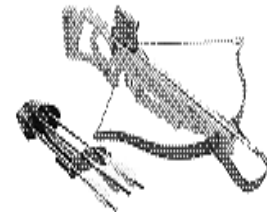
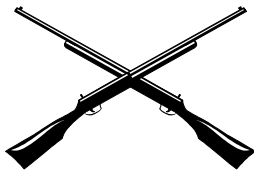


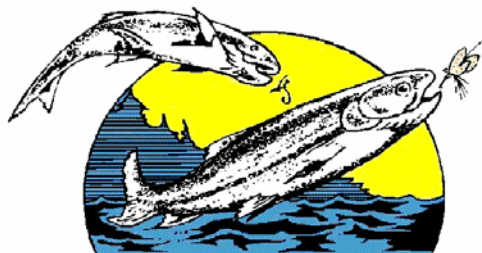
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Presidents Message By: Mark Baehr

My message to start the New Year is short and hopefully sweet. This year I would ask that you, yes you, ***challenge yourself in the outdoors!*** What was that he said? Challenge myself in the outdoors? Doing what, when, where, how, and why? Well, let's see if I can make things a little clearer. What do the words "Challenge The Outdoors" mean to you? I think we all can agree on what the "outdoors" are and its meaning and "the" really needs no explanation but the word "challenge" could use some clarification. While there are several definitions of the word challenge the one I think that fits this occasion well is this one: ***The test of one's abilities and or wherewithal in a difficult but inspiring mission.*** How's that? Good? Good. With that being said I guess what I'm really saying is there something you really want to do in the outdoors but are afraid of doing because; maybe you feel like it's just too difficult, or that you don't have the ability to do it, or that you might make a fool of yourself? Well, that's what I'm talking about! **Yeah, Do that!** Think outside the box and make it a point to test your abilities and wherewithal in a difficult but inspiring mission outdoors this year, within reason of course. Round up some family and friends and put together a plan and do it. Don't let your preconceived notions of what is possible get in your way. Almost anything is doable if you put your mind to it! **This year make it a point to Challenge Yourself in the Outdoors and Get Out There!**

News From the Board of Directors: At the October Board of Directors meeting Bill Floor was installed to fill the vacant Directors position left open by the resignation of Gary Knapp and at the November Board of Directors meeting Ron Mischler was installed to fill the Directors position that became open due to the death of Director Jerry Laedtke. We welcome Bill and Ron to the Board of Directors. Also, Gerry Schlick was elected to serve as an Associate Director at the November meeting.

January 28, 2006

CTO Holiday Party

12:30 p.m. Sabre Lanes, Menasha

February 11, 2006

Ice Fishing on Shawano Lake

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February 21, 2006

Board of Directors Meeting

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

March 11, 2006

3D Archery Shoot

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April 1, 2006

Sporting Clay Fundraiser—J&H Game Farm

May 12,13,14, 2006

Spring Turkey Hunt

See Page 8

June 3, 2006

Shawano Lake Fishery—Cecil

[ICE FISHING OUTING SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 11](#)

This year we have chosen Saturday, February 11 as the date for our ice fishing outing with our destination being Shawano Lake. We will be meeting at 8 a.m. at the Perkins Restaurant on the corner of Hwy 22 & Airport Drive in Shawano (1398 East Green Bay St.). Show up *early* and catch some breakfast. We'll caravan out to our fishing destination at 8:30 a.m. and with the help of some local anglers we will hopefully be able to get over some decent fish. We'll be setting up tip-ups for game fish and jigging for pan fish. The February 11th outing is being run in conjunction with the Figure 8 Musky Clubs Annual Ice-Fishing Jambo-ree, which runs from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Figure 8 Musky Club will offer prizes for big fish in several categories and a fundraising raffle is also being held by and for the Figure 8 Musky Club. Many great free prizes will be given out to kids who register before 11 a.m. They also do a great job of plowing roads on the lake so don't be too worried if you only have 2-wheel drive.

CTO will provide several fishing shelters, including those that were donated to us by The Wingettes, a few heaters, some fishing equipment and bait. We will also have a camp stove to heat up hot chocolate and we'll be grilling out this year as well. If you have something you wish to grill bring it along otherwise we'll grill up something for you. Thanks to the Clintonville National Guard we have access to a large heated shelter and will have it on hand to accommodate our cold blooded friends and believe me it will be plenty warm (nearly t-shirt warm) in the shelter and there will be plenty of elbowroom too. Volunteers are always welcome as we will need help cutting holes, setting up shelters and tip-ups, baiting hooks and hopefully unhooking some BIG FISH!!

We "*MUST*" know the number of people planning on attending so *Please call either Larry Zander at:(920) 525-5637 or Mark Baehr at: (920) 766-9218 or by email at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net by February 4th to let them know you plan on attending.* 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. In this case a severe snowstorm or bad ice conditions could cause us to cancel or postpone the outing. We will keep in touch with those of you who contact us and send an e-mail to all those signed up on our CTO E-mail/chat group list. *So sign-up soon so you too can be kept up to speed. We Hope To Hear From You Soon!! Tight Lines To All!!*

[8th Annual Sporting Clay Benefit](#) [Saturday April 1, 2006](#)

HERE WE GO AGAIN! Most of us know this is the fund raiser of the year. This is where our dollars are earned to support our activities now and in the future. I use the word EARNED because Challenge the Outdoors, Inc support doesn't just happen. It is: YOU! Of course some of us do more than others. Some of us are more able and have more (willing to give more) time and energy.

CTO is asking (which means each of us are asking each other) that we all do our best in asking your local businesses for door and raffle prizes to be given on the day of the shoot. Any—and all business have something to give and most are willing if asked. The CTO Sporting Clay Benefit has gotten bigger and better every year. Again! This doesn't just happen. It takes a lot of WORK and it is we who must do it. Any Questions? *Call Larry Zander at (920) 525-5637 or Jean Chapman at (920) 525-1123 or any other member of the Board of Directors.* Let's go to WORK!!!

It would be great if the raffle and door prizes you collect would be turned in by March 10, 2006. It takes us time to record and number them. THANK YOU!!

First Annual Pheasant Hunt

By: Larry Zander

It's not a matter of **CAN WE?** but **WILL WE?** Well, both of these questions were answered Sunday December 4, 2005 at J&H Hunt Club. And, what a wonderful day it was! Eleven of our Challenge the Outdoor, Inc members accepted the challenge of even being able to get into the field much less take home a fast moving target—THE PHEASANT. And take home pheasants they surly did; along with the applause of their family, friends and guides. Lots of pictures were taken, thanks most of all to Jeff Pagels who went out with every member and got pictures of hunters with birds in flight. Most of our hunters took home two birds each.

Not enough "Thank You's" can be expressed to our guide and bird handler Steve Redmann of J&H, Lee Kohn (always a supporter of CTO) and his especially modified machine to carry physically challenged members to the field and being an expert back-up shooter. MR JAMES JOHNSON, owner of J&H Hunt Club, who for 9 years has been a supporter of CTO, made it not only plausible to put on this hunt but made it affordable. Of course, we can't forget the ladies who served up a fine lunch with efficiency and friendship; Joanne Johnson and Mary Kohn. **THANK YOU ALL!!**

Scarlet (my dog) also wants to thank CTO for another fun day in the field.

Pheasant Hunt by: Bill Floor

Sunday Dec 4, 2005 was the first pheasant hunt put on by CTO. I personally had a very fun time. So did everyone that I talked to. We shot 15 birds out of 20 (that's not bad odds). I would like to give a big thank you to Larry Zander and Scarlet (his dog) for putting it together and to Lee Kohn for fixing up his machine to take us. I feel we will only get better and bigger for this event. I would like also thank J&H Hunt Club for all their support and sponsorship. The food was very good. Next year maybe we can do this twice. It think this will make it more accessible to other hunters. **THANK YOU!**

Pheasant Hunt by: Gerald Schlick

It was a cold, crisp morning, Dec 4, 2005, but that didn't bother Larry Zander's dog Scarlet. She greeted everyone at their car and encouraged us to get hunting in a hurry. After a short talk and explanation of how the hunt was going to work by Larry, names were drawn to pair up the hunters. The hunt was a great success, with 20 birds released and 15 were shot.

During and after the hunt there was lots of good conversation and exchange of information about places to hunt and fish, where and who to buy guns and clothing from, the up coming hunting and fishing shows and how to get the word out about CTO. A booth at these shows was discussed, along with where to get raffle prizes.

A very large thank you to Larry for setting up the hunt and to his helper Lee Kohn for his cart and being a back-up shooter. Thanks also to Steve Redmann for setting the traps and the bird release and to J&H for having us. Special thanks to Scarlet for the fun of watching a good, friendly bird dog in action. A wonderful day for all that participated!

PICTURES FROM THE HUNT ON THE NEXT PAGE!!



Back row left to right: Joe Brown JR., Charles Ande, Harland Chapman, Kevin Nieuwenhuis, Patrick Nieuwenhuis, Ivan Craig, Steve Harvey, Pat Harvey, and Joe Brown SR. Front Row left to right: Mark Baehr, Jeff Pagels, Bill Ploor, Gerry Schick, & Jeff Brown. We can't forget Scarlet, Larry Zanders' awesome Gordon Setter and the 19 Pheasants.



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Lodging and Activities for Spring 2006 at Camp Tekawitha

CTO has reserved lodging at Camp Tekawitha for May 26-28 and June 2-4. Camp Tekawitha is located on Loon Lake a few miles NE of Shawano and features a couple large bunkhouses and smaller cabins, a dining hall, accessible restrooms and showers, laundry, basketball court, rec room, and has a nice swimming beach and a fishing dock. Meals are prepared by the staff and are included with your stay. ***By the way, CTO will be picking up the lodging cost for physically challenged members who wish to stay at the camp either weekend.*** It was no coincidence that we reserved lodging for the June 2-4, as June 3rd will be our 8th Annual Shawano Lake Fishery & Picnic. So far we have a plan to provide kayaks and possibly canoes for the May weekend and are in the process of coming up with more recreational activities. As always, volunteers will be needed for some activities. If you would like to spend a weekend at Camp and or have any ideas on possible activities you would like us to offer either weekend please contact **Mark Baehr** at (920) 766-9218 or by e-mail at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net.

Helluva Hunt

by Emily Olsen

What an incredible experience! My dad, Chris, and I never dreamed we could have such a chance of a lifetime! On September 30, 2005, we flew to Casper, WY. We were greeted by founders of Helluva Hunt and other volunteers from the organization. The ride from the airport to our dorm where the rest of the staff welcomed us was short, but very picturesque. We immediately felt part of "the family" after viewing pictures from past hunts and sharing stories with volunteers and guides. Along with several other hunters from around the nation trying to contain our excitement, we settled in for the evening and prepared for the morning hunt.

Very early the next day, 4:00 a.m. to be exact, I awoke to a video camera in my face as my father thought it would be funny to capture every detail of the day on tape. A few high fives later, we were on our way to the hunt of a lifetime. We arrived at the ranch before daylight and observed the most incredible sight upon approaching the first field. There were over 100 antelope contently grazing. I chose my target, took steady aim, and downed a magnificent buck! My dad said the excitement on my face will never be duplicated because this was my first big game harvest.

We made lifelong friends from across the country. I guess unique experiences make deep bonds form in a very short time, because that sure happened to us! We can't thank CTO or Helluva Hunt personnel enough for the opportunity they gave my dad and me. I will always have unbelievable stories to tell!!!

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NEWS YOU CAN USE AND NEED!!

During the March 2005 Board of Directors meeting Vice President Dean Sprangers brought up the idea of having CTO help Physically Challenged members with the purchase of adaptive hunting equipment. After some discussion it was decided that we would help the physically challenged members by picking up to ½ but not to exceed \$100.00 for the cost of both adaptive hunting and fishing equipment. For example say John purchases a crossbow cocker and his cost was \$150.00. CTO will reimburse John \$75.00. We really hope, by creating this cost sharing arrangement, our physically challenged members and their families are encouraged to purchase equipment that they will own and thus create more independence for them. To receive reimbursement for you a piece of adaptive equipment you have purchased contact Jean or Harland Chapman at (920) 525-1123. ***Note, keep your receipt or better yet get a copy of the original because we will need a copy for our records. And if you return the item please reimburse CTO. Thank you.** 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 of adaptive equipment and as always please show patronage to the many great 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 at (920) 525-5637.**

CTO LOAN CLOSET IS ALWAYS OPEN!! Our loan closet, or better said closets, are always open for our physically challenged and non-physically challenged members to check equipment out of. We currently have the following pieces of gear available: 20 camouflaged collapsible hunting blinds, 4 crossbows with case, quiver and arrows, 2 electric fishing rod & reel combos, several small tackle boxes with terminal fishing tackle, i.e. hooks, sinkers, bobbers, etc., 3 shooting chairs, & 4 Ice fishing shelters. Those are the major items and to loan them out contact either **Bill Mayville at (715) 758-8363, Larry Zander at: (920) 525-5637, or Mark Baehr at (920) 766-9218.** Be patient because our stuff is spread out just a bit but they'll track it down for you.

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!

We are in the process of making a complete inventory of all equipment owned by Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. and where it is located. If you have borrowed any Challenge the Outdoor, Inc. equipment and it is still in your possession please contact **Lisa Narmore at (920) 231-2338 or Mark Baehr at (920) 766-9218.**

In 2005 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 or contact Mark Baehr (920) 766-9218 or by email: baehr68@aol.com** We hope to hear from you soon!

1st Annual Autumn Long Beards and CTO Spring Wild Turkey Hunt Taking Shape

This springs' hunt will mark our 1st with the Autumn Long Beards, the new Clintonville, WI. NWTf Chapter. While the Autumn Long Beards are a new chapter many of their members were instrumental in helping us start the inaugural hunt 4 years ago and they will be helping out this year as well. We can't say enough about how much their support means to our hunters and to CTO as an organization. Without their strong support and help in getting landowners permission, physically transporting hunters into the woods and fields and providing their skills in calling, this hunt would have never become the success that it has truly become. *Thank You One and All.*

We had a very good response from physically challenged hunters interested in attending the hunt, with 17 hunters signed up and seven 1st time hunters. Lodging has been reserved at the Christus Memorial Church camp located a few miles from Clintonville. The Camp worked out very well last year and plans are to have the camp open on Friday May 12 for early arrivals with the hunt scheduled for May 13 & 14. The Camp's Lodge will serve as hunt headquarters and for serving meals as well. While we do have several members who have volunteered for helping out during the hunt more are still going to be needed. Areas where volunteers are needed include preparing and serving meals and transporting hunters to and from the field. If you're interested please contact **Mark Baehr** at: (920) 766-9218 or by e-mail at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net There will be more info in our March 2006 Newsletter about the pre-hunt get together and any other news that may develop that pertains to the hunt.

NEW MEMBERS NOV & DEC, 2005

Kyle Kienitz
Michael & Stacy Powell

CTO HOLIDAY PARTY

January 28, 2006 at Sabre Lanes in Menasha
Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. and bowling till 5 p.m.

From Hwy 441/10: take the Hwy 47/South Appleton Rd exit, turn South on Hwy 47/South Appleton Rd., Take Hwy 47/South Appleton Rd. to Midway Rd./AP (which is the 1st through road at signal lights about 1/8 mile from Hwy 441), turn Left (East) on Midway Rd./AP. Take Midway Rd./AP east about 1/8 of a mile to entrance to Sabre Lanes. Sabre Lanes Address: 1330 Midway Rd. Menasha, WI. 54952 (920) 739-9161.

We are asking that you RSVP by January 21 so we can decide how much food to prepare. Please contact **Mark Baehr** at: (920) 766-9218 or by E-mail at baehrm@sbcglobal.net Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon.

PLEASE COME!!

Our Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. Board of Directors meeting are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. except for the winter months when they are on Saturday. We welcome your presence and input.

Jan, 2006— — No Meeting

Feb. 21, 2006—Muehl Public Library, Seymour

Communication is Still Key!! So, Let's try this again!

With our newsletters coming out every other month there are times when we have time sensitive information on dates and events that we know our members and friends want and need. The quickest and most efficient way to get the info out to most folks is by E-mail but we can't get it to you if you're not signed up to our Information/chat-group e-mail list. It's really simple and easy to get signed up! Send a blank e-mail, with nothing in the message area, to: ctoforme-subscribe@yahooogroups.com You will get a confirmation e-mail back asking you to join. Even if you don't have email get a family member or friend to sign-up and ask them to keep you informed. Just to let you know that this is a chat group where members are free to post anything they feel others may be interested. **Thanks.**

CONDOLENCES

The Officers, Directors and Members of Challenge the Outdoors, Inc offer their sincerest sympathy to the family of Gerald Laedtke who passed away on Monday, November 7, 2005. Jerry was a member of the Board of Directors of CTO for 3+ years and attended almost every event that was going on. Many of you will remember Jerry with fondness as a person with always a good word for everyone and a smile on his face, willing to help in any way possible. We will miss you Jerry!!

3-D ARCHERY SHOOT MARCH 11TH

Last years Archery Shoot was such a success that we have planned another outing at the **Archery Shack**, located at: 2340 Holly Rd., Neenah, WI. 54911, phone # (920) 733-6824. **All** CTO members and their family and friends are invited to attend. CTO will be picking up the cost of a round on the 3-D range and or a round on the target range for our physically challenged members. We will be running the shoot from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will be providing a lunch about 1 p.m. We haven't determined whether we'll be having a fun, non-competitive shoot or possibly a competitive one with trophies and or prizes. If you have always wanted to try your hand at archery but don't have any equipment we will have adaptive equipment on hand including our four cross-bows with hand cranks, arrows, adaptive shooting chairs and rests. If you have a piece of adaptive equipment that you think others could benefit from please bring it along and share your ideas with others. Volunteers will be needed to help others on the range and to possibly help prepare and serve food and as well. **To get an idea of how much food to order/prepare we are asking that you please respond to us by March 4th, 2006.** Contact **Mark Baehr** at: (920) 766-9218 or by E-mail at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net If you have any special needs that you need help with to be able to participate in this or any other CTO sponsored outing please contact **Bob Mayer** at: (920) 469-2021. Directions: Take U.S. Hwy 41 to Cty Hwy BB (Prospect Ave.), (the BB exit is 1 exit south of College Ave.), go west on Hwy BB to stop & go signal lights at American Dr., (American Drive is the 1st road west of Hwy 41). Turn left (south) on American Dr., Take American Dr. to Holly Rd., (Holly Rd. is the 1st road that goes left (east) off of American Drive). Take Holly Rd. and follow to The Archery Shack at 2340 Holly Rd.(Approx. 1/3 mile). We look forward to another great outing and hope you can make it!

The following is a message I received from CTO Member and Director Jeff Pagels. He wanted to pass along to all our members what happened regarding his crossbow mishap at last years shoot.

Hi Mark,

As you know, my bow busted at the shoot a few weeks ago. I sent it back to the Barnett Factory and was pleasantly surprised. They called and told me the bow bolt busted because it must have loosened up with so much shooting. But, they fixed that and sent me also a new pair of limbs, (the latest technology) they just developed and a new crank device with a new design and new string that won't kink up like the one I had was doing. And, when I got the bow back this week, they also put on a new bow string. Cost? Just the cost for me to ship it to Florida. Now that is a heck of a guarantee considering I bought the bow in 2001.

I was hoping you could put this little "report" in a CTO newsletter.

Jeff

To say Jeff is satisfied with Barnett's service and warranty would be a big time understatement. And just in case you're wondering, yes, he did get a deer with it this fall, a very nice 9 pointer.

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