

CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS AWARDS PROGRAM

From JULY 1, 2013 thru JUNE 30, 2014

The 8th Annual Awards will be given out at the 2014 CTO annual banquet in the summer. Time frame to submit an entry for an award is from July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014.

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 or C hunting permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Holding only a DNR Cross Bow permit is **not** considered to be “disabled enough” for this awards program.
2. Can only ambulate with the use of a wheelchair, walker or two canes or two crutches from a disability considered permanent.
3. Is legally blind.
4. Is missing a hand or arm regardless of using prosthesis.
5. Is over the age of 70 years.
6. Other individuals can become qualified on a case-by-case basis. Contact Awards Administrator.

The CTO Board of Directors shall appoint a CTO Director as “Awards Administrator”. In this capacity, this person will oversee tiebreakers, choose award winners in the “Honor” categories and otherwise administer this program.

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.**

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 will 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.

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 2007, Steve Lang 2008 & 2012, & James Luedke 2008. Award = \$75 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

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 2007 & 2009, Roger Mateer 2011. Award = \$75 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

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 Thyges, and Carl Gierke. Award = \$100 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

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, and Cliff Pheifer. Award = \$100 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

Longest fish, by the following species: (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, White Bass, Catfish, Whitefish, & Rough Fish(Bullhead, Carp, Dogfish, Sheepshead, ect.). There will be one winner for the longest rough fish of all of the rough fish species. Award = \$25 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store for the longest fish in each species.

Shawano Lake Fishery Longest Fish, by the following species: (length in inches) at the annual event. No photograph required, but it would be nice. Walleye, Musky, Northern, Perch, Small and Large Mouth Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, White Bass, Catfish, Whitefish, & Rough Fish(Bullhead, Carp, Dogfish, Sheepshead, ect.). There will be one winner for the longest rough fish of all of the rough fish species. Winner's entries are not eligible for the other longest fish competitions. Award = \$10 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store for the longest fish in each species.

Chasing Rainbows Longest Trout at Both Events: (length in inches) No photograph required, but it would be nice. There will be one award for each of the Chasing Rainbows events. Award = \$15 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

Biggest Whitetail Buck: 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 = \$50 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

Biggest Tom Turkey: Length in inches of spurs and beards. No photograph required, but it would be nice. Award = \$50 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

Top score for Disabled Shooter at the J&H Sporting Clays Fund Raiser: Bust the most clay pigeons and win. Top score = 50. Award = \$50 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

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 certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

Top overall Skeet Shooter: Top three rounds for the year. Top score would be a score of 25 times 3 = 75. Award = \$25 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

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 certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.

**Send entries to the award categories to CTO Award Administrator, either at ctoforme@yahoo.com or:
CTO Award Administrator
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