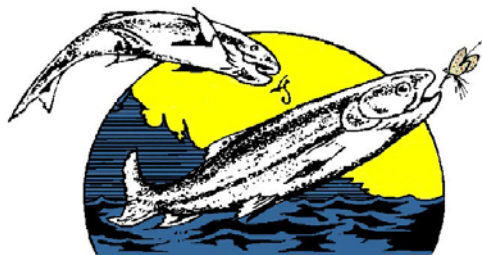
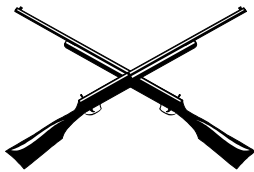


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JULY 2004**Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.**

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

President's Perspective, Larry Laehn, President

It has been said that good things come to those who wait. My response is why wait to reach your goals and meet your needs? Why wait for a crippling disease to finish its work? Instead, go fishing with a CTO member, teach someone to read or hold the hand of a struggling person!

Why wait until tomorrow to reduce your use of anger, manipulation or drugs to reach your desires? Instead, go hunting turkeys this fall, tell a significant other you love them and help the crabby neighbor next door mow the lawn!

Challenge the Outdoors is not waiting for good things to come! Your organization is recognized as one of eleven national "Partners for Disabled Hunters" by *American Hunter* magazine in the June, 2004 issue. The hard work of dedicated volunteers and members in accomplishing our mission is being recognized by many people.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great summer.

SPECIAL DEER HUNT 2004

OCTOBER 2-10, 2004

BY: BILL MAYVILLE

This year's Special Hunt will be bigger and better than ever. Boasting over 1550 acres of quality deer hunting land on which to hunt we will be able to provide more access to good hunting areas. Thanks to the many land owners in our area with an over abundance of whitetail this hunt should be a fun time for all.

We will headquarter out of Lessor Town Hall. Food , soft drinks and coffee will be provided by Challenge the Outdoors , Inc. the two weekends of the hunt. Anyone with special needs please contact Bob Mayer at 920-469-2021. Those hunters wishing to participate please call Bill Mayville at 715-758-8363. I will need your DNR Permit #, Telephone #, Address and the name and address of your helper if you can bring one. If you do not have your own helper we will be able to assist you. If you have any questions, please call.

September 1, 2004 is the deadline to have your name submitted to the DNR to qualify for this hunt.

DON'T WAIT!!!

REMINDER

CTO's pontoon is in the water at the boat landing in Cecil, WI just waiting for our members to put it to good use. If you wish to reserve the pontoon for a day of fishing or just a sightseeing ride on the lake please call either Harland Chapman at 920-833-6274 or Mark Baehr at 920-766-9218. If you are in need of someone to help in captaining the pontoon we will be able to provide assistance for you. PLEASE enjoy this great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

2004 TROUT-O-RAMA
JULY 17, 2004
9:00 A.M. TO WHENEVER
RAINBOW TROUT FISHING AND PICNIC

Great fun and fishing success was had last year at both first and second TROUT-O-RAMA's and this year is even looking better as far as trout numbers indicate. Our planted fish were only 6-8 inches when we started the first part of April but, being hungry little buggers they are putting on weight very nicely. Then – **THERE ARE THOSE MONSTERS** just waiting to test your line and bend your pole. There are more than just a few of these big guys. I suspect some of you who hook into one of these beauties will see them hit the ruler at up to and maybe over 25 inches (most should be 12-14 inches).

This year we have added large wood beams along the banks of the pond. This should (and I am sure will) allow those in wheel chairs to fish closer without anxiety.

As with all of our outings there will be **EXCELLENT FOOD**. Karen and Bill Baehr always make sure everyone has plenty to eat. Please help them out with a dish to pass (pies, cakes, desserts in general are always well received). **PLENTY OF SHADE!!** Thanks to two huge trees and the generosity of Director Toby Malchow, who is donating a large tent for that day. We also have other shelter in case of a shower.

NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED! Should you not have your own fishing outfits, not to worry. We will have them for you. We will also clean, bag and ice your fish. For those of you who have never been here we are easy to find. Take Hwy 47 to the Outagamie/Shawano County line where you will see a bridge. That's Shady Rd. Coming from the South – cross bridge and immediately turn left (West) on Shady Rd ½ mile and you're there. If coming from the North on 47 go to the county line and turn right (West) just before the bridge. CTO signs will be posted. Any questions call Larry Zander at (920) 525-5627.

Each member will be allowed 10 trout on this day. If your helper is also fishing, your limit is still 10. That's a lot of fish! ALL physically challenged, CTO member or not, are invited to attend. Non-members may take five trout on that day. If you know any other physically challenged person please ask them to join us on this fine day.

Give yourself and helper ½ hour to get set up in a spot you want to fish. I suggest you not use hooks larger than #10. I've taken many fish up to 15 lbs on #10's. Light line is best, small bobbers and small spinners. Casting may present small aggravation with all the lines in the water. Keep your bait small. A single salmon egg I feel will catch plenty of fish. I'll try to keep them hungry for this day.

“KEEP YOUR LINES TIGHT”

After the TROUT-O-RAMA all CTO members are welcome to come and fish any day of the week. The limit of fish for all physically challenged members is 5 per day and 10 in a 30 day period. Come and fish as many times as you wish each month, **JUST** be aware of the 10 per month limit. Next month – start over. Non physically challenged members will have a limit of 3 per day and 6 per month. A book for keeping a record of your catch will be on site. We ask that you record your catch before leaving.

This will be good for your kids too! Bring them out and let them catch or share your limit. Picnic tables, fire place and plenty of wood is on premise should you want to make a half or whole day of it with your family.

DUCKS UNLIMITED GREAT OUTDOORS FESTIVAL

On August 27, 28 & 29 DU will be holding it's 6th **Annual Great Outdoors Festival** at the EAA Grounds in Oshkosh, WI. The Festival is open Friday: Noon - 8pm, Saturday: 9am - 7pm & Sunday: 9am - 5pm.

The Festival covers much of the EAA Grounds and is made up of nine villages: 4x4, Archery, ATV, Biking & Camping, Conservation, Exhibitor, Fishing, Hunting Dog and Shooting Sports. Each Village is filled with activities, seminars, demonstrations and exhibitions of industry related products. In every village, and under practically every one of the nearly 200 tents, attendees have the opportunity to test out their favorite gear.

DU developed The Great Outdoor Festivals to help people understand and experience the excitement of the outdoors. They are an excellent place to learn new or fine tune existing skills. For more information visit DU's website @ www.dugof.com or www.ducks.org Festival fliers will soon be available at area stores.

CTO sponsored a booth in the Conservation Village last year where we met and spoke with many of the festival attendees and numerous clubs and organizations. Of those that we spoke to we had a good response, signing up several new members and making contact with many other groups, and organizations that are interested in our mission. We are planning on renting a booth in the Conservation Village again this year. We will need volunteers to man the booth on all 3 days. This opportunity will give you a chance to get involved and share your CTO experiences with festival goers. For those wishing to attend and or volunteer at the booth we will have passes available. We are making passes available to physically challenged members and their helper(s). Please contact Mark Baehr at: (920) 766-9218 or email at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net if you are interested. Mark will be putting together a work schedule and will be more than happy to hear from you.

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. The following is a list of Adaptive Sportsmen, Inc. events and contact information.

Oct. 1-3.... Archery Deer Hunt Baraboo..... Contact John Mitchell (414) 541-4505

Oct. 8-10 or 15-17.... Archery Deer Hunt Clintonville.... Contact Larry Drake (715) 535- 2697

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.

Fishing Has No Boundaries 2004

Fishing Has No Boundaries®, Inc. (FHNB) is a non-profit organization whose goal is to open up the great outdoors for people with disabilities through the world of fishing. Since 1988 FHNB has been doing just that. Fond du Lac's event runs from September 11-12 and is held on Lake Winnebago, and Chippewa Valley's event runs from September 21-22 and is held on the Holcombe Flowage.

For detailed information on these events contact FHNB at: 1-800-243-3462, by email at: info@fhnbinc.org , or check out their website at: www.fhnbinc.org They are accepting applications and there is a registration fee for each event and you will need to make lodging arrangements. Good luck if you go and don't forget to take some pictures of the big one that didn't get away.

WHO DO YOU KNOW?

By: Larry Zander

We know there are many folks who would love to participate in CTO activities, but don't know (yet) who we are or have never been asked.

When we see or meet someone who has an obvious disability; approach them and ask them to become a part of CTO. Also; ask non-physically challenged to get involved.

You, or anyone else, do not have to be a registered member of CTO to take part in our activities. Any and all physically challenged are welcome. Becoming a member gives you a voice in the decision making process and the direction you would like to see CTO go. Most importantly it is the membership who decides the election of it's directors.

Remember also: All members are welcome at the Board of Directors meetings. When non-board members are present, the directors invite questions and opinions. **Challenge the Outdoors, Inc is your organization. Take care of it!**

New CTO E-Mail Address

CTOforME@Yahoo.com

By: Toby Malchow

During a recent board of directors meeting, it was brought to the boards attention that because of their disability some people may be having trouble typing in the old e-mail address. The board agreed that the old address may be a bit long and create undue difficulty for the disabled typist.

The board of directors felt that we would like to have an e-mail address that was both easy to remember and reflected the mission statement "Dedicated To Serving The Recreational Needs and Desires of The Physically Challenged Sports person".

The question was asked. "Who is CTO for? Well the answer to that was easy, any person who receives services from CTO could say, "**CTO is for ME**". With that in mind the motion was made and accepted to change the e-mail address to:

CTOforME@yahoo.com

Even though we are going to use the new address effective immediately. We realize hundreds of people have the old address. The old address will still be monitored and as people write to us using it, they will be notified of the change.

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 will be held at the Muehl Public Library in Seymour on May 18, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. We welcome your presence and input.

July 20, 2004—Muehl Public Library

Main Street, Seymour

August 17, 2004—Muehl Public Library

Main Street, Seymour

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MAY AND JUNE, 2004

TONY FRANK

TOMMY NARMORE/LISA DOBBERTIN

JOHN HAMMEN

SIMON OTTO

CHARLES ANDE FAMILY

ARRON POWLESS FAMILY

JUDITH HAMAND

ADAM WEBSTER

CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, INC
SECOND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS BANQUET
SAT. JULY 24, 2004
RIVER RAIL – SHIOCTON

4:30 MEMBERSHIP MEETING - We ask that all CTO members be there for this meeting as it will help you stay informed. This is the only membership meeting we have during the year it is very important for you to attend. At this time we will be electing 5 people to serve on the Board of Directors for a three year term. There will also be an opportunity to become more active by being an advisor or to serve on a committee that interests you. Your input is important. This is what makes CTO as successful as we are.

5:30 FELLOWSHIP

6:30 DINNER

7:30 GUEST SPEAKER – JEFF PUES

8:00 AWARDS AND DOOR PRIZES

8:30 RAFFLE PRIZES

Our guest speaker, Jeff Pues, is a quadriplegic as a result of an automobile accident about 20 years ago. He is an accomplished artist and architect. He brings a real message to all of us about setting goals and reaching them.

This banquet is being held at no cost to all CTO members, including family memberships. If you wish to bring a guest the cost will be only \$10.00 per person.

Please complete and mail the form below—or—call NOW!

CTO, INC 2ND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

Member _____

Guest _____ Include \$10.00 per guest

Mail By: July 19, 2004

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2004 Little Wolf Gobblers & CTO Spring Wild Turkey Hunt Recap

(Continued from May 2004 Newsletter)

As the sun rose over the fields & woodlands surrounding Marion, WI. the morning of May 15, seven physically challenged hunters, Cliff Pheifer, Joe Brown Sr., Tommy Narmore, Larry Laehn, Bob Mayer, Mark Baehr, & Harland Chapman, were ready and waiting for their opportunity to harvest a Gobbler. Most were sitting quietly in camo blinds overlooking some prime areas thanks to the generosity of the landowners who opened their lands for the hunt. The LWG mentors accompanying them were; Ryan Mijal, Kasey Schweitzer, Jay Schweitzer, Kim Meyer, Mike Koepke, Dale Breaker, Kord Persha, Tom Mijal, Mike Mijal, Rory Clark, Mike Tischauser, & Al Smith. Also volunteering in the field were CTO members Dean Sprangers & Lisa Dobbertin (Tommy Narmore's mother). Three other physically challenged hunters, Bob Le Hew, Toby Malchow, & Terry Knapp were scheduled to participate but were unable to. We know they really wanted to take part and hope they will be able to at next years hunt. Terry was all set to take part in the hunt, having met with and set up his hunt strategy with LWG mentor/guide Rory Clark. However, he was unable to participate due to the fact that he had harvested a dandy gobbler, 24 lbs. with a 12" beard and big spurs, on the opening day of the hunt, May 12th. This was Terry's 1st Wild Turkey and he harvested it on his family's farmland near Shiocton. **Way to go Terry!!** You sure know how to grow em big.

Each hunter either saw or heard gobblers that morning but all were out of range except for the Gobbler Joe Brown Sr. and his mentors Mike Koepke & Dale Breaker saw. Joe made the most of this opportunity by taking the Gobbler, a nice bird weighing 18 lbs. Great job Mike & Dale. Not leaving anything to chance Joe got in two quick shots that assured his success. **Nice shooting Joe!!** This was Joe's 1st Wild Turkey and 2nd hunt. Around 11 a.m. the whole crew met at the Dupont town hall and posed for a group photo. Absent were Larry Laehn and his mentors, Ryan Mijal & Kasey Schweitzer, who opted to stay out hunting due to the fact that Saturday was the only day Larry could hunt. We missed you guys but understand that you were trying to get un-skunked, literally. Did someone grab the skunk call that morning? Hey it happens to the best of us.

After enjoying a fine lunch, prepared by Bill & Karen Baehr and helped served by Shirley Tischauser, and exchanging stories and strategizing for the afternoon hunt the remaining hunters and mentors hit the fields. Again, gobblers were seen but just not close enough for a shot. It seemed that the Gobblers would sometimes respond to calls but just couldn't be persuaded into making a commitment to come over for a visit. Does this sound familiar to any women out there? The birds were there; hopefully by morning the Gobblers would have a change of attitude. One thing was for sure; we'd be there to find out.

Sunday the morning air was crisp and cool and Cliff Pheifer with his mentor Kord Persha, Bob Mayer with his mentors Jay Schweitzer and Al Smith, Harland Chapman with his mentor Kim Meyer, Tommy Narmore with his mentor Tom Mijal and mother Lisa Dobbertin, and Mark Baehr with his mentor Mike Mijal and volunteer Dean Sprangers hit the field again. At 6 a.m. Mike Mijal managed to coax a young Gobbler/old Jake into the decoys and within range of Mark's shotgun by using some aggressive calling. Mark had a bit of challenge getting the bead on the bird but after some minor adjustments and patience he made a killing shot on the 14.5 lb. Tom with a 5 1/2 beard. This was Mark's 1st bird in 3 seasons of hunting. Harland and Kim made good on their hunt as well. Sitting on a field edge the two were talking quietly after Kim had made a few calls when lo and behold Kim spots a big Gobbler trucking his way across the field heading right towards their blind. Harland didn't have much time to get ready but he managed to get the bird in his scope and bagged the Gobbler, a beautiful 21 lb. bird with an 11" beard and nice spurs. **Another great job Kim and Harland.** This was the 2nd season and 2nd Gobbler Kim called in for Harland and Harland made killing shots on both. For a legally blind guy Harland sure has a dead eye for Gobblers.

The other hunting parties, Bob, Jay, & Al, Tommy, Tom, & Lisa, and Cliff & Kord, weren't as fortunate as in their areas just weren't responding or didn't get close enough. After another fine lunch Tommy, Tom, & Lisa, and Cliff & Kord hunted till closing time. They tried their darndest but it was just not meant to be this year. Tommy even asked if he could keep on hunting for a while but Tom reminded him that closing hour was here and they'd have to wait till next season. Tom was very impressed with the spirit Tommy showed for the hunt and will no doubt be more than happy to mentor him again next year. The die-hard award, if we had one, would have to go to Cliff & Kord. They put in more hours in the field than any other crew and deserve a lot of credit for doing so. This was the 1st year turkey hunting for Cliff and Tommy and they both enjoyed the hunt immensely. Next May can't get here soon enough!!

All in all this years hunt was huge success. Four Toms were harvested and great food and camaraderie were shared by a fine group of hunting enthusiasts. Most of the credit for the success goes to the LWG mentors and CTO volunteers and a special thank you goes to Tom Mijal for coordinating the hunt, to Kevin Wichman for his fine hospitality, and Nolan Sales for donating the use of gas & electric carts. Where would we be without these fine folks? We say it so often that we hope it doesn't get old. **Thank You so much** for all the effort and commitment you put into making this hunt something very special. All who participated will no doubt cherish the memories and experiences for many years to come. We look forward to next years hunt where we anticipate being able to accommodate even more hunters. Now that's something to look forward to! Keep an eye on up-coming newsletters for details. Oh yeah, if you are going to hunt turkeys this fall you have until August 10th to apply. Good Luck!

Getting Involved!!

This is an invite to all our members wanting to get more actively involved with CTO. We have plenty of areas and committees that can use your helping hands. As a growing organization it is vital that we steadily increase our volunteer base so we can keep up with the bigger demand for the services we provide. The following is a list of some of them with a brief description of their duties.

Sunshine Committee: When we hear of a member or friend of CTO's who needs some cheering up we send them out a card or give them a call. Cards and postage are supplied by CTO.

Food Committee: For the many meals we serve at our fishing and hunting events we can always use help in planning, preparing, purchasing food and related items, cooking/baking, serving the meals, and cleaning up afterwards. As a member of the committee you can pick your area of expertise or interest.

Special Events: We have several events throughout each year where there are plenty of great opportunities for both able and non-able bodied folks to get involved. June Fishery, Trout-O- Rama, Early Deer Hunt, and the Spring Turkey Hunt are all annual events that are continuing to grow. What's your favorite event? Pick one and volunteer, it's that easy! You can make phone calls lining up pontoon boats for a fishery, build and place deer blinds, clean fish, be a captain or 1st mate, help transport hunters to and from hunting blinds, be a helper in the field sitting with a hunter, etc, etc.

Newsletter Committee: Our Newsletter goes out every other month and we have a dedicated crew working on it. From writing articles, aligning articles, printing, folding, stapling, and labeling each letter they do it all. In this information/computer age here is another great opportunity to do some volunteering. Perhaps you can type a hand written article, submit an article with an experience you had at a CTO event or from another outdoor event. We would love to share your experiences with all our members!! On the day of the mailing you can meet and help with the folding, labeling, etc. and get to enjoy good conversation and company as well.

Website: Toby Malchow has recently upgraded our website. This will allow more people to get involved with specific pages like a fishing or hunting page just to name a couple. If you have an interest in helping to create a specific page that is of interest to yourself and think it would benefit our visitors please volunteer.

J & H Fundraiser: We always welcome volunteers in preparing for, advertising, collecting raffle items, selling raffle tickets, and helping out the day of the shoot.

These are just several of the areas where CTO's members are needed and more than welcome to volunteer for. We are growing, learning and becoming a better organization with each passing year. Get involved and take pride in knowing you are helping to make this possible. There will be a form available at the membership Banquet on July 24th that you can sign up to any of the committees that you have an interest or desire to be a part of. If you are unable to attend the banquet and want to volunteer for a committee, please call Mark or Karen Baehr @ (920) 766-9218 or email Mark at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net

With an increase in support by you, our members, we know we can make our mission statement, "**Dedicated to serving the recreational needs and desires of the physically challenged**", come more alive than ever before. *Thank You* and we hope to hear from you soon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 17, 2004	Trout—O— Rama and Picnic See page 3
July 20, 2004	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m. Muehl Public Library, Seymour
July 24, 2004	2nd Annual Membership Banquet River Rail, Shiocton
August 10, 2004	Fall Turkey Permit Application Deadline
August 17, 2004	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m. Muehl Public Library, Seymour
August 21-22, 2004	FHNB—Chippewa Falls, WI
August 27-29, 2004	Ducks Unlimited Great Outdoors Festival
September 1, 2004	Special Hunt Registration Deadline
September 11, 2004	Fall Trout-O-Rama
September 11-12, 2004	FHNB—Fond du Lac, WI
October 2-10, 2004	Special Deer Hunt

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

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