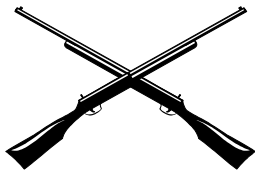
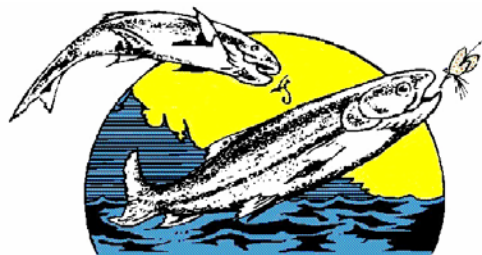


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Presidents' Message By: Toby Malchow

Happy 10th Anniversary Challenge The Outdoors Inc.

We have many exciting things planned to make this, our tenth anniversary year very special. Some things will be in this newsletter and in upcoming newsletters. This is not the year to miss reading a single issue.

Normally this space is for the president to wax profound on some subject that will somehow encourage, enlighten, or in some other way motivate. This is not going to happen this time.

Instead of talking to you I want to hear from you. I want to hear stories of your memories and experiences brought about by your connection with CTO. This can be about anything at all. From maybe someone helping you at an event, or giving you a ride. Maybe it could be about another event that CTO sponsored you to attend. It could be something silly like the Christmas party when they started singing "Joy to the World" and you belted out "Jeremiah was a Bullfrog". See what I mean? We want your stories, any stories that are near and dear to you. We want them for our archives, newsletter, and website.

I challenge each and every one of you to send in a story about some memory you have since you became a CTO member. You can mail them to: "CTO INC. N8154 Cty Hwy M Shiocton, WI. 54170" Phone them at: (920) 525-1123 or e-mail them to: CTOforME@yahoo.com

Call me with your ideas any time in the afternoon or evening I guarantee you I will listen. My home number is 920 434-1663 thanks...tob

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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NOTICE

If you have borrowed any equipment from Challenge the Outdoors, please return it to one of the directors as listed on the last page of the newsletter. Thank You.

CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS AWARDS PROGRAM

The 2nd Annual Awards will be given out at the 2008 summer banquet. Time frame is from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008. This year, the categories for fish have been expanded and all the award amounts have been reduced. In addition, each winner will receive a certificate of accomplishment. Check the CTO Web, site for latest hunting and fishing categories and who has entered a category. <http://ctoforme.org/Awards.html>

Categories include:

Biggest Challenge Overcome Outside: One of our members this year 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. Award = \$75 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

Deepdodo Award: For the member who takes the biggest challenge in the outdoors. (Jeff Pagels not eligible for this award!) The first 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. Award = \$75 gift certificate to Gander Mountain.

Volunteer of the Year Able bodied: For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving to help others enjoy the outdoors. Award = \$100 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

Volunteer of the Year Disabled: For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving to help others enjoy the outdoors. Award = \$100 gift certificate to Gander Mountain.

Longest fish, by the following species: (length in inches) Photograph required. Award = \$25 gift certificate to Shields in Appleton for the longest fish in each category. Lake Michigan/Green Bay Trout or Salmon; Walleye; Musky/Northern; Perch; Rough Fish, (Carp, Dogfish, Sheepshead ect.) One winner for the longest rough fish of all of the rough fish species..

Longest Trout at Zander Pond: (length in inches) Photograph required or verified by a member of the Zander Family. Award = \$15 gift certificate from Dicks.

Top score for Disabled Shooter at the J&H Sporting Clays Fund Raiser: Bust the most clay pigeons and win. Award = 4 free rounds of Sporting Clays at J&H.

Biggest Whitetail Buck: Number of Points longer than one inch x inside spread in inches with photograph. In case of ties or near ties, antlers will be re-measured in more detail by a CTO impartial measurer. Award = \$50 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

Biggest Tom Turkey: Length in inches of spurs and beards with photograph. Award = \$50 gift certificate from Dicks.

Send nominations, photographs, measurements or other details to Jeff Pagels either at jpagels@new.rr.com or 1400 Carole Lane, Green Bay, WI 54313 Call with questions at 920-366-5731.

Ice Fishing 2008

By: Larry Zander

There are a lot of us who love to ice fish as long as we can stay comfortable. I personally have spent a lifetime on the ice and have taken a couple of pickup trucks full of fish. But, I do remember a time when I caught so much ice my wife damn near drowned cooking it.

Catching lots of fish or not, this outing has always been a good time. Last year ice conditions were for the most part—horrible. This year, I'm setting a date and place.

The Pigeon River Pond—Clintonville

Sat February 23, 2008 — 7:30-8:00 a.m. — Pickerel Point

Bill Baehr always sees to it that everyone has plenty to eat, and he seems able to catch fish even when he's cooking. (Can the fish smell his cooking?) We will have all the bait you'll need: just bring yourself, your family, your friends, your wife or girlfriend (not both).

I ask that you call me (920-525-5637) if you'd like to participate. Those of you who have a Challenge the Outdoors, Inc ice fishing shelter—Bring it along. I can't guarantee a lot of fish action, but, I can bet on a lot of action of our own. See ya out there!!

P.S. We'll keep you from freezing.

10th Annual Sporting Clay Fund Raiser

Saturday April 5, 2008 8:00 A.M.

By: Larry Zander

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Challenge the Outdoors, Inc and the Sporting Clay Fund Raiser. It is important that all of us contribute to the continuing growth of our organization. The keys to this effort are 1: Trying our best to be at this function to show up and take part in this great day and showing our supporters our appreciation, and 2: By helping to get enough door and raffle prizes to make it the best. 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 20th so they can be recorded and numbered. You can call Jean Chapman at (920) 525-1123 or Larry Zander at (920) 525-5637 to make arrangements for pickup or delivery.

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

For questions or help—Call Jean Chapman at (920) 525-1123 or Larry Zander at (920) 525-. See you there and Thanks in advance for your help in making this 10th Anniversary Event the best ever.

My Hunt

By: Steven Lang

I'd been going out bow hunting for about a month and a half. Having a tag for both deer and turkey, I'd been hoping to see something soon. On a brisk Wednesday morning, I set out before dawn to see what I might see. At daylight, I did have the honor of seeing a small fawn walk by. Deciding to pass, I set back in my wheelchair for the rest of the morning. It wasn't long and I could hear a couple of turkeys not that far away from me. This came as a relief to me, since I had missed a nice tom the week before and was hoping for a second chance. But to my dismay, nothing came by and the morning passed. At 10 a.m. I decided to go home and rest up for the afternoon hunt.

Arriving back at the woods around 1:30, I rode my 4-wheeler to the woods. Took my wheelchair off which I have to load and unload myself. Then I pushed myself the final 40 yards across the field with my crossbow around my shoulders. Once I arrived at my stand, I loaded my crossbow and set in for the hunt. It's now about 2:15. About 2:30 a small doe walked by quickly and I couldn't get a shot off. This gave me a feeling that this was going to be a good day. And it was, at around 3:30, while watching the squirrels run around, 6 toms came walking by me. I quickly got my crossbow up and aimed at the birds. With a bird finally putting his head up in the air, I pulled the trigger. The next thing I saw was a bird flopping around on the ground. YES!! I got him! I pushed myself across the downed leaves, twigs, and small branches that covered the woods ground to get to my downed bird. I picked up my bird, found my arrow and headed back for the stand. It was a difficult to get the bird back while being in the chair, but persistence paid off.

When I got back to the stand and could look the bird over, I finally saw the fruits of my hunt. My shot hit exactly where I was aiming. A shot right through the neck, just below the head. The weight of the bird was 22#, beard measuring 6 1/8" with spurs being 7/8". Now I had to work at getting packed up. I then pushed by way back to the 4-wheeler, drove over to the blind, and loaded everything up to go home. It takes a lot of work in order to go hunting, but it's days like this that make it all worth it.

3RD ANNUAL PHEASANT HUNT SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 2007 BIG—FUN DAY! J&H HUNT CLUB

We wish you would have been there! What seemed like was going to be a lousy day, because of conditions, turned out to be blast with all hunters able to take home two birds each. After the hunt, we just spent time enjoying good food (served by our wonderful hosts at J&H Hunt Club) and telling lots of stories. It was so good to be together and enjoying each other's companionship. Such a good feeling in fact that everyone wants to do two per year. Beginning toward spring 2008 with the kind of consensus we will take it up with our Board of Directors. If it's a go we will let you know. "Thank you" J&H Hunt Club and all the helpers for all the preparation, hard work and generosity.

P.S. Judy Paluch shot at a bird which flew another couple hundred yards before landing. She said "I hit it and I killed it". O.K. Judy: We all witnessed a flying dead bird. Even Hunter (J&H Hunt Club dog) gave Judy a look of which I can't describe in print.

Challenge The Outdoors, Inc. Holiday Party

When: 12:30 p.m. **Saturday, January 12, 2008**

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

Please note the date changed from the November newsletter. The party starts at 12:30 p.m. with a potluck lunch being served at 1 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.

Several more bowling alleys will be reserved for our members than last year. 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 we'll have plenty of decks of cards available along with cribbage boards. If you have a board game that you would like to play you may bring it with you.

If you have any questions or need a ride please contact us at: (920) 766-9218 (Karen Baehr).

Hope to see you there!

PLEASE COME!!

Our Challenge the Outdoors, Inc Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We welcome your presence and input.

Jan 15, 2008—Muehl Public Library, Seymour

6:30 p.m.

Feb 19, 2008 Muehl Public Library, Seymour

6:30 p.m.

Highlights of Board of Directors Meetings October

- CTO received a \$100 donation from Winneconne Bass Club.
- Decided to renew MAP's for another year for \$200. MAP's is a non-profit organization that utilizes lawyers from the Twin Cities area who do legal research for other non-profits such as CTO on a pro-bono basis.
- Approved the purchase of the laptop computer and all necessary equipment and software up to \$1500.
- Decided that Special Events Disabilities Coordinator position be eliminated because it has been rarely utilized. Members should contact anyone on the back of the newsletter for help.
- Decided to allow up to \$1000 for promotional items for 10th Anniversary year.
- Agreed to give 2 sets of 1 CTO sweatshirt and 1 CTO hat for the Disabled Citizens banquet.

November

- CTO received a donation from the children of J. Spiegelberg. The children donated the entire memorial because they came upon our website and were impressed with CTO. Their dad liked to hunt & fish.
- Jean Chapman is willing to put stories from members in the newsletter.
- The Holiday Party date has been changed to January 12th, 2008.

NEW MEMBERS **NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 2007**

JOHN/MARY JANZ
BILL KOHLS
WILLIAM RIMICCI
DON SCHNEIDER

Deer Hunting 2007

By: Jeff Pagels

This was an interesting year for disabled hunter Jeff Pagels to be sure. Jeff, a wheelchair user since 1984 uses a cross bow for the archery season and a rifle during the traditional Wisconsin gun season.

Bow Hunting started out very slow. Jeff hunts in Waupaca County for the bow season and after going out 15 different times during the season had only saw 3 deer, two of which were small bucks he was not allowed to shoot in this Quality Deer Management Area.

That changed on a bright and quiet morning, November 8th. Nestled against a fence post between a cut cornfield and hay field he watched a deer running about 200 yards away and disappear in a lower section of the cornfield. Just in case, he settled his bow aiming toward where the deer had run. About a minute later, a nice 8-point shooter buck came bounding through the cut corn heading toward Jeff. Things happened fast after that, with Jeff taking his shot as the Buck slowed to a trot. From the sound and actions of the deer it was a good hit as the buck turned 180 degrees and headed back the way he came. Jeff put his wheelchair back together, managed to get back in it, (making a mental note to try and loose some weight) gathered his gear and started tracking. A few feet past the point of impact lay a totally bloodied arrow and a blood trail thick and at least two feet wide. The buck had only made it about 60 yards before piling up right along side a farm road.

After giving thanks to the Creator for this gift and performing the required DNR tagging, Jeff set about gutting his trophy. For once, things went well and the cleaning was accomplished with a minimum of mess. Jeff then pushed off to get his car, which had a deer carrier on the trailer hitch. That is when things went south. If you ever handled a recently taken deer, you know they are like a huge bag of Jell-O. Jeff tried for 20 minutes before giving up and going for help to load the deer. His hunting partner swore Jeff must have rolled in the gut pile to be that bloody!

Fast forward to the gun season and Tuesday of the hunt. The last live deer Jeff had seen was the 8-point bow kill in Waupaca County. Now hunting on Nicolet National Forest Land in Oconto County it was Tuesday and not one deer had he seen yet.

But, then again running right at him came another buck; he got his 243 Caliber rifle up, found the deer in the scope, noted it was a buck and fired. The deer gave a surge, a stumble and ran toward Jeff about 35 yards away. In a real neat move, Jeff jammed the bolt action real good and as the deer ran just a few feet from him he did not know if he should throw the gun at the deer or try to tackle him. About 40 yards later the deer tipped over and a minute or two later, Jeff got the 243: unstuck.

He climbed on his ATV, hauled up and tied down his wheelchair and motored off to the deer to again start the thanking, tagging and cleaning process. This one did not go as well as the bow buck. After getting the back half of the guts out, he was straining forward to reach the lungs and heart when he half slipped out of the wheelchair, So, now, Jeff's head and shoulder rested against the rump of the deer and both hands in the body cavity. Jeff had a good view behind him looking past his armpit only to see a fresh steaming gut pile with a torn stomach for good measure. As the chair started to slide away dropping him closer to the gut pile a feeling of inevitable trouble settled around the scene. Jeff held on for another 30 seconds before crash landing squarely in the gut pile.

As long as his hands were still in the deer, he first finished removing the lungs and heart and then slid off the guts onto clean but sleety wet mucky forest floor. In a brilliant but unsuccessful attempt at minimizing spreading the mess, he took his boots off, slid off his outer pants and then tried to get back in his wheelchair, which he finally accomplished. After making a mental note to try and loose some weight, he roped the deer to the ATV, mounted the machine and headed to the cabin, clean clothes and the traditional shot of Jaeger Meister.

So, was it a good season? He only saw 5 deer but shot two 8-point bucks. If you ask Jeff, he will tell you it was a fantastic season.

Field Grants Program Guidelines Challenge the Outdoors, Inc

At the September, 2007 BOD meeting, revisions were discussed and approved for the CTO Field Grant Program. The program is designed to aid physically challenged members of Challenge the Outdoors, Inc to experience once-in-a-lifetime outdoor recreational events that they can not otherwise afford to attend. To be eligible to apply and receive funding under the Field Grant Program, an individual must be a disabled member of Challenge the Outdoors, Inc for at least one calendar year.

These grants (a maximum of \$200.00) are not available to non-disabled members of CTO.

A Field Grant will not be awarded to an individual for participation in another organization's event if CTO already conducts a similar event. The Field Grant Committee and Board of Directors can consider an exception under special circumstances. Persons that have received funds under the CTO Field Grant Program are not be eligible for another Field Grant to participate in the same type of event in the future. For example: A disabled member of Challenge the Outdoors is awarded a Field Grant to hunt Pronghorn in Wyoming. This member may not apply for another Field Grant to hunt pronghorn in the future. See application on Page 10.

Please contact Director Larry Laehn at 920-757-6099 or at btiwi@netzero.com with questions.

Cost Sharing Program for Adaptive Equipment Catching on

We know adaptive equipment can be a bit pricey so our hope, by creating this cost sharing program in December of 2004, was to help our physically challenged members offset that cost and encourage them to purchase their own equipment. Thus creating more independence for them. So far CTO has helped several members purchase adaptive hunting equipment including crossbows and hand cranks, and an adapted gunstock. We are still waiting for the 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 have purchased or to see if a piece of equipment you're considering purchasing qualifies contact Jean or Harland Chapman. ***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.** If you are looking for sources of adaptive equipment there are hundreds to choose from 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. **Thank you.**

WHEELCHAIR AND E-MOTION SYSTEM FOR SALE

Invacare PROX4S Ultra lightweight Performance Wheelchair. Purchased new in Nov, 2005. Excellent condition, with mostly indoor use. Emerald Green frame and adjustable height back and detachable push handles. Extra comfortable seat cushion. Chair current lists for \$2,180 on www.Invacare.com. E-motion M-12 power assist drive wheels. Purchased new in Nov, 2005. No more hard pushing up hills or ramps. Adjustable speed and power options. Includes quick change 24 inch drive wheels, 2 batteries and built in battery charger. System currently lists for \$6,590 on www.FrankMobility.com Asking \$6,000 for the complete package. Contact Larry at 920-757-6099

**Field Grants Program
Application
Challenge the Outdoors, Incorporated**

DATE: ___/___/___ **NAME:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED (MAY NOT exceed \$200.00)? \$ _____. ____

ARE YOU A DISABLED MEMBER OF CTO INCORPORATED? ___ YES ___ NO

HAVE YOU BEEN AWARDED A FIELD GRANT IN THE PAST? ___ YES ___ NO

HOW WILL THE GRANT BE USED (Type of event, where located, date of event etc.)?

Field Grant approved by the Field Grant Committee ___ Yes ___ No Date: ___/___/___

Denial Rationale: _____

Field Grant approved by the Board of Directors ___ Yes ___ No Date: ___/___/___

Denial Rationale: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A RECIEPT, LETTER AND/ OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR ATTENDANCE

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ E-MAIL _____

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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 Shiocton, WI 54170