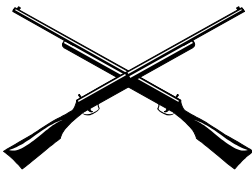


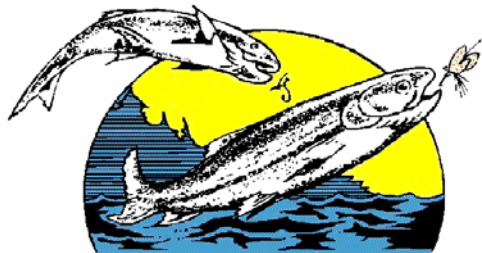
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Presidents' Message: By Harland Chapman

What a successful year this has been for Challenge the Outdoors. We have participated in many old and new ventures. From deer, turkey, pheasant, and goose hunts to trout, salmon and fresh lake fishing we have been able to offer our members a wider choice of opportunities to take part in events, along with coordinating with other organizations to help them realize their goals and at the same time give our members an opportunity for further participation. We also had a very successful fund raiser at our Sporting Clays event, which enabled us to raise the funds necessary for the operation of an organization such as ours. Our membership has grown to over 200 family and individual memberships. Along with such growth it behooves us to make careful planning for our future accomplishments. With this in mind we have found it necessary to attend Short and Long Term Strategic Planning sessions. This planning will enable us to more clearly see how to more efficiently run our organization. With the growth we have realized we must ask our membership to make every effort to make our activities successful by volunteering wherever and whenever possible.

We have recently received resignations from two of our directors, Bill Floor and Lisa (Narmore) Lindbom. I would like to personally thank these individuals for their contribution to the success of this organization and I wish them God Speed in their future. I would also like to thank the officers, directors and members for their great dedication to our cause. I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and I wish you a Happy and Successful New Year.

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2nd Annual Autumn Long Beards & CTO Spring Turkey Hunt

By: Mark Baehr

Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. and Autumn Long Beards physically challenged Turkey Hunt plans for the weekend of **May 12 & 13, 2007** are ongoing. We had a good response to this coming Spring CTO and ALB Physically Challenged Turkey Hunt. A total of 16 people responded and we will be keeping in touch with them on our upcoming plans, including our pre-hunt gathering some time in late April or early May. We still have room for a couple more hunters so if interested contact Mark Baehr at 920-766-9218.

One new twist to this year's turkey hunt is that the hunting hours have been extended to sunset!! I know more than one of our hunters & mentors wish that would have been the case last year. Lodging has been reserved again and will be open for hunters and volunteers on Friday, May 11th (the day before the start of the hunt).

If you are interested in helping out please contact Mark at 920-766-9218 or e-mail baehrm@sbcglobal.net. Also if you have land in zone 22 near Clintonville that you would be willing to open for a hunter or two, we could always use some more places to spread out our hunters. Look for more information on the turkey hunt in the March N/L.

9th Annual Sporting Clay Fund Raiser

Saturday March 31, 2007 7:45 A.M.

By: Larry Zander

It's that time again when all of us must contribute. By contributing I mean: 1st: Try your best to be at this function. By showing up and taking part in this great fun day; we are also showing our supporters our gratitude. 2nd—It takes a tremendous amount of time and effort to get enough door and raffle prizes for us to put on more than just a good show. Please do all you can and ask your local businesses to help through their generosity. We would like to receive these donated items by March 15th so they can be recorded and numbered. You can call Jean Chapman at (920)525-1123 or Larry Zander at (920)525-1123 to make arrangements for pickup or delivery.

Creating a program like ours doesn't just happen. It takes good people you (and yes, me) to continue to make it bigger and better. You should be receiving your raffle tickets to sell or buy sometime with the first week of February. Many other organizations have followed CTO with Sporting Clay Fund Raisers. NONE!—I mean NONE! have even come close to our success. WHY? Because it's people like you who, again, MAKE IT HAPPEN!! There is a old saying that some of us are familiar with —" Lead—Follow—or get the out of the way". I know of no one in CTO who wants to get out of the way.

Though we receive great joy and satisfaction of a job well done; what really matters in the end is: dollars and cents. SO—That is how we'll spell \$ucce\$\$\$. Without it our programs go nowhere.

For questions or help—Call Larry Zander or Jean Chapman . See you there and Thanks in advance for your help in making this event our best ever.

Do You Want to go Ice Fishing??

If you call Mark Baehr at (920) 766-9218 no later than Jan. 15, 2007 and say YES you will be called back as to when the date and place is decided. We're looking to hold the fishery earlier in the season to hopefully get in on better fishing opportunities, as the bite usually gets much slower as winter wears on. We'll have our eyes and ears open to hopefully find that hot spot. This also means we probably won't have an exact date and location for a few weeks yet (we need a lot more ice) and that also means a fairly short notification to all of you that are interested. We hope it pays off with more fish caught and a great outing. Time will tell!

If you have any ideas on a location please contact Mark. In the meantime get your gear ready. We will have some spare equipment if you are without. There will be shelters for fishermen and good food! If you are not called back—consider the event—called off!!

23rd Annual Helluva Hunt

For each of the past 21 years during the 1st week of October a group of residents from Douglas, Wyoming have opened their hearts and lands to a group of 15 physically challenged hunters. The main attraction for the hunters is a guided hunt for Prong Horn Antelope along with other shooting events and the shared camaraderie that comes with the territory. The hunt boasts a near perfect harvest record over the past 22 years. Several of our members have attended this hunt and all returned with an antelope and great stories of an unforgettable trip. They cannot say enough about how great the experience was and highly recommend the hunt to everyone. To be considered for participation in the 23rd Annual 2007 Helluva Hunt you will need to receive and return an application by mid-March. Jane Stearns informed us that interested parties should call her or Gary and they will mail or fax them an application. Lodging, license, meals, and guides are all furnished at no cost to the hunter. Hunters are only responsible for their travel expenses. Contact the Stearns at: Helluva Hunt, 1562 Esterbrook Rd Douglas, WY 82633 or call them at: (307) 358-6580. During the 1st weekend in October, 2005 two of our physically challenged members, Emily Olsen and Jeff Brown, attended the 21st Annual Helluva Hunt. Emily's father Chris Olsen and Jeff's brother Joe Jr. accompanied them. CTO helped to offset their travel expenses.

2006 Pheasant Hunt

By: Judy Paluch, Member and Assoc Director

Our pheasant hunt starts on a crisp and partly sunny morning. Bob Mayer and I are the second set of hunters to go out to the fields. With Chuck as our backup shooter and Greg as our dog handler and bird releaser, we set out in two vehicles to the fields. Sitting in the back of a vehicle with Bob to my left in another vehicle, we hear, "ready?" We aim our guns up, safeties off, and we call for the bird. Up he goes and heads my way so I shot. WOW, I hit him and the feathers go flying. I am in a field of deep grass and just shot a beautiful pheasant. I cannot explain the feeling of delight that I felt bagging this bird. With three more birds to go, we head for the next area and another bird. We both get shooting, but one of birds gets to live for another day. After the dog is called in, we head to the club house for lunch and plan of sharing a few hunting stories. What a wonderful day!! Thank you CTO and J&H Game Farm for an unforgettable experience.

My Hunting Experience

My name is Emily Olsen, I have been a Challenge the Outdoors member for three years, and I have enjoyed every minute of every event I have attended. Last year I was chosen to go on the antelope hunt out in Wyoming! I downed a beautiful buck within the first half hour and created many memories that will last a lifetime and met many people I will never forget.

Just recently, I was fortunate enough to be able to go on the October deer hunt with CTO. My dad, Chris Olsen and Bill Mayville did the arranging for me to hunt on Lenny Fedler's property. As soon as we got situated in the blind, nine beautiful turkeys came strutting out in the field in front of us, and because I don't have my turkey tag filled yet that Jake was looking mighty good in my scope but had to pass him by.

Just after looking up from those turkeys, there was my deer! The angle was awkward so my dad had to lay flat on the ground and I took my time, lined up my sights and down he went! Words can't even explain my excitement and how I felt after I shot my first deer. I'm so thankful to be part of the CTO family and the generosity of people like Mr. Mayville, Mr. Fedler and many others for making this happen.

THANK YOU!

We apologize for not recognizing the following land owners for the Special Hunt in the last newsletter. They are Todd Malchow, Sobieski—Richard McDermid, Pulaski—Eric Gille, Sobieski—Elaine Lefebvre—Lena. Thanks to all of you for your help with this event.

NEW MEMBERS

NOVEMBER—DECEMBER, 2007

JANE RUECKL

TOM NOTH

CLYDE KETTNER

DARRYELL/SUE FIGLINSKI

PHEASANT HUNT 2006

BY: Larry Zander

“THE RESULTS ARE IN”

Wonderful!! Fantastic!! Fabulous!!

These are just some of the expressions used to describe the 2006 Pheasant Hunt held December 17th at J&H Game Farm. The weather was great this day not only for the hunters but also good scenting conditions for the dogs.

Eleven of our CTO people took to the field. All came with the anticipation of seeing birds and, with some skill, take some home for fine table fare. Success in accomplishing both was had. Almost everyone hit their target and for the couple who didn't, got close enough to the bird to give it cardiac arrest. Each hunter took two birds home to be savored at both the table and in memory of another fine CTO outing.

A VERY SPECIAL “Thank You” to Jim and Joanne Johnson and their crew for their dedication and support for Challenge the Outdoors. Another “SUPER Thank You” to our dog handlers, Gregory Zander and Steve Redmann, and all those other folks who came out and gave of their time and talent and the use of their specially built machines for transporting our members, Ron Mishler—Chuck Berrigan—Todd Janssen—Clyde Kettner, all where were also used as back-up shooters.

A lot of visiting, story telling and laughter was had before, during and after the hunt. And, as always, the food was excellent. Another Great Day —”Thank You” Challenge the Outdoors, Inc.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Challenge the Outdoors would like to send our congratulations to Mike and Lisa (Narmore) Lindbom on the birth of their daughter, Laila Ray on November 28, 2006. She waited to arrive so her parents could enjoy the deer hunt.

Cost Sharing Program for Adaptive Equipment Catching on!

When we created our cost-sharing program, in Dec. of 2004, we weren't sure what kind of response we would get. A year and one-half later we're glad to report that we've had several members take advantage of the program purchasing crossbows, hand cranks, and an adaptive thumbhole gunstock. We are still waiting for our 1st adaptive fishing equipment request. For those unfamiliar with our cost sharing program here's how it works. **CTO will help our physically challenged members purchase adaptive hunting or fishing equipment by picking up to ½, but not to exceed \$100.00, for the cost of the piece(s) of equipment 1 time per year.** For example, say Jane purchases a crank for her crossbow and it cost \$150.00. CTO would reimburse Jane \$75.00. To receive reimbursement for a piece of adaptive equipment you are considering purchasing or to see if a piece of equipment you've purchased qualifies please contact Jean or Harland Chapman at: (920) 525-1123. ***Note, keep your receipt and get a duplicate copy of the original because we will need a copy for our records. And if you return the item please reimburse CTO.** There are many sellers of adaptive equipment so shop around and check our website out for links to sellers and suppliers and as always **please show patronage to the many businesses that have been so good to us over the years by giving them your and our business.** For a list of these businesses contact Larry Zander at: (920) 525-5637. **Thank you.**

CTO LOAN CLOSET IS ALWAYS OPEN!!

We currently have the following pieces of gear available: 20 camouflaged hunting blinds, 4 crossbows (with case, quiver, arrows, and broad heads), 4 Archery target bags, 2 electric fishing rod & reel combos, several small tackle boxes with terminal fishing tackle (hooks, jigs, sinkers & bobbers), 3 shooting chairs, several gun/bow rests, 4 Ice fishing shelters (Donated by The Wingettes of the WOW), an adaptive bowling ball, and a complete set of adaptive golf clubs (Donated by CTO member Pete Jensma), Sit Ski (Donated by Joe Palmer of Manitowoc). To check a piece of equipment out or donate contact either Larry Zander at: (920) 525-5637, or Mark Baehr at (920) 766-9218. If you have a suggestion on a piece of equipment that you think our members would find useful please forward the idea to one of the directors for action.

We are in the process of making a complete inventory of all equipment owned by Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. and where it is located. If you have borrowed any CTO equipment and it is still in your possession please contact Patrick Nieuwenhuis at: (920) 687-8707 or Mark Baehr at: (920) 766-9218. Thank You.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

In 2006 CTO will again be accepting requests from our physically challenged members for grants or sponsorships that will allow them to attend outdoor recreational events sponsored by other organizations. In the past members have received grants and sponsorships to attend events sponsored by; Fishing Has No Boundaries, Inc., Twist of Fate, Inc., and Ski For Light, Inc. For members to be considered for the grant or sponsorship we are requiring that they be active and in good standing with our organization. Being active could mean; helping with our fundraisers, putting up fliers, handing out brochures at an informational booth, serving on a committee, etc. Requests will be considered on a case by case and a first come first served basis. To be considered for a grant or sponsorship and to learn of volunteer opportunities please contact; Bob Mayer (920) 469-2021 or by email: crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net or contact Mark Baehr (920) 766-9218 or by email: baehr68@aol.com

NOT ENOUGH CAN BE SAID!

By: Larry Zander, Vice President

This is so true when it comes down to the people who MAKE IT HAPPEN. Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. within it's ranks has the most energetic, selfless, giving and loving people of any organization I have had the privilege of knowing. And, I've been around the horn a few times so I know what I'm talking about.

When we members take part in one of our outings or functions we all know it could not have been put together without a lot of effort by one or many individuals.

More than us a few times I've been told: "I signed up as a volunteer—but nobody ever calls me". Here's the rub! It's going to take a few more volunteers to make calls to folks who signed up in the hope that their schedule will coincide with a particular activity. We all get a Challenge the Outdoors, Inc newsletter noting upcoming activities. If we've taken the time to read the letter we would know who to call to help with any particular event.

Remember! We need you! We need you even if you feel you cannot perform as you'd like. Moral support is as important as any other.

Challenge The Outdoors, Inc. Holiday Party

When: 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 2007.
12:30 p.m. potluck lunch.

Where: Sabre Lanes, 1330 Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952

Reply with how many people will be attending by January 5 to CTO office at (920) 525-1123 or e-mail Judy at jpaluch@execpc.com, put CTO Holiday Party in the subject line.

The party starts at 11 a.m. with a potluck lunch being served at 12:30 p.m. and bowling will be open until about 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. CTO will be providing the main course along with beverage. Several bowling alleys will be reserved for our members and there will be plenty of adaptive bowling equipment on hand as well. CTO will be picking up the cost of bowling. For those who aren't interested in bowling, there will be a CTO Cribbage Tournament. Please bring cribbage board and cards if you have them. There will be prizes awarded for the cribbage tournament as well as for bowling.

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. We welcome your presence and input.

Jan 16, 2007— Muehl Public Library, Seymour
6:30 p.m.

Feb 20, 2007—Muehl Public Library, Seymour
6:30 P.M.

COMPUTER HELP AVAILABLE

CTO member Toby Malchow has offered to help CTO members and their families with any computer help they may need (FREE). This would include such things as adding memory, installing software, adding drives, sound cards, modems, networking cards, general troubleshooting, etc. If you need help call Toby at (920) 434-1663 anytime after 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Communication is Still Key!! So, Let's try this again!

With our newsletters coming out every other month there are times when we have time sensitive information on dates and events that we know our members and friends want and need. The quickest and most efficient way to get the info out to most folks is by E-mail but we can't get it to you if you're not signed up to our Information/chat-group e-mail list. It's really simple and easy to get signed up! Send a blank e-mail, with nothing in the message area, to: ctoforme-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com You will get a confirmation e-mail back asking you to join. Even if you don't have email get a family member or friend to sign-up and ask them to keep you informed. Just to let you know that this is a chat group where members are free to post anything they feel others may be interested. **Thanks.**

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

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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: _____

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