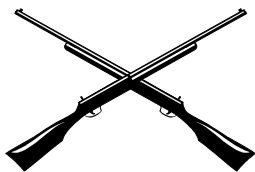


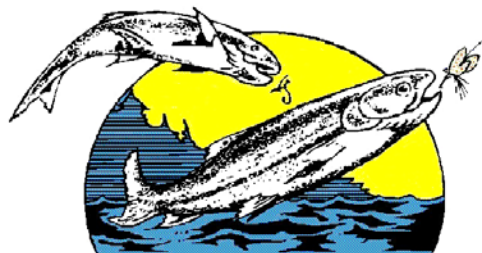
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NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SPORTSPERSON**

Presidents' Message:

CHANGE! Rules may change, people may change and yes even organizations like CTO may change. As a therapist, I realize that people must make changes in their life in order to be well and live happily. As CTO President, I accept and encourage changes in the organization that helps us better meet the recreational desires of people with physical challenges. This process is made more effective because we are blessed with dedicated Directors and Associate Directors. In 2009, I ask all of our members to influence any changes by supporting YOUR organization through attendance at events, volunteer work, financial support and giving input to the Board. Change allows what seems impossible to become possible! Imagine what CTO can be with everyone working together. Make it a great day!

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!

PHEASANT HUNT
SUNDAY—DEC 14, 2008 — 8:00 A.M.

BY: Larry Zander, Director

Our last December hunt was downright cold and I heard no one complain (except myself). All hunters took two birds home, cleaned and bagged. Often, I have pondered which part of the hunt is best. Going into the field? Dogs on point? The wild flush? The shot and retrieve? Bringing home fine table fare? Or— Is the best part just being there with fellow outdoorsmen and women sharing a warm fire place, good food and great conversations? Maybe it's the whole kaboodle? Stuff that brings lifetime memories.

Should you want to be part of this year's hunt, I suggest you get your name in early as we are able to take 14 hunters for the day. Two more than previous outings. NOTE: Food off the menu at no cost to CTO members and helpers. Bring your own shells (#5's or 6's preferred). If you don't have your own; ask a friend. It is important we all arrive at approximately the same time (8:00 to 8:30) so that hunting teams of two can be assigned and coordinated. Should you want to be with a particular hunting partner, let me know in advance. All birds taken during the hunt will be cleaned and bagged at the end of the hunt. Should circumstances cause you to leave early; do not expect your birds to be ready. Please—do all you can to be on time. It's a pain in the (where the sun don't shine) coordinating teams, machines, dogs and handlers, back up shooters, keeping birds in the field, etc, etc without someone coming late and making it more frustrating. I realize there are circumstances that don't control a clock or watch but please try!! **To reserve your place please call (920) 525-5637.** Oops! Almost forgot! Should you bring a family member or friend, they too will be fed at no cost.

TROUT O RAMA — FALL 2008

BY: Larry Zander, Director

What a hardy bunch they are that showed up for the Fall 2008 Trout O Rama. The weather man should be fined for giving us such a lousy day to fish. Some folks were as wet as the fish they caught. Not enough "Thank You's" can be given to those dedicated men and women who volunteer and make events such as this as successful as they are. Karen Baehr—who gives countless hours and miles on her car to see that we all eat well at every function. "Thank You" Karen. Bill Rimicci—Always there: Sporting Clay Benefit, Pheasant Hunts, Shoot till you Drop, Monthly Shooting Event, Trout O Rama. Ready and willing all the time—every time. "Thank You" Bill. Rod Barkhaus—Involved with all we do. Absolute dedication. "Thank You" Rod. These are just a very few of the many non-handicapped workers (you know who you are). The absolutely amazing part of CTO is that it is functioning through the efforts of those for whom the organization was set up: **THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED THEMSELVES.** What a blessing for us all.

New Challenge The Outdoors Shooting Programs

By: Toby Malchow

Great news! As I mentioned in the July, 2008 Presidents message CTO has received a generous donation of \$3000.00 from the Wingettes chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin to be used towards establishing CTO shooting programs. In the past the Wingettes have supported us through donations of a motor for the pontoon boat and portable Ice Shelters. I find it hard to put into words how much the Wingettes support of CTO has meant to both the organization as a whole and to those members whose lives have been affected by the Wingettes. On behalf of both myself and the membership of CTO, I humbly say **THANK YOU WINGETTES.**

The new shooting programs will start upon publication of this newsletter. CTO will be setting up a list of anyone that wishes to participate in shooting. We are working on getting some type of trailer to transport shooters around the Sporting Clay courses. **We also ask that every shooter call ahead at least a couple days in advance so we can make sure we have enough volunteer staff on hand to help shooters with special needs.** Below you will find the exact wording of the motions approved by the Board of directors. If you have any questions feel free to call Toby Malchow at: 920 434-1663 email CTOforME@yahoo.com or: bruther-one@yahoo.com

Program 1. (Sporting Clays)

“That CTO establish a monthly Sporting Clay Shoot for all CTO members. CTO would pay for the cost of shells and one round of shooting for each Physically Challenged participant. Those eligible for funding would be Physically Challenged members, elderly members at least 65 years old, and youth under the age of 18 when accompanied by an adult family member taking part in the shoot. Non-Physically Challenged or anyone not at least 65 years of age would not be eligible for funds. Adult family members shooting with youth would not be eligible for funding unless they qualify as Physically Challenged themselves. If approved the first event would be held on the second Tuesday of July 2008 at 1:00 p.m. and continue every second Tuesday of the month unless re-scheduled and posted in the newsletter. Shooters shall be responsible for the cost of their own food and beverages.”

Footnote: We will be shooting 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. Last month it took our ten shooters about 2 1/2 to 3 hours to finish the course. Bring water and skeeter spray!!

Program 2. (CTO sponsored teams)

“That CTO, using donated funds for establishing shooting programs. Use those funds to pay for the cost of shells and nightly entrance fees for any Physically Challenged CTO member that is shooting on a team that has been endorsed by CTO and is using some form of Challenge The Outdoors as their primary name on team uniforms. This proposal only covers the cost of shells and nightly fees for Physically Challenged CTO members shooting in established league shooting. This proposal does not cover any league fees, uniforms, or any other funding as there are already programs in place to handle publicity. Non-Physically Challenged shooters are not eligible to receive these funds.”

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.

SPECIAL OCTOBER DEER HUNT

BY: Rod Barkhaus, Director

The special deer hunt for this year is history and I would like to give a quick summary of the hunt.

We had 40 hunters signed up this year with CTO. Not all of them were able to actually take part in the hunt, but as near as I can tell, 28 of them did hunt at least once during the 9 day season. I would like to thank all of the people who helped out in any way during the hunt. Special thanks go out to the land owners who allowed us to visit their lands. Without them and their generosity, this hunt would definitely not take place. Thank you also to Caroline Implement for the use of the 2 John Deere gators—they really came in handy. I would also like to thank Karen and Bill Baehr for all the great meals they prepared for us and for cleaning up the Lessor Town Hall after we used it. This years hunt would not have been possible without the hard work of Pat Nieuwenhuis and Bill Mayville. Pat spent hours on the phone registering the hunters and Bill was the main man responsible for getting the lands all signed in. Both of them, along with Harland Chapman, helped to set out the blinds used by our hunters. Many more thanks go to all of our “hunter’s helpers”. We actually had extra helpers on the first day of the hunt that I had to send home without even going out to the woods. Most of them got a call later in the week and were able to help out then. I hate to do a thank you note like this because it always really easy to forget to mention someone and their efforts. If I forgot to mention you, I am sorry. Just know that whatever you did to help us out was appreciated! Oh, and by the way, Bill—you are not allowed to have any more heart trouble during our future hunts. We really missed having you there and wish you a speedy recovery!

Successful hunters this year include Terry Towns, Harland Chapman, Gerald Schick, Brenda Roskom, Patrick Nieuwenhuis and BobMayer who shot a big 10 pointer that dressed out over 200 lbs. Congratulations and I hope that you all had a great time even if you were not able to get your deer.

MY FIRST DEER

BY: Rod Barkhaus, Director

This is a story about my first deer. Well, sort ofActually, I killed my first deer 36 years ago and have taken over 50 since. This story is actually about my first “CTO” deer. This is the fourth year that I have helped with the Special October Handicapped Deer Hunt. In the past years I have tracked, dragged, and field dressed several deer but I have never been in the blind with the hunter at the time of the kill—until this year. On Sunday afternoon of our opening week-end, Harland Chapman called and asked if I could sit with him because his regular helper was busy. Now, Harland is one of the nicest legally blind, retired science teachers that I know of, so I agreed to meet him at the Bill Stedjee farm near Navarino. We used one of the John Deere gators that Caroline Implement donated for our use during the hunt and we drove off down the lane. We parked and walked the rest of the way in and entered our blind. About 25 minutes into our stay, a large doe appeared at about 35 yards on my side of the blind. I whispered to Harland that there was a deer out there and for whatever reason, he thought that I was kidding him. He should have known that I would never tease a man with a loaded gun in his hands! Harland shoots a 20 gauge shotgun with a scope on the top and a laser sight mounted on the side. The laser allows a helper to aid in aiming the gun. We managed to get the gun pointed out the correct window in the general direction of the deer, but I could not see the laser light. Harland raised the gun a little and I saw the light go across the doe’s chest. My arm became his shooting rest and he got on target and squeezed off the shot before the doe could figure out what the heck we were up to. She never knew what hit her. She dropped like a sack of potatoes and barely even twitched. A beautiful shot! I’ll have to admit that I may have been a little more excited than Harland about the shot. After all, I saw the whole thing happen and witnessed the deer go down. Like I told Harland that night, our hunt had to be one of the hi-lights of my hunting career and I was really glad to have been a part of it.

CTO 3RD ANNUAL GOOSE HUNT

BY: Steve Lang, Director

With 10 hunters arriving on a great Friday evening, some of the hunters started out to the fields to see if they could bag a bird before unpacking for the weekend. One of our hunters was able to do just that. Steve Harvey bagged his first ever goose. I can't explain the excitement he had when he was told that we found his goose and we had to go and get it.

On Saturday, everyone was moving early before the sun was up for a great breakfast that we prepared. Then it was out of the goose blinds before the morning birds started to fly. Two of our hunters were able to bag birds out of the morning air. With a little persistence, the birds shot by Toby and Todd Malchow were both found. With the morning flight seemingly slowing down, everyone came in for a little group get together and joke telling. Then a couple more CTO members even showed up to view this great event. THAT'S GREAT!!! We set up the clay pigeon thrower and shot clay pigeons for a few hours during the slower periods of time in the afternoon. At about 4pm, everyone of the 10 hunters were off to the goose blinds again to try for another goose. With the great weather and the bright sunlight, it was a hard time for goose hunting. But it did make for a great weekend for everyone involved. Saturday night there was another meal prepared by CTO and lots of laughs shared by everyone there.

Sunday morning started out the same as the previous morning. The only exception was that nobody was able to bring a goose down on the ground by them. Some of the hunter did leave around noon, while others stayed and shot more clay pigeons for another couple hours. In all everyone seemed to have a good time and many even expressed their enthusiasm to come again next year. If anybody would like to know more about the hunt, please talk to me or anybody that was at the hunt for more information. Thanks to everyone for helping me put this hunt on: "Lefty" Luedke, Fred & Vicky Lang, Heather Lane, Wayne and Judy Paluch, Jerry Schick (built the ramp for the club house), Jessy Nighbor, Scott Aylesworth, Ballweg Implement, Milton Propane & to each person at the hunt for helping each other and making the hunt the special hunt that it is.

YOUTH AND LADIES DAY—2008

BY: Larry Zander, Director

I believe the final count on attendance was 520 Youth and Ladies. And a heck of a lot of men showed up also! The CTO Trout tank was the busiest place one could ever imagine. I was told (and personally heard) of many comments that were made about how appreciative folks were of the work done by CTO. Public exposure is a good way to gain continued support. What a fine job the CTO team did! Baiting hooks, replacing line, registering, unhooking fish, cleaning, icing, bagging, etc.

When I asked Jeff Pagels and Wayne Paluch how many fish they cleaned, they said they were not sure but, figured somewhere around four thousand five hundred. I won't argue that count because they too are fishermen and have earned the right to tell it anyway they want. It's their story.

TRAP TEAM FINISHES 3RD

By: Steve Lang, Director

The CTO Trap Shooting Team in Dalton finished it's season at the end of September. The team finished 3rd in it's division, ONLY 3 birds from the top spot. The team is made up of 3 challenged members: Steve Lang, Steve Pemberton and James "Lefty" Luedke and 3 able bodied members: Fred Lang, Mike Pemberton and Roger Schuler. Both Steve Lang and Steve Pemberton had a score of 24 out of 25 in a single week. Fred Lang shot a perfect score one week. Congratulations to all the shooters on another great year!!

**NEW MEMBERS
SEPT—OCT, 2008**

**TERRY MERLINE
MIKE PETERS
CARL GIERKE
VIOLA SZYMANSKI
DON BINSFELD
ARLENE MITCHELL
LEROY VAN CUYK
CHRIS VANDERMEUSE
JOHN WEIMER—LIFE
DON HANSEN**

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.

Nov 18, 2008—Muehl Public Library, Seymour

7:00 p.m.

Dec 16, 2008—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

August 2008

- Accepted the request to sponsor members that are on the CTO Sitting Ducks trap team. The team competes at Brown County Sportsman's Club.

September 2008

- The monthly board meetings will now start at 7:00 p.m.
- J&H Game Farm is unable to provide us with a permanent office, but would like to continue the relationship with us as in the past.
- Agreed to sponsor a 2008 fall musky fishing outing on the Fox River.
- The CTO trap team in Dalton finished in 3rd place in their division, only 3 birds out of 1st.

**Challenge The Outdoors, Inc.
Holiday Party**

When: 12:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2009

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 be open until about 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. CTO will be providing the main course and the beverage.

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. Other entertainment ideas are still being worked on.

If you plan on attending please contact Peter Lathrop at: (920) 982-4288 or e-mail pis-tol@athenet.net by January 3rd.

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

By: Mark Baehr

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). The deadline for applying for a Spring Wild Turkey permit is December 10, 2008. If you're interested in participating in the hunt please contact Mark Baehr by December 1st, 2008 at: (920) 766-9218 or by e-mail at: baehrm@sbcglobal.net There will be more info in up-coming Newsletters.

THE FIRST ANNUAL CTO MAYBE MUSKY FISHING EVENT

By: Mark Baehr & Jeff Pagels

CTO will try to hold two days of musky fishing in early November on the Fox River, in DePere, WI

Quietly, a great fishery for musky is developing below the DePere dam. Most fish are caught by trolling with un-sophisticated fishing techniques. We plan to have the CTO pontoon boat available as well as several private fishing boats provided by volunteers. Food will be provided as well as tackle. You should bring warm clothes and be ready to tie into huge and strong fish! Who knows, this could be the place to be involved in a prize winning Deepdodo story and or catch a fish of a lifetime!!

Tentative Dates are Friday, November 7th, Saturday November 8th and Sunday, November 9th weather permitting.

We will need to know who is interested by November 5th. Call or email Mark Baehr to reserve a spot! 920-766-9218 baehrm@sbcglobal.net

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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PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

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