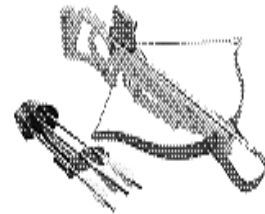
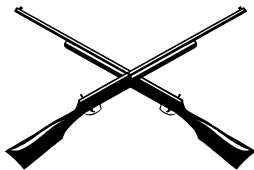
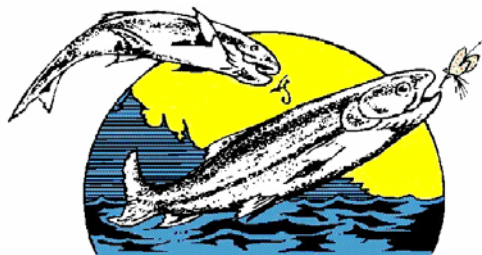


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of the Physically Challenged Sportsman”*

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**A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SERVING THE RECREATIONAL
DESIRES OF THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SPORTSPERSON**

President's Perspective, Larry Zander, President

I sometimes become somewhat disappointed with myself when I read an article or thought and don't take the time to digest the whole meaning because I've read past one word or several words. Words like: **COURAGE, DETERMINATION, DESIRE, ACCOMPLISHMENT**. When I think of words like these, I think of you and Challenge the Outdoors, Inc.

My faith in CTO is continually re-enforced because of you: our members and supporters. I have cast many lines in my lifetime and have been foul-hooked often. But, every now and then, there comes a trophy. One of my finest trophies is you — Challenge the Outdoors, Inc.

You are my encouragement—Thank You.

Words of Wisdom—Larry Laehn, Past President

2005 brings all of us the opportunity to practice what psychologists call “creative anticipation”! Simply put, the practice of this mental exercise teaches one to image and expect the best of your life situations.

2004 was full of good times and not so good times for me and my family. No doubt this was true for you and yours as well. Setting a resolution to have a better year in 2005 is helpful only if the individual believes he or she can achieve the desired goal. Visioning in your mind positive outcomes and living in confidence each day is within you. Have a blessed year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 5, 2005

Board of Directors Meeting
For location and time
call (920) 833-6274

April 2, 2005

Sporting Clay Fundraiser
J&H Game Farm

February 12, 2005

Ice Fishing
See page 5

May 14-15, 2005

Spring Wild Turkey Hunt

February 19, 2005

Ice Fishing
See page 5

June 4, 2005

Shawano Lake Fishery

7th Annual Sporting Clay Benefit

Sat. April 2, 2005

J & H Game Farm, Navarino, WI

BY: Larry Zander

GET READY!

MARK YOUR CALANDARS NOW!

As most of you know, this is our only real source of revenue which allows us to continue to grow and become even more viable. **BIGGER, BETTER, GREAT!!** With the help and dedication of so many, your Sporting Clay Benefit Shoot has grown each year. It's a lot of work but, work becomes fun when we are doing it together.

Do all you can to be there. You ask? "What can I do?" Just being there shows the folks who come out to shoot that you too care about them. It takes eight or nine people just to take care of registering shooters and selling raffle tickets and setting out and displaying the raffle and door prizes. (To many and?) **THERE'S MORE!** Just ask Jean Chapman who co-ordinates this function. **Then there is Karen Baehr and Delores Laedtke with their crew that sees to it that everyone gets fed well. They're as busy as bee's on spilt honey.**

We also need physically challenged people directing shooters to their courses. And how about greeters? We can't have too many greeters and folks saying "Thank you for coming and supporting us". Then there are the scorekeepers and door prize announcements all day long along with the raffle prize drawing at the end of the day, along with the necessary record keeping of the prizes and winners. Whew!! I get tired just thinking about it all (carpel tunnel of the brain).

Asking people to support Challenge the Outdoors, Inc and at the same time give them a chance to win one of approximately 150 raffle items is easy. **But, you have to ask.**

Gary Knapp and son Terry year after year sell between \$800 and \$1,000 worth of tickets. How? They work at it and ASK! Greg Zander - \$400 to \$500, Myself - \$400 to \$500, Steve Dalke - \$300 or better, Bill Mayille - hundreds, Bill, Karen and Mark Baehr - hundreds. I could go on and on. You know who you are! Many folks out there sell tickets for us and are not members. Just think! If only 150 of our members each sold two books (\$40) ----- . You do the math.

We can be proud of each other for the success of year's past. Let us boost that pride with the most successful year yet.

P.S. We are also in need of more raffle and door prizes. We have raffle request forms available for your use. If you are able to assist us in this endeavor please **contact Jean Chapman at (920) 833-6274 or at W4276 Cty Rd G Black Creek, WI 54106 and the request forms will be mailed to you.**

ATTENTION WOMEN

The Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin Program is currently seeking contestants for the 2005 Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin Pageant to be held in Green Bay, WI at Lambeau Field on January 22, 2005.

Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin 2005 will receive a new wheelchair from Invacare, and a 2 night stay at a Wisconsin resort. Wisconsin businesses will provide the winner and all the contestants with various gifts for their participation. The new Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin 2005 will go on to compete in Albany, New York for the National title of Ms. Wheelchair America 2006. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Workshops are scheduled during the event and will also be open to the public.

If you are a woman, a US citizen, between the ages of 21 and 60, use a wheelchair 100% of the time for community mobility, and have been a resident of Wisconsin for at least six (6) months, you could be eligible to enter the competition. Marital status is not a consideration. Deadline: participant applications are to be post marked no later than January 14, 2005.

For further information on the Pageant, donations, or to volunteer your services during the pageant, applications to be a contestant, please contact:

Gina Hackel

Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin 2004

State coordinator, Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin Program

Cell (920)205-1297

Email hack1@famvid.com

FOR SALE

Hand Cycle \$400, call Jeff Pagels (920) 366-5731 or Gina Hackel (920) 687-9749

Two stair chairs, 7 steps and 14 steps Call Gina Hackel (920) 687-9749

1996 Ford Windstar Mini Van, fully loaded for handicapped accessible. 19 miles per gallon highway. Asking \$9,000 For more information call Jack Daniels at (920) 886-0249

Adaptive Sportsmen, Inc. Opening up the Great Outdoors to more Physically Challenged Sports Persons

Adaptive Sportsmen, Inc. is a Not for Profit 501 (c) (3) foundation organized in Wisconsin. Their mission is to provide recreational opportunities for physically challenged people. They are looking for physically challenged and able-bodied sports persons who would like to become members and take part in their sponsored hunting and recreational opportunities.

You can also see and learn more about Adaptive Sportsmen, Inc. at their website: www.adaptivesportsman.org or by writing to them at: Adaptive Sportsmen Inc., 8727 W Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53228.

For a calendar of upcoming events for 2005 please see page 9 of this newsletter.

MAY 2005 CTO LWG TURKEY HUNT TAKING SHAPE

There are 13 physically challenged hunters signed up for this May's turkey hunt. The hunt will take place on May 14th and 15th in the Marion, WI area on private lands. We are working on setting up the pre-hunt get together, lodging, and other areas that will need taking care of to ensure another successful hunt.

Tom Mijal has informed us he has contacted close to a dozen LWG members willing to be mentors for the hunt. We are in need of several volunteers to help serve and prepare food during the hunt and if you signed up for such duty you will be contacted in the near future. Other areas where volunteers will be needed includes, transporting hunters in the field during the hunt, getting hunters into blinds, and possibly other areas. The hunters will be contacted to keep them informed on all planning and we look forward to another great hunt. Much more will be coming in the March and May Newsletters. If you are interested in volunteering please contact **Mark Baehr at (920) 766-9218 or by email at baehrm@sbcglobal.net**.

ICE FISHING OUTINGS SCHEDULED

This year we have chosen Saturday February 12 and Saturday February 19 as the dates for our ice fishing outings with our destination being Shawano Lake. Shawano Lake is well known for being a consistent producer of panfish, northern pike, and largemouth bass during the winter. We'll be setting tip-ups for the pike and bass and doing some jigging for the panfish. We will be meeting at 8 a.m. at the Perkins Restaurant on the corner of Hwy 22 & Airport Drive in Shawano ([see map on pg. X](#)). Show up early and eat breakfast.

The February 12th outing is being run in conjunction with the Figure 8 Musky Clubs Annual Ice-Fishing Jamboree and the February 19th outing is being run in conjunction with the Bass Masters Annual Ice-Fishing Jamboree and Kids Day. The two clubs will offer prizes for big fish in several categories, raffles will also be available as well as food and beverages. We will be picking up the cost of a meal for members, including a sandwich, soup and beverage. Many great free prizes, including bikes, fishing equipment, etc. will be given out to kids participating in the Bass Masters outing. CTO will provide fishing shelters, a few heaters, some fishing equipment and bait. We will also have a camp stove to heat up hot chocolate. If needed, we have the possibility of getting a big event style tent put up as well.

In order for us to get properly prepared for these outings we **"must"** know the number of people planning on attending. [Please call either Larry Zander at:\(920\) 525-5637 or Mark Baehr at: \(920\) 766-9218 or by email at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net by February 5th to let them know you plan on attending.](#) They will also be able to answer any questions you may have. And as always, we encourage all our members, their families and friends to participate. Volunteers are always welcome as we will need help augering holes, setting up shelters and tip-ups, baiting hooks and hopefully un-hooking some BIG FISH!! If you have some spare equipment, i.e. a Mr. Heater, tip-ups, jig poles, shovels, etc. please bring them along.

When planning any outdoor event, especially this time of year, Mother Nature can and often does require a last minute/day decision on whether the outing will go on as planned. In case of a snowstorm or bad ice conditions the February 12th outing alternate date is February 13th and the February 19th outing alternate date is February 20th. We will keep in touch as best we can to let those of you planning on attending of any changes to our plans.

If you are need of transportation or have any special needs that need to be met to allow you to participate in these or any other events please contact our **Special Events Disabilities Coordinator, Bob Mayer at: (920) 469-2021**. Bob will do his best to see that your needs are met.

We Hope To Hear From You Soon!! And Tight Lines To All!!

PERSERVERENCE

How else can one express the results of one of Challenge the Outdoors, Inc members accomplishment? I remember a picture of a beautiful 10 point buck taken a few years ago by one of our members. That picture was posted on our brochure advertising for our first annual Sporting Clay Benefit. We were proud of our friend's accomplishment not only because of the trophy, but also the physically challenge he faced to accomplish his goal.

HEY! He's be doing it ever since and this year was no different: a buck with his crossbow and another buck with his gun. **CONGRATULATIONS, TERRY KNAPP**

Directions to Perkins Restaurant in Shawano: From the Fox Valley take Hwy 47 North to Hwy 29, turn left on Hwy 29 (West), take Hwy 29 to the Airport Drive exit, turn right (north) on Airport Drive and take it to the corner of Hwy 22 and Airport Drive. Perkins is on your left just before the intersection. From Green Bay take Hwy 29 West to Airport Drive and follow directions above. If you need more directions or are coming from a different direction please contact **Larry Zander** or **Mark Baehr**. **The day of the outings you can call either Gary Thyges on his cell @ (920) 737-6854 or Mark Baehr on his cell @ (920) 858-3470.**

The fish on the map are in the approximate locations for each jamboree and the dates are noted as well and the arrows point to the approximate locations of the closest accesses. We will have our banners set out so anyone arriving later will be able to locate our group.



YOUTH AND LADIES SPRING TURKEY HUNT

This event is for first time turkey hunters—youths 12 to 17 and all ladies. The hunt will be held on April 9 and 10, 2005 (the weekend before the regular season opening). There is to be a one day training session a week before the hunt. There is a \$5.00 fee that will get you into the Jakes program.

If you do not have any supplies for the hunt, your mentor will supply them. The hunt is a two day guided event. There is a mentor, assistant mentor and a hunter in each group.

There will be a picnic style lunch on Saturday, with a wrap-up meeting on Sunday evening. This event is sponsored by the Little Wolf Gobblers chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. **For more information contact Kim Meyer at (715) 752-3655.**

WHEELING WOMEN IN THE WILD

Here's an excellent opportunity we truly hope some of you physically challenged women will take advantage of. On April 9 2005 the Wheelin' Sportsmen/National Wild Turkey Federation will conduct a spring wild turkey hunt in Southeastern Wisconsin for women with disabilities who have never hunted turkeys before. You are guaranteed to get a thrill when you hear that first gobble at first light. Be amazed as the night stillness comes alive with wild-life noises, and that blood boiling "gobble" as the big tom turkey struts drumming, spitting and fanning into view. Sit quietly in the woods and you may have the privilege of spyng a fox, deer, owl, or even that elusive turkey. Go to nwtf.com for lots of great information on the sport of turkey hunting!

WHERE? The actual hunt will be held in various areas in Waukesha and Washington Counties on both private and public land. Shooting practice and the "Turkey Hunting Clinic" will be held at the Valley Rod and Gun Club on Camp Withcomb Rd, in the town of Merton. For a brochure and application contact Sue Tingle at N82 W28259 Vista Dr., Hartland, WI 53029 or by email at stingle@wi.rr.com or call Sue at (262) 538-0588 or (414) 333-8052.

HELP IS HERE!!

Getting to an event is sometimes half the battle the other half is being able to be an active participant. If there are any obstacles that are or may be preventing you from actively participating in an outing or event because you lack a piece of adaptive equipment, need transportation, or for any other reasons please contact our **Special Events Disabilities Coordinator Bob Mayer at (920) 469-2021 or by email at: crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net** Bob will act on behalf of individual members in overcoming any obstacles that would preclude them from participation in events and bring to the Board of Directors attention any action or funding deemed necessary by him to expedite a members involvement in activities. ***Where there's a will there's a way!!***

PLEASE COME!!

Our Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. Board of Directors meeting are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. except for the winter months when they are on Saturday. We welcome your presence and input.

Jan, 2005—No Meeting

Feb. 5, 2005—For time and location please call (920) 833-6274

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS NOV & DEC 2004

Rene Grode Family

Terry Esser

John Steshetz

Kenneth Gille

Shannon Nighbor Family

Jack Daniels

Ivy Iverson

Robert Eckstein Family

Lee Aaronsen

CTO Continues to Receive Generous Donations

Over the past six plus years CTO has received numerous very generous donations that have enabled us to better meet our mission and goals as an organization. 2004 definitely was no exception and by the looks of things neither will 2005.

The most recent donation we received came from our great supporters the Wingettes. The Wingettes are a chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin (WOW). WOW is a Non-profit conservation organization dedicated to Natural Resource conservation & Education through Youth & Community Involvement. The Wingettes were founded in 1983 and they have been instrumental in remodeling WOW's home office in Mayville, providing scholarships and in the organizations Web Page construction. If their name sounds familiar it should. Just about a year and a half ago they donated a brand new 60 hp Mercury outboard for our pontoon boat. By the way gals it's working just fine and is getting a well deserved rest this winter before we put it to use starting next spring for what we anticipate will be our busiest fishing and boating season yet. Thanks Again!! And our offer to take your members out fishing and or for a cruise on Shawano Lake is still out there.

Now to unveil the Wingettes most recent donation..... four, yes four, Clam Voyager Ice-fishing shelters!! A photo is attached. These shelters are deluxe models and come with two cushioned seats that slide, rod holders, storage area, and an attachment to connect two shelters together. We will be using these shelters during the two up-coming outings on Shawano Lake and know they will serve our members extremely well and are available for members to loan out. To loan a shelter out contact [Larry Zander at \(920\) 525-5637](tel:9205255637), [Dean Sprangers at: \(920\) 337-0588](tel:9203370588) or [Mark Baehr at: \(920\) 766-9218](tel:9207669218) We once again extend our heartfelt thanks to [Wingette President Jeanne Marchant](#), [Directors Audrie Terdon, Bev Rohlinger, Shirley Sarauer](#) and [all of the Wingettes members](#) and to [WOW members Arnie Mueller, Tracy Renner and Burt Buske](#). **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!**

In late 2004 CTO received a very generous and heartfelt donation from the Jerry & Pat Raddatz family that was made in loving memory of Jerry who very unfortunately passed away last year. They donated a lightly used Horton Legend II Crossbow including a scope, arrows and quiver and case. A photo is attached. Tim Raddatz, Jerry & Pat's son, just happened to be making a house call at Cliff Pheiffer's home last fall, Cliff is an active member of CTO. Tim noticed Cliff's wheelchair in his garage and this started a conversation that eventually led to them discussing hunting, the crossbow, and CTO. After a few phone calls by Cliff the Raddatzs' decided to donate the crossbow to CTO in the thought that many other physically challenged people will get the opportunity to target shoot and hunt with it.

Since receiving the bow we had an engraved memorial plaque attached to the bow reading, "In Loving Memory Of Jerry Raddatz". We have not yet decided on what cocking device to purchase for the bow but will decide very soon. If you would like to borrow the bow for a day of target shooting or hunting please contact [Mark Baehr @ \(920\) 766-9218](tel:9207669218). We sincerely thank the Raddatz family for their very kind and generous donation and will do our best to help honor Jerry's memory by getting the bow into the hands of people who will put it to use hunting and shooting. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!**

This past November CTO received the donation of a wheelchair accessible van from Pete Jensma. The van is a 1983 Full sized GM with a V8 engine with a wheelchair lift and 3-way drivers seat. Pete was no longer in need of the van and thought that someone could benefit from his donation. While it is an older van Pete had new brakes installed and it has newer tires and suspension, as well as having a recent engine tune-up. The wheelchair lift motor will need fixing or replacing. The Board of Directors decided to accept offers from our members with the best offer being accepted. We hope someone will be able to use the van. [To check it out give Harland & Jean Chapman a call at: \(920\) 833-6274](tel:9208336274). **Thanks Pete!**

Adaptive Sportsman, Inc. 2005 Calendar:

Jan. 28-30 Deer Classic & Sports Show, Eau Claire call Dick Fisher (715) 333-6405.

Feb. 4 & 5 Safari Club Show Madison, call Al Neu (414) 4870 or email aneu@adativesportsman.org ,
February 25th-27th Safari Club Show Green Bay Call Mary Mitchell (414) 916-2298 to help out.

March 5, 2005 3-D Tournament Lori G's Wildwood Archery 20715 Durand Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182 Contact Dottie Derksien at 262-878-4255 or John Mitchell at 414-541-4505 for more information.

March 18-20 Snowmobile Ride Pine Forest Lodge, Mercer Contact Al Neu for details.

March 11-20th Milwaukee Sports Show Call Mike Little (414) 545-9738 to help out.

April 8-10 Deer & Turkey Expo Madison Call John Martinson to help out (608) 846-4518.

May 7th-8th Baraboo Turkey Hunt Badger Army Ammo Plant turkey hunt. Contact John Mitchell at 414-541-4505 or email jmitchell@adaptivesportsman.org for information.

June 2-5th 2nd Annual ATV Ride Mercer Call Al Neu at 414-617-4870 or email to aneu@adaptivesportsman.org for more information.

June 11 Horicon 3D Archery tournament Call Jeff Miller (920) 485-2387 for information.

June (date TBD) 2nd Annual Fishery Madison.

July (date TBD) Lakeshore 3d Shoot Fond du Lac.

Aug. (date TBD) Blackhawk 3D Shoot Verona.

Sept 30-Oct 2nd BAAP Bow Deer hunt Baraboo Call John Mitchell (414) 333-4745 or email jmitchell@adaptivesportsman.org for information. Check their website at: www.adaptivesportsman.org

Fishing Has No Boundaries

www.fhnbinc.org (800-243-3462) is holding several fishing events in Wisconsin in 2005, including;

May 20-22 Hayward

May 21-22 Lake Winnebago

May 28 Hayward

June 3-5 Eagle River

July 9-10 Madison

August 20-21 Chippewa Valley

August 27-28 Lake Winnebago

Call for more details or check their web page <http://www.fhnbinc.org/>

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

MY INTERESTS ARE: FISHING___ HUNTING___ VOLUNTEER___ OTHER___

If you checked other, please explain: _____

I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR : NEW MEMBERSHIP ___ RENEWAL___

\$ 20.00 FOR A SINGLE ___ \$ 30.00 FOR A FAMILY___ \$ 100.00 LIFETIME___\$150.00 LIFETIME FAMILY

DUE TO MY FINANCIAL SITUATION I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP ___

PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, INC. AND SEND TO:

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