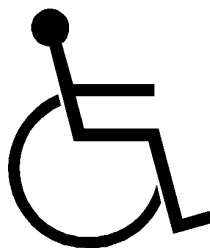
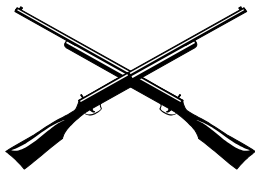


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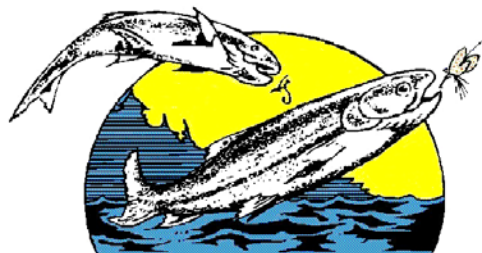
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Presidents' Message: By Toby Malchow

Anyone that couldn't get out to the J&H Fund Raiser missed one of the nicest days we have had in the last ten years. The support for CTO was enormous. I won't give away all the secrets, but be sure and read the articles in this newsletter.

We still have not been getting enough input from members. We (directors) need to hear more individual member ideas on events or activities they would like CTO to support. (See article on Page 7)

We are starting to branch out a bit to provide more shooting opportunities for members. Keep a close watch on the CTO website as some events may be popping up between newsletters. Due to schedules, openings at ranges, etc we can't always control the timing of events or promise everything will always be in the newsletter before an event occurs. Call a director near you to get any updates on what is happening. We can be sure that any upcoming events will be posted to the website at least ten days before they happen. If you do not have web access please call a director and ask them to put you on their phone alert list. Call me with your ideas any time in the afternoon or evening and I guarantee you I will listen. [My home number is \(920\) 434-1663](tel:9204341663). Thanks...tob

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REMINDER—MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please check the date on your mailing label of this newsletter. This date indicates when you dues are to be paid. There is a form on the last page to complete and mail with your payment. Thank You!

Trout-O-Rama #11

Saturday, May 10, 2008

By: Larry Zander

There are many Challenge the Outdoors members who tell me these outings are their favorite. Maybe one of the reasons is that for a lot of fishermen, the rainbow trout is the king of fish. Others have said it is just the idea that getting together and having a lot of laughs and giggles that make the time spent very special. Combine all of that and add great food, companionship and sharing — WOW How good can it get?

The pond is open to fishing any day of the week (after May 10th) for all members and guests. Non physically challenged members are allowed three trout per day with a six trout per month limit. Physically challenged members are allowed five trout per day with a ten count per month limit. If you bring a guest or helper the limit is shared between you. Remember to write down the number of trout taken in the register book by the pond.

Let us all look forward to another wonderful Challenge the Outdoors event. See Ya!!

Shawano Lake Fishery

June 7, 2008

By: Larry Zander

I do believe this is our 11th Annual. Sometimes the fishing is good and sometime just fair. However, there has never been a time when we didn't take fish home. For those of you who have never participated, I would encourage you to do so this year. There is no fishing license required this week-end only. Once again: this is a day for all CTO members, family and friends to enjoy our gift of the great outdoors. At mid day we take a break and enjoy super good food of which Karen Baehr and her staff make sure there is always more than enough. Bill Baehr and his helpers even clean the fish for you to take home. What a Deal! All bait is furnished. Check Page 14 for the schedule of the day and on Page 15 is a Registration form that needs to be completed and returned by May 30th so we can be sure of enough pontoon boats for all to fish.

How to get there? Just drive to Cecil. We are at the park and boat landing on the east shore of the lake. Try our best to be there before 8:00 A.M. Have a sweet roll or donut and coffee. **We will do our best to get everyone loaded by 9:00 A.M.** Call Larry at (920) 525-5637 with questions. See You There!!

Just Thinking

By: Larry Zander, Vice President

Many times people close to me have said: "Stop thinking! It could be dangerous." Dangerous or not—I can't help myself. So—Here I go again. Each day of our lives we are bombarded with all of what is wrong in the world we live. It happens so often, it becomes difficult to experience all that is good. As for me: I have a whole bunch of little people walking around in my brain (keep this to yourself please). Sometimes all of them are talking at once and my wiring shorts out. But, more often than not, I hear a strong voice that says: "**Life is Good**". When I think of all that Challenge the Outdoors, Inc has become, all of the broken circuits in my head come together and I hear a great shout—**WOW!! IT IS GOOD!!**

SHOOT 'TIL YOU DROP

JUNE 14, 2008

BY: Larry Zander

No Cost to Physically Challenged Members!!

This is going to be one heck of a bang up day. When we say SHOOT 'TIL YOU DROP what we really mean is: if five shots is all you feel comfortable with—feel free to stop, watch, and giggle as our other fellow shooters beat themselves up. There are those of us who will want to shoot the Sporting Clay course (50 rounds), others may want to shoot the challenging five stand (25 rounds) and some may want to shoot skeet (25 rounds). Maybe you'll want to do them all. It's your choice.

I will also do my best to set up a straight away target for those who cannot lift and hold up a gun. This should give the shooter some confidence in using our anti-gravity shooting device, or for those who just need to know they can break a target. (Personally—I know how to miss.) Missing a target is never my fault. It's either the gun or the shell or someone threw a target made of unbreakable material. For those of you without gun ownership—NOT TO WORRY—Guns of all gauges are available (410, 28, 20, 16, 12). If you have a cannon—bring it. We will also do 22 cal rifles.

This great fun day will need a lot of non handicapped volunteers. I would like to see a mentor with each shooter plus volunteers to help co-ordinate all that is happening. I ask that volunteers also be shooters. Volunteers and family members can shoot but, will buy their own ammo and pay for doing the sporting clay course, 5 stand or skeet. All volunteers and family members or mentors will enjoy the free lunch. (Picnic if you will.)

YOU MUST CALL ME at (920) 525-5637 to sign up and tell me how many family, friend, or mentors will be with you. There is no easy way to make this happen without knowing (within reason) how many participants. Please do this before **June 7th**. **MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW!!** This is a rain or shine event. Your Challenge the Outdoors Board of Directors encourage you to take part even if you feel it is too difficult. **REMEMBER:** Challenge the Outdoors is dedicated to serving the recreational needs and desires of the physically challenged sports person.

ALSO: This could not happen without the support and dedication of all the folks at J&H Hunt Club. What a very special blessing it is to have their ownership of dedication and support. Don't forget to personally thank them. **J&H Hunt Club — Hwy 156, 2 miles west of Navarino.**

Special Deer Hunt

By: Rod Barkhaus, Director

The Special Deer Hunt for the disabled is still a few months away, (October 4 thru 12, 2008), but we are already working on several things that have to happen before the hunt. We have been very fortunate in past years for the lands that have been opened up for our hunters to use. CTO is always looking for more good hunting land on which to place our hunters. The land should be in about a 20-25 mile radius of the Lessor Town Hall—our hunting headquarters. If you have any land you would care to “donate” for 10 days in October, please contact **Toby Malchow (920)434-1663** or **Rod Barkhaus (715) 758-8217** before **May 25, 2008**. There is a deadline of June 1, 2008 to get the hunting lands signed up with the state. Thank You.

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 sometime in mid to late March.

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 Sporting Clay Benefit

By: Larry Zander & Jean Chapman, Co-Chairmen

It's over!! Well, almost. Final account is not quite finished at the time of this writing, but, we do know this; after ten years of extraordinary effort Challenge the Outdoors accomplished it's biggest result ever. 444 shooters came out in support, along with folks who came along to watch all of the goings on. Some shooters went out twice giving us a total of about 515 rounds of sporting clays. We were also blessed with a day of the finest weather in the whole of this spring.

And, oh my gosh! What a wonderful group of volunteers. I'm not absolutely sure but approximately 25 of us were busy as bee's all day. We even ran a shuttle to bring people to the lodge, a nice courtesy well appreciated by those who took advantage. All of us, including those of you who could not come out, can be proud of this once again great event. It is also with great pride that we thank J&H Hunt Club and all of their staff for their constant dedication and support of CTO.

Challenge the Outdoors—Bigger, Better, More!!

Volunteers Needed

By: Rod Barkhaus, Director

What is a volunteer? A condensed dictionary meaning translates roughly to this....A person who performs or gives his (or her) services of his (or her) free will—without payment or compensation. OK—That kind of makes sense but being a volunteer with Challenge the Outdoors is somewhat different. When I first became a volunteer with CTO a few years back it certainly was “of my own free will”. The difference is the part about “without payment or compensation”. As a CTO volunteer, I do not receive a paycheck or anything like that, but there certainly is a form of compensation I get knowing I can make a difference in someone's life. Believe me, it's a pretty good feeling. I know there are more of you out there who can also help to make that difference—and more volunteers are always welcome. Typical events in a CTO year include the annual sporting clay fund raiser, fishing outings on Shawano Lake, Lake Michigan and at the CTO trout pond, helping with wild turkey hunts, pheasant hunts at J&H Hunt Club, the Horicon goose hunt, the special 9 day October deer hunt and many more activities. If you think you would like to help with any of these events in any way, please contact any of the CTO Board members listed on the back of the newsletter

Timber Rattlers Base Ball Game

When: Saturday, June 21, 2008
 Time: Meet outside the stadium at 4:30 p.m.
 Where: Fox Cities Stadium
 2400 N Casaloma, Appleton, WI

We will be eating on the 3rd base picnic deck. Admission includes game ticket and an all-you-can-eat buffet (brats, hamburgers, potato salad, cookies, etc.) along with two beverages. The buffet will be served at 5 p.m. and will last until game time at 6:30 p.m. The Rattlers staff has scheduled this date to be a gift giveaway and fireworks night.

CTO will buy the tickets for it's members, but the \$3 parking fee is your responsibility. The event is open and free to all members. Guests are welcome, but will be responsible for buying their own tickets. Ticket cost is \$16.75 for adults, \$12.75 for children 10 and under. [The deadline to reserve your ticket\(s\) is May 27, so reserve your ticket\(s\) ASAP or you may miss out on a great outing! To reserve a ticket\(s\) contact Peter Lathrop at \(920\) 982-4288.](#)

NEW MEMBER MARCH—APRIL, 2008

JANE PAGELS

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.

May 20, 2008—Muehl Public Library, Seymour

6:30 p.m.

June 17, 2008 Muehl Public Library, Seymour

6:30 p.m.

Highlights of Board of Directors Meetings

February, 2008

Decided to keep the pontoon program the same as last year

March, 2008

An Aquatic Biologist from Fond du Lac will look at trout pond to give us suggestions on how to improve it.

Kevin Naze from the Green Bay Press Gazette wrote an article about CTO and the Sporting Clay Fund Raiser.

Decided to fund \$150 for Autumn Long Beards Disabled Youth Turkey Hunt.

8th Annual Community Wheelchair Wash and Health Fair Saturday May 3, 2008

This event is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to noon at Fox Valley Technical College, 1825 Bluemound Drive in Appleton. Use Entrance 9 on west side of building. Event volunteers will clean and inspect electric power chairs, scooters, manual chairs and lift/hand controls for free. Participants will again have an opportunity to assess their weight on a wheelchair scale. There will be booths to visit for information about many business's and groups. Children's activities, a buffet brunch prepared by FVTC Culinary Arts students and door prizes will create fun for all ages.

The registration deadline is **Thursday April 24**. For more information or to register call Nurse Direct at 1-800-362-9900.

CTO will have a booth—Stop and see us.

THANK YOU!!

For the Memorial Donation from the family and friends of CTO Member Robert Hershfield.

For the donation from Jane Pagels.

For all the donations made for the Sporting Clay Benefit.

From the Officers, Directors and Members of CTO

CTO BOARD IS PUZZLED?

Every time a project is proposed in Challenge the Outdoors it usually comes from a Board member. During discussing the merits of the idea, inevitably, someone asks this question. "How do we know if the regular membership likes this idea or supports it?"

Actually the Board worries a great deal about how others in and out of Challenge the Outdoors will react to a new idea or a change to an old event. Many people worry about what others think about them and the Board of Directors is no different.

Just like in the past, in order to suppress our worries we think perhaps an article in the newsletter asking for feedback might generate input. Some of us are not sure it is a valid idea because in the past, previous requests for feedback have resulted in zip for input. Maybe, some of us say, the general membership is happy with what the Board does or does not do.

The present and past presidents of this organization have written stories for the newsletter asking for input. I asked there was any interest in forming trap or skeet teams. Others have asked if there was interest in other projects.

One thing we do know is that our two Zander Pond fishing events, the annual Shawano Lake fishery, the Timber Rattlers Baseball Night, the Goose Hunt, the Turkey Hunt and Deer Hunt all seem to be well liked and utilized by many CTO members. We also have fairly high interest in archery events, our loan closet and financial support for equipment and attending other events.

That might sound like a lot of activity, but there could be more or there could be less.

At the last meeting the Board agreed to once again try to get some input or reaction from members on how we are doing, what we could do better, what is not worth doing anymore. There is also a thought that the Board of Directors is a very good representation of a cross section of our membership. We have wheelchair users people with vision problems, people who use canes or crutches and able bodied volunteers who want to help in anyway they can. Could it be safe to say, that there exists great support for the activities and events developed by the Board of Directors and whatever the Board agrees upon is acceptable by the rest of the members.

To get you thinking, what about the use of the Zander Pond for more trout fishing? Should we hold more than two Trout-O-Ramas? Should we just have one? How about one every warm weather month?

Should we drop the Timber Rattlers game or have more? Should we keep going to car races or drop it?

Should we spend more money helping disabled members buy adaptive gear or attend other events like, for example, the Broke Wing Pheasant Hunt or the Helluva Antelope Hunt?

Should we purchase more adaptive equipment to lend to our members? Should we buy another pontoon boat for another lake in the region? Should we move the one pontoon boat we have to a different lake or just move the boat around to a new lake every year?

I am sure we could fill another page with similar questions, but we think you get the idea. Will we get input as a result of this story? Who knows, but if we don't, I think the Board of Directors should take the high road and assume they have a very supportive and agreeing membership.

Please direct your input to our Board President Toby Malchow who can be reached on email at bruther-one@yahoo.com or by phone at (920) 434-1663.

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 past 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; **Small and 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 fish, by the following species: (length in inches) at the annual Shawano Lake Fishery. No Photograph Required. Award = \$10 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse for the longest fish in each category. Walleye; Musky/Northern; Perch; **Small and 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. **There will actually be three awards this year. One award at each of the two Trout-a-Rama events and one more for the longest trout the other days of the general open season.** 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. to Sportsman's Warehouse. Award = \$50 gift certificate

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 crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net or 2201 Springcreek Circle, Green Bay, WI 54311 Call with questions at 920-469-2021.

Boating Season is Here!!

By: Mark Baehr

For the 2008 boating season CTO is again renting a slip on Shawano Lake in Cecil. Our slip rental runs May through September so there will be plenty of time for getting out on the lake for fishing and/or sight-seeing opportunities. **CTO will again be picking up the cost of gas for our members who use the boat as long as at least 1 physically challenged member is included in the party on board and within reasonable usage. Now that's an incentive to get some of our physically challenged people out fishing this year!! To provide these opportunities we will need your help.** While a few volunteers have stepped forward to be captains and first mates we can still use more. If you enjoy boating and/or fishing this opportunity may be just what you've been looking for. By volunteering your time you will be providing a much needed service to our physically challenged members wanting to get out for a morning or afternoon fishing/sightseeing trip and get to make some new friends and catch some fish along the way. CTO members John Kempen and Gary Thyges have volunteered to give hands on instructions on how to operate our pontoon boat and will make time for those wanting and needing to learn how. They will teach operational skills and basic maintenance of our boat so all our volunteer captains and first mates will be knowledgeable and confident in operating our boat safely. We are also requiring that **all** members wanting to captain our boat have prior boating skills and knowledge of how to operate it properly. A boating operational checklist has been developed and should help keep potential problems to a minimum.

John and Gary will be splitting the reservation duties this year. John will be taking the months of May, June and July and Gary will be taking August and September. To reserve the pontoon boat or to volunteer your services please contact **John Kempen at: (920) 788-0311 or try his cell at: (920) 851-8636 and Gary Thyges at (920) 737-6858.**

CTO and the Challenged Sportspeople we serve are looking forward to another great boating season and we hope you can and will take an active roll in making it an even greater success. **Tight lines to All!**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE CTO BOARD

By: Larry Laehn and Karen Baehr

Since 1998, Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. has grown in terms of programs available and individuals served. All the accomplishments of the past 10 years are the result of dedicated and positive efforts by volunteers and members. An excellent way to be a part of this organization is through service on the Board of Directors.

We are seeking nominations to fill 5 Director positions. A CTO director is a current (or willing to become a) member of the organization. Directors actively attend monthly Board meetings and carry out assigned committee responsibilities. Directors understand the need to balance recreational desires of people with physical disabilities with the realities of managing a non-profit organization. **MOST IMPORTANT**, Directors are people with a positive attitude, are objective in decision-making and are able to relax and enjoy helping others through CTO.

To nominate yourself, **contact Larry Laehn (920) 757-6099 or Karen Baehr (920) 766-9218.** All nominees must give a brief summary of their background about themselves to Karen Baehr prior to July 1, 2008. Board elections take place at the Annual Member Banquet held at the River Rail in Shiocton, WI.

Things I Have Learned Hunting From An ATV

By
Author Unknown

Before I blew my spinal cord apart, I was a typical hunter who would bust brush all day long in the pursuit of big and small game. It was nothing for me to walk, sneak, or crawl for miles on end through mud, deep snow, tall grass, tag alders, cornfields and swamps.

After I became a permanent wheelchair user I learned it was still legal for me to carry a loaded and uncased gun while I tried to push my wheelchair through all the previously mentioned outdoor surfaces. But, I was also told that it was not legal to sit on an ATV and ride through all the stuff with my gun uncased and loaded.

I guess the rule makers never took the time to watch someone like me try and push through a cornfield with a loaded gun balanced on my lap. I guess the rule makers also drew conclusions from all the negative ATV publicity about the dangers of someone with a loaded gun on an ATV. I think they had visions of the old buffalo hunters running down their game and shooting the beasts on a dead run.

I began my ATV hunting career inching down deserted logging roads on public lands in Northern Wisconsin. One year I actually shot two grouse, one in a tree and one on the road from my ATV, but as most of us know, it's not only the killing; it's the "being out there." I also started using my ATV to get to my deer stands, one year I even strapped a chair on the back of the ATV and hosted myself up; which put me about 8 feet off the ground. That was exciting for a guy who was now only 4 feet tall. I also became one of Deer Camp's favorite persons as in most cases I was able to haul tagged deer out of the woods.

One year, our family acquired a hunting dog, it was not a breed I would have made my first choice, but she was a great flusher and chaser of pheasants. (That is, when she was not lying on our living room davenport.)

I wanted to try hunting pheasants with my ATV on a game farm locally instead of a hunt in Nebraska, which was the first time I hunted from my ATV. A friend of mine, let's call him Joe, asked a Nebraska farmer if I could hunt on my machine and he said sure.

I thought I would just start calling and see if I could find a game farm in Wisconsin that would let me hunt with a loaded gun riding my ATV. Because this is illegal, I figured this would be a hard find, but guess what? In now; 10 years of hunting illegally off my ATV, I have yet to find a game farm that would not allow me to hunt. In fact, I never even had a farm manager hem or haw, all of them without hesitating said sure, come on out. (Most game farms use ATV's to stock birds, so what was one more inching around the property?)

A typical hunt at a game farm I joined consisted of stocking 4 birds. My dog usually got the first and maybe second bird, often jumping up and grabbing the pheasant as it rose cackling from the ground. Then I got to scare the hell of the last two birds who usually took off on my right, (I could only shoot mostly to the left side).

One game farm I used was a favorite hang out for DNR Conservation Wardens. One warden, lets call him Joe, came up to me as I was loading my ATV on my trailer after hunting and all we talked about was our success given the day was very windy. Joe even laughed when I told him, "I wished the farm would only stock left handed birds to give me a better chance of knocking one down."

Once I was hunting with my ATV down a U.S. Forest Service logging road when a hunter came walking toward me. His body language suggested that he was not happy to see a guy with a loaded gun on an ATV, but when I got right up to him he relaxed and got real friendly. He could see the wheelchair hanging on the back of the ATV and the slow moving vehicle sign with the blue and white disabled symbol in the middle of the sign. In a nutshell, he thought it was just great that a guy out hunting the best way he could was trying to do the best he could.

Grouse hunting is way different than pheasant hunting. There are three ways I hunt grouse. The first way is actually quite legal!

On some trips, my Son, (Let's call him Joe.) and his dog work a trail or logging road. I ATV up ahead where I can find a sharp bend in the road and post there looking back toward Joe somewhat. Some times a wild flush will head my way for a decent flying shot and both hunters are in safe spots from getting dusted by stray pellets.

The next way is to ride slowly down a road or trail until you see a real grousy spot. When you get close enough, you go on RED alert and then

kill the motor and get ready fast for a possible shot. As you might know, grouse seen or unseen will hold fairly steady until a motor is shut off, (Auto or ATV) and then flush. Just like Musky fishing, expect this to happen about every 1,000 attempts!

Here is a subset of that to make sure you understand. If you see a bird walking in or along side the trail, keeping the motor running until you take your shot will greatly improve your chances for a fresh partridge dinner.

The last way I try to hunt these crafty game birds is around sunrise or sunset. Again pick a grousy looking spot, park, shut down the motor and just hang out on Yellow alert just like on a deer stand and wait to see if one happens to walk in looking for a snack. While your eyesight is important, it's more important to keep your ears wide awake.

Which is the most productive way you ask? By far, slow road hunting is the best. Which is the most relaxing? Toward evening hanging out next to a good grouse stand.

We ought to close this report about "Killin Pat ridge" with some answers to most likely criticisms from hunter safety specialists, true sportsmen and elite grouse hunters, or those who think they are one of those types.

Please don't tell me this is dangerous, (see paragraph 3 of this report.)

Please don't go down your high, medium or low road and remind us of your definition of "fair chase" or the ethics of shooting birds out of trees or car windows or on the ground. Who chases birds more fairly? Is it a physically fit tall person with the best dog, best gun and best gear money can buy or someone like me? The thrill I now get when I take a bird is so much more than when I could walk on my own two feet.

Next time you see a road hunter ask yourself: Is he a lazy good for nothing Joe or a disabled hunter enjoying the outdoors the best or only way he can?

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.**

6th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

Our annual membership banquet will be held at the River Rail in Shiocton on Saturday, July 26, 2008. At this time we will be electing new Board members, recognizing donors and others, and having time to get to know other CTO members. Mark your calendars NOW and a registration form and reminder will be in the July, 2008 newsletter. Hope to see you there.

**CTO Inc. 10TH ANNUAL SHAWANO LAKE FISHERY & PICNIC
SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008**

CTO'S, INC. WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH:

1. Guided Boats & Assistants
2. Live Bait (leeches, worms, night crawlers)
3. Lunch (food & refreshments)
4. Water
5. Terminal Tackle (hooks, sinkers & bobbers)
6. Fish cleaning for those who request it

WHAT PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BRING:

1. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Life Vest * We will have a several available *
2. Personal Fishing Pole & Tackle * We will have a few poles available *
3. Appropriate Clothing depending on weather (i.e. rain gear, warm clothes)
4. Sun Block , Sun Glasses & Water Bottle
5. Lawn chair
6. A small personal cooler

*Just a friendly reminder. If you haven't used your fishing pole in awhile replacing the line and cleaning and lubricating your reel now could prevent a headache the day of the Fishery. For pan fish we recommend re-spooling your reel with good 6lb test line.

EVENT PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPANTS OF FISHERY

8:00 a.m.	Participants arrive at Park - coffee & donuts served
9:00 a.m.	Guides & Participants load up GONE FISHING!!
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Guides & Participants load up GONE FISHING!!
4:30 p.m.	Back to the Park to disembark

We are requesting that you please return the Fishery registration form by May 21st. Volunteers are still needed and if you have any other questions or concerns please contact:

Larry Zander (920) 525-5637

Harland Chapman (920)525-1123 chapjean1@yahoo.com

Bob Mayer (920) 469-2021 crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net

CTO is looking forward to another great Fishery and we hope to see you June 7th.

CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, Inc.*****2008 Fishery Registration *****

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Wheelchair user? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, do you use a Power Wheelchair ___ or Manual Wheelchair ___

I will be attending: Only the morning fishing ___ Only the afternoon ___ All day ___ Only the Picnic ___

Medical or Special Needs: _____

Name of Helper : _____

Address of Helper: _____

Phone: _____

Guest(s): _____

If Helper/Guest(s) desire to accompany participant on boat, is it : Necessary ___ or Would like to ___

Incase of an emergency call, Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

We will make every effort to accommodate all Physically Challenged participants and their assistants, family and guests on our boats the day of the fishery. However, available space on boats will determine whether assistants, family and guests will be able to accompany participants.

Return Registration Application by May 21, 2008 to: Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.

N8154 Cty Rd M

Shiocton, WI 54170

Entry or Release of all claim: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry in the "CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, Inc. Fishery event, I release CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, Inc. and all volunteers who are connected with this event, from any liability or claims of injury to body or property or illness that I sustain during my participation in this event, I understand that this applies to myself, my personal helper, heirs and assigns. I represent that I am capable of participation and acknowledge that this release is being relied upon by the above organization in permitting me to participate. I also grant full permission to any or all fore-going to use any photographs, recordings, or any other records of this event for any legitimate purpose.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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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:

Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.
 N8154 Cty Hwy M
 Shiocton, WI 54170