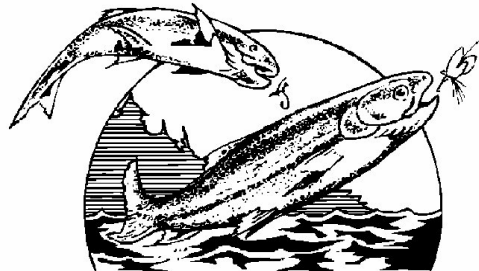
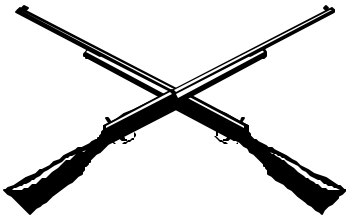


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*"Dedicated to Serving the Recreational Needs and Desires  
of the Physically Challenged Sportsman"*

MAY, 2003

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A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SERVING THE RECREATIONAL  
DESIRES OF THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SPORTSPERSON

**SO MUCH! SO MANY!**

**By: Larry Zander, Newsletter Chairman**

It would take a five to six page letter if we tried to thank each person who gave so much of themselves to make this year's Sporting Clay event our best ever! So I won't try. If I did, I would surely miss a few people and would have to consider myself "chewed out". Instead, let us take the time in our own way to thank each other.

What a wonderful five plus years it has been! What started with a handful of people and an idea, has now progressed to our up and running successful Non-Profit Organization dedicated to bring joy to it's beneficiaries, their families and friends. Yet, we are still in our infancy. So much more is to be accomplished. More Activities— More Personal Involvement—More Expansion—More Volunteers.

**AND — IT IS HAPPENING!!**

As I start writing this in early April, we had been notified by phone and letter as having been chosen to receive a Special Recognition Award as "Outdoor Organization of the Year". **BY WHOM? THE WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION (WWF)**, affiliated with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). As I've been made to understand it was first established by Aldo Leopold himself, and in 1949 became known by it's present name. WWF now boasts a membership of over 7,000 in Wisconsin and several thousand more outside the state. We are to be honored by these dedicated people at their annual awards banquet in Mosinee, WI on April 12, 2002. We feel this to be an opportunity for exposure to good folks from all corners of the state, which hopefully will give us the expansion to serve a much larger group. With the help from each of us — **WE CAN DO IT!**

**IT HAPPENED!!**

What a wonderful evening! Fourteen of our people attended this WWF Awards Banquet with results far above our expectations. Our President Harland Chapman, Secretary Karen Baehr and Treasurer Jean Chapman were presented with the most beautiful crystal clear standing plaque I've ever seen. We were allowed some time to tell the audience of our humble beginnings, purpose and how we intend to grow in maximizing our God Given heritage.

We were also honored to have Daniel Gries (Editor of Wisconsin Monthly Newspaper) at our table and Associate Editor Ralph Fritsch gave a moving dissertation in our behalf. Along with all of this Ralph, Dan, Lisa Yee-Litzenberg and other folks generously opened their hearts and checkbooks to CTO. Here is another note received from Ralph Fritsch on April 19, 2003. "Good luck to you all, keep up the great work making many dreams come true." P.S. "Keep in touch, We've adopted you."

**Did you get that? Adopted!! Let us all be so very thankful!!**

# BIG DAY - BIG FUN - BIG FISH

Saturday June 7, 2003

Shawano Lake Fishery, Cecil Park

Hey! Lots of fish were caught last year and CTO member Bill Baehr was up to his elbows in fish (cleaning them, that is). When Bill was finished he had enough filets to take home for all who wanted them. If Bill will do it again this year, let's give him some help. It's a big job! But first we've got to catch the fish.

**That Means — BE THERE!!**

There will be plenty of canvas on the pontoons in case if rain (it won't) and a big top tent for good food and for visiting and becoming better acquainted with each other. If the last part of May and the first part of June gives us normal or warmer weather, we should have good to excellent bluegill fishing. Some bluegill beds should be well established with others congregating close to traditional bedding areas. We are looking forward to a good catch. The best catch of all will be — new and lasting friendships.

**REMEMBER!** This is another day for family, friends, helpers and volunteers. Please return the enclosed registration form or call Larry Zander at 920-525-5637, Harland Chapman at 920-833-6274 or Mark Baehr at 920-766-9218. We want to be sure we have plenty of pontoons, food, refreshments and bait for all who attend!!

**P.S. No fishing licenses required the first weekend in June!**

*FLY FISHING*



*Larry Zander*  
2002

**DIRECTIONS AND MAP TO CTO'S, INC. 5th ANNUAL  
SHAWANO LAKE FISHERY/PICNIC**

To get to the Lake Park / CTO, Inc. Fishery Headquarters on Shawano Lake, in Cecil:

From the Fox Valley:

Take Hwy 47 North to Bonduel. (approximately 35 miles from Appleton)

From Bonduel take Hwy 117 North to Hwy 22. (approximately 5 miles)

Turn Right (east) on to Hwy 22.

Take Hwy 22 (approximately 1/3 of a mile) to the public boat launch just north of Park Street. Look for signs and our banner. You may park along the road or in the boat launch parking lot.

Our tent will be set-up to the left of the Boat Launch in the Park.

If you are coming from the Green Bay area take Hwy 29 West to the Hwy 117/47 exit to Bonduel. Follow directions above from Bonduel to the Park.



## **TURKEY HUNTING**

Our seven physically challenged turkey hunters chose the fifth period to get out and talk turkey this year. This could be good timing as most of the hens should be paying attention to nesting rather than flirting, whereas the toms will still be full of raging hormones. With the help and guidance of the Wolf River Gobblers, Marion Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation they are looking forward to a very successful hunt on May 17th and 18th.

They will be headquartered out of a newly renovated, wheelchair accessible, rustic hunting lodge near Marion, WI. Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. members will be serving food for the guys and gals. There will be the telling of many good stories and good results are anticipated. There will be a follow-up story in the next newsletter.

**WISHING OUR HUNTERS SUCCESS!**

## **LANDOWNERS!**

The time has come to get your land signed up for the 2003 Special Deer Hunt in October. If you wish to get involved this year please contact Bill Mayville at (715) 758-8363 or Harland Chapman at (920) 833-6274 as soon as possible. Bill needs to have the forms completed by May 25, 2003 so they can get to the DNR office in time.

## **WELCOME**

**To the new members of Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. in the year 2003.**

Mike Syndow — Wausau, WI

Nancy Trotter — Ripon, WI

Clifford Phiefer — Waupaca, WI

Michael Derpinghaus — Holmen, WI

## **P. C. K.**

Do you know of any physically challenged kids (P.C.K.)?

Challenge the Outdoors, Inc board member Gary Thyges is asking for all of us to help locate and encourage hard of hearing and physically challenged kids to take part in many outdoor activities.

Twenty-two exciting activities are scheduled for 2003. Lots of fishing and nature study with picnics for the whole family.

Challenge the Outdoors, Inc has always encouraged including youngsters in our events and P.C.K. gives them a start for continuing with Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. when they reach the age of 16. Much of CTO's future lies with the young.

For more information contact Gary Thyges at 715-758-6854 or e-mail [tpathyges@tds.net](mailto:tpathyges@tds.net)

## **WOW!!**

On April 14, 2003 we received a call from Arnie Mueller of Wings Over Wisconsin. We met Arnie at the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation banquet. After talking with several of our board members and discussing our need for a new motor for the pontoon, he said he'd see what he could do to help. Then on April 22 he called to let us know that he had checked with the Wingettes Chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin at their last fundraising banquet on April 21, 2003. These wonderful women decided to use some of the proceeds from the banquet to purchase the motor.

What a blessing it is to have to many dedicated people supporting CTO. Words and praise just don't seem adequate. THANKS!

Watch for more information in next newsletter.

## WHAT'S NEW AT CTO

By: Larry Zander

Our Board of Directors are always working not only to find funding for equipment and events but also create more and more opportunities for all of us to enjoy the — **call of the outdoors**.

**Open fishing days** — so that you can come and catch trout when it's convenient for you

**AND**

**Scheduled week-ends** when we will have family and friends get together for a picnic and fishing fun. The pond is safe with level banks, and plenty of shade from GIANT trees. **YES — FUN! FUN! FUN!**

We are in the process of purchasing the trout. It will take just a short time to grow them to good eating size (10-16 Inches). We are looking to begin this fishing program by the 1st of July. That gives us July, August, September and the first half of October to take these wonderful trout home to put on our tables and remember the day.

Just start imagining ! All of us together enjoying family, friends, good food and I'll guarantee — good fishing.

Your next newsletter will have more information on open fishing days and party weekends along with a simple map.

## **MEMBERSHIP BANQUET**

On July 26, 2003 we will be holding our first membership banquet, taking the place of our four quarterly meetings. This will be held at the River Rail in Shiocton. More information to follow.

## **HELP NEEDED!**

### **BRAT STAND FUNDRAISER**

**BY: Toby Malchow**

Despite the cold weather of April our first Brat Stand was a success. With lots of good volunteers we were able to raise a respectable amount of money. Thank you to all that helped and we hope to see all of you and more at Festival Foods, East Green Bay on the following dates.

May 8, 9, 11, 2003.

The hours are from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. Volunteer as much or as little time as you can. All help will be greatly appreciated. Areas we need help in will be food service, sales, talking to the public about CTO'S mission and services. There is a place for everyone to help. The more people we get to help the more fun we have. If you want to volunteer, or want to talk to someone about the Brat Stand please call: Jean Chapman 920 833-6274, or Toby Malchow 920 434-1663.

## **PLEASE COME!!**

Our Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. Board of Directors meeting is being held at the River Rail in Shiocton on May 20, 2003 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.

May 20, 2003—River Rail

Hwy 76, Shiocton

June 17, 2003—Place to be determined

Call 920-833-6274 for details

**CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, Inc.**

\*\*\*\*Fishery Registration Application\*\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair user? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Incase of an emergency call, Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Medical or Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Helper (if a helper is attending): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Helper: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

If Helper/Guests desire to accompany participant on boat, is it : Necessary \_\_\_ or Would like to \_\_\_

\* Available space on boats will determine whether helper/guests will be able to accompany participants.  
\*

Mail Registration Application to: **Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.**  
**W4276 Cty Rd G**  
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Entry or Release of all claim: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry in the " CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, Inc. Fishery event, I release CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, Inc. and all volunteers who are connected with this event, from any liability or claims of injury to body or property or illness that I sustain during my participation in this event, I understand that this applies to myself, my personal helper, heirs and assigns. I represent that I am capable of participation and acknowledge that this release is being relied upon by the above organization in permitting me to participate. I also grant full permission to any or all foregoing to use any photographs, recordings, or any other records of this event for any legitimate purpose.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## THANK YOU!

Let us take this space to give a very special "Thank You" to Jim and Joanne Johnson, Mike and Marlene Johnson, Diane Redman and all the great folks at J&H Hunt Club for once again giving us their time, hard work and the opportunity to have the most successful Sporting Clay Fundraiser ever. **THANKS!**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8, 9, 11, 2003	Brat Stand Fundraiser Festival Foods, Green Bay East
May 17, 18, 2003	Turkey Hunt with NWTF, Marion Chapter See article on page 4
May 20, 2003	Board of Directors Meeting River Rail, Shiocton 6:30 P.M.
May 25, 2003	Special deer hunt Landowner permits due
June 7, 2003	Annual Spring Fishery Cecil Park on Shawano Lake
June 17, 2003	Board of Directors Meeting Place to be determined 6:30 P.M. Call 920-833-6274 for details
July 26, 2003	First Annual Membership Meeting River Rail, Shiocton Details to be coming

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_

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

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