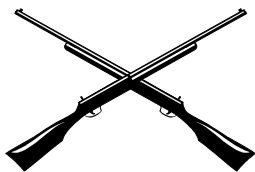


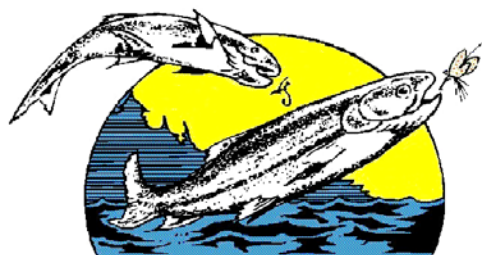
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Presidents' Message:

Negative information abounds in the written press, TV, radio and even among our fellow Americans. The economy, lost jobs, frozen wages, no health insurance. Sometimes one can feel there is no good news out there. Yet there is good news. If you are reading this, you are able to see the words or have someone who cares about you reading them to you. If you are warm this winter, you live in a house or apartment verses living on the streets. If you have \$10.00 in your pocket, you have ten times more money than someone with \$1.00 in their pocket! **WOW, THERE IS GOOD NEWS OUT THERE AFTER ALL!**

I wish you all a joyful Holiday Season and good news in 2009.

Larry Laehn, President

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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!

Green Bay Gamblers Hockey Game
Sunday February 22, 2008
By: Toby Malchow

When: Sunday, February 22, 2009

Time: Meet Inside by the ticket windows at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Resch Center

1901 S. Oneida St. Green Bay, WI

Game time at 5:05 p.m. The M&I Bank has scheduled this date to be a hat give away night.

CTO has 60 tickets available for it's members on a first come first served basis. 30 tickets are in the wheel-chair accessible section and 30 reserved seating tickets directly in front of the ADA section. The \$5 parking fee and all refreshments are 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 \$11.00 for both adults and children.

There is Handicap Parking in the Gold lot with additional Handicap Parking in the Blue lot. A Handicap DOT issued sticker is required to use these lots. Those patrons that need easy access to the building but do not have a sticker can be dropped off in front of the building, but the vehicle will need to be parked in the Lambeau field lot.

Reserve your tickets ASAP or you may miss out on a great outing! To reserve a tickets contact Judy Paluch at (920) 336-1934 E-Mail: palj22@att.net

11th ANNUAL CTO SPORTING CLAY BENEFIT
J & H GAME FARM, NAVARINO
APRIL 4, 2009
By: Larry Zander

HERE WE GO AGAIN!! It's not just time to be thinking about it but, time to get on the move. Did you know: our CTO Sporting Clay event draws more shooters in one day than the largest tournaments in the state and, very likely in the whole of the USA? And from all the reports I get, and research I've done, we are also: (By Far) the most active of our kind. Again, in the whole of the USA. Go Ahead! Challenge that statement. Find another who does as much or more, and we'll invite them to join us. You! All of Us!! Can be proud of all and of what we are and do.

Success doesn't just happen. It is caused by the seriously dedicated individuals who are in reality — CTO through and through. Now—Again—We've got more work to do in order to finance all we do. That means all of us. We need at least 200 Door Prizes—150 Raffle Prizes. Can you help us get them? Or—Will you help get them? Most of all: Be there if you can. Being there and welcoming each and every guest is so important. This notice is just a teaser. Look for much more to come and get ready to go to **WURK!!**

See Ya There!!

4th Annual Autumn Long Beards and CTO Spring Wild Turkey Hunt

By: Mark Baehr

So far we have 4 people signed up for the hunt. That leaves 8 open spots so if you are interested and missed the DNR's December 10 deadline for applying please contact Mark Baehr to let him know you're interested in attending the hunt. Last year there were quite a few leftover tags that were sold over the counter starting in mid-march and in all likely hood there will be this coming spring as well. **Please don't wait until March to contact Mark.** We have to get all the hunters information to Rory Clark, with the Autumn Long Beards, as soon as possible so he can start to work out the mentors for each hunter.

The following is a re-run of the original November Newsletter article.

This coming springs' hunt will mark our 4th with the Autumn Long Beards, the Clintonville, WI. NWTF Chapter. 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 is.

We are planning on running the "09" hunt May 16 & 17, the weekend of 5th week of the Wild Turkey season in zone 3. Lodging will be reserved for the hunt at a camp located a few miles from Clintonville. The Camp has worked out very well in past years and plans are to have the camp open on Friday May 15 for early arrivals. The Camp's Lodge will serve as hunt headquarters.

We will be accepting approximately 12 hunters and giving preference to 1st time hunters then to those who have hunted but not harvested a turkey and finally to those that have harvested a turkey. We have not had to turn any hunters away, yet. Hunters will need to apply for a Spring Wild Turkey permit by filling out an application for zone 3 and time period E(5). If you're interested in participating in the hunt please contact Mark Baehr at: (920) 766-9218 or by e-mail at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net There will be more info in up-coming Newsletters.

CTO received a call from a man in Appleton who has lost his son due to illness. He has available to a good home the following equipment.

**Motorized wheelchair—Full size frame with
a child seat on it**

**Crow River Split Lift for a full size van
With a 48" floor to top opening**

If you can use either of these items please call Jean at 920 525-1123 for more information and the name and phone number of the owner.

MUSKY FISHING RECAP

Our 1st ever Musky fishing outing on the Fox River in De Pere went off without a hitch. We all met at 8 A.M. at the launch and loaded up after talking over a little strategy. All totaled there were 11 anglers including the 3 boat captains. They were; Mark Baehr, Tom Gagnon, Larry Laehn, Steve Lang, Jim Luedtke, Bruce Martel, Bob Mayer, Jeff Pagels, Judy Paluch, Gerry Schick and Jason Sprangers. We followed the advice of a local bait shop and concentrated trolling around a warm water discharge area and yacht club. Jeff and Tom stuck around in the river for an hour or two and then made the run down to the Bay to try their luck there.

The 1st action happened when Jason Sprangers, Steve Lang and Jim Luedtke hooked up with a nice fish late in the morning. Jason and Steve managed to clear the other rods and baits while Jim fought the fish for close to 5 minutes. For those who don't know, Jim has one arm as he lost the other in a hunting accident. So how exactly he managed to get the fish boat side is an accomplishment in itself. Unfortunately that's where the fish story ends as it shook off just as they were getting ready to put the net in the water. That was the only action for quite a while. Later in the early afternoon Gerry Schick had a solid strike and hooked up for a few seconds before the fish shook the hook. We checked the bait and it had a few fresh tooth marks. By 2 p.m. those were the only bites to be had and we pulled the plug and headed in for the day.

We went to the Golden Coral to feed our faces and shoot the breeze. Just in time as the skies turned overcast and rain/sleet started coming down. We decided to cancel the Saturday outing due to the bad weather.

While no fish were landed everyone agreed it was a worthwhile effort. It was especially encouraging and somewhat amusing to see the faces and expressions on some of the other anglers out that day when CTO's pontoon boat, captained by Bruce Martel, loaded up with 3 wheelchairs and 1 power scooter would pass a boat of able-bodied anglers. We definitely made an impression and that's a good thing.

Our thanks goes to Jeff Pagels and Dean Sprangers for bringing their boats and to Jason Sprangers for captaining, Mark Baehr for hauling CTO's pontoon and to Bruce Martel and Wayne Paluch for all their help. Judy Paluch took quite a few pictures that will help share the experience and spread the word. We look forward to next year and the real possibility of another Musky outing.....stay tuned!

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Holiday Party

When: 12:00 p.m. Saturday, January 31, 2009 **Please note this is a date change.**

Where: Sabre Lanes, 1330 Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952

The party starts at 12:00 p.m. with a potluck lunch being served at 12:30 p.m. and bowling will start about 2 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. CTO will be providing the main course, paper products (plates, etc.), beverages, and door prizes.

Several bowling alleys will be reserved. There will be plenty of adaptive bowling equipment on hand as well. CTO will be picking up the cost of bowling.

For those who aren't interested in bowling please bring cards or a game along to play.

If you plan on attending please contact Peter Lathrop at: (920) 982-4288 or e-mail pistol@athenet.net by January 25th.

2008 December Pheasant Hunt

By: **Larry Zander**

It's 6:30 A.M. and I'm starting this report early because Jean Chapman needs it for this newsletter by the end of today. As early as it is, I've already had two phone calls asking if the hunt is still on considering the rain and in some areas, slippery road conditions. The answer in situations like this is always the same. YES! The hunt is on.

12:55 P.M. — Twelve (12) Hardy Gung Ho hunters showed even though it was still raining. Most of these hunters brought someone with them as advisors. Everyone got shooting and all took two birds home for the table. All said they had a great time and want to do it again in March, 2009. I will bring this request to the CTO Board of Directors this coming Tuesday, Dec 17th for approval. So—pay attention to your next newsletter (March, 2009). SEE YA!!

NEW MEMBERS NOV—DEC, 2009

TOM GAGNON
RENETTA RIMICCI

PLEASE COME!!

Our Challenge the Outdoors, Inc Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We welcome your presence and input.

Jan 20, 2009—Muehl Public Library, Seymour

7:00 p.m.

Feb 17, 2000—Muehl Public Library, Seymour

7:00 p.m.

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

Highlights of Board of Directors Meetings

October 2008

- A new digital camera was approved and then purchased for use at CTO events. The old camera was broken.
- WFRV Channel 5 News broadcasted a story about the CTO Special Deer Hunt at 10:35 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12th and also on the Monday early morning news.
- Somebody donated a wheelchair to CTO, but it is being kept at J&H for the monthly sporting clay shoot.

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- Some labor to fix the pontoon boat was donated and CTO has the receipts.
- Challenge The Outdoors was mentioned in the Whitetails Unlimited magazine.

CTO ENDOWMENT FUND CHALLENGE GRANT

In early 2009, CTO members have a great opportunity to help increase the CTO Endowment Fund. This fund helps ensure that CTO continues to serve the disabled sportspersons well into the future.

For every \$5.00 donated to the Endowment Fund from January 1 through April 1, 2009. Larry and Mary Laehn will donate \$1.00. Their maximum donation is \$ 100.00. Please consider making a contribution towards reaching or exceeding the \$ 600.00 goal.

Donations by check (payable to CTO, Inc.) can be sent to CTO Treasurer Jean Chapman. Please indicate "Endowment Fund" in the message area of your check. Thank you.

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.**

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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___
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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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