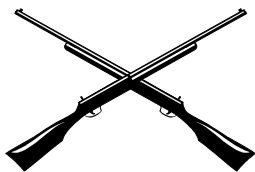


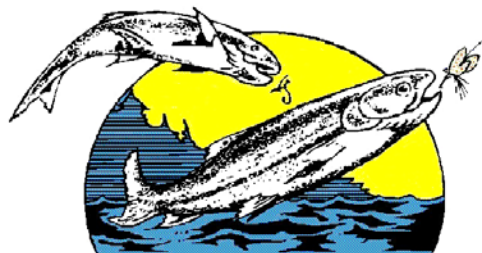
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## **Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.**



January  
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*“Dedicated to Serving the Recreational Needs and Desires  
of the Physically Challenged Sportsman”*

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NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SPORTSPERSON**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —Larry Zander**

What a wonderful thing it is; being involved with people who come together and make things happen. So many, many times I've heard boisterous laughter and giggles whether it was a fish being caught, a pheasant in the bag, a trophy deer (all deer and fish are trophies) or just plain laughing at or with each other. What a blessing you, members of Challenge the Outdoors, are for me. I have been given more from you than most men experience in a lifetime.

**Take care of each other and those who care for you!!**

P.S. It takes many hands putting this and all newsletters together. Let us give a special "Thank You" to Jean Chapman who types, edits and prints everyone you've ever received. Thank You!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Jan 12, 2010	Sporting Clays—J&H—Pg 5
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## Green Bay Gamblers Hockey Game

When: **Wednesday, February 3, 2010**

Time: **Meet inside by the ticket windows at 6:30 p.m.**

Where: Resch Center

1901 S. Oneida St. Green Bay, WI

Game time is at 7:05 p.m. The \$5 parking fee and all refreshments is your responsibility.

CTO has 30 tickets available on a first come, first served basis. We will all be sitting in the wheelchair accessible section. The event is open and free to all members. Guests are welcome, but will be responsible for buying their own tickets. Ticket cost is \$9.00 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.

**The deadline to reserve your ticket(s) is January 31. To reserve a ticket(s) contact Peter Lathrop at (920) 982-4288 or e-mail: [plcaravan@yahoo.com](mailto:plcaravan@yahoo.com)**

### **PHEASANT HUNT 8:A.M. TO ——?? J & H GAME FARM MARCH 14, 2010**

Anybody who wants to get in on this hunt must let me know by March 5, 2010. (920-525-5637) I don't like limited participation with any of our activities so—however many—we'll work it out. This year we are adding to our day with an opportunity for hunters to test their shooting skills with the help of two excellent shooters who are wheelchair marksmen capable of shooting with the best. They are Jeff Pagels and Steve Lang. You will get 5 shots at a clay target. Should you shoot well, you're done. Should you need guidance Jeff and Steve will help so you may gain confidence on live birds.

We ask that you arrive as close to 8:00 A.M. as possible and register as you come in. Rain, snow or cold has not yet stopped or even slowed our hunters in the past. Every hunt has been a good one. Remember!! The hunt—the shooting of clays—the food—is at no cost to members and their guests. Your children are also welcome. This is our 7th pheasant hunt with no member leaving without taking home two birds. Should you for any reason have to leave before the hunt is over, the birds you've shot will not be cleaned.

Let us all look forward to a great day of sharing stories (Lying is permitted), enjoying great companionship, the fire place, hot chocolate, coffee, food, etc, etc.

**See Ya There!! Larry Zander**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CTO Musky Outing**  
**Friday, November 6, 2009**  
**Green Bay Metro Boat Launch, Green Bay WI**

**Event Summary**

It was a very cold and very, very windy day with conditions almost undoable. However, the parking lot held at least 40 other rigs on the water, (including 3 boats from Illinois), trying for what experts are predicating will come the next world record Muskie. So, out we went to try our luck. After about 2.5 hours of fishing and fighting the wind and waves, all we can say we got was BACK! In fact, only 1 fish was observed boated of the mass of fishers on the water. An informal survey indicted all wanted to return next year for another crack at a world record fish.

After photos and loading gear, the group headed to lunch at a local buffet restaurant. Co-chairs were Mark Baehr and Jeff Pagels. This report was prepared by Jeff Pagels

**Q & A from the CTO Award Czar**

Question: Dear Czar,

I think all biggest fish categories should have similar awards. As it stands now, the two Zander Pond events and the Shawano Lake Fishery winners only receive \$15 awards and not \$25 like the other 10 biggest fish categories. This is very unfair to our CTO members who are so disabled they can't fish anywhere else or any other time. How can CTO be so discriminating?

Signed: Iwanna B. Fair

Answer: Dear Iwanna

On the surface your suggestion seems to have merit, but if you think about it, your recommendation flies in the face of what one of CTO's major goals which is to expand the boundaries of each individual way past what they thought possible. Talk about discrimination! Far be it for us to tell or assume anyone is so disabled that we think they are confined to just three of our events. These 3 events should be considered "starters". Nothing would be better than any of our members asking for help to go fish elsewhere, be it on our pontoon boat, one of many shore fishing places in NE Wisconsin, our annual Lake Michigan trip or with a CTO fishing buddy on any of the hundreds of lakes and rivers in our area.

Come on Iwanna, don't sell our members short, anyone, no matter what the situation can challenge themselves to expand their own fishing boundaries on their own or with help from CTO if they truly want to win a bigger prize.

Hopefully, our awards program in some small way will serve as incentive to get our membership to expand their individual boundaries.

Signed: The CTO Awards Czar

p.s. If you have a question about the CTO awards program send an email to [jcpagels@att.net](mailto:jcpagels@att.net) or call 920-366-5731.

# Challenge The Outdoors Shooting Opportunities

By: Toby Malchow

## Sporting Clays:

If you are a disabled sportsperson and would like to try your hand at shooting Sporting Clays do we have a deal for you! Every second Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am shooters meet up at J&H Game Farm in Navarino, WI. What you will need to bring is a shotgun, Ear and Eye protection. CTO will provide ammunition and the cost of shooting one round of sporting clays. Due to the extra cost of some shells we are currently only providing 12 and 20 Gauge shells. If you shoot a different Gauge you will be asked to provide your own ammunition. **Note:** When we shoot 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. It takes each group of shooters about 2 1/2 to 3 hours to finish the course. In the summer months be sure to bring water and skeeter spray!! During the Cold weather months from November thru March you have the option of shooting Trap or Skeet the second Saturday of each month at Brown County Sportsman's Club in Howard, WI. CTO will pick up the cost of two rounds of shooting at Brown County and 1 box of shells for each round 12 or 20 Ga. Everyone is welcome to shoot at both times of the month, but CTO will only pick up the cost for disabled shooters at one or the other.

If you have any questions, ideas, or special needs feel free to call Toby Malchow at: 920 434-1663 e-mail CTOforME@yahoo.com or: brutherone@yahoo.com, or call Larry Zander at: 920 525-5637.

## Trap or Skeet Organized League Shooting Teams.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a member of a shooting team or starting your own team and would like to apply for CTO funding for yourself or your team. Please contact Toby Malchow at 920 434-1663 or e-mail at brutherone@yahoo.com or

CTOforME@yahoo.com. Please put the word "Shooting" in the subject line. I will be most happy to assist you in anyway I can to get you up and running on a team. Shooting on a team usually requires a 15 week commitment and teams shoot regardless of weather conditions. The next team league shooting will be starting May, 2011. Thank You, Toby Malchow  
CTO Hunting and Shooting Committee Chair.

## 2010 CTO RUN –N– GUN Trap Tournament

By: Toby Malchow

Beginning around the 1st of May 2010 until the 2nd Sunday before the annual CTO banquet. CTO will be holding a summer long trap shooting tournament. The details are still being worked out, but the general format has been set. Each shooter on their own can travel to different gun clubs around the CTO area and record a score that will be added to their yearly total. **This is open to all CTO members!!**

Each shooter will be on their own (hint: for more fun gather a group to travel with). We will have a contact person that can be called for information on cost, location, and times each range is open to the public.

So far we have the following gun clubs and contact volunteers signed up.

1. Shawano: Lee Krumbach 920 737-6209
2. Brown County Sportsman's Club: Toby Malchow 920-434-1663
3. De Pere Sportsman's Club: Brian Hess 920-864-7954
4. Markesan: Steve Lang 920-948-4847
5. New Franken: Scott Virlee 920-321-8048
6. New London: Brian Des Rochers 920 250-1297
7. Ivan Craig 920-231-8140
8. Burlington: James Luedtke 920 394-9338.

The idea behind the tournament is to have a good time while getting to visit some of the gun clubs our shooting friends belong to. If anyone knows of other gun clubs with Trap ranges open to the public and would like to be a contact for that club. Please call Toby Malchow at: 920 434-1663 e-mail: brutherone@yahoo.com

There will be awards, but they will most likely be in the form of a plaque or small trophy.

**NEW MEMBERS  
NOV-DEC, 2009**

**DONALD ZARLING  
FRANK HELLER  
JOHN DARGATZ  
MIKE SAFCIK  
JIM BEHRENT**

**Youth Racing Wheelchair Needs New  
Owner**

**A friend of CTO has a very nice slightly used youth racing wheelchair. If you are interested please call Adam Berg at: (920) 734-1235**

**Wheelchair Accessible Van For Sale**

Asking \$5000 -- 1995 Ford Windstar, needs battery, muffler. Has ramp and the air bags were just fixed by A&J Vans in Valders this past spring for \$1500. It has all the hand controls. Two years ago a newer engine was put in it. If you know anyone that would be interested contact Diane at: (920) 470-5611. She would really like to sell this before winter.

**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 19, 2010 Muehl Public Library, Seymour

Feb 16, 2010 Muehl Public Library, Seymour

**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**

- There is a total of 244 memberships.
- Decided to renew the legal services from MAP's, Inc. for another year for \$250.
- Received a donation of a compound bow and hunting boots.

**November**

- A donation of \$250 was received from Ashwaubenon Retired Firemen.
- Decided to print more brochures.

**12TH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY  
FUNDRAISER**

It's time to start preparations for our big fundraiser this year. As you all know all raffle and door prizes are obtained through the donations of our wonderful supporters. This means we really need the help of all to contact businesses and individuals for donations. We have raffle request forms and brochures available for your use. Just give a call to (920) 525-1123 and they will be mailed to you.

The date of the Sporting Clay Fundraiser is April 10, 2010 at J&H Game Farm in Navarino. Please mark this on your calendars and plan to attend. Watch for more details in upcoming mailings and newsletters. If you have questions please feel free to contact Larry Zander at (920) 525-5637 or Jean Chapman at (920) 525-1123. We look forward to your participation in this event.

## CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS AWARDS PROGRAM

The 4th Annual Awards will be given out at the 2010 CTO summer/fall banquet. Time frame is from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010. This year, the CTO Board of Directors made quite a few changes to the Awards Program, like adding more shooting sports to the list of categories, expanding the eligibility criteria, increasing publicity of this program and changing the administration of the program. Check the CTO Web site and News Letter for latest hunting and fishing category leaders. <http://ctoforme.org/Awards.htm>

### **Procedures, Rules and Details:**

All hunting/fishing/shooting categories entrants must have been a CTO DISABLED member **before** catching, killing or shooting a submittable entry. The definition of a disabled member is as follows: (Holding only a DNR Cross Bow permit is **not** considered to be "disabled enough" for this awards program.)

1. Have a Class A or C hunting permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
2. Can only ambulate with the use of a wheelchair, walker or two canes or two crutches from a disability considered permanent.
3. Is legally blind.
4. Is missing a hand or arm regardless of using prosthesis.
5. Is over the age of 70 years.
6. Other individuals can become qualified on a case-by-case basis. Contact Awards Administrator with qualifying questions.

The CTO Board shall appoint a CTO Board of Director member as "Award Administrator". In this capacity, this person will oversee tiebreakers, choose award winners in the "Honor" categories and otherwise administer this program. This person replaces the past "committee" charged with these responsibilities. This person will not be eligible for winning an "Honor" category, but can win one of the "Measurement" categories if the person meets the disabled definition and is NOT involved in a "tie" determination.

A CTO member can only win one of the hunting/fishing/shooting, ("Measurement Category") categories in any one year.

A CTO member can only win a Deepdodo Award twice and Volunteer of the Year Award ("Honor Category") once for the life of this Awards Program. Winners in these categories will have their stories and photos published on our Web Site and other publicity tools such as conference poster boards as is feasible.

Winners in the "Honor" Awards will be notified of their honors a few days before the banquet so they can prepare a brief presentation to the assembly. The reason for this is to strive to show the group what a "real" winner does to gain such high recognition and provide inspiration for others to reach for similar achievements.

Volunteers and others will be encouraged to remind and enter best category entries for disabled members with or without the member's knowledge. For example, boat captains on the Shawano Lake fishery will be advised to measure and get photos of fish that might be award eligible.

Any "Measurement" category entry must have been taken in the State of Wisconsin. These entries do NOT have to come from a CTO Sponsored event except for competition at the Shawano Lake Fishery Day and the two Zander Pond Fisheries.

In the event of a "tie" in a "Measurement" category, additional steps will be taken to take measuring to a more detailed level. Other criteria maybe used to determine a clear winner, such as thickness of antlers, sub inch tines, gauge of a shotgun, number of beards or perceived weight of a fish. These other criteria may be subjective and significant effort will be made to eliminate perceived "Ties." In the rare case of an actual "Tie" the winners shall share the cash award prize, but each will receive a plaque.

## Award Categories:

**Biggest Challenge Overcome Outside:** One year, a CTO member overcame his quadriplegia to hunt turkeys on his own. He set and reset his blind to get the best spot; he got in the blind and set up and after several exciting close calls was able to bag a turkey. Try and top that one to win. [Award = \\$75 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.](#)

**Deepdodo Award:** For the member who takes the biggest challenge in the outdoors. (Jeff Pagels & Steve Lang not eligible for this award!) One winner was a wheelchair user who dropped a goose in a muddy cornfield and after his able bodied buddy could not find the goose, **he crawled through the mud to find it himself. While the mud got washed off in a hot shower,** the glow of the satisfaction of his achievement will last lots longer. So, get out there and expand your limits. [Award = \\$75 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.](#)

**Volunteer of the Year Able bodied:** For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving to help others enjoy the outdoors. Past Winners include Bill Mayville, Larry Zander and Karen Baehr. [Award = \\$100 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.](#)

**Volunteer of the Year Disabled:** For the CTO member who best embodies the spirit of giving to help others enjoy the outdoors. Past winners include Jean Chapman, Judy Paluch, Toby Malchow. [Award = \\$100 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.](#)

**Longest fish, by the following species:** (length in inches) Photograph required. [Award = \\$25 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store for the longest fish in each category.](#) Great Lake/Green Bay Trout or Salmon; Inland Trout, Walleye; Musky/Northern; Perch; Small and Large Mouth Bass; Bluegill/Crappie; Rough Fish; (Carp, Dogfish, Sheepshead ect.) One winner for the longest rough fish of all of the rough fish species.

**Shawano Lake Fishery Longest Fish, by the following species:** (length in inches) at the annual event. No Photograph Required. [Award = \\$10 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.](#) Walleye; Musky/Northern; Perch; Small and Large Mouth Bass; Bluegill/Crappie; Rough Fish; (Carp, Dogfish, Sheepshead ect.) One winner for the longest rough fish of all of the rough fish species. Winners entries are not eligible for the other longest fish competitions.

**Zander Pond Longest Trout at Both Events:** (length in inches) No photograph required. [One award at each of the two Trout-a-Rama events. Award = \\$15 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store from.](#)

**Biggest Whitetail Buck:** Number of Points longer than one inch x maximum inside spread in inches with photograph. In case of ties or near ties, antlers will be re-examined in more detail by CTO Award Administrator. [Award = \\$50 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.](#)

**Biggest Tom Turkey:** Length in inches of spurs and beards with photograph. [Award = \\$50 gift certificate to a Sporting Goods Store.](#)

**Top score for Disabled Shooter at the J&H Sporting Clays Fund Raiser:** Bust the most clay pigeons and win. Top score = 50 [Award = 4 rounds of Sporting Clays at J&H.](#)

**Top overall Trap Shooter:** Top 3 rounds times the distance for the year. Top score would be a score of 25 times the maximum yardage of 27 yards times 3 = 2,025. [Award = 2 rounds of Sporting Clays at J&H.](#)

**Top overall Skeet Shooter:** Top three rounds for the year. Top score would be a score of 25 times 3 = 75. [Award = 2 rounds of Sporting Clays at J&H.](#)

**Top overall Sporting Clays Shooter:** Top three rounds for the year not including the J&H SC Fund Raiser. Top score would be a score of 50 times 3 = 150. [Award = 2 rounds of Sporting Clays at J&H.](#)

**Send nominations, photographs, measurements, questions or other details to Award Administrator, Jeff Pagels either at [jcpagels@att.net](mailto:jcpagels@att.net) or 1400 Carole Ln, Green Bay, WI 54313. Phone 920-366-5731**

## ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR A CTO MEMBER

I got the opportunity to go on a mule deer hunt out in Wyoming from the "Ballinger Wilderness Retreat". It was such a blast and the beautiful land that there is to see was just amazing. I'm glad that I got the opportunity to go on this trip and then to do it with my dad, made it all that much better! We left on Friday, October 30th and took a day and little over half to get there. Stopped in Rapid City, SD to sleep for the night and then continued on our way the next morning. We met our helper in Cody, WY and followed him the rest of the way to the cabin. There we met Merlyn Ballinger, the owner of the land and the person that runs the Retreat. The cabin is 4 1/2 miles up a mountain and just gorgeous. For dinner that evening we ended up going back to Cody and meeting up with another handicap group that he is associated with and helping out; "Wyoming Disabled Bow Hunters. After dinner we headed back up to the cabin to talk a little before going to bed. As we talked I kept seeing deer walk in front of the cabin window over to the hay pile that he has set up in the driveway. We then went to bed. Got up in the morning at 4:30 to get out in the hunting shack for a little after 5 a.m. This is a very nice shack that is heated. Although we couldn't get it running....oh well, it wasn't that cold out any way. Dad wasn't gonna sit in the blind with me the first morning so it was just Bob (the helper) and I in the shack and dad drove the truck back to the cabin. After a little while of talking with Bob, it was starting to get light enough to see so we started looking out the 8 windows that were in the 10' X 7' shack. I noticed there were some deer out there and opened one of the windows to get a better look and see what was there. Well there were 7 doe and 2 fawns that we ended up getting to watch for about 45 mins to an hour. Then after a little conversation for about a half hour I looked out the window again and noticed a buck walking across the field coming towards us. Bob said it looked like it was a nice one and I opened the window to get a look through my scope. Bob thought it was a 4 x 4 and as I put the scope on him, I noticed it was a 5 x 5. Bob said I should take it....I didn't know at first cause it was the first day and less than 2 hours into the hunt. Well after looking at the deer several times through the scope....I came to the conclusion that I just could not pass this deer up. So I took the shot at about 65 yds and made a good shot....he walked about 10 yds or less and fell over. WOOOOOO was I excited....I got on the radio to the cabin with my body just shaking with excitement. Well I could not get a hold of dad and Merlyn at the cabin so Bob had to walk back to the cabin. Bob played it out a little bit when he got back to the cabin and said that he needed a wrench so that we could get the heater running. Dad was like OHHH come on....Jason has sat in colder weather than this, what is really going on. Bob told them I hit one and that it was a 5 X 5....well that just got dad REALLY excited too....They drove back out and dad ran up to me and gave me a BIG hug. We went out to look at the deer and all we could say was just WOW....that's a BIG deer, BEAUTIFUL!!! First day out, less than 2 hours in and WOW. Needless to say we took A LOT of pictures. So I would like to send you some of these pictures! Just an amazing hunt and an amazing experience. Couldn't have asked for anything more....will be remembered forever.

Thank you Jason Sprangers

## HOLIDAY PARTY FOR MEMBERS

This year's **Holiday Party** is on **Saturday, January 23**, at **Sabre Lanes, 1330 Midway Road, Menasha, 54952**. Our Holiday Party is in January because the Holidays are so busy for everyone, and now we can enjoy the fun of Christmas a little longer. We will provide the main course and beverages. **Please bring a dish to put on our buffet.** Every year we have a delicious meal thanks to you!

The **party starts at 11:00 a.m.** with a **potluck lunch served at 12:00 p.m.** After lunch, Challenge The Outdoors will provide bowling --free from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be 10 to 12 lanes available this year. **Bring your bowling ball or use one of Sabre Lanes.** There will also be ramps available. We will have cribbage boards and cards, Yatzee, and a few other games available if you prefer to skip bowling or do both. Feel free to bring your own game to play. Also the decorations will be the door prizes and awarded after lunch. There will also be some kids' prizes. Make sure to enter your name into our drawing box when you arrive so your name is in for the door prizes. There will also be a bucket raffle for a print donated by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. Tickets will cost \$1 each.

If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact us at 920-982-4288 or e-mail [plcaravan@yahoo.com](mailto:plcaravan@yahoo.com). Peter Lathrop will assist you with any problems you may have.

Have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you at the Holiday Party!

## 2010 Inaugural Shadows on the Wolf and CTO Spring Wild Turkey Hunt

This coming springs' hunt will mark our 1st with the Shadows on the Wolf (Clintonville area chapter). After 7 very good years of working and hunting with the NWTF and their local chapters we are looking forward to working with this newest chapter of Shadows on the Wolf. Our sincere thanks and gratitude go out to the NWTF and the Little Wolf Gobblers and Autumn Long Beards chapters for all the past support they so generously gave to CTO and our disabled hunters. While the name of the organization has changed many of the names and faces will be the same and the hunt will be handled very similarly as in past years.

We are planning on running the 2010 hunt the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> week, May 15-16 of the Spring 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 afternoon for early arrivals. The Camp's Lodge will serve as hunt headquarters.

We will be accepting approximately 10 hunters and giving preference to 1<sup>st</sup> 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, but there is always that chance. Hunters will need to apply for a Spring Wild Turkey permit by filling out an application for zone 3 and time-period E(5). The deadline for applying for a Spring Wild Turkey permit is December 10, 2009. If you're interested in participating in the hunt please contact Mark Baehr before applying for your permit by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at: (920) 766-9218. There will be more info in upcoming Newsletters.

## 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

## REMINDER — MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please check the date on your mailing label of this newsletter. This date indicates when your dues are to be paid. There is a form on the last page to complete and mail with your payment. Thank You!

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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\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ \$ 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 \_\_\_

PLEASE EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, INC. AND SEND TO:

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