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March
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**Ten Years
Of Making It Happen**



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MAR, 2008**Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.**

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Presidents' Message: By Toby Malchow

Happy 10th Anniversary Challenge The Outdoors Inc.

Hello everyone, this newsletter Presidents message begins on somewhat of a somber note for me. In the past month I have received the resignations of two of our directors due to health reasons they are Director Patrick Nieuwenhuis and associate director Rene Grode. Both of these fine gentlemen have brought so much to CTO that words alone are never adequate enough to express how much their input will be missed at the meetings. Both have said they still plan on being involved in CTO events as members so we should still be seeing them around from time to time. Good luck guys!

We still have not been getting enough input from members. This is "your" organization. I know sometimes people think they can't make a difference because they are only one voice. I can assure you that that is not the case. The directors of Challenge The Outdoors, Inc. are very aware that their role is of being the "caretakers" of the organization. Members are the organization not the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors role is to make sure the organization stays healthy and on a solid financial foundation.

See how things work? We (directors) hear individual Member ideas on events or activities they would like CTO to support. Once we get input it goes before the board for discussion leading to action. At least that is how it is supposed to work, but there is a Monkey wrench in the works and that wrench is you the member. Without your input the board can only guess on what events and activities CTO should sponsor. Once again I ask that you, the member (our ultimate boss) call any director with your ideas.

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

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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. **A CTO member can only win one of the hunting/fishing/shooting categories in any one year.** 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.**

Deepdoodoo 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; Small & Large Mouth Bass; Bluegill/Crappie; 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 Bob Mayer either at 2201 Springcreek Circle, Green Bay, WI 54311 or crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net Call with questions at 920-469-2021.

5th Pheasant Hunt — March 8, 2008

By: **Larry Zander**

This has been such a good outing that those who participated in the December hunt at J&H Hunt Club/Game Farm wanted a second one this season. And, what members want, CTO does it's best to get. Always a fun day with good food at no cost. CTO will also feed your helpers, family members or friends. We've never had a pheasant hunt that each hunter did not take home two birds. The hunters will be registered at 8:00 a.m. and taken out to hunt in groups of 2. We have room for 12 hunters to take to the field. Call (920) 525-5637 —Larry Zander— to sign up for the event.

ALB & CTO 3rd Annual Spring Wild Turkey Hunt Update

So far we have 11 hunters signed up for the hunt, which takes place during the 5th week, May 14-18 of the spring hunting season. The good news we have is there are openings for 3 more hunters and there are tags still available for unit 22 that must be purchased over the counter or on-line starting March 28, 2008.

Overnight lodging has again been reserved this year in the Clintonville area where we'll have our headquarters. There is absolutely no fee charged to any participant. Our 1st formal meeting is taking place February 17 where we'll be working out a few remaining details of the hunt.

If you are interested in participating as a hunter please **contact Mark Baehr at: (920) 766-9218 or by e-mail at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net** He will answer any questions you may have. If you would like to volunteer and or have some land you'd be willing to open for the hunt please contact Mark as well. *Thank You.*

10th ANNIVERSARY 10th Annual Sporting Clay Fund Raiser Saturday April 5, 2008 8:00 A.M.

By: **Larry Zander**

BE THERE!! It's important! Come out and join the hustle and bustle of this fun work day. If this will be the first time you participate, you will be amazed with what all you see being done to make this event as successful as it's been. Our sponsors and shooters need to be greeted by CTO members to honor their support at the event. There are powerful words in our language and some of those most remembered are: THANK YOU!!

Remember! Top score for a disabled shooter is 4 free rounds of sporting clays. No prize for the person who tried the hardest and got the least. DARN! Transportation will be available to get to all shooting stations.

We ask that you not just buy or sell the raffle tickets sent you but, call and ask for more. AND—We need more door prizes. **Any questions call Jean Chapman at (920) 525-1123 or Larry Zander at (920) 525-5637.**

3-D ARCHERY SHOOT APRIL 19, 2008

By: Mark Baehr

We've planned an in-door 3-D archery shoot for this spring. The location has changed due to the closing of the Archery Shack. This spring's shoot will take place at **Nicolai's Archery** 969 N Military Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54303 (920) 965-9995 *All* CTO members and their family and friends are invited to attend. CTO will be picking up the cost of a round on the 3-D range and or a round on the target range for our members. We will be running the shoot from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and providing a lunch about 1 p.m. We haven't determined whether we'll be having a fun, non-competitive shoot or possibly a competitive one with trophies and or prizes. What is certain is we'll all share in some good camaraderie. If you have always wanted to try your hand at archery but don't have any equipment we will have adaptive equipment on hand including: crossbows with hand cranks, arrows, adaptive shooting chairs and rests. If you have a piece of adaptive equipment that you think others could benefit from please bring it along and share your ideas with others. Volunteers will be needed to help others on the range and to possibly help prepare and serve food and as well. **To get an idea of how much food to order/prepare we are asking that you please respond to us by April 12th.** Contact Bob Mayer at: (920) 469-2021 e-mail at: crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net or Mark Baehr at: (920) 766-9218 e-mail at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net **Directions: Take U.S. Hwy 41 to Velp Ave in Green Bay, take Velp east approx ¾ of a mile to Military Ave, take Military south approx. ¾ of a mile to Nicolai Archery (969 N Military Ave) on right(west) side of road. If you need a map please call Bob or Mark. We look forward to another great outing and hope you can make it!**

My First Hunt

My name is Tina and I have been blind for 20 years. I was sighted and am not scared of shooting Bambi. I just never thought I could. Challenge the Outdoors changed that for me. I first had to get used to the sound of a gun going off without ear plugs. Next, get the paper work done. Then Bill Mayville got me a spot where deer were going to come. My first try was bad. The weather on opening day of the handicapped hunt was 85 degrees—good!. When my helper got a deer in sight and said "Game is On" I couldn't find his finger on the trigger or replace my finger with it. He then kept saying "SHOOT SHOOT SHOOT". By the time I found the trigger and was telling him "whenever you want me to pull the trigger just say Shoot" the deer was gone. He then asked me "What part of shoot don't you understand?" The second night was different. When he said "Game is on", I had my finger on the trigger and when he said "SHOOT" I pulled it. Next I held my breath and waited. He said it went down and was putting the gun down when it got up and started running away. It was 6:30 p.m. and starting to get dark. We attempted to locate it by the blood trail with no luck. We then got help from Rod Barkhaus at 8:15 p.m. One hour later the deer was brought out and it was a buck to my surprise. A very young 100 lb antlerless buck. The nubs were only about 1 inch, but it was a buck. I have been informed about lasers for blind hunters on their guns and am really looking forward to holding my own gun and pulling the trigger. My husband says I will be his personal video game when he is aiming the red dot at the target. Ha Ha I now have buck fever knowing that a good catch will be mounted above our fireplace. Thank You Challenge the Outdoors for making life so much fun.

Deer hunter for ever Tina Schuda

Holiday Party Recap

By: Peter Lathrop

The holiday party at Sabre Lanes on January 12 went well. Everybody seemed to have a good time. About 80 people attended. The Packers were playing a playoff game that day so some people had other plans. Way to go Packers on a successful season!

Thanks to everyone who brought food for the party! There was a wide selection to pick from. Thank you Susie Malueg for purchasing the table decorations! Thank you Gerry Schick for donating some bird feeders for door prizes! Thank you to Peter Lathrop and his brother for going shopping and purchasing \$100 worth of door prizes! **Susie and Peter were reimbursed by CTO. Thank you to the other members of the committee who were Karen Baehr (chair), Judy Paluch (publicity display), and Patrick Nieuwenhuis!**

NEW MEMBERS

JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2008

TONY/LISA VAN LANNEN FAMILY

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.

Mar 18, 2008—Muehl Public Library, Seymour

6:30 p.m.

Apr 15, 2008 Muehl Public Library, Seymour

6:30 p.m.

Highlights of Board of Directors Meetings

December

- \$2000 was allocated to the Field Grants program for 2008.
- The main part of the Waupaca fishing walkway is in, but some work is still needed. The goal is to have people fishing by spring. This part of the walkway will be named after Challenge the Outdoors because of our \$6,500 donation.
- 400 CTO calendars were printed at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. Decided to make calendars again for next year.
- 10th Anniversary logo was created.
- Accepted the new committee structure.

January

- Funds being received from the Greg Biggar memorial will go towards the Special Hunt.
- The chairs of the new committees were determined as members volunteered.
- Approved 3000 new brochures to be printed at NWTC.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

Memorial donation from the Family of John Spiegelberg

Memorial donation from the Family and Friends of Greg Biggar given to fund the October Special Deer Hunt

Memorial donation from family of CTO member Robert Hershfield

Donation from Donald & Alvira Wishart

Thanks from the Officers, Directors and Members of Challenge the Outdoors, Inc.

HARTMAN CREEK STATE PARK HUNT

by Judy Paluch, Director

Warden Ted Dremel, the conservation officer working in the Waupaca area, explained the restrictions on the disabled deer hunt scheduled for December 6, 2008.

This disabled hunt is a learning hunt. Ted wants only hunters that are disabled and not very experienced at hunting. The person must pass the Hunter's Safety course and may have a helper or parent with them. The hunt will include any needed assistance devices, and there will be many people to help with the hunt itself.

This area gives an inexperienced hunter a chance of seeing many deer, and a greater chance to harvest a deer. During this special hunt, there will not be any license to purchase.

Only three hunters will be chosen to hunt in this special disabled hunt. If you are interested, please let Ted know as soon as you can, because I do not know the cut off date.

Call Ted Dremel at 1-715-258-4951 and, please leave a message on his answering machine, make sure to leave your name, the name and age of the hunter, phone number, and that you are calling about the Hartman Creek State Park disabled hunt. You can also e-mail him at theodore.dremel@dnr.state.wi.us

Good Luck to all those future hunters!

UPCOMING EVENTS — WATCH FOR DETAILS IN MAY NEWSLETTER

Trout—O—Rama Sat May 10, 2008

Sure, it's cold out there and lots of snow everywhere but it's not really that long from now that we'll be open water fishing. This will be our 10th Trout O Rama that not only produces great rainbow trout, but also lots of giggles and laughter. Plan ahead for this super fun day and the surprises in store for you.

**10th ANNIVERSARY
SHAWANO LAKE FISHEREE JUNE 7, 2008**

For those of you who do not fish often or more than one weekend; this outing is not only a fun day with lots of good food, but you do not need a fishing license for this weekend. Plan on participating, you'll be glad you did. Again, surprises are in store for you.

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 Toby Malchow ph. no. 920 434-1663. *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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