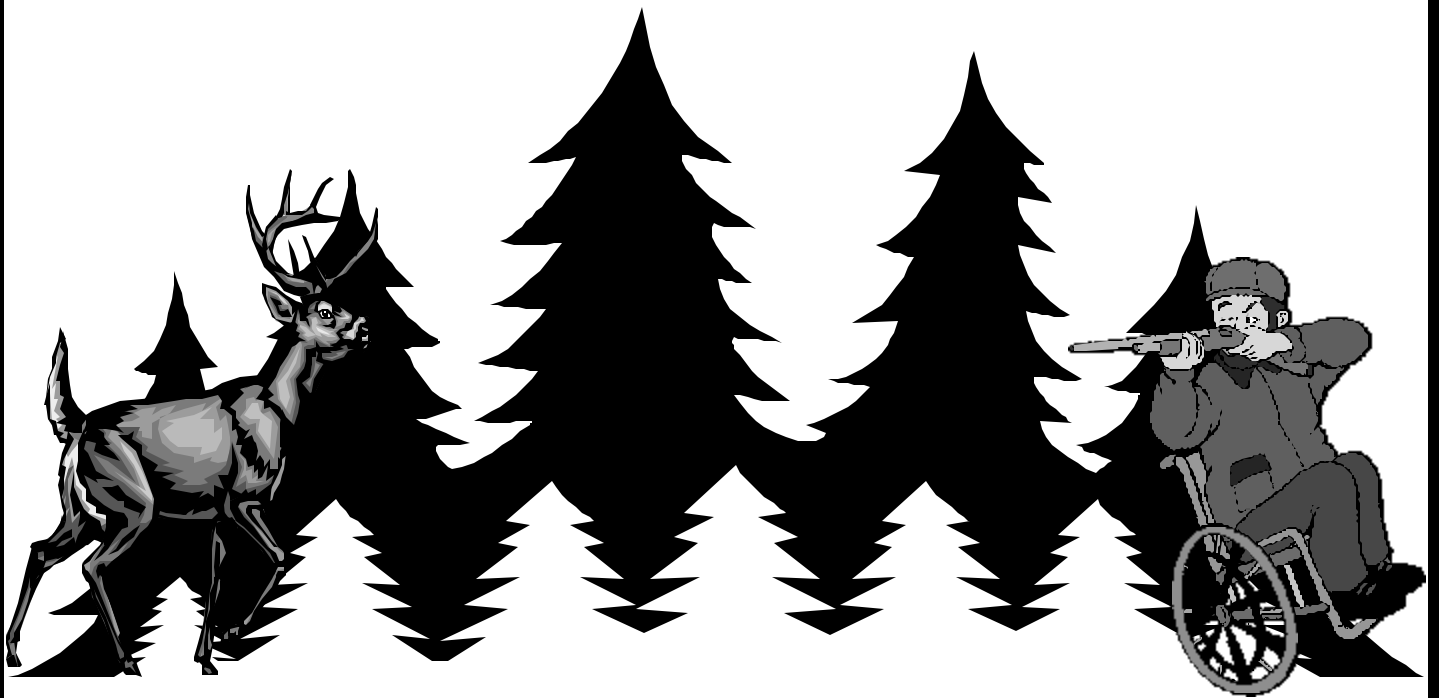


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another Special Hunt is behind us and although the weather did not cooperate, those of us that were able to get out enjoyed reasonable success bagging a total of eight deer during the nine day period. We would like to thank the landowners for sharing their land with us.

I would like to challenge each of our members to try and recruit at least one new member during the next year. We must reach out to more physically challenged sportspersons to realize our mission of helping these people enjoy the outdoors. With that in mind, we would also like to encourage more of our members to become more involved in our various activities. We are greatly in need, especially of able bodied individuals, as many of us are not physically able to do many of the things that need to be done.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Harland E Chapman, President

SPECIAL HUNT, 2002

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some people for the great Special Hunt we had this year. First and foremost a thank you goes to Bill Mayville for all the work put into signing up the landowners and registering the hunters for our hunt this year. Next thanks to Bill Mayville, Harland Chapman, Gary Thyges, Chuck Nelson and Bill Baehr for building the blinds and getting them in place for the hunt. Many hours and hard work were put into this project. Once the hunt started Gary Thyges let us use his cabin and garage as a meeting and eating headquarters for opening weekend. It was great. Thank you to Karen Baehr for all the meals she made for the hunters. She had great help from husband Bill, son Paul and granddaughter Ashley. They were tireless in their food preparation and serving of great meals. All the leftovers were kept at Gary's cabin and several of the hunters enjoyed lunches during the week. The second weekend we moved to Lessor Town Hall and again Karen fixed breakfast for the hunters (Thanks). The Culinary Arts Department of Fox Valley Tech served a great turkey dinner on Saturday with enough to take care of the Sunday lunch also. Thanks to Mark Baehr for arranging this meal.

Also thanks go out to the wonderful helpers that assisted the hunters – Bill Mayville, Roy Nelson, John Mattson, Larry Zander, Earl Miller's son-in-law, Doug Rutz, Matt Malchow, Ryan Peters.

But, none of this would have been possible without the landowners – Bill Mayville, Gary Blum, Dennis Rudie, Fran Sagert, Jay Jones, Cliff Haws and Paul Kirchner THANK YOU!!

The work didn't stop with the end of the hunt. We have to thank Bill Mayville, Gary Thyges and Harland Chapman for getting all the blinds out of the woods and back to Mayville's to store for next year.

I feel it was a great hunt and a good experience for all.

Jean Chapman

WHAT'S NEW(S) AT CTO

PUT IT ON YOUR CALANDER!

APRIL 5, 2003

The first Saturday in April, 2003 is the date for the 5th Annual Sporting Clay CTO benefit at J & H Game Farm. We're gong to freshen that day a bit by making it an all-day picnic along with the shoot. Please! Plan on being there. It is impo r- tant to the folks who support us to also get to know us. This day also gives each of us a time to get to know each other even m ore. Should you need help with transportation, let us know. We'll help get you there so that we too can enjoy your companionship.

Please also start thinking of all the folks you can get to buy raffle tickets and the possibility of ge t- ting some raffle prizes for CTO. **REMEMBER**—put the date on your calendar and **BE THERE.**

ICE FISHING!!

"Picnic and fishing on the ice"

Last Saturday of February, 2003

Don't worry! We'll keep you warm enough with fire, heaters and shelter. This outing is still in the planning stages—look for more information coming to you.

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, CTO purchased T-shirts with a logo designed by Toby Malchow on them. You can see our logo on the back page. We ordered 3 colors, white, khaki, and gray. It was decided that members can purchase them at cost, approx. \$5.00 - \$10.00. For those interested in purchasing a T-shirt we will have them at our Membership meetings. They come in sizes Medium to 2X. If you need a different size we can place special orders. For any ?'s you have regarding the T-shirts contact: **Jean Chapman @ (920) 833-6274 or Email her @ chapjean@aol.com or Karen Baehr @ (920) 766-9218.**

MORE MOBILITY TO DIFFERENT WATERS!

CTO Board of Directors approved the purchase of a trailer for our pontoon boat. We will now be able to fish places other than Shawano Lake.

A special "Thank You" to Bill Mayville and Harland Chapman, who traveled to Wausau, WI to complete the purchase and bring the pontoon back for winter storage.

"WOW"

Sending out this newsletter is a tough act to follow. I'm sure we are all grateful for the fine work Mark Baehr has been doing for so long. He will now be dedicating more time to his schooling. Let us all wish him well.

HE WILL BE BACK!!

"THANK YOU" MARK BAEHR

Larry Zander, Newsletter Committee

Attention All Turkey Hunters!!

This past Spring Members of the Little Wolf Gobblers, the Marion, WI. Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, supplied Mark Baehr, Harland Chapman, and Bob Mayer with guided turkey hunts. Although no Gobblers were taken all those involved had an extremely rewarding experience and vowed to give it a go again this coming Spring.

With that thought in mind, Tom Mijal of the Little Wolf Gobblers and Mark Baehr of CTO, have been coordinating an expanded Spring 2003 Wild Turkey Hunt for hunters with Class A or C Disabled Hunting Permits. This hunt will take place May 14 - 18, the 5th week of the Spring Wild Turkey season, in TMU 22. The hunt will be headquartered out of a Turkey Camp located near Marion, WI. in Waupaca county. Some lodging will be available there.

Tom has already lined up several landowners in the Marion area that are going to open their lands for this hunt and he expects to have several openings for hunters this Spring. He has also had a good response from his chapters members that are willing to be mentors to the hunters in the field this spring. If you are interested in attending this hunt you need to **Contact Mark Baehr @ (920) 766-9218, email @ baehr68@aol.com , or Harland Chapman @ (920) 833-6274, email @ chapjean@aol.com** as soon as possible.

You will need to pick up the application from the DNR office and complete it listing only one choice—that being the 5th week (May 14-18, 2003) and mail it in. **DO NOT LIST ANY ALTERNATE CHOICES IN DATES. THE DEADLINE IS DEC 10, 2002. Upon completion please call either Mark or Harland and let them know so they can follow up with you on the times and location of the hunt.**

Tom has asked that CTO get more involved in this years hunt and would like us to help in a few areas such as; providing transportation for the hunters in the field, providing/serving meals to

hunters in the field, providing/serving meals to the hunters at camp, rounding up volunteers to help out during the hunt and contacting interested landowners.

Both CTO and the Little Wolf Gobblers look forward to this coming Spring Wild Turkey Hunt. If you would like to get more involved please contact Mark or Harland.

LET'S TALK TURKEY!!!

**Note—if you don't plan on participating in this hunt you still must have your application for the 2003 Spring Turkey Hunt permit completed by December 10, 2002.

ATTENTION:

CTO has 6 portable blinds that may be checked out for your use for hunting on a first come, first served basis. If you are in need of one please contact either Mark Baehr at (920) 766-9218, Harland Chapman at (920) 833-6274 or Bill Mayville at (715) 758-8363.

NOTE:

There will not be a membership meeting in January, 2003. However, all members are invited to attend any of the director's meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month. Please call Harland Chapman at (920) 833-6274 for the location and time of the meeting as it will occasionally change.

TALES OF THE HUNT

On The Road Again with Challenge the Outdoors Inc.

By: Dick Cross – Board Member of Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.

Have you skid off the road and waited for someone to come and help you out? Well, it happened to me. I got sick and found I couldn't do the things I liked best – hunting and fishing. I sold my hunting guns and equipment, because I didn't think I could go out anymore. But then my son, Jeff, read an article in the paper about a deer hunt sponsored by Challenge the Outdoors Inc. for handicapped sportsmen and women. I called the number and was back "on the road again" hunting deer.

Through Challenge the Outdoors Inc. I was introduced to "Fishing Has No Boundaries". This group puts on fishing experiences for the handicapped. They have chapters in Madison, Eagle River and Hayward, Wisconsin. Like Challenge the Outdoors Inc. they provide boats, guides, food, prizes and medical teams at all outings. In 2002 I fished at Madison and Eagle River. I liked Madison's outing better, because they let you keep whatever fish you did not want to donate to the fish fries. At Eagle River, you had to throw all the perch you caught into a garbage can, which was disappointing, because our boat caught half of a Coleman Cooler full of perch. That took care of my spring sporting experiences.

In late Sept, 2001 through Challenge the Outdoors, Inc. I was introduced to "Helluva Hunt" in Douglas, Wyoming. They choose 20 hunters from the U.S.A. to participate in a gun antelope hunt. They provide everything, licenses, food, lodging, etc. The applicant only needs to get there. I was lucky, I got a 13" buck antelope with one shot through the heart at 336 yards. They caped and butchered my animal and shipped it home to me in Wisconsin. It is now mounted on my computer room wall.

Unknown to me "Helluva Hunt" set my name to "Twist of Fate" in Fargo, N.D. They invite 17 hunters from the U.S.A. to hunt whitetail deer with a bow and arrow. They, too, furnish a cross bow, license, food, housing, etc. I went in Sept, 2002 and again, I was lucky to get a 125 lb doe. They butchered my deer and set it home with me.

When I came home from Fargo, I went to the Challenge the Outdoors Inc. Special Deer Hunt experience west of the Navarino Marsh. Again, "Lady Luck" was with me and I got a deer with my shotgun at 75 yards.

From that first phone call to Challenge the Outdoors Inc. I was put on the road again to many pleasant experiences and exciting sporting challenges. When you read of experiences in our newsletter that are out there for you, apply. You never know where the road will lead you. Trust me it is better than being a couch potato.

The friends I have met on these trips are precious and we keep in touch by mail, phone, and e-mail.

Good hunting and fishing and thanks to Challenge the Outdoors Inc. for putting me on the road again.

TALES OF THE HUNT

By: Bob Mayer—Board Member, Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.

I was asked to compose an article pertaining to my “Hellava Hunt 2002” but to do this would be like saying fall came and I had fun and now it’s over. So I had better start from the beginning. I found out about Hellava Hunt a couple years ago when Larry Laehn was chosen to attend. When he came home with his antelope he spoke highly of his experience. This got Dick Cross all excited, so the next year (2001) he applied and was also chosen.

There are only 15 handicapped hunters handpicked each year by Gary Stearns and his wife to attend the event. I also was excited when I got the call from Jane that I got picked. Hunters are selected from across the United States. We had people from Pennsylvania to California, from New Mexico to Wisconsin, and 11 other places in between. On Thursday, Sept 28, 2002 my wife Rita and I left home for Kenosha where we were blessed with a 8 lb, 11 oz, 21 inch grandson the next morning at 10:21 a.m. Then off we went to Wyoming where we were picked up at the airport in Casper by Gary Stearns and Chicago Joe for the 45 minute ride to Douglas Fairground dormitory where we would call home for the next 5 days. Our early arrival was great because we were able to meet people as they arrived all weekend.

Monday we went to the rifle range to meet our guide and sight in the guns that we would be using. John, my guide, furnished the rifle for my use (a 243). After sighting in the 100 yd target we went to the trap range for some good shooting fun and a hot meal. Finally, on Tuesday, the first day of the antelope hunt the day started with a 5:00 a.m. breakfast where I met with my guides, John Stearns and Garrett Miller, after which we headed for the field. Two groups of antelope were out, 3 bucks in all, one to the left and two to the right. John took out his binoculars and glassed the buck on the left and said “he’s not too big”. I looked to the right in time to see the smaller of the two bucks being run off. The only one left was the largest of the three and his interest was on the doe about 20 yds from him. John said “Try the shot” and handed me a shell, but being right handed and shooting out of the right side window proved impossible so we repositioned the truck until I was able to line up a shot. I squeezed the trigger and hit my mark but he only stood there so I shot again, another long shot. After what seemed like an eternity he finally went down and I knew he was mine. The time was 7:20 a.m and the distance was 198 yards. The horns are 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 11 $\frac{3}{4}$. The whole group of us filled up by 3:00 p.m. that afternoon.

That evening was the auction where some people got bargains on articles and some did not (typical auction). Proceeds went to help defer next years cost. The following day, Wednesday, was spent sightseeing during the day and an awards banquet in the evening. The largest 3 sets of horns received a full head mount (mine was not one of them). This was the 18th Hellava Hunt and any of the previous hunters are welcome to come back as a helper but only participate once as a hunter. This event was very well run and seems to be backed by the whole community. Thanks again to Jane and Gary Stearns and the whole Hellava Hunt organization.

PS. It was a Hellava Hunt and that’s no lie

I shot the buck but it wouldn’t die

I shot him again and now he’s in

A box headed for Wisconsin

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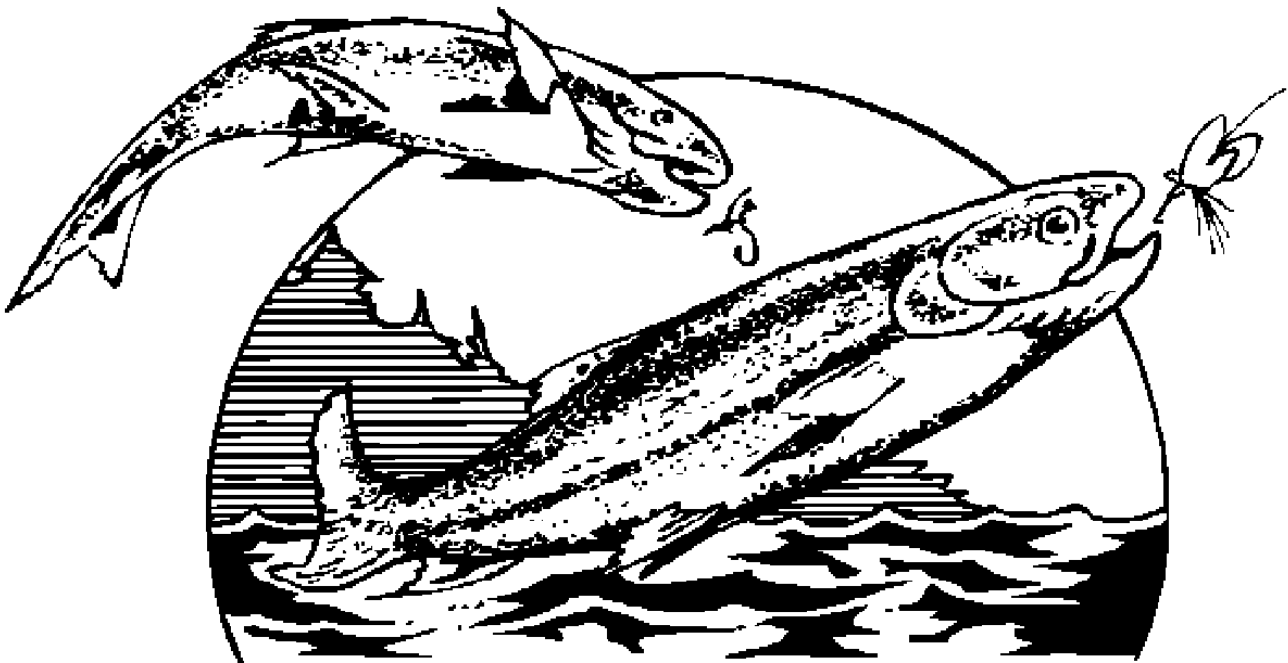
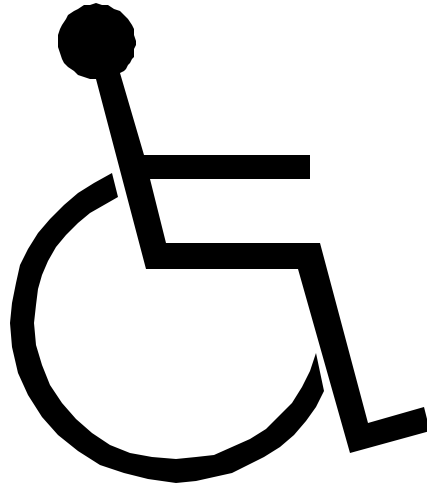
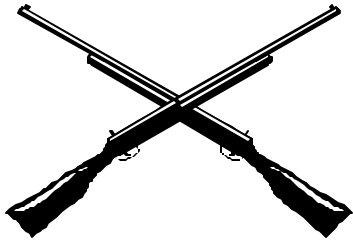
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