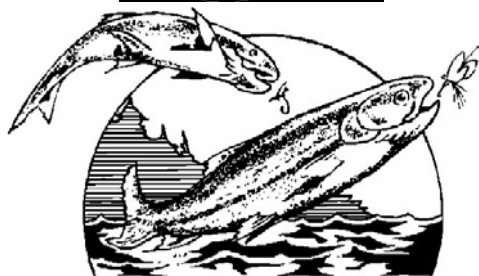
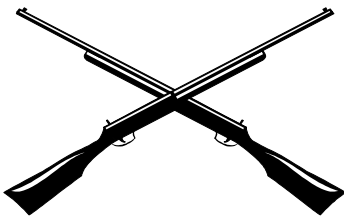


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## **President's Perspective, Larry Laehn, President**

January, 2004

Allow me to share a passage from my recent autobiography with you.

“I take a wrong turn on the road leading down the mountain. The road becomes unfamiliar and narrow. Some inner voice tells me to stop and turn around.”

People, and organizations, can take a wrong turn on the road of life. A decision may be correct or incorrect, the impact of this choice minimal or great over the long haul!

I remain convinced that making a decision to act, after careful evaluation of the alternatives, is better than avoiding a difficult or painful choice. Make 2004 a year when we all make decisions that meet our personal needs and helps others meet their needs as well.

Have a great year!

## **ICE FISHING UPDATE—LARRY ZANDER**

Ice fishing has been good up until this last cold spell. Shawano Lake has been producing some real nice northerns compared to the past with a couple I know of in the 32-34 inch range. A lot in the 24-26 inch range. Evening walleye fishing was not as good as the couple of past years. The crappie bite has been OK in the early morning and at dusk to dark evenings. Nice blue gills out of Sunset in 10-12 foot water. Lots of gills in Cecil Bay area but tough to fish because of high weeds.

The Weyauwega pond produced excellent blue gills almost anywhere I punched holes. The Red River pond at Gresham is full of pan fish with some monster Northerns to be caught. My only problem with the pan fish was catching 150 and able to only keep 25 of any eating size. I fished it twice with both results the same.

**REMEMBER!! The trout pond is open to fishing all winter. Limits are still 5 per visit and 10 per month for each member of CTO.**

## DEER HUNTING- 2003 BY: JERRY LAEDTKE, CTO MEMBER

The first time I met members of Challenge the Outdoors was at the Shawano County Fair in 2001. I was volunteering for Shawano County Social Services and We Are People in a booth. For a break I went looking at other booths, when I came across a booth that caught my attention. It was the Challenge the Outdoors group that I was interested in, so I took some of their brochures and talked with a buddy of mine, Robert Mraz, who had the same interest I have. In February 2002 Robert and I joined CTO. The first time that my mother, Delores, Robert and I went to one of their meetings was at the Lessor Town Hall. When we arrived at the meeting we were greeted warmly by everyone there. It was a quarterly meeting with a dish to pass. We enjoyed the good food and great company and all had a wonderful time. I was truly honored when asked to join the Board of Directors. It was a very proud moment in my life.

Now I will share a little about myself. I was born in Shawano, WI on January 27, 1949 during a snow storm. I was raised in the town of Wescot most of my life. I have always loved to go fishing, hunting and many other activities. In July, 1967 my world came crashing down, I had a swimming accident which left me a quadriplegic. That's when I thought my world ended. For the next few years all I could do is sit and watch the seasons go by. I wished to be out fishing and hunting with all the guys. It seemed that it would never happen again. BUT WHOA, this year I went out hunting early in the morning with the guys and it was a great feeling. I shot a nub buck opening day. My nephew Tim and a couple of his friends built me a hunting shack out behind the warehouse. It sure is a neat shack built at the edge of the pond in the swamp. He built a plank deck so I could get out to the shack. They built in shooting windows, put carpet on the floor and made the roof out of a truck topper. We had propane heat and electricity. Tim took me target shooting, I shot six shots and they were all kill shots. It was Great. I was using a 30/30 rifle. Opening morning my mother packed us enough lunch to feed an army, I thought my mother was moving me out.

***THE ONE THAT DID'T GET AWAY!*** It was opening day, there was shooting around and my heart was pounding. All of a sudden out of the corner of my eye I saw a deer coming close to the bait pile. I waited for the right moment to take my shot. I aimed, pulled the trigger and watched the deer fall. Tim grabbed the gun and went out for the kill shot. He got to the deer, but Tim found out that I'm a one shot wonder. The deer was already dead. My first deer in 30 years was one of the most exciting times of my life.

I would like to thank the Challenge the Outdoors group and my nephew Tim for encouraging me to get out there and have the time of my life. I will never forget this year's experience and looking forward to many more. (Check out the pictures!)

P.S. Thanks Ma



## Fishing Has No Boundaries 2004

Fishing Has No Boundaries®, Inc.(FHNB) is a non-profit organization whose goal is to open up the great outdoors for people with disabilities through the world of fishing. Since 1988 FHNB has been doing just that. This year marks the creation of two brand new chapters right here in NE Wisconsin, one in Fond du Lac and the other in Oshkosh. These new events will undoubtedly fill a void and be well received throughout our area. Wisconsin now boasts six FHNB chapters, more than any other state. They are; Hayward, Eagle River, Chippewa Valley, Madison, Fond du Lac, and Oshkosh. Each chapter offers its' own unique fishing opportunities throughout our great state. Hayward's event runs from May 14-16 and is held on the Chippewa Flowage, Oshkosh's event runs from May 29-30 and is held on Lake Winnebago, Eagle River's event runs from June 4-6 and is held on the Eagle River Chain, Madison's event runs from July 10-11 and is held on Lake Mendota, Fond du Lac's event runs from September 11-12 and is held on Lake Winnebago, and Chippewa Valley's event runs from September 21-22 and is held on the Holcombe Flowage.

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

### Help Is On The Way!!

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: [cross-bowkids@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cross-bowkids@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!!*

## 2 1/2 MORE MONTHS

We are now in the planning and working stage for our 6th Annual CTO Sporting Clay Fundraiser to be held on April 4, 2004 (always the first Saturday of April).

Getting lots of great door prizes from supporters of CTO is always a big job. Let us all do what we can to do even better than last year. Ask the people you do business with if they could give something. Tell them also that we let all recipients of prizes know who gave them.

And Remember!! Always do what you can to promote the great folks who support us!!

## PLEASE COME!!

Our Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Muehl Public Library in Seymour on Feb. 17, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. These board meetings have always been open to the General Membership. It has, however, been brought to our attention that not everyone knew when and where. This will no longer be the case. All news letters will have the dates, time and place for CTO Board meetings. We welcome your presence and input. Tremendous growth is being formulated.

Jan, 2004—No Meeting

Feb. 17, 2004—Muehl Public Library  
Main Street, Seymour

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2003

**Mary Swain—Green Bay**

## LET'S GO ICE FISHING!!

It's the time of year that many anglers have been waiting for since they put their boats in storage. Time to get their ice fishing equipment loaded up and headed for their favorite frozen destination to do some hard water fishing. With winter taking it's sweet time getting here "most" lakes are just now seeing thick enough ice to provide safe travel for automobiles.

This year we have chosen Saturday February 21, 2004 as the date for our ice fishing outing with our destination being Shawano Lake. Shawano Lake is well known for being a consistent producer of pan fish, northern pike, and largemouth bass during the winter. We'll be setting tip-ups for the pike and bass and doing some jigging for the pan fish. With a little luck our timing will be right and we'll have decent weather and the fish will be on the feed.

**We will be meeting about 8 a.m. at the gas station on the corner of Hwy 117 and Hwy 22 in Cecil and plan on driving onto the lake at the Sunset Bar access. The Sunset Bar is located on the south shore approximately 2 miles east of the city of Shawano and 4 miles west of Cecil, just off Hwy 22. If you need a map we'll get you one.**

We will have shelters for getting out of the elements, *if necessary*, and a few heaters too. We will also provide bait, some fishing equipment, and good hot food as well. In order to get the outing properly set up we must know the number of anglers planning on attending. Please, call either **Mark Baehr (920) 766-9218** or **Larry Zander (920) 525-5637** as soon as possible to let them know you are planning on attending. They will be able to give you the get details on exact time and location for the outing and be able to answer any questions you may have. And as always, we encourage all our members, their families and friends to participate and lend a helping/supporting hand when/where possible. We'll be more than happy to have you. After all, "The More The Merrier"!!

When planning any outdoor event, especially this time of year, Mother Nature can and often does require a last minute/day decision on whether the outing will go on as planned. If we have enough advanced notice of inclement weather or poor ice conditions we may be able to reschedule or relocate the outing. We will keep in touch as best we can to let those of you planning on attending of any changes to our plans.

We Hope To Hear From You Soon!! And Tight Lines To All !!

## **NEWS YOU CAN USE!!**

In 2004 CTO will again be accepting requests from our physically challenged members for grants or sponsorships that will allow them to attend outdoor recreational events sponsored by other organizations. In the past members have received grants and sponsorships to attend events sponsored by; Fishing Has No Boundaries, Inc., Twist of Fate, Inc., and Ski For Light, Inc. For members to be considered for the grant or sponsorship we are requiring that they be active and in good standing with our organization. Being active could mean; helping with our fundraisers, putting up fliers, handing out brochures at an informational booth, serving on a committee, etc. Requests will be considered on a case by case and a first come first served basis. To be considered for a grant or sponsorship and to learn of volunteer opportunities please contact; **Bob Mayer (920) 469-2021** or by email: [crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crossbowkids@sbcglobal.net) or contact **Mark Baehr (920) 766-9218** or by email: [baehr68@aol.com](mailto:baehr68@aol.com) We hope to hear from you soon!

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Helluva Hunt**

For the past 19 years during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October many of the residents of Douglas, Wyoming open their hearts and lands to a group of 15 physically challenged hunters. The main attraction for the hunters is a guided hunt for Antelope along with other shooting events and the shared camaraderie that comes with the territory. The hunt boasts a near perfect harvest record over the past 19 years. A few of our members have attended this hunt and all returned with an antelope and great stories of an unforgettable trip. They cannot say enough about how great the experience was and highly recommend the hunt to everyone. To be considered for participation in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual 2004 Helluva Hunt you will need to receive and return an application by mid-March. Jane Stearns informed us that interested parties should call her or Gary and they will mail or fax them an application. Lodging, license, meals, guides, and other miscellaneous things are all furnished at no cost to the hunter. Hunters are only responsible for their travel expenses to get there. Contact the Stearns at:

**Gary and Jane Stearns**  
**Helluva Hunt**  
**1562 Esterbrook Road**  
**Douglas, WY 82633**  
**(307) 358-6580**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January, 2004

No Board of Directors Meeting

February 17, 2004

Board of Directors Meeting  
Muehl Public Library, Seymour  
6:30 p.m.

February 21, 2004

Ice Fishing  
See article on page 5

April 3, 2004

6th Annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser  
J&H Game Farm, Navarino



***JERRY'S DEER***

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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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\_\_\_

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

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