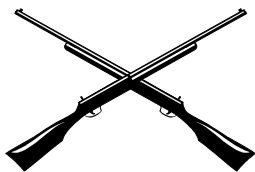


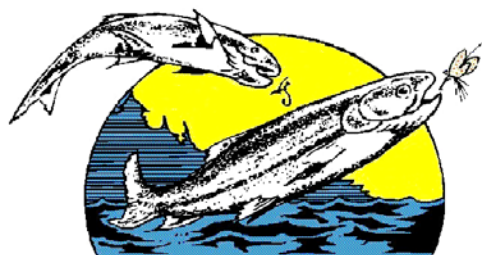
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Presidents' Message: By Toby Malchow

Happy 10th anniversary Challenge The Outdoors Inc.

Has it been a year already since I was elected president of CTO? Where did the months go?

I would like to make this President's message about thanking each and every one of you that helped CTO continue to be (in my opinion) the best organization of its kind anywhere. What more can I say? That is it **"We are the best bar-none"**.

I will not be in the running for President this year, but that does not mean I will be gone. With the success of the CTO shooting programs along with my own love of shooting. I have decided that I would like to focus my efforts in that area during the last year of my current term as a board member.

What a wonderful learning experience it has been as your President.

Thank you one and all. 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
SAT. SEPT 13, 2008 8:30 a.m. — ???
BY : Larry Zander

Here we go again!! Tight lines, bent rods, splashing, jumping trout, giggles and screams, great food and camaraderie. What more can one ask? I've lost count! I think this is our 12th Trout—O—Rama and each one has been a day filled with joy.

As with all of our Trout-O-Rama days we ask (only if you can) that you bring a dish or desert to pass. Karen and Bill Baehr always make sure there is plenty of meat, fruit and cold drinks. Don't forget to bring a cooler to take your fish home. Will you be the one with the longest trout? Once again, Dean Sprangers has made arrangements to have the longest trout mounted for the Physically Challenged member who caught it.

Fishing rules are the same: 5 trout per physically challenged membership, 3 trout per non-physically challenged membership. If this is the first time you've participated and need directions call Larry at (920) 525-5637.

YOUTH AND LADY DAY — J&H HUNT CLUB
SAT. SEPT 6, 2008
By: Larry Zander

For goodness Sake! Get out to this day of learning and participation and picnic. Oh yes! Men are welcome but it will cost you \$2.00 for all you can eat. You can experience almost everything that has to do with outdoor activities. This is also a day when Challenge the Outdoors demonstrates to the general public that we do more than just talk outdoor recreation. We sponsor and run the trout fishing area including cleaning, bagging and putting the fish on ice. Isn't this wonderful? The physically challenged bring service to others!! Many many comments have been made about this impressive activity and great promotion for CTO. Be there! Of course all volunteers at the trout pond eat free and — every youngster and lady receives a really nice door prize and lunch. See enclosed flyer.

There are not enough "Thank You's" that could be given to J&H Game Farm to show our appreciation for this annual event. TAKE ADVANTAGE—BE THERE!!

3rd ANNUAL GOOSE HUNT
By: Steve Lang, Director

The DNR deadline has past to send in for goose tags, BUT as with most all CTO events, we invite anyone that would like to see what the event is all about to come over. Or, if your preference is just to visit with friends, that is always welcome too. We arrive Sept 26, 2008 with some hunting that evening, and hunt Sept 27th and 28th. For more information contact Steve Lang at 920-398-1076 or steve71099@yahoo.com

New Challenge The Outdoors Shooting Programs

By: Toby Malchow

Great news! As I mentioned in this months Presidents message CTO has received a generous donation of \$3000.00 from the Wingettes chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin to be used towards establishing CTO shooting programs. In the past the Wingettes have supported us through donations of a motor for the pontoon boat and portable Ice Shelters. I find it hard to put into words how much the Wingettes support of CTO has meant to both the organization as a whole and to those members whose lives have been affected by the Wingettes. On behalf of both myself and the membership of CTO, I humbly say **THANK YOU WINGETTES.**

The new shooting programs will start upon publication of this newsletter. CTO will be setting up a list of anyone that wishes to participate in shooting. We are working on getting some type of trailer to transport shooters around the Sporting Clay courses. **We also ask that every shooter call ahead at least a couple days in advance so we can make sure we have enough volunteer staff on hand to help shooters with special needs.** Below you will find the exact wording of the motions approved by the Board of directors. If you have any questions feel free to call Toby Malchow at: 920 434-1663 email CTOforME@yahoo.com or: bruther-one@yahoo.com

Program 1. (Sporting Clays)

“That CTO establish a monthly Sporting Clay Shoot for all CTO members. CTO would pay for the cost of shells and one round of shooting for each Physically Challenged participant. Those eligible for funding would be Physically Challenged members, elderly members at least 65 years old, and youth under the age of 18 when accompanied by an adult family member taking part in the shoot. Non-Physically Challenged or anyone not at least 65 years of age would not be eligible for funds. Adult family members shooting with youth would not be eligible for funding unless they qualify as Physically Challenged themselves. If approved the first event would be held on the second Tuesday of July 2008 at 1:00 p.m. and continue every second Tuesday of the month unless re-scheduled and posted in the newsletter. Shooters shall be responsible for the cost of their own food and beverages.”

Footnote: We will be shooting Sporting Clays at J&H. most of us come early (around 11:00 am) and enjoy a casual lunch at our own expense from the great J&H menu. We start gathering our equipment and loading up around 12:45 to 1:00 pm for a great afternoon of shooting. Last month it took our ten shooters about 2 1/2 to 3 hours to finish the course. Bring water and skeeter spray!!

Program 2. (CTO sponsored teams)

“That CTO, using donated funds for establishing shooting programs. Use those funds to pay for the cost of shells and nightly entrance fees for any Physically Challenged CTO member that is shooting on a team that has been endorsed by CTO and is using some form of Challenge The Outdoors as their primary name on team uniforms. This proposal only covers the cost of shells and nightly fees for Physically Challenged CTO members shooting in established league shooting. This proposal does not cover any league fees, uniforms, or any other funding as there are already programs in place to handle publicity. Non-Physically Challenged shooters are not eligible to receive these funds.”

Program 3. (Shooting for Fun at Bill Mayville’s)

“That CTO, using donated funds for establishing shooting programs. Use those funds to pay for the cost of 100 Clay targets per month for any CTO member that would like to do practice shooting at Bill Mayville’s property. Non-Disabled members will be responsible for providing their own ammunition. CTO will provide up to 4 boxes of shells per month for Physically Challenged members, but no more than 2 boxes per membership on any one outing. Physically Challenged shooters may bring a helper or guest shooter, but daily shell limits must be shared between shooter and guest. Shell limits can not be shared with others unless both parties are present. All shells issued by CTO must be consumed on the premise. No shells paid for by CTO can be taken off the premises. If a shooter stops shooting before reaching the daily limit of 50 rounds per outing, the shooter may return as often as they like until reaching the monthly 100 round limit. The fifty rounds per day, 100 round monthly limits only apply to CTO paid for Clay targets and shells. Shooters providing their own ammunition and clay targets can shoot as much as they want. No shooting is to take place unless shooters make prior arrangements with Bill Mayville.”

Footnote: Please keep in mind that Bill and Barb are doing us all a great favor by opening their land up to us. Be sure to let them know you appreciate it by thanking them. To schedule shooting you can contact Bill Mayville at: (715) 758-8363

CTO Second Annual
“Sight in your gun day”
Wednesday: August 27, 2008
By: Toby Malchow

Where: Nicolet Rifle Club, Suamico WI. Time: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm with shooting starting at 4:00 pm. Map and directions will be in the July newsletter, posted to the CTO website, and also in the files section of our chat group (you can join the chat group by sending a blank e-mail to: ctoforsubscribe@yahoo.com).

Nicolet Rifle Club Inc. has graciously offered Challenge The Outdoors Inc. exclusive use of the lower range for the sight-in. NRC volunteers will run the sight in portion of the shoot and staff the range. The sight in is free of charge to any disabled hunter that has a class A, B, or C, disabled hunting permit. Shooters are required to provide their own firearm, ammunition, hearing and eye protection. Hearing and eye protection are mandatory to use the range (none will be provided). This sight in will be for firearms only (no bows). Bring your rifle, pistol, muzzleloader, Turkey, or slug gun. You may bring more than one gun, but depending on how busy it is, you may be asked to rotate to the rear of the line after each weapon is sighted in (to give others a chance to sight in also). Please bring any adaptive equipment you use for hunting along to display and share ideas with the other hunters. CTO will have an information tent on adaptive equipment set up. Food and beverages are being discussed. A CTO committee has been formed to oversee the event. The committee members are: Chairman Toby Malchow, Bob Mayer, and Bob Bird. If you have any questions, ideas, or equipment you wish to display. Contact Toby at 920-434-1663, Bob Mayer at 920-469-2021 or Bob Bird at 920-740-3410.

Special Deer Hunt—Oct 4-12, 2008
By: Rod Barkhaus, Director

We continue to make progress with this year's Special Deer Hunt. From some early scouting we have been doing, it looks like we should have another very successful hunt! The land owners are all signed up and taken care of. All of our hunters from last year have been contacted and re-signed if they wished to hunt with us again this year. We also have a few new members registered for this years hunt. Remember that the dead line is September 1 for anyone else who would like to get signed up. Please contact Rod Barkhaus at 715-758-8217 or barkhausrodnan@hotmail.com before August 29 if you are interested.

We will once again this year be needing help with blind placement before the season and with picking them up when the hunt is over. Also—volunteers are always welcome and needed to assist with the actual hunt. Help is needed with getting some our hunters in and out of their blinds or possibly even sitting with a hunter once you get there, helping take aim, tracking the deer, field dressing, dragging, hauling—you get the picture..... For those of you who would rather stay indoors, Karen Baehr (920-766-9218) and her crew can always use help preparing all the good food they serve us down at the Lessor Town Hall.

If you are willing to help, we'll sure try to find something for you to do!

SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNT RECAP

By: Mark Baehr

This year's hunt marked our 3rd with the Autumn Long Beards (Clintonville Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation). This year we had 11 hunters; Kayley Wockenfus, Tommy Narmore, Harland Chapman, Larry Lane, John Kempen, Judy Paluch, Bob Mayer, Larry Laehn, Cliff Pheifer, Ivan Craig and Brian Desrosiers. Several hunters took advantage of the lodging we reserved at the church camp that also served as our headquarters for the hunt.

Weather conditions were pretty decent considering the much cooler and wet conditions leading up to the hunt and thankfully didn't really factor into the hunt as much as in years past. The 1st hunter to hit his target was Harland Chapman who was mentored by Kim Meyer. Harland and Kim went out on Thursday at 8:30 a.m., had a nice Gobbler by 10:30 and in the freezer by noon. Next was John Kempen who was mentored by Brad Radtke. John took a very respectable Jake, his 1st ever wild turkey. Next to hit her target was Kaley Wockenfus, who was mentored by Tim Neabling and accompanied by her father Jeff. Kaley used a cross-bow to take her 1st ever wild turkey, a nice bearded hen. Next to hit her target was Judy Paluch who was mentored by Dave Strebe and accompanied by her husband Wayne. Judy also harvested her 1st ever wild turkey, a nice Jake. Each hunter also received a very nice NWTF knife and butchering scissors kit from the ALB and in our appreciation CTO gave each mentor an honorary 1 year CTO membership.

All those involved in the hunt were treated to a great Saturday evening smorgasbord, prepared by Karen Baehr. The meal included; chicken, roast beef, roasted & scalloped potatoes, veggies, desserts, and much more. All I can say is it was yummy!!

Our thanks go out to all the mentors and volunteers who took a lot of time out of their busy schedules to help make this hunt the success it was again this year. They are; Brad Radtke, Richard King, Les King, Nicholas Zuiches, Ryan Mijal, Kasey Schwietzer, Tom Mijal, Kord Persha, Dave Strebe, Rory Clark, Mark Baehr, Kim Meyer, Fran Sagert, Tim Neabling, Mike & Shirl Tichauer, and Bill & Karen Baehr. And last but not least a big thank you goes out to all the landowners who so graciously opened their lands to our hunters.

We look forward to the spring hunt of 2009 and we will have important information on that hunt in November's newsletter. ***Thank You.***

CTO Night at the Races

By: Steve Lang, Director

On a great night (Friday, August 15th) to be outside, around 30 CTO friends and family gathered at the Sunnyview Speedzone Raceway in Oshkosh for some great dirt track racing action. There was plenty of excitement in the air in anticipation for the racing we were about to witness. We all ate food, told stories and got reacquainted with everybody again. With our stomachs full of food that was prepared by the track, we all found our seats that had been reserved graciously for us by the track officials. The racing action was non-stop, with some bigger crashes as the night went along. Nobody was hurt in the crashes, so as they say in racing, that's what the fans want to see as long as nobody gets hurt. Everyone at the event seemed to be having a good time and as this event grows, hopefully even more of you will be able to join in this family event.

**NEW MEMBERS
AUG—SEPT, 2008**

**BRENDA ROSKOM
ED MALCHOW
CHARLES BUTZOW
PHILLIP SCHMID
JESSY NIGHBOR**

KATHY/MARK FIELDS—LIFE

**KEN/DEE VANDE HEI
DON/BRENDA WILSON
TOM VANDEN ELZEN**

**ERIE SAFFORD
DAVE SAMSA
TERRY MELINE
LEE KRUMBACH**

Highlights of Board of Directors Meetings

June 2008

- CTO members Keith Lenss and Jeff Pagels competed in the Bellin 10K race. There were 4 handcycle racers. Keith won 1st place and Jeff took 2nd place. 3 of the racers were seconds apart from each other in the 25 minute range. The last and final lead change was within 100 yards of the finish.
- Decided to buy a trailer not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- The trout pond committee will be back to the board with recommendations about spending money on a possible winter bubbler system and dredging. Also, the committee will be preparing a draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Zander Family and CTO for possible long-term use of the pond.

July 2008

- Accepted the new scholarship program.
- Decided to leave it up to the person in charge of the event on how to help the personal assistants within reason.
- Steve Lang and James Luedke created a CTO float for the July 5th parade in Markesan. After the parade they used our picture boards and handed out CTO information at a booth.

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.

Sept 16, 2008—Muehl Public Library, Seymour

6:30 p.m.

Oct 21, 2008 Muehl Public Library, Seymour

6:30 p.m.

If you wish to attend one of the meetings please contact us at 920-525-1123 for a possible change in location.

CONGRATULATIONS

Here are the new Directors elected to a three year term at the Membership Banquet on July 26, 2008.

Bob Bird

Harland Chapman

Steve Lang

Jeff Pagels

Jim Wieser

Your new officers for 2008-2009 will be elected at the Board of Directors meeting on August 19, 2008. These officers will be on this newsletter as posted on the website.

CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS AWARDS PROGRAM

By: **Bob Mayer, Director**

Congratulations to all those who received awards at the banquet. You earned it! For those who are saying to themselves; "I caught a bigger fish in that category", send in a picture or application this year to (Bob Mayer 2201 Spring Creek Circle. Green Bay WI. Or Email crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net). The time frame is 1 July 08 to 30 June 09. Good Luck to all.

Categories and winners are:

Biggest Challenge Overcome Outside: Steve Lang and James "Lefty" Ludke for a food plot. Award = \$75 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

Deepdodo Award: No entries were received . Award = \$75 gift certificate to Gander Mountain.

Volunteer of the Year Able bodied: Larry Zander Award = \$100 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

Volunteer of the Year Disabled: Judy Paluch Award = \$100 gift certificate to Gander Mountain.

Longest fish, by the following species: (length in inches) Award = \$25 gift certificate to Scheels in Appleton for the longest fish in each category. Lake Michigan/Green Bay Trout or Salmon—Jeff Pagels 37"; Walleye—Steve Lang 21 1/2"; Northern—John Hammen 33"; Perch—Mark Baehr—11 1/2"; Small and Large Mouth Bass—Ivan Craig—9 1/2"; Rough Fish (Sheepshead)—Jeannette Maki 26"

Longest fish, by the following species: (length in inches) at the annual Shawano Lake Fishery. No Photograph Required. Award = \$25 gift certificate to Scheels Northern—Mark Baehr 22"

Longest Trout at Zander Pond: (length in inches) Longest Trout—Suzy Malueg 16 1/4"; Longest Trout at the Spring Trout-O-Rama — Tony Silva 18 1/4" Award = \$25 gift certificate from Sportsmans Warehouse.

Top score for Disabled Shooter at the J&H Sporting Clays Fund Raiser: Brian DesRochers — 35 Award = 4 free rounds of Sporting Clays at J&H.

Biggest Whitetail Buck: Jeff Pagels—8 Pts 13.5 " Spread \$50 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse.

Biggest Tom Turkey Emily Olsen 9 1/2" Beard 1 1/2" Spurs Award = \$50 gift certificate to Dicks Sporting Goods.

CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL BANQUET

By **Judy Paluch, Director**

On July 26, 2008, Challenge The Outdoors held our Annual Membership and Recognition Banquet at the River Rail in Shiocton. We celebrated the Tenth Anniversary of our organization with our members and the people that have helped us so much during the years.

After a wonderful supper, we presented certificates of appreciation to all our wonderful supporters and thank them personally for helping us to accomplish our goals. Next we awarded the Special Achievement Awards to our membership for excellence in sporting events and achievements.

With the help of our donors, sponsors, and many volunteers, Challenge The Outdoors is continually working to help disabled persons enjoy many hunting experiences, fishing outings, and other exciting events during the year. Each year we are adding more events to raise the level of fun for our disabled sportspersons.

Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers for a wonderful job.

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.

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. (920) 525-1123. ***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.**

Boating Season is Here!

Out CTO pontoon is still available for our member's use into September. If you wish to reserve a time to use the pontoon please call John Kempen at (920) 788-9311 or try his cell at (920) 851-8636 or Gary Thyges at (920) 737-6854. Remember: CTO will be picking up the cost of gas as long as at least one physically challenged member is included in the group.

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

PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

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