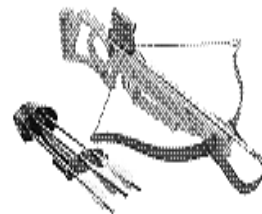
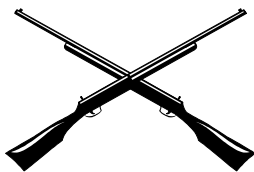


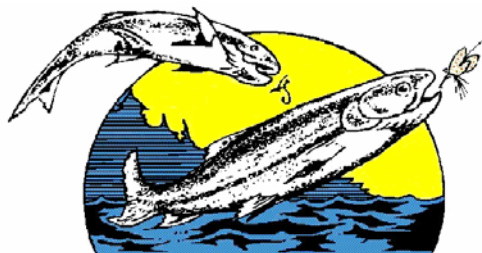
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DESIRES OF THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SPORTSPERSON

President's Perspective, Larry Zander, President

I'm not sure who said it, I believe it was Disraeli. "A man (person) becomes what he thinks about — all day long." Should I accept this philosophy with literal thinking. I'd be a fish! But it is so simply profound.

Borrowing from the thoughts of Gibron, I thank God we are not as air plants and depend upon light to sustain us but, that we are blessed with desires beyond simply being sustained. If we think that something good will happen — it WILL! Failure becomes a non-entity. This is the mind set of the whole of Challenge The Outdoors, Inc. YOU—WE—ALL OF US play a huge part in the continued success of our mission goal: To serve the recreational needs and desires of the physically challenged sportsperson. Always remember that 80% of the founders of Challenge The Outdoors, Inc were themselves physically challenged.

Challenge The Outdoors, Inc. is your organization. TAKE CARE OF IT!! Think about it all day long. See you out there.

Words of Wisdom—Larry Laehn, Past President

"It's always too soon to quit" is a line from Norman Vincent Peale's book *You Can If You Think You Can*. One way to battle defeat, be it in business, attitude, financial or personal arenas, is to never talk defeat. There are ALWAYS alternative solutions to a difficult situation. Negative words lead to negative action which leads to negative results.

I cannot begin to count the times in my life when I defeated myself long before the final outcome was known. Positive self-talk, combined with an energetic, forward-thinking approach to life's challenges, beats impossible odds. It works for me and I know it can work for you! From today forward, I am going to use positive words to get positive action to get positive results. I hope you do the same.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING DEC 18, 2004

At the October meeting of the Board of Directors it was decided to have a Christmas Party along with our December Board Meeting. We have chosen to have this at Wally's Seymour Bowl in Seymour, WI. The Board meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a potluck lunch following. There will be open bowling from 2:00 to 6:00 and they are equipped to handle wheelchairs for bowling. The meeting and lunch will be held in a meeting room at the west end of the building.

All members and guests are invited to join in the celebration of the Christmas Holidays.

Directions to Wally's Seymour Bowl: Wally's is located on the north side of Seymour off Hwy 55 (Main Street of Seymour) on Lake Park Rd. There is a sign on the Hwy—turn right if coming from the North and left if coming from the South.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Hunting Blinds Available for Members

CTO has 9 portable/collapsible camouflaged hunting blinds that are now available to our members to check out for the regular hunting season. They will be loaned out on a 1st come 1st served basis with preference given to our physically challenged members. If you are interested in borrowing a blind please contact either **Bill Mayville @ (715) 758-8363** or **Harland Chapman @ (920) 833-6274**. We will have a sign out sheet to keep track of who has what. Five of the blinds have been fitted with adjustable wooden supports that are use-ful for some hunters to use as gun rests. The other 4 blinds are not equipped with supports and hunters may need gun rests of their own.

Adaptive Gun Rests/Mounts

A few of our members have designed gun rests/mounts that have enabled them to hunt much easier. They are willing to share their experience and ideas with you that will hopefully help you improve your hunting experience and lead to greater success. If you have any questions on a gun rest please contact **Bob Mayer @ (920) 469-2021**, **Cliff Pheifer @ (715) 256-1401** or **Harland Chapman @ (920) 833-6274**. There is also a wealth of information on adapted gun rests/mounts at the Buck Masters American Deer Foundations website @ **www.badf.org** If you have information on or a design for a gun rest/mount or any other adaptive equipment that you think would be of use by others please contact Bob Mayer. If you have photos of your equipment we would be happy to put them up on our website. Please send your photos with instructions or comments to **ctoforme@yahoo.com**

Email Addresses Requested

From time to time we come across information on events that we know are of interest to our members and friends. When possible we put the information in our newsletters but sometimes we receive the information on short notice and therefore we unfortunately cannot get it in the newsletter before the event takes place. To alleviate this problem we are creating an Emailing group list of our members and friends that we will send this time sensitive/short notice information to. Hopefully this will provide the recipients with more opportunities to attend these events. If you would like to be included on this group Email list please send an Email to: **ctoforme@yahoo.com** and request to be put on the CTO Yahoo Group list. **Thank You.**

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

For Youth with Physical Disabilities

Starting Saturday November 6 and running through December 18 the Youth Adaptive Sports Association (YASA) of Northeastern Wisconsin in partnership with Greater Green Bay YMCA will hold a class on Sit Volleyball fundamentals with Penny Ricker, US Women's Paralympic Sit Volleyball Team Member at the YMCA at 380 Broadview Drive. The cost is \$10.00. For more information and registration please contact Linn Heider at (920) 469-1595.

TROUT—O-RAMA IV

BY: Larry Zander

September , 2004 was another successful day of fishing along with wonderful weather. Over 90 men, women and children showed up and eagerly participated. Lots of conversation, camaraderie, and as always new friendships formed.

Many trout were taken and I do believe everyone took some home. The largest was a 24 inch caught by Director Gary Thy's granddaughter. Several others in the 20 inch plus class were taken.

The food was once again more than "FIT TO EAT". We missed Director Karen Baehr but her husband, Bill, commanded the set up and manned the grill along with such wonderful and willing ladies of CTO. We thank all of you who brought side dishes and other goodies. I'm glad you brought more than necessary because I relished some of the leftovers for a week and a few extra pounds.

Let us not forget those guys that clean, bag and ice the fish. Members Bill Baehr and Steve Dalke, always willing, always there.

Keep your lines tight.

The following message was received via e-mail from member John Martinson after the Trout O Rama:

Hi Everyone. I just want to say thanks for welcoming me into a great organization! Everybody's been so helpful and giving, plus the fishing was a lot of fun! The biggest part for me is the camaraderie these events bring out in us, this really means a lot to me! Any how TAKE CARE AND MAY GOD BLESS!

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.

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.

More good news comes to us from our friends at Adaptive Sportsmen, Inc. They have informed us that Bob Speaker called and said that they will have a shotgun hunt at Badger Army Ammunition Plant on Sunday, November 21st. You need a class A permit to participate in this hunt. If you are interested in obtaining an application send Bob a note with a self addressed stamped business size envelope and he will send you an application. You can bring up to three friends to help you. The address is:

Department of the Army
Badger Army Ammunition Plant
2 Badger Road
Baraboo, WI 53913-5000

Good Hunting!

WE ARE PEOPLE

We are People is an organization of disabled citizens trying to give back to the community. They would like to invite you to join them for their Christmas Party on Dec 15th at the Menominee Casino Restaurant. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information and registration call Jerry Laedtke at (715) 524-4506 or Barb Driscoll at (715) 851-0229 by Dec 1st.

CTO 6th Annual Special Early October Deer Hunt

By: Larry Zander

What a wonderful 10 days, October 2-11, 2004. And what a wonderful group of hunters and helpers!!

Not only did all hunters and helpers have a great time in the woods with good weather but, Oh the Food.

There is no way we can give enough praise to those who so generously give of their time and talents. Let's start with Karen Baehr. Always willing-always there cooking and making the whole area (wherever we are) smell so good! And the eating is even better. Almost always at her side is Delores Laedtke. Both these ladies are running around like crazy, knowing what they are doing and doing it well. Thanks also to Christy Baehr, Bill Baehr, Jackie Bird, and Lisa Gilderneck who not only helped with the food—but—the cleanup.

People! We do not take you for granted. Thanks to all of you who helped the hunters. Many physically challenged hunters enjoyed putting some venison on their tables.

The Special Hunt couldn't happen without our hunt master Bill Mayville. It takes countless days and weeks of preparation, registering the hunting land with the state, hunter applications, building blinds and placing them in about 20 locations. On occasion he had help from other workers: Chuck Nelson, Dean Sprangers and Harland Chapman. Then, remember, these all have to be removed after the hunt. A special thanks to the landowners: Gary Blum, Todd Grunewald, Bill Mayville, Dennis Rudie, Brian Wendt and J&H Hunt Club in the Shawano Co area and Kelly Dellise, Willard Heimke, Robert LeFebre and Todd Malchow in the Oconto Co. area.

We must not forget those kind folks who allowed the use of vehicles to make out way to and from the hunting areas. Dean Sprangers—2 4 wheelers, Lee Kohn—4 wheeler, Bob Bird—4 wheeler, Bill Mayville—4 wheeler and Kim Meyer who arranged 3 John Deere pugs for our use, compliments of Riesterer and Schnell, Inc. of Greenville. Kim not only picked them up but also returned them. Big Job. Also a big Thank You to Shadows on the Wolf for the use of their hydraulic lift.

A HUNTER'S PERSPECTIVE

BY: Harland Chapman

To one who enjoys immensely being outdoors and being involved in the Special Deer Hunt, but has limited visual acuity, it becomes imperative that a helper is involved. With that in mind I would like to personally thank my three helpers, Bob Bird, Kim Meyer and Greg Zander. Not only did Bob make it possible but he also got up early enough to pick me up by 5:00 a.m. on both weekends and bring me home at the end of each day. (My wife thanks him profusely.) He also took me out on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, with Kim Meyer taking me out on Friday afternoon and Greg Zander on opening morning.

Not only did they allow me to spot far more deer than I could alone, but they were also excellent companions. And so, Hats Off to you three not only for your help but also for your companionship. In all we spent about 37 hours in the woods attempting to bag a deer.

Thanks again Fella's!

PHEASANT HUNTING

The Minnesota Broken Wing Connection is a non profit organization devoted to offering individuals with physical disabilities the chance to rediscover, or discover for the first time, the outdoor activities available to them. This is accomplished through an event called the "Minnesota Broken Wing Connection Pheasant Hunt Individual". Individuals experience pheasant hunting in a whole different way with the use of specially designed rigs, the help of family and friends, and sharing in the "CAN DO" spirit.

Steve Harvey, a member of Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. was able to attend the hunt this year and sent us the following article.

Minnesota Broken Wing Connection Pine River, MN September 10-12, 2004

After an 8 1/2 drive, my brother Dan and myself made it to the American Legion in Pine River. What a welcome sight! Patty greeted us and we were set up in a great room at the Econo Lodge. We were treated like royalty. We had a very nice room, good food, great hunting, hats, pins, pictures, but the best of all we met a lot of wonderful people.

The hunt on Saturday was fun and very well organized. After a good breakfast we set out to start the day with a trap shoot and then off to the pheasant hunting. We were provided with a guide and bird dogs. The day was spent testing our endurance and aim with trap shooting and cross bow with 3-D targets. When the sun set we enjoyed a banquet with a steak dinner. Beautiful award plaques were given along with a goodie bag to die for!

Sunday we headed back to Green Bay loaded down with 6 pheasants, a sore shoulder and memories to last a lifetime.

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 are held at the Muehl Public Library in Seymour on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We welcome your presence and input.

Nov 16, 2004—Muehl Public Library
Main Street, Seymour

Dec 18, 2004—Wally's Seymour Bowl
Main Street, Seymour 1:00 p.m.
(See article on Page 2)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SEPT & OCT 2004

IVAN CRAIG, JR
AUGUST KRIESER FAMILY
CHRIS OLSEN FAMILY
DANIEL ARLOZYNSKI
LUCY MOON
SCOTT IMIG
STEVEN PRINGNITZ FAMILY

2005 Spring Wild Turkey Hunt

By: Mark Baehr

While it's only the beginning of November we're already planning for the Spring 2005 Wild Turkey Hunt. As in the past three years CTO will be working with the Little Wolf Gobblers (LWG), the Marion, WI. Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, to sponsor a Spring Wild Turkey Hunt for physically challenged hunters.

Tom Mijal, of the Little Wolf Gobblers, has done an outstanding job at coordinating the past years hunts and he will be coordinating this springs as well. The LWG volunteer guides and mentors did an outstanding job helping the 7 physically challenged hunters last year and they are looking forward to this coming springs hunt. Tom has informed us that we can expect to have enough volunteers and land to handle at least 10 hunters and probably will have room for several more. *Now that's great news!*

We all agree that the last years hunt went so well that we've decided to keep this spring's hunt time and format the same. We will be hunting during the weekend (May 14-15), of the 5th time period (May 11-15), of the 2005 Spring Wild Turkey Hunt in Zone 22. Our headquarters will be near Marion and a pre-hunt get together will be scheduled. There has been quite a bit of interest shown in this hunt and we will need to know exactly how many hunters and volunteers are interested in participating. Hunters, please contact Mark Baehr at (920) 766-9218 or by email @ baehrm@sbcglobal.net by November 22, 2004 to let him know of your interest so we can compile a hunters list.

We are requiring all physically challenged hunters, with Class A or C State of Wisconsin disabled hunting permits, wanting to participate in this hunt to apply for a Spring 2005 Wild Turkey harvest permit for Turkey Management Zone 22 and select the 5th week as your 1st and only choice by the December 10, 2004 deadline. There is a \$3 application fee. Don't purchase a license until you receive confirmation from the DNR by mail sometime in early February that you have received a harvest permit.

While we have not run into any problems with our hunters receiving permits for the 5th period there are no guarantees and we will do everything we can to accommodate the hunters during the hunt. If we end up receiving more hunters than we have the ability to accommodate we will need to create a lottery system giving preference to 1st time hunters who have not harvested a wild turkey and so on.

Thanks again to our friends at the Little Wolf Gobblers even more physically challenged people will be getting the opportunity to participate in a Spring Wild Turkey Hunt and we are all looking forward to it with great anticipation. We will be working out the hunt details in the coming months and will keep you informed on what's going on. **Good Luck and we hope to hear from you soon!!**

ICE FISHING !!!

We wish there was a better way to show immense appreciation for all some of our supporters do, other than—"Thank You". The Wingettes Chapter of Wings over Wisconsin have done it again! Four wonderful Clam Voyager ice shelters. No more wondering how we are going to keep warm ice fishing this winter. These shelters are 8 ft long, 6 ft wide and 6 ft high. And—they can be joined together. No more excuses folks! Let's go ice fishing! Much more information coming in your January newsletter.

Wingettes Chapter of Wings over Wisconsin—"Thank You" for adopting Challenge the Outdoors.

Chippewa Valley Chapter of FHNB 2004 Event

By: CTO member Peter Lathrop

This was the fifth annual Chippewa Valley Chapter of Fishing Has No Boundaries event. It was held on Lake Holcombe Flowage near the town of Holcombe, WI on August 21 & 22. The event was at Paradise Shores Resort Hotel. The weather was sunny and in the high 70's on both days. There were around 50 participants. The main sponsor of the event was the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin.

I was not planning on attending again this year. I attended last year and all I caught the first day was a turtle. I attended this year because I figured fishing could only get better, and I was right. I would like to thank Challenge The Outdoors for sponsoring me again this year!

4 participants (including myself), 4 helpers (including my dad), and the captain who is my brother-in-law, were on the pontoon on Saturday. His name is Scott Webster. My sister Joy assigned participants and helpers with pontoons. She had a difficult time because 2 pontoons did not show up.

Fishing was OK on Saturday. I caught 2 crappies and the total for the boat was 9 keeper pan fish. We moved around a lot before we found some fish. We ended up catching most of the fish in the same location that we caught fish last year.

When we came back into shore we ate dinner outside. When we were eating we enjoyed watching 4 baby squirrels run around. A person was even able to pet a baby squirrel. My sister was sitting at the table doing paperwork. She did not see a baby squirrel running towards her. The baby squirrel started climbing up Joy's leg. Joy then screamed and flew out of her chair. Everybody around, including Joy, started laughing.

The boats left already at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. One participant and his helper did not return on Sunday. Another participant and his helper showed up 45 minutes late, so we had to go back to Paradise Shores to pick them up. When we picked them up, we got approval to stay out fishing an extra half hour. My mom and Joy said there were a few participants that showed up late on Sunday. I do not know why because the boat departure time was clearly stated on the Sunday agenda.

On Sunday we started fishing where we caught most of the fish on Saturday. I caught a crappie. We then moved 50 feet further. I caught another crappie, threw my line in around the same spot and immediately caught a tiny perch. I threw my line back in the water and immediately the other two participants threw their lines right near mine. I do not like when people do this. My dad and I did not complain, we just chuckled and shook our heads in disbelief. They were catching fish at the back of the boat on Saturday and my dad and I did not go back there at all

After I caught that tiny perch the fish did not bite, so we moved to a different spot. This was the best spot of the whole weekend. The spot was about 2 feet in diameter in the middle of some Lily pads. The one participant used a cane pole and caught about 30 keeper bluegills out of this spot.

My dad and I did not bring any fish home. The two other participants wanted them really bad and even argued over them. The one participant thought she had more coming because the other participant took the fish home that were caught on Saturday. He said that a volunteer told him to take them home. They split the fish up on Sunday so they were both reasonably happy.

When we got back in to shore we ate lunch. Door prizes were then raffled off. Each participant then got a Certificate of Participation. To conclude the event a participant sang a funny fishing song. After he sang the song he had the crowd sing with him. This was a very enjoyable way to end the FHNB event!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 6—Dec 18, 2004

YASA Sit Volleyball

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November 16, 2004

Board of Directors Meeting

Muehl Public Library, Seymour 6:30 p.m.

November 21, 2004

Adaptive Sportsmen, Inc. shotgun hunt

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December 10, 2004

Spring Turkey Hunt Applications due DNR

December 15, 2004

We are People Christmas Party

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December 18, 2004

Board of Directors Meeting & Christmas Party

Wally's Seymour Bowl—See Page 2

February, 2005

Ice Fishing—Watch for Details in January Newsletter

April 2, 2005

Sporting Clay Fundraiser

J&H Hunt Club

May 14-15, 2005

Spring Turkey Hunt

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

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MY INTERESTS ARE: FISHING___ HUNTING___ VOLUNTEER___ OTHER___

If you checked other, please explain: _____

I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR : NEW MEMBERSHIP ___ RENEWAL___

\$ 20.00 FOR A SINGLE ___ \$ 30.00 FOR A FAMILY___ \$ 100.00 LIFETIME___\$150.00 LIFETIME FAMILY

DUE TO MY FINANCIAL SITUATION I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP ___

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