

CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS AWARDS PROGRAM

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The Annual Awards are awarded at our Annual Banquet held in July. The **time frame** to submit an entry for an award for this current year is until **June 30 at midnight**. The next year's **starts on July 1 at midnight and closes on June 30 the following year at midnight**. Only the disabled members that have their dues paid up at the time of the award is accomplished are allowed to submit an item to win an award. If there is a question call our office at 920-593-6300.

Procedures, Rules and Details:

All the categories (except volunteer of the year able-bodied) entrants must be a paid CTO DISABLED MEMBER BEFORE HARVESTING OR SUBMITTING AN ENTRY. (In other words, you must be a paid disabled member before you **compete for an award**.) The definition of a disabled member should meet at least two of the following four requirements:

1. Have a Class A, B, C, or D disability permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
 2. Have a disabled-person fishing license from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
 3. Other individuals can become qualified on a case-by-case basis. Contact the Awards Administrator if you are not sure if your disability qualifies.
 4. ****** Must be a up to date paid disabled member of Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.
- 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, verify membership qualifications, and otherwise administer this program.
 - A CTO disabled member can only win a Biggest Challenge Overcome Outside Award and a Deep Doo-Doo Award twice in a lifetime. Either Volunteer Of The Year Awards (Able- Bodied or Disabled) may only be won once in the lifetime in the Awards Program.
 - **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR—ABLE-BODIED:** For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving help to others to 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, Carl Gierke, Rita Adamovich, and Jane Day. Award = \$100 gift card.
 - **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR-- DISABLED:** For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving help to others to 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, and Bob Day. Award = \$100 gift card.
 - **BIGGEST CHALLENGE OVERCOME OUTSIDE:** One year, a determined quadriplegia CTO member worked out a way to hunt turkeys on his own. He set and reset his blind to get the best spot to harvest a turkey. After several close calls he was able to bag a turkey. You may nominate yourself or be nominated by someone else. Past winners include Mark Bayer 2007, Steve Lang 2008 and 2012, and James Luedke 2008. Award = \$75 gift card.
 - **DEEP DOO-DOO AWARD:** For the CTO member who takes the biggest challenge in the outdoors after getting in a difficult situation. One winner was a wheelchair user who dropped a goose in a muddy cornfield; and, after his abled-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. You may nominate yourself or someone else may nominate you. Past winners include Steve Lang 2007 and 2009, Roger Mateer 2011, Keith Pamperin 2014, and Lauri Dubord 2015. Award = \$100 gift card.

- Winners in these **above “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 the “Honor” a few days before the banquet so they may 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. A person winning an “Honor” award may also win an award for fishing, hunting, or shooting, in the same year if they qualify as a winner in both.
- 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 Fishing Event will be advised to measure fish that might be award eligible with the person’s name.

AWARD CATEGORIES: Only disabled members may win an award in these categories.

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In the hunting, fishing, or shooting categories, there is only one prize per person awarded; no matter what that person qualifies for. Enter as many categories as possible so you have a better chance at winning. The one highest and most desired award will be chosen, if you qualify for more than one.

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

LONGEST FISH, BY THE FOLLOWING SPECIES: (During A CTO Event Or On Your Own :) Length in inches, No photograph is 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, and Rough Fish (Bullhead, Carp, Dogfish, Sheepshead, etc.) There will be one winner for the longest rough fish of all the rough species. Award = \$15 gift card.

CHASING RAINBOWS LONGEST TROUT AT BOTH EVENTS: Length in inches. No photograph required. There will be one award for each of the Spring and End of Summer Events. Award = \$15 gift card, one for each event

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. **Pictures Would Be Nice For The Paper.** In case of a tie or near ties, antlers will be re-examined in more detail by CTO Award Administrator.

BIGGEST TOM TURKEY (Harvested During A CTO Event Or On Your Own:) Length in inches of spurs and beards. **Picture Not Needed, But Would Be Nice For The Paper.** In case of tie there will a need for measuring) Award = \$25 gift card

TOP SCORE FOR DISABLED SHOOTER AT THE J&H SPORTING CLAY 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 OVER ALL SKEET SHOOTER: Top three rounds for the year. Top score would be a score of 25 times 3 = 75. Award = \$25 gift card.

TOP OVER ALL SPORTING CLAY SHOOTER: Top three rounds for the year. The J&H Sporting Clay Fundraiser score is not included in this award. Top score would be a score of 50 times 3 = 150. Award = \$25 gift card.

Submit all entries to the Award Administrator: Remember the last date to submit for the current year is June 30, 12:00 midnight. The next years’ time frame for awards starts on July 1 at 12:00 A.M.

****DAVE SAMSA-AWARD ADMINISTRATOR:**

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If you cannot reach him, please call our office phone number at **920-593-6300** and leave your full name, clearly(spell last name), address, phone number, and leave a message of the possible award item and information about it. All this information will be given to Dave. Request him to let you know if he got the message by phone or e-mail.

