 gift card.

**Top overall Sporting Clays Shooter**: Top three rounds for the year not including the J&H Sporting Clay Fund Raiser. Top score would be a score of 50 times 3 = 150. Award = \$25 gift card.

#### **CTO Board of Directors & Officers:**

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page, in newspaper and magazine articles and in our brochure.-- All internet addresses and pictures are used by our organization, CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, INC., ONLY. We do not give out any e-mail addresses or pictures to anyone else.

#### 2016 DEER HUNT OPPORTUNITIES AT HORICON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE - by Carl Gierke

CTO wants to make you aware of opportunities for hunters with disabilities to participate in archery and gun deer hunts at the Horicon Marsh in Dodge County. Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and is offering several hunts on a 950-acre area on the east side of the marsh near the refuge office. Ten wheelchair-accessible blinds are available and each hunt is limited to ten hunters. The hunts require a Special Use Permit issued by the Horicon NWR, in addition to the appropriate state-issued license and carcass tag(s). Early scouting is not permitted, but if you are a new hunter unfamiliar with the property, appointments are available to show you the location of blinds, access points, and boundaries. Blinds may not be reserved and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

In order to hunt, you must have a state-issued Class A,B,C, or D disabled hunter permit. If you have a Class B permit for the October hunt, it must be one that authorizes hunting from a vehicle and has been issued for more than one year. You may also have an assistant with you, and the assistant is allowed to hunt if they complete an application form and pay \$10 per hunt prior to the hunt. Assistants are allowed to hunt in all of the hunts except the October gun hunts.

You have the opportunity to participate in a maximum of two hunts. If you choose two hunts, you must choose one from Column A and one from Column B on the application form. Hunts include:

Column A Column B

October 1-3 (gun) October 22-30 (archery / crossbow)

October 4-6 (gun) November 28 – December 7 (muzzleloader)

October 7-9 (gun) December 8-11 (gun)

November 19-21 (gun

November 22-24 (gun)

November 25-27 (gun)

Applications should be mailed to Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, W4279 Headquarters Road, Mayville, WI 53050 Attn: Disabled Hunt. They presently do not have an on-line application form, but paper forms can be scanned and e-mailed to the address below. If you need an application form or have questions, please call Diane Kitchen (Horicon NWR at 920-387-2658 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:dianekitchen@live.com">dianekitchen@live.com</a>. You will be sent a letter providing more information after your application is received.

If you have questions or need help regarding these hunts from someone within CTO, please contact Mark Baehr, Jim Adamovich, or Carl Gierke. If you participate in any of these hunts, good luck, and let us know how you did.