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Capable Partners

Capable Partners was conceived in the early '80s and incorporated in 1986 as a non-profit organization whose volunteers provide outdoor activities for the physically challenged. We serve those who used to hunt, fish, and enjoy the outdoors but are no longer able to without additional support. We bring together friends, family, and other capable partners to remove the barriers to participation. We are dedicated to making participation affordable and members are able to have fees waived when needed.

Today, our organization, with a membership of 230 individuals, about half of whom are physically challenged, thrives with events every month of the year. We have successfully partnered with the Minnesota DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for greater access to hunting areas; we testify on behalf of legislation that might impact the disabled hunter; we continually improve the organization by seeking ways in which the physically challenged can better experience the outdoors with the help of their capable partners.

Mission

Capable Partners' purpose is to provide opportunities for personal growth and independence for physically challenged persons and able bodied partners through participation in fishing, hunting, and related outdoor activities.

Our Values

- Helping individuals realize their potential
- Promoting ethical hunting and fishing
- Enhancing relationships with family and friends
- Creating more accessible opportunities
- Increasing the number of people we serve
- Building the organization from within

Our Methods

- Create accessible outdoor opportunities for more participants, with more locations, and events.
- Develop our membership through experience and teaching to obtain skills needed to organize member activities. These individuals will become the future leaders in the organization.
- Include, encourage and assist new and existing members to participate in outdoor activities.
- Educate about issues for the physically challenged and advocate for change, increased access, and solutions.



Our organization defines physically challenged as, “a physical impairment that substantially limits a person from participating in outdoor activities.”

Letter from the President



I would like to tell you a story - a story of inspiration, dedication and success.

INSPIRATION In 1983, Jim Hale was in the hospital with a serious back injury and said to himself, “What if I couldn’t go hunting again?” He had hunted and fished with family his whole life. He recovered, but in 1986, Jim incorporated Capable Partners for the purpose of providing opportunities for personal growth and independence for physically challenged persons and able bodied partners.

DEDICATION Fast forward to 2019. Our organization is stronger than ever because we have dedicated, good-hearted, and talented volunteers.

Why do we do it?

- We enjoy the outdoors.
- We want to help others enjoy the outdoors.
- We want others to continue family traditions.

Why do I volunteer?

- I am grateful to the organization that has given me so much!
- I get more from the organization than I put into it.
- The stories of the life-changing impact that we have on our members, drive me forward.
- I serve the organization.

In the last three years, our volunteers have made the organization flourish by providing more opportunities, attracting more participants, filling leadership roles, and managing the organization better.

Added opportunities include the Rainy River walleye fishing trip for twelve members, salmon fishing on Lake Michigan, the Rush Lake Ice Fishing Extravaganza, a fall pheasant & pigeon shoot at LeBlanc’s, field hunting pheasants at Whispering Emerald Ridge, the Crow River Whitetails trophy hunt, and use of the Ice Castle Fish House & RV.

Participation at events has increased over the last three years. We have more sports persons than ever hunting pheasant and turkey. More Mille Lacs launches means more people get a shot at the fabled walleye. Lanesboro trout fishing attracts more and more anglers every year. Lastly, attendance at the banquet has grown from 185 to 250.

Managing the organization well happens in the background with the hard work of the elected officers and the board. We rewrote and approved Bylaws in 2017, improved our insurance, addressed member and coordinator rules violations, upgraded our accounting software, implemented membership software, maintained the Ice Castle Fish House & RV and an Action Track Chair for member use, and increased proceeds from our major raffles.

More people have volunteered for leadership roles: including Merchandise Coordinator and Social Media Coordinator. They serve on new committees: Governance, Membership, and Website. We have more banquet volunteers and I’d also like to point out we have more females in leadership positions. In addition, eight new members have stepped forward to join our board, bringing new blood and life to the organization. With this many dedicated volunteers, the number of opportunities to get outdoors has increased and our organization has flourished.

SUCCESS Who are we in 2019? We have 240 members, conducting 40+ events every year, with at least one event in each month of the year. We manage more than 50 deer and waterfowl blinds in cooperation with Federal, State, and County partners.

In addition to the events we coordinate, many of our members have taken advantage of hunting opportunities outside of Capable Partners including: The Minnesota Broken Wing Connection, United Federation For Disabled Archers, Chairbound Hunters, SilentAbility.org, and Twist of Fate.

What’s next? It takes thousands of hours each year to run Capable Partners. Volunteers are the key and every person can help. We need volunteers to work at exposition booths; help with the banquet; picnic; and game fair; serve on committees; and help out at our hunting and fishing events. Get involved! There are many roles to fill. Please volunteer to make the organization better!

This year, I’m leaving the President’s position after having served the maximum three consecutive years allowed by our bylaws. I will, however, remain on the board as Immediate Past President and promise to continue to come to meetings and be active. I am proud of the work the board, coordinators, and volunteers have done for the last three years. Make no mistake, though, we were set up for success by past leaders and many, many other former board members. Now, we pass the baton to our new president, Darren Dorn. He will do a great job and I am confident he has the officers and board members needed to execute successful strategies for our future.

The story of inspiration, dedication and success continues for Capable Partners.

Best Regards,

Evan Newton



Ice Fishing Extravaganza



Story by Perry Bauer Event Coordinator

That's right; we can now officially call this an annual event! Wow! What a day and the fish cooperated as well. The response was overwhelming from the very first mention of this event. When I approached Clam Outdoors with the idea last year, they were all-in from the start. We cannot say enough about all they did for us to make this such a wonderful day and event! We had 53 sign up for the event, and 36 that braved the conditions to attend. Of those 36 we had 13 disabled anglers and 23 able-bodied. The crew from Clam Outdoors numbered about 15 in all.

So we had over 50 people on the ice enjoying the day and catching fish. Mother Nature had dumped eight inches of snow the day before, which added to a record snowfall for the month of February and made the logistics challenging for the hard-working crew of Clam Outdoors. It really took a team effort to find the fish, set up the houses, move the snow, and get everyone into a comfortable, heated shelter. Clam brought a variety of houses (wheel houses and pop-us) and everyone had a professional fishing guide in each house to help them enjoy the day. The day was



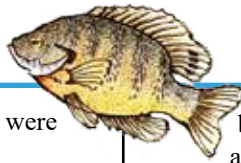
Clam Outdoors guides and Capable Partners members at Flickabirds Resort



Clam Outdoors guides pre-fishing three hours before the Extravaganza



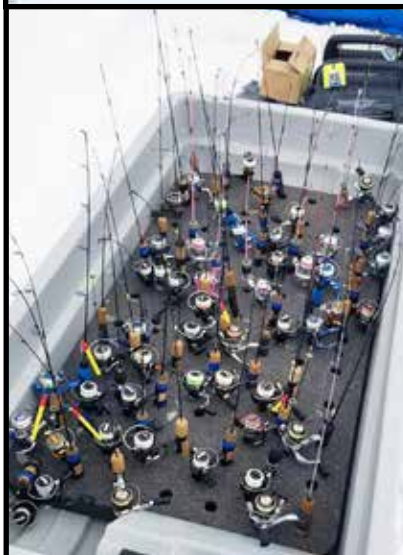
Ice Fishing Extravaganza



perfect, lunch was served and a good number of fish were caught! What more can you ask?

We ended the day on the ice in the warm confines of Flickabirds Resort. There, we awarded prizes, enjoyed good food, and drank

beverages of choice. A great ending to a great day! See you all next year and you can expect even bigger attendance and prizes! A special shout out to Matt Johnson and his crew and the entire Clam Outdoors organization. You were the heroes of the day and all of us from Capable Partners send you a huge Thank You!



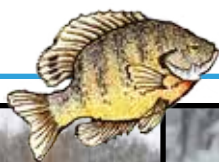
Clam supplies rods and reels

Heading out, front: Scot, Craig Back: Faith and Terry

Flickabirds Resort



Ice Fishing Extravaganza



Peter Bauer transporting people with the Wilcraft



Clam Outdoors guides Matt Johnson and Jack Conrad



Ken Johnson with a nice sunfish



Clam Outdoors guides Wayne Klemz and Mark Stevens



Rod Guthrie and Kevin Affolter



Clam Outdoors guide Aaron O'Connor



Clam Outdoors supplied Vexilar



Ice Fishing Extravaganza



Clam Outdoors guide Shelly Holland and Craig Simpson



Clarine Jacobson with a nice sunfish



Jeff Jacobson



Clam Outdoors lunch trailer with grilled hotdogs, chips & candy



Terry Hanson, Faith Hirdler & Clam Outdoors guide Christina Lemke



Clam Outdoors guide Katie Cottrell



Sarah Hintz and Clam Outdoors guide Al Kuemper



Ice Fishing Extravaganza



Ben Uden



Nick Linder



Connie Pawelski and Darren Dorn



Paul Johnson, Darren Gotsch and Clam guide Mike Davis



Roger Shasky



Mark Gulbranson and Dean Clapp



Evan Newton



Nate Sjolín



Some of the nice fish that were caught



Ice Fishing Extravaganza



Clam guide Mark Barutt and Chad Fix help load Rod Guthier

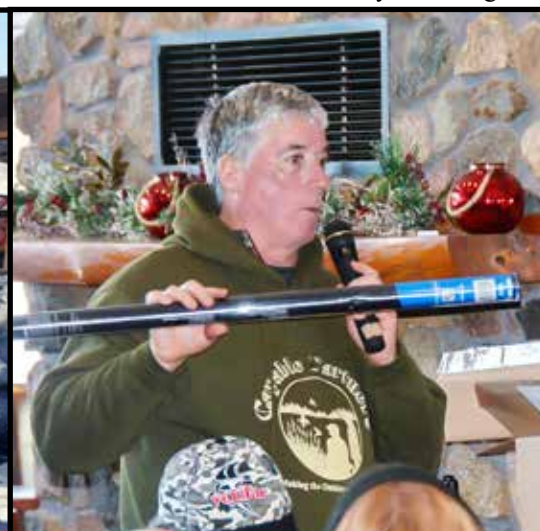


Heading back to Flickabirds Resort after a fun day of fishing



Back to Flickabirds Resort

UTV passenger Linda Linder and driver Nick Linder



Coordinator and M.C. Perry Bauer



Karl Gertz wins a nice Clam Outdoors rod and Brian Shriver



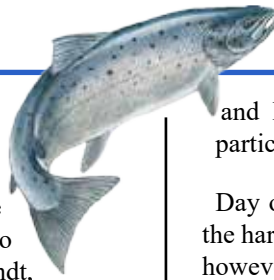
Rod Guthier wins a nice Clam Outdoors rod



Lake Michigan

Story by Laurel Bauer

Two separate trips were planned and available to be won in a special drawing by attendees of the 2018 annual banquet. Ten lucky partners were able to take part in this once in a lifetime trip to Lake Michigan. This year's winners were Tom Joerndt, Dale Schons, Nick Linder, Keli Thornton, Ken Johnson, Darren Gotsch, Eddie and Brent Nelson, Ben and Danielle Uden,



and Perry and Laurel Bauer, who coordinated the trips and participated in one outing.

Day one was a blow-out as eight foot waves and white caps in the harbor kept all boats from going out that day. We did not pout; however, instead, we rallied together and made a day of it by taking a couple tours the town had to offer, one being a trip to the Jelly Belly Factory. Five a.m. came early the next day as we hit

the docks and wet our lines. The salmon did not disappoint. 22 salmon, one lake trout, all good eaters!! It was cold, windy and rainy but the partners held up well with positive thinking like true Minnesotans.

The second group arrived later that day, and after a group dinner, we prepared to get on the lake at eleven a.m. the following day. The sun came out and we had a pleasant day fishing. The next day started again at five a.m. We caught our limit and sometimes had four fish on at once! It was a real flourish, a feeding frenzy for salmon craving our lures. Our accommodations were first class, including a pool and a gym; another enjoyable adventure in Winthrop Harbor, IL.

We look forward to both trips' being offered again next year. You must attend the banquet to enter the drawing for your chance to win. The trips will run together on the same days again in Winthrop Harbor.



Ken Johnson, Tom Joerndt, Perry Bauer, Laurel Bauer and Dale Schons. Front: Keli Thornton



Dale Schons with a coho salmon



Keli Thornton with a coho salmon



Lake Michigan



Nick Linder and Eddie Nelson with a nice lake trout



Brent Nelson with a coho salmon



Perry Bauer with a large coho salmon



Danielle Uden with a coho salmon



Lake Michigan



Danielle Uden, Ben Uden, Nick Linder, Brent and Eddie Nelson and Darren Gotsch



Darren Gotsch with two coho salmon



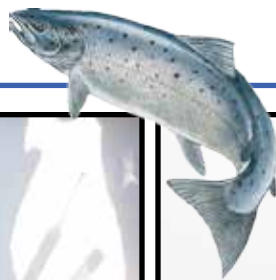
Tom Joerndt with a lake trout



Ken Johnson with a coho salmon



Lake Michigan



A great catch of coho salmon and a few lake trout



Nick Linder with a coho salmon



Ben Uden with a lake trout



Laurel Bauer with a coho salmon



Medicine Lake Ice Fishing



Story by Craig Simpson

The 2019 ice fishing season on Medicine Lake in Plymouth, MN started out with great ice conditions. By the time January 1st rolled around, we had over 20 inches of ice, plenty to safely pull out the fish house aka “the Lil’ Brown Shack”. This year, the Lil’ Brown Shack didn’t have the issues it had last year – stuck in the mud, and flat tire. Also, the heater issues were fixed last year and it kept the shack warm all season.

We were fortunate that there was not much snow in the month of January. With easy travel on the ice, it gave our members more opportunities to fish for crappies. As the season rolled along, February brought a lot more snow and we had to rely on plowed roads. Fortunately, we had the help of Joe Hardy of Hardy’s Bait and Tyler of Fishing for Life,

doing an excellent job of plowing a road to the fish house.

While members were catching fish, they needed to sort through the fish in order to get ones big enough to keep. With more snow comes less fishing pressure, which was great for our members, and most of them we’re going home with enough crappies to eat. Sadly, the fish houses had to be off this year by March 4th. There was 35 inches of ice when the fish house was taken off. We definitely could have fished for another two weeks.

I can’t thank Bob Lindig enough for another excellent season of coordinating. He is always so attentive of trying to keep holes open before members get out there, keeping batteries charged, propane tanks filled and always finding a way to get the road plowed.



Dale Schons with a couple of nice crappies



Brad Meinstma



Evan Newton and grandson Caiden



Steve Furlong



Annual Banquet

Story by Laurel Bauer

Our Annual Banquet in March 2019 was, as in previous years, a huge success. We had a full house with 240 attendees. Banquets of Minnesota, provided a fabulous venue that is totally wheelchair accessible, and food that never fails to be outstanding. This event provides us with plated dinners served at our tables.

..We had a fun selection of varied raffles from guns to rods and reels, packages that were full of essential items for hunting and fishing. The 50/50 reached a record high, with the organization and one lucky winner each receiving over \$700! The door prize was one hundred dollars in "Banquet Bucks", \$5 coupons to be used at the banquet, divided between four lucky winners.

..The Silent Auction proved successful with a huge selection of over 50 items up for bid, from Twins tickets to Art and useful items for the outdoors. As you know our motto is "making the

outdoors accessible." People were generous in donating items and as auction bidders. Many left with great deals on many items. If you would like to donate to our cause next year, feel free to call us anytime. It makes for a more successful auction if we know ahead of time and have your items in hand before the banquet.

..It is most important that everyone signs up early or ON TIME so we can place our food order that is delivered in advance. We were very sad to have to say "no" to persons who called too late to make a reservation. Next year plan ahead and get your reservations in on time so everyone can enjoy a fabulous time. Mark your calendars now, the date for next year is March 7th, 2020. Get your reservation back to us by February 14.

I want to thank the banquet committee, our generous donors, setup volunteers, auction bidders, ticket purchasers, and the volunteers who help.



Past President Evan Newton



New President Darren Dorn



M.C. Perry Bauer



M.C. Scott Linder



Board members back row: Terrie Schrank, Violet Foster, Chad Fix, Jane Heinks, Bob Lindig and Darrell Erickson
Front row: Scott Linder, Faith Hirdler-Padden, Craig Simpson and Darren Dorn,



Annual Banquet



Check-in table



Banquet itinerary



Banquet cake



Melissa Uchtyl with Crow River Whitetails



Jerry George helping at hunting raffle



Dale Tribby helping at rod and reel raffle



Jane Heinks helping at Goldenboy raffle



Ken Johnson helping at hunting raffle



Gene and Elaine helping at muzzleloader raffle



Funds for Fun 2nd table



Four gun raffle



Tuned Up Custom Rods ice fishing raffle



Ice fishing raffle



Annual Banquet



Captain John Knutson



Perry Bauer



Violet Foster and Jerry George



Danielle and Ben Uden



Marcia and Bob Lindig



Becky and Evan Newton



Scott and Linda Linder



Toni and Mike Grundstrom



Terrie Schrank and Don Savage



Loretta and David Zacharias



Nate Sjolín



Jerry and Terrie Schrank



Arlene Martti and Karl Gertz



Lance Tebben



Annual Banquet



Annual Banquet



Mark Ryan Turkey Shoot

Story by Gregg Runyon Turkey Shoot Coordinator

The Mark Ryan turkey shoot was held the first Sunday in May, as always. The snow had cleared so we could do the shoot. It even warmed up enough that we held our meeting under the tent at LeBlanc's Rice Creek Hunting Club.

..We had 32 hunters signed up. One of the disabled hunters had car trouble and couldn't make the hunt. It happened on the morning of the hunt so I couldn't replace him. This affected my numbers for having an equal number of able body and disabled hunters, but we did the hunt any way.

..It turned out to be a great day! The sun came out and warmed up. We harvested enough birds so everyone got to take a bird even home even if they did not get a chance to shoot one. Talking to everyone after the hunt, I think everyone had seen birds. Comments were that they had a great time. The birds



were cleaned by LeBlanc's crew of bird cleaners while we had lunch in the club house. Some hunters didn't want to wait and choose to take an uncleaned bird home.

..I can't wait for the hunt again. This year was a great time. A special thanks to Ray Peterson & Ron Welle for all their work setting up the hunt and blinds. Thanks to the "border patrol" guys who took on retrieving the turkeys this year which worked great. Thanks to LeBlanc's Rice Creek Hunting Club for all the help. Lastly, I would like to thank Tom Gindorff for all his work in coordinating this shoot over the past years. Tom decided to step down as coordinator of the shoot, so I will be taking over this year.

Thank you, Tom, for all your work. I hope I can run it as well as you did.



A great turnout of Capable Partner members



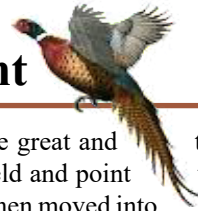
Karl Anderson



Ken Johnson



Whispering Emerald Ridge Pheasant Hunt



Story by Ken Johnson Pheasant Hunt Coordinator

For those who missed it, let me tell you April 22nd was a great day for Capable Partners and a bad day for the farm-raised pheasants. The day was full of sunny skies, mild temps, and lots of birds for all the hunters. Whispering Emerald Ridge Game Farm in Menomonie, Wisconsin and Pheasants Forever sponsor a day each year for disabled pheasant hunters to field hunt with pointing dogs. If you have never pheasant hunted out of the back of a four-wheeler, you wouldn't know it is the closest thing to able-bodied pheasant hunting since I was able to walk.

I was paired up with Carlos Martinez as my wingman; nothing seemed to get by. Each disabled hunter is given a four-wheeler, a driver, a dog handler, a backup shooter, and a field to hunt.

The helpers were great and the dogs were even better. Dogs work the field and point when a pheasant is found. The shooters are then moved into position for the best chance at success. The pheasant is flushed and regardless of hen or rooster the shots ring out.

After the hunt we went in for a really good lunch!! The disabled hunters could go out in the morning or early afternoon, and all did very well. All hunters can take home birds. We can't wait till next time and please remember to sign up early, spots fill up fast for this event.

Thank you to both Whispering Emerald Ridge and Pheasants Forever – Washington County for sponsoring the day, providing volunteers, and inviting Capable Partners to participate in the hunt.



Capable Partner members, Pheasants Forever Washington County members and Whispering Emerald Ridge members



Darren Gilmore



Ken Johnson



Nick and Scott Linder



Darren Dorn



Lake Minnetonka Muskies

Story by Rod Guthrie Muskie Co Coordinator

The 26th outing in pursuit of the Muskie was a perfect day, with just enough overcast and not too windy - an excellent day for "Muskie Mania". We met at Lake Minnetonka Surfside Bay Park, in Mound with 24 Capable Partners members and 18 guides and helpers. The entire group spread over 14 boats and everyone enjoyed fishing for the Muskie, "the largest member of the pike family."



Everyone was wishing for the biggest Muskie to rise from the depths of Lake Minnetonka. A few nice ones were netted. The largest Minnetonka monster caught was a 42-incher, I heard of the catch but never learned who caught it. The 2nd monster was a 40-inch that was caught by Steve Scheunemann "with a big smile" and Tom Lindskoog caught a 37-incher. Also, Wes Rodenborn caught an impressive 27-inch northern pike. A mix of other northerns



A great turnout by Muskies, Inc. guides and Capable Partners members



Guide Matt Olson and Steve Scheunemann with a beautiful 40- inch muskie



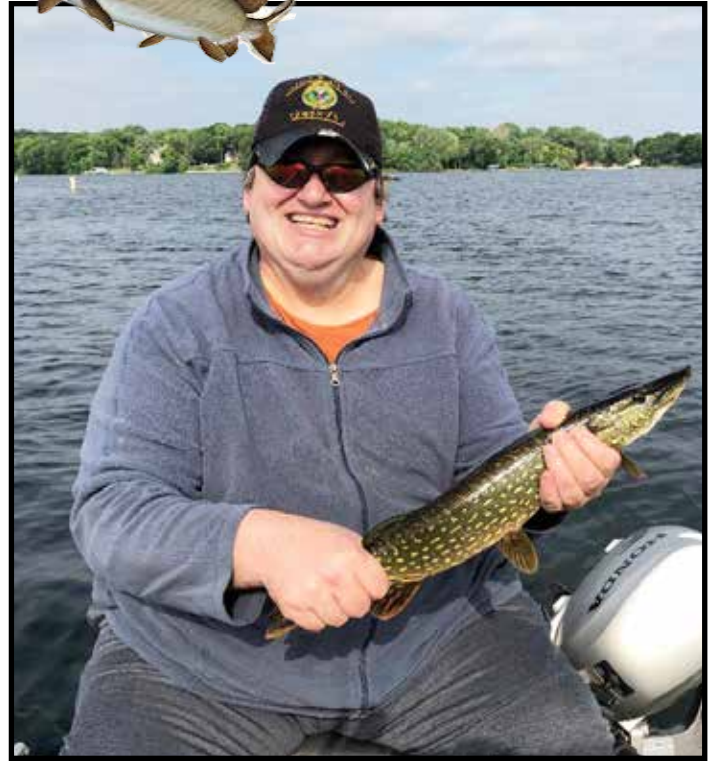
Lake Minnetonka Muskies

and bluegills were also caught. I had five largemouth bass take my top water Muskie lure to keep me excited each time they hit.

Once again, lunch was out of this world! We were able to enjoy the indoor pavilion this year for the first time with master chef, Tom Lund, grilling the steaks and chicken to perfection. Muskies Inc. member volunteers brought many side dishes and complements to the meal, including salads, chips and deserts. So many to pick from; that was a big WOW! I offer my thanks to the many volunteers for bringing the extra treats and helping serve the meals. As always, everyone had smiles on their faces even if they saw no fish!

My record is still intact! You see, even though this coordinator of the yearly event has never caught a Muskie, I keep going strong with persistence. I was hoping it would be this year but my day will come! After 26 years with an average of four hours each, I have hit over 100 hours now. In addition, I'm sure all of the casts for the 'fish of 1,000 casts' have been accomplished. Next year's outing will be the 27th year. My birthday is the 27th. Will that number give me the luck I need?

A BIG thank you to Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc. for hosting this outing and providing lunch! Thanks as well to the fishing guides, helpers, and volunteers. Most importantly, thank you to Paul Hartman, my co-coordinator/guide since day one. It was Paul that came to me and said "let's do a Muskie outing." I said that would be great. Did I know at that time I wouldn't catch one in 26 years? No. But I don't ever give up.



Bill Blanton with a northern



Tom Lindscoog with a nice 37-inch muskie



Wes Rodenborn caught a 27-inch northern



Lanesboro Trout Fishing

Story by Evan Newton Lanesboro Coordinator

The words “family friendly” describe our trip to the Lanesboro trout pond, where the DNR hosts our June event each year. Family members, including grandkids, often come on this fishing trip. This year’s event was no exception, and I would like to thank Jim’s grandson Micah Vorderbruggen for helping me fish by baiting my hook, casting, and removing my trout.

About 35 people came on this sunny, warm Friday in June. Our DNR host from previous years, Steve Erickson, has retired from the DNR, but he showed up to check in, help clean fish, and make sure things were running smoothly. Our new host, Ron Benjamin, had everything under control.



More rainbow trout (over 200) were caught and cleaned this year than in the last five years. In addition, these trout were bigger than in previous years.

After the trout were cleaned, they were put on ice until each angler took some home. Co-coordinator Kerry Sobieck provided a tasty lunch of chicken and BBQ ribs with the fixin’s. We relaxed in the shade and shared stories while eating lunch. By the way, the park restrooms have been upgraded to make them accessible.

After lunch, some members stayed to fish some more while others headed back home with a limit of rainbow trout. It was a fun day with Capable Partners members, family, and friends.



Members enjoying a morning of trout fishing at the Sylvan Park pond



George Peters



Jim Vorderbruggen, Evan Newton and Frank Walther



A nice cooler full of rainbow trout



Lanesboro Trout Fishing



Rick McCoy and Nikki Akehurst



Don and Jackie Savage



Danielle Uden



Ben Uden



Evan Newton and Micah Vorderbruggen



Lunch prepared by Kerry Sobieck



Frank Newell, Faith Padden, Rick Waldeland & Dave Heidtke



George and Bonnie



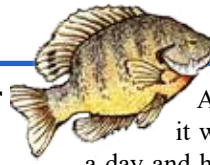
Prior Lake

Story by Brigitte Kurkowski Prior Lake Coordinator

After about 12 hours of answering phone calls and responding to text messages, I finally decided to proceed with the outing. It was another year in which bad weather looked like it would close us down. Even though we had cloudy skies and sprinkles off and on, the warm temperature kept it manageable.

Fishing started off slow, but soon we found a good spot! As our lines hit the water, the fish started biting! Everyone seemed to be catching something. We even caught some pretty good-sized panfish. After a while the fish caught on, and we had to move to another spot, where we also had good luck reeling in more fish.

We had our Prior Lake Sportsmen's Club (PLSC) volunteers as well as my niece Trinity baiting hooks and removing fish. Awesome help from all the volunteers. We couldn't do it without them!



After hours of fishing, the weather took over and it was more than sprinkling. We decided to call it a day and head back to the Knotty Oar Marina with plenty of fish to show. After everyone had docked, we went to have our post-fishing picnic.

As usual the PLSC volunteers out-did themselves. For more than 15 years the PLSC has arranged for boats, helpers, fishing equipment, bait and guides who know the lake. In addition, they provide a delicious picnic with drinks, and plenty of desserts! As we were eating, we had great PLSC volunteers cleaning our fish. There were so many fish that the volunteers were even able to take some home. Our members had already taken what they wanted.

I am already looking forward to next year's outing. Hope to see everyone there!



Volunteers



Trinity



Coordinator Brigitte Kurkowski



Prior Lake



Rick Waldeland, Faith Hirdler-Padden and John Padden



Frank Walther

Buffalo Lake



Don Savage with a northern



Frank Walther with a nice crappie



Capable Partners members and volunteer Suzanne O'Dell



Lake Mille Lacs

Story by Violet Foster Fishing Coordinator

Even though you cannot keep any walleyes from Mille Lacs in 2018, we added a fourth trip to our annual calendar. Eighty-one anglers attended on four trips – some attended multiple times. Over 100 walleyes were caught and released. There were some sprinkles and some wind, but all four trips lasted the full duration. We served dinner, brats and burgers, on all trips. A special thanks to the ladies who brought extra sweets to be shared.

Captain John did his best to find fish for us. After the boat is anchored, the most common method is to use bobber, jig, and minnow. Captain John is always busy netting the fish, pictures are taken, and the fish are quickly released. A couple of suckers were caught and released, a couple small bass also. Almost everyone catches fish and smiles, but the rest of us hope for fish next year.

One of my favorite things on these trips is the friendships that are made or renewed. It is never quiet on the boat, boasting of fish caught or exclamations of those who lost fish but keep trying. We had several members on the trip for the first time



who were impressed with the event and can't wait to go again. My brother Paul was on two of the trips. He was so pleased to be with the group because our members had made him feel welcome. Rick Waldeland got the "award" for the smallest walleye at just three inches. He did catch a respectable 16 inch later. Scott Linder and Terry Hanson caught the largest, at 19 ½ inches on our last trip of the year. On an earlier trip, Frank Newell caught a 27 ½ inch walleye proving that bigger fish are out there and catchable.

Also on our last trip, an oil hose sprung a leak and spewed oil onto the motor, which billowed smoke and folks had to move to the other side of the launch. The motor was quickly shut down, with no more danger to us, and there was still another motor. We kept fishing, and Captain John was able to get us back to port with no problems. It was an adventure we won't soon forget.

I would like to thank those who helped with the cooking, serving the dinners, and cleaning up. Special thanks goes out to Winkley Orthopedics for sponsoring two trips. In addition one trip was sponsored by family and friends in memory of Bertha Hanson and another in memory of Martin Simpson.



One of the four fishing trips with a great turnout of Capable Partners members



Al Zderad



Captain John Knutson and Evan Newton



Irvin Cooper



Lake Mille Lacs



Pat Moore



Rod Guthrie and Kevin Affolter



Frank Newell and Captain John Knutson



Marion Barber



Jeff Jacobson



Sandy Runquist



Terry Hanson



Rick Waldeland



John Padden



Major Ave Pheasant Shoot

Story by Russ Eigen

What do you get when avid hunters show up to a tower shoot and 140 pheasants are released? A great day! A brisk Southwest wind, fast high flyers, and bright sun in our eyes were the challenges we faced! Even so, everyone went home with birds for the table.

This event unfolded once again, like a well-oiled machine! For this we owe thanks to Greg Hance for coordinating the event and to the helpers, which included the Major Avenue volunteers who guided and “dog handled” for us, all who helped us rotate to the next station, plus the kitchen staff (Myra & Pam). Thanks also goes to those responsible for having our take-home birds dressed, washed, bagged, cooled and tagged for us.

I had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know some of the shooters who overcame physical challenges such as Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, genetic illnesses, sports related accidents and work related accidents to participate in this event.

Some came alone and others came with family members to not only help but also share in the enjoyment of a day outdoors. These hunters, along with the other physically challenged participants at this outing, exemplify what one can do and achieve regardless of the difficulties that come one’s way.

It was good to have three young ladies join our event as either shooters or volunteers. The youngest, Jaylee Jensen age 10, did not carry a gun, but helped her dad Matthew guide our group. Stan Koich brought his granddaughter, Lauren, who brought her shotgun and contributed to the harvest. She is a high school freshman and I saw her doing homework during lunch!! Another shooter Nicole Fortuna, was there with her fiancé Chad Fix (both are volunteers).

All of these people, whether able-bodied volunteers, family members, physically challenged outdoors enthusiasts, young or old, came together to have a great day!



Coordinator Greg Hance and Ray Peterson



Driver Jerry Zumbusch and Capable Partners members



Karl Anderson



Capable Partners members and dogs



Frank Walther



Major Ave Pheasant Shoot



A great turnout from Capable Partners members



Nicole Fortuna, Steve Scheunemann, Russ Eigen and Tom Scheunemann



Major Ave dog handlers and two great dogs



Ray Peterson



Major Ave dog handler



Chris Decker, Nicole Fortuna and Chad Fix



Annual Picnic

Story by Laurel Bauer

We were graced with a bright sunny day with temperatures in the 80-degree range. We had a full turnout with over 60 attendees, a few more than the previous year. Everyone was greeted boisterously by Scott Linder and given a door prize ticket.

Great food, good conversation and an excellent venue contributed to a fun day. The Isanti County Sportsmans Club provided us with an accessible dining area both indoors and out.

The rifle range and trap shooting areas were well used and also accessible. Including the shooting, we had games on the lawn, door prizes, clothing sales and a load of donated clothes free for the taking.

Thank you to Danielle Uden for all the photos.

A special, thank you to Isanti County Sportsmans Club for the hospitality and look forward to using this venue in the future.



Jack Harrold



Table full of nice door prizes



Lauri Bauer clothing coordinator, Dean Lopez & Dave Heidtke



Leon Fletcher and Jill Cooper



Paul Allred, Marcia Lindig & John Johnson



Roger with Jamie Anderson



Annual Picnic



Dean Clapp and Violet Foster



Dave Heidtke, John Padden, Faith Hirdler-Padden and Rick Waldeland



Bill Vice and Perry Bauer



Paul Mein sighting in



Darrell Erickson and Mario Lopez



Terry Hanson shooting his antique .22



Karl Anderson



Toni Grundstom



Pat Kellin firing Bill Vice's black powder 12 gauge



Evan Newton, Bob Lindig, Perry Bauer, Pat Moore and Jon Fettig



Rainy Lake



Story by Claudia Perkins

Harry and I were excited to be two of twelve lucky winners of the first Capable Partners Rainy Lake Fishing trip, July 29th through August 1st. We packed the van with good rain gear, broad brim hats, sunscreen, and lunch fixings for the boat prior to heading out Sunday morning, the 29th. We arrived that afternoon at the AmericInn in International Falls. After getting settled into our accessible room, we headed to the bar, where we spent a great evening socializing with the group over supper. In a friendly wager, some of the group decided we would pay \$5 to whoever caught the biggest walleye on Monday.

shoreline on the way to our first fishing spot. Captain Jake had all the bait, tackle, rods and reels we needed. We fished several spots during the day, which was consistently sunny with a high in the 80's. The walleye weren't very cooperative, but we managed to boat 17. Kevin caught a 24" walleye while Darrin caught a 26 3/4" walleye; the wager winner for the day.

The second morning was also sunny and in the 60's but windier when our boat headed out from the landing. This time we traveled about 30 miles in choppier water looking for large crappies. We had a very good crappie bite, managing to boat 22 between 12" and 14". A bald eagle kept us company at this crappie spot, nabbing



RainyDaze guides and Capable Partners members

The next morning, we met out front in the parking lot to get an early start driving to the Voyageurs National Park landing, 18 minutes east of the AmericInn. It was sunny and in the 60's at 7:45 am when we loaded up the four boats provided by RainyDaze Guide Service. The guide along with the able bodied helpers could either pick up the manual wheelchair user or use the lift installed on the dock to load us at the back of the boats.

Our crew consisted of Captain Jake Cole, a friendly young family man from Mankato; Harry; me; Darrin Gotsch; and Kevin Finneman. Captain Jake's boat is a Skeeter WX 2060 with a 250 Hp motor. He uses Humminbird fish finders for GPS and mapping, and a Lowrance HDS Carbon 12 for depth and side imaging. Any big lake worries I had quickly disappeared as this boat was built for big water.

any wounded fish we threw back. We ended our day with a little excitement when we got caught in a cold downpour just as we got to the landing. There was quite a hustle to get us up and out of the boat! We had to get dried off and warmed up for the great fish fry the guides provided at Smokey Bear Park in International Falls. Our guides fried up the fish caught from all four boats along with tater tots.

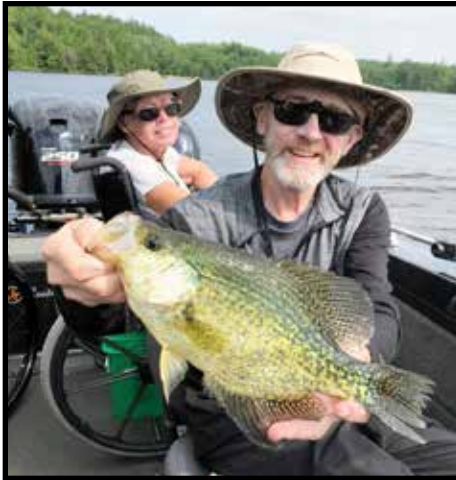
Capable Partners provided plenty of delicious side dishes. As the fish fry was wrapping up, our guides divided the remaining fish and handed out bags of fish to those of us that wanted to take some home. We were glad to take some home, a souvenir of an unforgettable trip with great accommodations, scenery, fishing, boating and camaraderie.

Thank you to Capable Partners, Nate Sjolín, our RainyDaze guides and our fellow CP members for this wonderful experience.



Our boat headed out about 20 miles north and east from the landing through gorgeous north country scenery of pine and spruce covered islands and

Rainy Lake



Claudia and Harry Perkins



Dave Martti and Karl Gertz



Nate Sjolín



Perry Bauer



Pat and Ruth Moore



Darrin Gotsch



Rick Waldeland



George Peters and Guide Ben Gilbertson



Arlene Martti



Carlos Avery Duck Blind



Story by Darren Dorn Waterfowl Coordinator

Honestly, hunting at the Carlos Avery WMA waterfowl blind for the 2018 waterfowl season was not that great due to the location and where the birds go now. Four hunters visited a total of seven times and took about ten birds during the whole season.

Good news - we have all the materials to move the blind and I have been in touch with some boy scouts who are willing to help us. They are going to move the blind closer to where the birds flock up. That will happen once the ground is totally thawed out.

I do believe, that with having the blind moved, that it will improve the hunting there immensely. The 2019 waterfowl season should be a huge success in this new location. Remember to contact me to schedule to use the blind. You must have at least one able-bodied volunteer and one disabled member to hunt the blind. I recommend a good retriever also!

Thank you to everyone that has put in work to make this blind better.



Game Fair



Story by George Bruhn, Jr.

August rolled around again, and one of my favorite times of the year came upon us, that is, the Game Fair, which is two three-day weekends. The first Friday it rained most of the day, which made it hot and muggy the rest of the weekend.

would love to see physically challenged people come and hunt.

To me the land seemed kind of far away for those of us who don't drive; most of our hunts are real near us so that we don't need to drive 150 miles one way to go hunt. We sure are grateful for all the offers, though, and I think we live in a pretty nice



Back: Violet Foster and Darrell Erickson Front: Brigitte Kurkowski and Dick Ranson

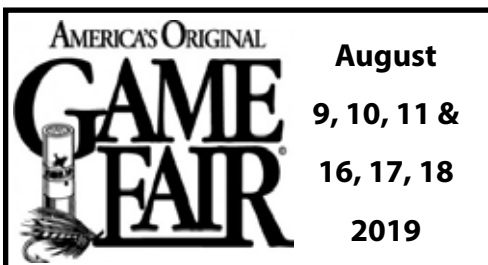
There were a lot of new booths this year, which to me is kind of sad because over the years we have worked there, I had made a lot of friends and sure will miss those that don't come anymore. For instance, the people running the flashlight booth next to us are talking about moving to a warmer place to retire; we've been neighbors for most the time I have worked there.

People sure are friendly and we had a lot of new members sign-up, and quite a few helpers. A few people even came up and said they have land for pheasant, duck, turkey or deer hunting and

world where people care enough to share their land with us.

On the final Sunday of Game Fair, we do the drawing for the gun raffle to find out who the lucky winners are. Normally Ron Schara is kind enough to stick his hand in the bag and pull out the winning tickets but this year it was his daughter.

Violet, the whole club, and I say, "Thank You" to all our helpers. This is a big fundraiser for our club. We can't run our program without money, our volunteers, and the people who help us on all of our outings. Thanks again all.



Saints Game



Story by Scott Linder Baseball Coordinator

Capable Partners attended a Saint Paul Saints baseball game at CHS Field in the summer of 2018. Approximately 25 members attended the game on July 26th.

This was the second summer we attended a game. The Saints battled the Wichita Wingnuts and won 3-2. The in-between inning entertainment included stretcher races

sponsored by Regions hospital, tire races around the bases, and songs and cheers led by “Be Your Own Fan” characters such as The Coach, The Nerd and Gert the Flirt. All kinds of food and beverages are available at the stadium including food from local restaurateurs.

The weather provided a very pleasant night to watch baseball. Everyone had a great time watching “America’s Pastime” and cheering on the home team.



A great evening turnout of Capable Partners members



Summer Camping



Story by Carlos Martinez

My wife and I decided to go to Milan Beach Resort at Lac qui Parle July 25 to 27, 2018. It was mid-summer and we wanted to do some fishing and camping. Since it was being offered by Capable Partners and I had time, we booked a trip.

We weren't sure what to expect; a two-and-a-half-hour drive from the cities to go fishing? Well, it far exceeded our expectations. The drive was beautiful; just far enough to get away from the city and into the prairie.

Dean Petersen had it arranged perfectly. The fish house had every sort of convenience you could think of. Not only did it have multiple beds, it also had a kitchen, restroom and running water. Dean was nice enough to drop a couple loads of firewood for the evening campfire. The weather was great and sitting outside around the campfire was just what we needed as a getaway.

Milan Beach Resort is run by Stephanie and Jeff Randall (chef and pro-angler) and they are the most wonderful, nice owners you can find. They not only run the resort, but for those that don't bring lunch or breakfast, or just don't want to cook... they also have a fine restaurant where Jeff serves up great, very modestly priced food in a family friendly environment.

At the resort we fished for crappie and learned how to fish for catfish, which everyone was fishing for at the dam. It seems everyone was using gooey, smelly bait that resembled liver. We bought some but with the windy weather, we did not catch any fish. :(They do offer boat rentals. I heard Evan Newton and family were taken walleye fishing by Jeff in June during a time when the walleye bite was tough. They didn't get fish but had a great evening on Jeff's boat.

In addition to fishing, we went on a drive to see the local sites, parks and wildlife. My wife loved it and we both took advantage and photographed all kinds of wonderful wildlife, including pheasants, lots of pelicans, and deer.

50 miles from the headwaters of the Minnesota River, this is a wide lake (which is part of the Minnesota) with a bridge to cross over right at the resort allowing you to easily fish on either side. There are multiple fishing spots at or near the resort so there is no problem finding a good spot. What a wonderful place to visit! Very conveniently located, beautiful and with excellent hosts, we strongly recommend it to anyone for your 2019 summer retreat!



Carlos Martinez



Judy Martinez



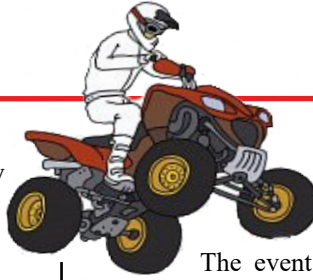
ATV Ride

Story by Ken Johnson ATV Ride Coordinator

Well... it was bound to happen. We actually hit a rainy day for the 17th annual Capable Partners ATV ride event on August 4th. What troupers we had and boy if you weren't there, we had fun!

We all met at McQuoid's Inn at 9:00 am. We had our friends from Leo's South there again with a few sides by sides to help with overcrowding of the four wheelers, and there still weren't enough ATVs. But luckily some new friends from Mille Lacs Drift Skippers came to the rescue, and we had more than enough.

The day started off rainy and ended rainy with a few spots of peace in between. The temperature was warm, and the trails were



actually pretty good. All seemed to have fun, and only a few got stuck, which was corrected by all the great helpers we had!

The event ended at Dave Ice's Party Barn, which he most graciously let us use again. We had a nice barbeque and a chance to dry out a bit. It always seems no one wants this event to end and a few didn't; they went back on the trails on their own.

Special thanks to Walter's Recycling for sponsoring the event, and to Leo's South, the Drift Skippers, and to all the able bodies who made this a successful event. Stay tuned; the event may have a new starting point right on the trail! If interested, please contact me early; it makes it easier to find rides for all of us!



Ken Johnson, Violet Foster and Jerry George



ATV Ride



New bandanas designed by Laurel Bauer



Back: Paul Allred, Darrell Erickson Front: Ken Johnson and Violet Foster



Louis C. Bernier and Louis D. Bernier



Scott and Linda Linder



Paul Allred visting from Idaho



Evan Newton and driver Ed Peterson



A little water on the trail



Marsh Lake Duck Shoot



Story by Chad Fix

Mr. Fix! It's been awhile – how's the summer going?" "Quinn! It's been great – Nicole and I are engaged... weekends at the cabin...Boundary Waters trip...Hey, what are you doing on September 15th?" "Probably cutting some buckthorn."

"How about you put down the chainsaw for a day and let that buckthorn grow a little more?" "Uhh, why would I do that?" "Because there's a better thing you can do with your time." "You know how much I enjoy cutting?"

"I do. But would you rather cut buckthorn or get a chance to dust off your sawed off shotgun on some ducks?"

"You know I'm not a kid; you can't take me out to youth water fowl day?" "Well, that's debatable – last time I saw you I'm pretty sure I tied your boots and buckled you in. You never thanked me either..."

"Funny." "I know. Anyway, I've got a fun opportunity for you. Remember that organization that offers hunting and fishing to physically challenged people, that I volunteer for?"

"Yeah, Capable Partners, right?"

"Yes sir. They have a duck shoot at Marsh Lake Hunting Preserve. Seeing how you're a physically challenged, combat veteran, I figured it's about time you come out and have some fun with all of us. It's a \$25 membership and \$10 that'll cover shooting 5 birds, donuts, and lunch."

"I don't know, this buckthorn needs to get cut..."

"It's also my birthday weekend!!"

"Ehhh, you're driving a hard bargain..."

"There'll be free Coke."

"AHHH, DONE!"

"Excellent! All you need is your little, black pea shooter, a box of steel shot, a camping chair, and that smile of yours that woos all the ladies and gents. It goes from 8 AM to noon, so you'll have some time to still get after your buckthorn – if you want."

"Sounds good – see you then."

..I won't lie to you, I was a bit leery at first with all the new faces, but that's just how I am with anyone. After watching a couple volleys, with my free Coke in hand, my jaw dropped; these guys and gals can shoot! All they need, if any, is a little help getting them from the peanut gallery to the shooting stations.

Then there's the mud-slinging. Of course it started from 'Darren Dorn – he seems to like to pour it on anyone that misses at the drop of a hat. Come his time, all eyes were on him, and, boy, did he put on a comedic show for all of us in the gallery. All he could do was shake his head and start laughing at himself.

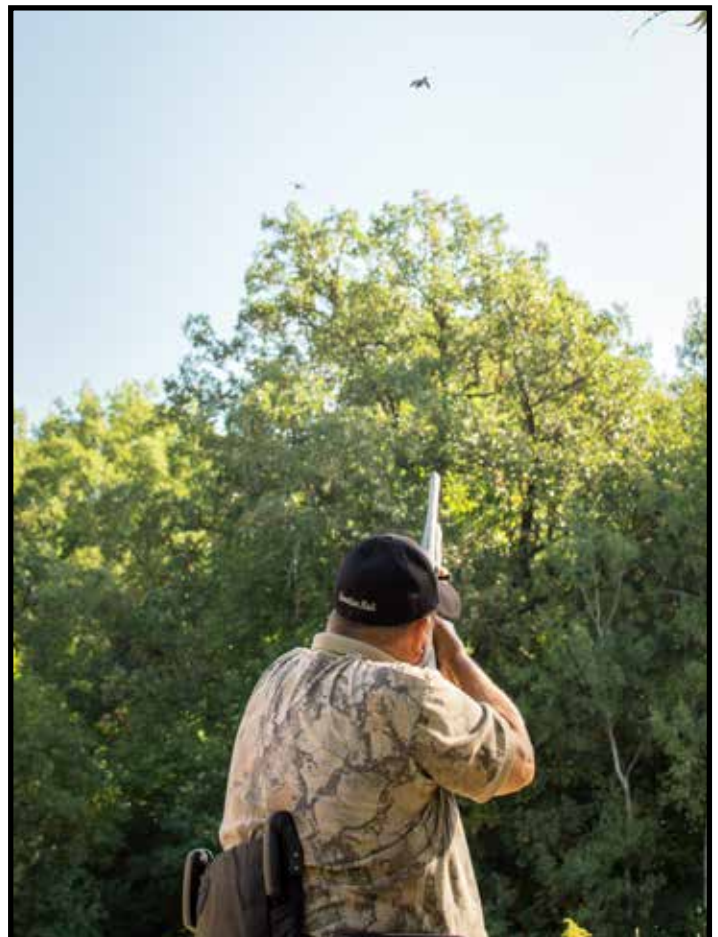
Off to his left was Chris Decker helping Cody, who didn't let a nerve disease stop him. Earlier that morning Decker paid for Cody's Capable Partners annual membership and the extra cash to cover this duck shoot. Now he was helping him put a bead on incoming flights.

After some time, I went over to help, so Decker could get his shooting in. It didn't matter how many flights passed by; what mattered is that Cody was enjoying himself. I sure as heck was too.

We all were. It made no difference where we came from. All that mattered, was that we were all there, together, as Capable Partners.



Chad Fix and Quinn Willmarth



Stan Koich



Marsh Lake Duck Shoot



A great turnout of Capable Partners members



Frank Walther



Nicole Fortuna and Chad Fix



Maxus



Karl Anderson



THE GALLERY



Bob Lindig MN Walleye



Bill Vice OK Rio Grande Turkey



Karl Anderson MN Geese



Craig Simpson WI Black Bear



Scot Bowman MT Mule Deer



Curt Selly MN Northern



Dick Ransom MN Winter Bass



Scot Bowman MN Pheasant Hunt



Pat Kellin SD Whitetail

THE GALLERY



Tara Carlson MN Bass



Craig Simpson WY Merriam Turkey



Roger Shasky MN Walleye



Jacob & Doug Link MN Northern



Ann Simpson WY Antelope



Rod Guthrie MN Bass



Emery Balts & Allison Kreft MN Buck
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Scot Boman MI King Salmon



Karl Anderson SD Mule Deer

Dakota County Deer Hunt

Story by Gregg Runyon Dakota County Coordinator

We did a split hunt again this year. We did the September hunt with 12 hunters on archery opener, September 15. We hunt two days in the morning and in the afternoon from wood blinds, many of which overlook food plots. Weather was in the 90's so hunting attire was short sleeve shirts and flip flops! We harvested two does and two bucks. On opening morning, Evan Newton harvested a real nice 7-point buck. Barry Hite harvested one of the biggest bucks ever taken from this Vermillion hunt (see his story).

The second hunt was at the end of October, and again we had warm weather. However, it wasn't as bad as the September

hunt. We had 12 hunters again who harvested four does and two bucks. Jim Hamlin harvested a button buck. Dale Schons found his lucky horseshoe again, and harvested a dandy 9-point buck. We all saw deer and a few shots were taken that were misses, including the buck that got away when the hunter mistakenly shot the blind with his crossbow.

Thanks to all the helpers that Dale Tribby helped arrange again. Bob Fashingbauer and his crew were great as always in helping out with the hunt, and getting the blinds ready.



Dale Schons with a dandy buck



Evan and Kerrick Newton with a nice buck

Carlos Avery Hunt

Story by Gregg Runyon Carlos Avery Coordinator

We had the Carlos Avery WMA deer hunt in the first part of October and the weather was good for a change. We had rain in the middle of September, so the rye fields came in great. We had 12 hunters who harvested three bucks and three does. Dave Martti scored one of the biggest bucks ever taken at Carlos Avery WMA when he shot a huge 8-pointer. New hunter Curt Farrow harvested a real nice 8-pointer and Jim Grant harvested a fork buck.

The rain hit us in the middle of week, so we took a couple days off to let it dry up. Scott Linder and I found out how wet it was behind the shop when both of our pickups got stuck. We were able to get the trucks out of the mud, but it required a call to Wildlife Supervisor Jim Lebarre to explain the ruts in the yard behind the shop.

Thanks to the Carlos Avery crew for all their work getting the fields mowed and turned for the hunt. We owe a very special thanks to Jerry George, Trapper Bob and Darrell Erickson for getting the blinds ready for the hunt and closed up after. Without the help of Jerry George, Trapper Bob and Jeff Anschutz, we couldn't have done the hunt this year. These guys were out every day to help get the hunters in and out of the blinds.



Dave Martti with a huge buck



Dakota County Dream Buck

Story by Barry Hite

It was 93 degrees at five in the afternoon on September 15th when my son Jason and I headed for the stand on my Capable Partners hunt at Vermillion Dakota County. You would think at 93 degrees a guy would be at the beach or sitting in air conditioning watching a hunting show, not actually hunting, but not this day. I was hunting and Jason was my Capable Partner! My other son, Josh was working. So, as the other helpers said when we arrived, Jason drew the short straw. Funny Boys!

There is always excitement on a hunt like this, knowing how big bucks can get on the kind of diet available to them at our Vermillion Dakota County hunting area. Jason and I settled in.

As we sat in the sun with sweat running into our eyes, our shirts were soaked and we were thinking about the ride home in the small cab of a Dakota pickup. We knew it probably wouldn't be really pleasant, if you know what I mean, and we wondered if we had made the right decision to come hunt on such a hot day. Then came the thought, you don't shoot deer sitting in the living room.

Hunt coordinator Gregg Runyon had had some of the corn harvested to make an opening in the field in front of the stand. It was cut strategically so there was a point on the South end and North end of the opening so as to create a funnel about 80 yards out. The opening was about 50 yards wide and it went 108 yards to the pine ridge on the other side. It was a beautiful set up!

We caught a glimpse of antlers off to the North of the opening at 7:45 pm. The deer was in the open for a short time then disappeared in the tall corn. Jason was able to get the binoculars on him briefly. He said that it was a nice buck! At this point we just needed the deer to turn and go south through the opening. Since the wind was out of the South it was likely he would. Sure enough, at 7:48, he did just that. Jason took another look at him in the binoculars and confirmed that he was a shooter! I caught the excitement in his voice!

I set my Remington 1187 up on the sticks and settled the cross hairs behind the buck's shoulder, never looking at his head for fear of getting buck fever. I just trusted Jason's assessment of the deer. I touched the trigger and sent the 300 grain 2,000 fps Hornady slug off. The buck's hind legs flew straight out behind him and we knew the slug had hit its mark!

As the guys came to join Jason in search of my buck, I sat in the darkness. I paused to thank the Lord for this experience and the gift of such a beautiful animal.

When they came back after locating the deer, I was so blessed by the genuine happiness and excitement for me to have harvested this buck. Hugs and high fives all around! Of course, this was

after Jerry George stopped my heart by making me think I had only wounded the buck! Again, Funny boy!

As they took Jason back to get my vehicle to pick me up, I sat in the darkness thanking the Lord once again, but not for the animal this time. I thanked Him for the hug I received from Jason and all the other congratulations too. It reminded me that it is not all about the kill (while anyone that knows me knows I like



Jason and Barry Hite with his dream buck

harvesting deer). It is the bond made with so many guys that genuinely want us disabled hunters to have successful hunts and not to mention the bonding experience I had with my son.

I appreciate the deer hunts that Gregg coordinates. Great job! What a great bunch of guys we have as volunteers. If I start naming them, I'm sure to miss someone. Gregg you and your team of volunteers help make each one of us hunters feel like we are very important. I sincerely thank you for that!

I really like these early season hunts. While 93 degrees is a little warmer than a guy needs, as a paraplegic, it is so nice to hunt when it's not so cold that you have to carry extra weight in clothes to stay warm. Easy access for a successful hunt is a blessing too.

As you can see from the picture, God gave me an awesome buck! I am very grateful for the opportunity to make such a great memory with Jason. I hope all our Capable Partner deer hunters have a chance to harvest a deer like this one day. I'd love to experience hunts with my boys where they were the shooters at such an animal too!

This was a gift from God in so many ways. Thank you to Capable Partners, all who had a part in it, and thank you Jesus!



LQP Deer Hunt

Story by Lance Tebben LQP Hunt Coordinator

The deer hunt started September 15, with very mild weather in the morning and hot throughout the rest of the day. Even with the warm temps, there were still deer feeding in the fields and two deer were harvested on opening day.

Sunday the 16th, the hunt was about the same, with only two bucks harvested. The weather was still warm and deer movement was slow. Everyone was enjoying the weather. There were shots taken and deer missed which was exciting to hear on the 17th and 18th but no deer were harvested

The next few days, conditions were not favorable for hunting due to the rain. There was a big doe harvested on Wednesday the 19th. Thursday the 20th no deer were taken; four hunters were out in blinds and only one small deer was seen.

Friday the 21st, there was a nice doe harvested out of blind #2 during the evening. On Saturday the 22nd, no deer were taken in the morning. There were two hunters out with their able body helpers in the evening and there was one buck taken from blind #9 at 45 yards away.

Sunday the 23rd was last day of the hunt, there were no hunters. In total there were nine hunters who took part in the hunt and seven deer were harvested. The deer numbers were slightly down compared to other years, but everyone enjoyed their time in the field. The number one thing, we had a safe hunt!

I want to thank the helpers, hunters, Capable Partners and a big thanks to Minnesota DNR for their support.

A special thanks to Jeff Bloch at Ellingboe Construction and Well Drilling for helping with the new blind.



Nate Sjolín with a nice doe



Chad Albrecht and Kolten Petersen building new blind



New blind completed, thanks goes out to Chad and Kolten



Becklin Homestead Deer Hunt

Story by Scott Linder Becklin Deer Hunt Coordinator

You could feel the excitement in the air as 11 physically challenged hunters and their able body helpers gathered at the Isanti County Sportsman Club for the pre-hunt meeting. Co-coordinators Scott Linder and Violet Foster along with Bill Vice, and Isanti County Park Commissioner Berry Wendorf went over the rules and expectations for the hunt. One of the unique rules of this hunt is that it is in the MN rifle zone.

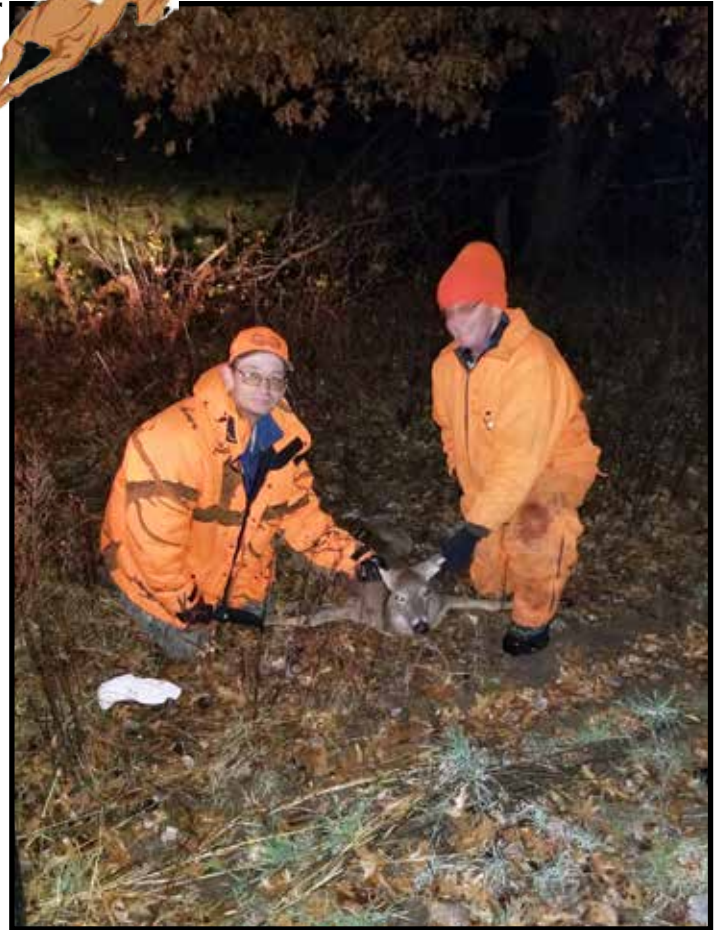


Scott Linder with two does

The opening Saturday morning, a beautiful day for deer hunting, started well when Dean Clapp harvested two does and Jeff Jacobson added another. On Sunday, Scott Linder harvested two does within minutes of each other. While his able body helper Nick was out gutting the deer, three more ran by, but he was tagged out!

Then the rains came and hunting slowed down. With minutes of legal shooting time left on the last day, Jim Hamlin bagged a yearling buck.

All said and done it was a good hunt. With seven different hunters, nine deer were harvested. With a few tweaks to the rules, next year's hunt should be better than ever.



Jimmy and Robert Hamlin



The view from blind #5



MN Valley NWR Duck Hunting



Story by Chad Fix Waterfowl Coordinator

Our chips were stacked on Rice Lake – we were all-in. We had every reason to do it after having a banner season the year before that entailed a classic teal shoot from the get-go and more seven man limits of mallards than you could shake a stick at in its final weeks.

So it came as a shock to us all when road construction blocked off the entrance to the waterfowl blinds on Rice Lake last September; there'd be no access to the lake for the coming season or the following. The proverbial "River" card turned our "hand" on Rice Lake into a bust, leaving us flush with gut-wrenching shock.

Our blue turned psyches turned to Plan B: Blue Lake – another lake that the US Fish and Wildlife Service graciously opened up to us. "Chin up," we resolved; it could be worse – we could've been empty handed without a blind location in the River Valley for two seasons in a row.

We saw it as an opportunity. Two seasons of hunting on Blue Lake could give us the chance to expand our knowledge of the River Valley and what it could provide for Capable Partners. "Let's figure this lake out!" we determined.

When it comes to figuring, any wise person will say you learn from your mistakes. We'd be fools to say we didn't have any – boy, did we have some blunders – but we made due. Blue Lake was a different beast.

Unlike Rice, Blue is deep – choked with thick, floating vegetation. It has a major power line that cuts off flocks from working a spread on its eastern side. There's a safe haven south of it where birds flock to the large water treatment plant pool – adding the challenge of always having a pile of live birds nearby to compete against.

The lake lacks the accessibility of a class 5 gravel path on a prime spot to wheel disabled hunters down to

the shoreline like Rice has. Oh, and we'll not fail to mention Blue's wildcard: flooding; the lake is in the crook of a sharp meandering turn from the Minnesota River, so when there's flooding, there's some legitimate current to deal with. Needless to say, there was a lot of figuring to do with every obstacle and, with each, there was a ton of invaluable help given by our able-bodied volunteers.



Back: Tom Scheunemann, Rob Klett, Mercedes Akinseye Front: Stan Koich, Maxus, Darren Dorn



MN Valley NWR Duck Hunting



When there was flooding, Rob Klett and Brian DesLauriers generously brought down their boats for us to hunt out of. Some of our finest hunts were out of the boat and some of the finest shooting came from Mercedes Akinseye, who put on a shooting clinic. When the waters receded, we zeroed in on some flooded timber that the birds were keying in on – an opportunity we hope to pounce on next season.

Those aforementioned backwaters began freezing over as the season progressed. Quinn Wilmarth graciously helped clear paths for chairs to safely get down to the water front where some small, spring fed pockets surprisingly stayed open, despite plummeting temps. Mallards couldn't resist landing almost on top of us – one flock almost rocked Stan Koich out of his chair. As the rest of the waters in Minnesota began freezing over, Blue remained open – proving to be a solid late season option for mallards, geese, and

even goldeneyes. We'll know now that, no matter how cold late season gets, we have a few locations on the lake to hunt all the way to season's close.

By the time the setting sun shut us down on December 2nd, we made 14 hunts on Blue Lake. 74 birds, entailing 9 different species, were killed. That's an average clip of 5.28 birds per hunt – not too shabby considering how high the chips were stacked against us.

It's amazing what a little figuring will do. Our success wouldn't have been possible without the adventurous spirit from our disabled members to go the extra mile in some tough terrain and the invaluable help from our able-bodied volunteers to put them on birds. We're looking forward to what we can do on Blue this coming year with a learning season under our belt. This time around, though, we'll have a few tricks up our sleeves.



A nice limit of mallards



A great day of shooting from the duck blind



Jacie, Leo, Rob, Stan, Darren, Maxus and Tom



Stan Koich and Jacie



Stan's Trophy Buck

Story by Stan Koich

It all started when, at the last minute, I decided to enter the drawing for a game farm deer hunt. I won the drawing, contacted the deer farm owners and met with them twice before the hunt. Here's the rest of the story:

First of all, in February 2018, Melissa and Steve Uchytel, from Crow River Whitetails near Spicer, MN, met Evan Newton at the MN Safari Club International fundraiser banquet and offered a trophy whitetail hunt to Capable Partners. Capable Partners' board decided to offer it to members for free.

When I met with Melissa and Steve to check out their operation, the first thing I noticed was that the lodge was not wheelchair accessible. I soon learned that Melissa and Steve already had plans to build an accessible ramp and remodel the guest bedroom and bathroom. As soon as I got home, I contacted the State Council on Disability, got a ton of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) information, and forwarded it to them. On my second visit the ramp was poured and perfect. The bedroom and bathroom remodels were almost done and very accessible. Melissa and Steve have raised the bar on our phrase, "Making the Outdoors Accessible."



The deer they donated had cracked his skull in the spring while playing rough with another deer or a tree trunk and ended up with an incredible non-typical rack. At a deer farm, non-typical racks don't sell and those deer, even though they may have great DNA, have to be removed from the herd. There was one small problem...they knew this deer had not escaped their 57-acre fenced deer paradise, but they had not seen him in over a month. My challenge was to spot this deer that scores over 140 inches and harvest him.

Steve and I were in the woods early, saw many of their trophy deer, and then at 8:00 am, for about 2 seconds, saw my deer. I could not get a good shot but we knew that if he was there in the morning, he would be back again at night. Steve and I spent the rest of the day, which was the first warm and sunny day in a week, watching magnificent deer with giant racks roam the area, eat and sleep. We were still in the wood blind at 6:00 pm when a really big deer showed himself. I tapped Steve on the leg and whispered, "look at this big guy". Steve's response was, "that's your deer...take him". I made him repeat it because I did not want to take the wrong deer and when he said, "that's him", I took the shot. It was well placed, and I dropped him right on the ATV trail leading to the Dean Petersen designed wheelchair accessible blind.

When we went to look at the deer, I was pretty sure he scored over 140 inches. When we measured him he was 193 inches and the biggest buck I had ever taken!

Wow...What a day!



Owner Steve Uchytel and Stan Koich



Stan's Trophy Buck



Owner Melissa Uchtyl and Stan Koich



Owner Steve Uchtyl and Stan Koich



LeBlanc's Pheasant Shoot

Story by Violet Foster LeBlanc's Coordinator

What a great day! The fall weather cool, with low winds, and twenty-one hunters with itchy fingers. Helpers and dogs ready to retrieve the downed birds. Anticipation in the air. Hunters positioned and ready to start.

This is a circle hunt with a grove of trees in the middle and a circle of hunters around the grove. Instructions are to only shoot up, as there are hunters on the other side of the trees. Every so often, we rotate to a different station around the circle. There is a mowed path for the members in wheelchairs to travel on. There are helpers to carry guns and to give an occasional push to those who need it.

One hundred pheasants were caged and ready to give the hunters a challenge. The birds are hidden in the trees and released. Some fly up, some go sideways, and there are plenty of guys and gals ready to shoot them down.



Just for added fun, they released pigeons for us to shoot. It's a challenge since they don't fly straight and are really fast. They go up and down and sideways. It takes a sharp eye to take them down. The hunters managed to shoot 24 of the pigeons and 90 pheasants. All hunters took home five birds.

Just like our spring turkey shoot, the folks at LeBlanc's are fantastic. It's a beautiful place to hunt, it has great accommodations for the wheelchair users, and the staff is very friendly. They always make you feel as if you are family. A big thank you to them for all of their work to make our event the best ever.

After lunch we gave an award to Joe LeBlanc for his years of dedicated service to Capable Partners.



A great turnout of Capable Partners members



Reece Fleming and Gregg Runyon



Dean Clapp and Mark Gulbranson



Joe LeBlanc, Violet Foster & Gregg LeBlanc



Scott's LQP Buck

Story by Scott Poehler

I have been to Lac qui Parle to hunt geese many times in the glory days of goose hunting and so I know the area well. Of course, I was walking around back then.

The Rosemoen Island is a special place for me and my family. My Uncle Wayne's ashes are there for one thing. I've hunted deer on the island with some of my true friends as my able body (ABs). This year I was there with an old (and I do mean old) friend John Murphy. He and I have hunted together going on 40 years with many stories to tell. We hunted the first and second days without success. It was the same on the third morning but our luck would change that afternoon.

We decided to try the new blind, which I'll call "11A", on the north end of the island. It was a good move. We got in the blind around 3:30p and watched down the road and other such likely spots from which a deer might come. At 5:30p, a big doe came down the road from the north. She turned and headed for some heavy cover and worked her way past us giving only brief glimpses as she went by. At 6:00p, another smaller doe followed the same path as the first doe, but stayed in the lighter cover and gave us a good look through my scope. I passed on her because I was waiting for a buck.

At dusk a medium sized buck was heading down the same path as the first 2 does, but instead of following the same path into the heavy cover he kept coming down the road towards us. He looked our way several times and he stopped a few times as he got closer and into range, occasionally looking up to scan the horizon. He even looked down and then up really fast to see if we had moved. We were frozen still and he never made us. Finally, at 40 yards he turned broadside to me and after thinking it over I took the shot. He headed the way he'd come from and was gone.

It was going to be dark in a 1/2 hour so we wasted little time tracking him. We were surprised there was no blood where he had been standing and we walked maybe 30 yards before I spotted a small drop of blood on the trail road. The trail was sparse but we kept looking for sign and saw an occasional hoof print and more drops.....of blood. We followed his trail for about 200 yards and it was getting darker by the minute. I was

secretly getting worried that I had lost him to the night. Then suddenly there he was lying dead just off the trail/road!

A feeling of relief came over me and John field dressed the buck while I called the Appleton meat market guy Jeff. What a great guy! He left his dinner table and met us at the gate to the island. We gave him the deer and exchanged high fives all around. It is another great story that John and I have added to our collection. I look forward to next year's hunt at LQP and keep imagining the big buck that will come my way.

Thanks Capable Partners for the opportunity.



Scott Poehler with his LQP buck

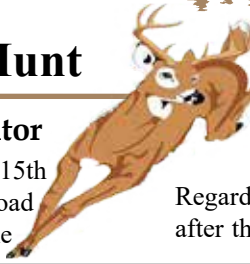


River Valley Archery Hunt

Story by Evan Newton Archery Coordinator

The season started buggy and wet on September 15th with the Chaska site's being closed due to poor road conditions in the NWR. Subsequently, for the

month of October, we dealt with flooding first at Long Meadow Lake (LML) and then at Bloomington Ferry. Regardless the platforms (three at LML) were moved back after the floods and the steel frame blinds were available for use.



George Peters with his first Capable Partner deer with the help of Alex Fix

Right before peak rut in early November, archery activity started to heat up with both an able-bodied (AB) hunter and a Physically Challenged hunter each missing deer. Then, George Peters shot a spike buck on November 3rd in the morning. His AB Alex Fix tracked it a long way but he found it with George's arrow in it. It was George's first deer in three seasons hunting with Capable Partners. In addition he took the deer with a crossbow he borrowed from me.

Throughout the remainder of the 115 day season, many deer were seen but no additional shots were taken. There were two new physically challenged hunters this year and 34 visits to this urban treasure where we are allowed to hunt. We see so many good deer, next year, one of our archers is going to get a monster buck down in the Minnesota valley!



Capable Partners archery blind



Sapphire Ranch Hunt

Story by Evan Newton

In October of 2018, four of us went hunting with a friend at his ranch in Montana, nestled between the Sapphire and Bitterroot Mountains.

We hoped to get mule deer bucks, trophy whitetail, or maybe even a big bull elk. With mild temperatures, our hosts' hospitality and the rugged western terrain we felt welcomed on our two week hunting adventure, where each of us got a mule deer buck and one of us also got an elk.

At Game Fair in August 2017, our new friend Mark Reiling came to the Capable Partners booth and asked if we might have any physically challenged hunters who would want to come to Montana to hunt mule deer or elk at his 3,200 acre ranch. His ranch, which he has opened to physically challenged hunters, has a couple of accessible waterfowl blinds, and he worked with an elevated blind manufacturer to have two wheelchair accessible deer/elk blinds available. He has had physically challenged hunters going after a wide variety of prey on his land.



Reiling said he could accommodate four hunters (two physically challenged and two able-bodied) and that the able-bodied were allowed to hunt also. Several people expressed interest, but by March 2018, when we needed to apply for our non-resident Big Game Combo Licenses, the four remaining were



Host Mark Reiling, Evan Newton with his first mule deer Darren Gilmore Front: Bob Lindig Darren Gilmore (paraplegic), Mark Weber (Darren's brother-in-law), Bob Lindig, and me (quadriplegic). Darren had not been big game hunting since his accident a couple of years earlier and encouraged me by saying, "you only live once".



Bob Lindig with a nice mule deer

I didn't have a large caliber rifle suitable for elk so I settled on a used Winchester Model 70 in .30-06. It has a wing safety that even my weak hands can operate. I contacted Pat Moore at Silent Ability to get recoil relief modifications and a bite trigger for my rifle. Pat sent me to Jon Fettig at Engineered Silence to modify my rifle. Even the muzzle brake, Jon put on my rifle, helped lessen recoil and allowed me to practice. The first time I practiced with my rifle, which was at the Capable Partners picnic in July, I couldn't hit the paper at 50 yards. The last time Bob and I went to practice before going to Montana, I shot a 1.5" group at 100 yards. I was ready to hunt mule deer and elk.

We arrived Wednesday evening; Reiling had arranged a tour of his property for Thursday morning with Jim Gladen, a transplanted Minnesotan, Montana neighbor, and friend. We met Jim at the gate, saw elk on the hill and continued to drive through the Ponderosas on the flat, west side of the property. Once we crossed the suspension bridge over the crystal clear Bitterroot river, we saw mule deer does almost

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Sapphire Ranch

immediately. We saw more mule deer and turned around near the eastern edge of the property. Back down through Davis Creek valley and then south to the southern edge of the property.



Host Mark Reiling and Darren Gilmore with a impressive mule deer

Bob and I came back Thursday evening to look at the elk that were still up on the hill an estimated three and a half miles away. With our 20-60 magnification spotting scope and binoculars, we were able to see cows, moderate-sized bulls and trophy (6x6) bulls! They were grouped up; there must have been 150-200 lying and grazing on the golden hillside. The only question was how to get to them. We ate dinner at a local dive and decided to go back to explore the ranch the next day.

On Friday, with sunny skies and temps in the upper 60's, we did some trout fishing on the Bitterroot River. While we saw trout rising, we were not able to get any fish to hit our lures. We found one of the waterfowl blinds on a backwater creek that was fully wheelchair accessible, but we didn't see any ducks or geese.

We rallied Saturday morning well before first light and crawled our vehicles across the private suspension bridge. We decided we would go to a rise to see where the elk were. We heard them before we saw them. Bugling bulls were coming over a ridge while chasing groups of cows. There were the trophy 6x6 bulls we had seen on the hills, which is where they were heading. The next day we would setup on a ridge where the elk had come up from the south across a valley.

Sunday morning at o-dark-thirty, we gathered again and made our way through the tall pines and over the misty river to position ourselves in two groups on a ridge just east of where we had been Saturday morning. As the morning progressed, the herd of elk, 150-200 strong, moved across the valley east of where they had been the previous day. I had a license that allowed me to take either a cow or a brow-tined antlered bull. I saw five spike bulls coming from the right at 150 yards just at the bottom of the hill I was on. They didn't see us, and I had each one in my scope! While I could have taken a shot at any one of them, spike bulls were not legal.

On Monday morning we went to the same spot, but the elk were even farther to the east. We watched the daylight dawn as the elk moved toward the hills well out of range. At one point, a slender 8-point whitetail buck showed up where the spike bulls had been the previous day. I had him in my scope, but decided to let him pass because I was here for a mule deer buck not a whitetail.

Later we loaded into vehicles and drove north and east on the ranch to the high point at about 4,600 feet. Pines, golden hills, the river, and the far Bitterroot Mountains with snow on the tops were a sight to behold. On the way back, we saw some good mule deer bucks. Bob started up a hill about 500 yards at a steady pace. We heard him shoot; when he signaled he had a deer down, we drove the vehicles up to retrieve him and his nice buck. Bob scored first!

On Tuesday, Bob and Reiling hiked and climbed to the top of the hill where we had seen so many elk. They had a commanding view of 360 degrees around and saw no elk. Poof! They had disappeared! Later in the day, we saw a couple of nice mule deer bucks on the same hill where Bob had taken his buck. Mark Weber took the hike up the hill and harvested the mule deer buck.



Mark Weber with a great first mule deer



Sapphire Ranch Hunt

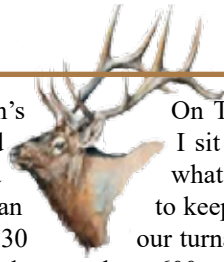
Wednesday morning, Darren and Weber took a drive in Darren's hand-controlled, side-by-side ATV. They stopped and looked for whitetails and mule deer. They were coming into an area with sage brush when Darren said to Weber, "This feels like an area where a mule deer could pop up right in front of us." 30 yards later, a mule deer buck got up in front of them 45 yards away and turned broadside. They took their time getting Darren's rifle up, ranging the deer, discussing whether or not the deer was a shooter, and finally deciding it was a good deer to harvest. Darren dropped it in its tracks. Then Darren, a paraplegic, gutted the deer and (using a winch) got himself and the deer back into the ATV



Mark Weber with a nice first elk



Mark Weber, Darren Gilmore, Mark Reiling and Evan Newton



On Thursday afternoon I saw some does and suggested I sit there and wait for a good buck to show up. That's what a whitetail hunter would do. Reiling encouraged me to keep moving until we found a good buck. As we neared our turnaround point, we spotted two bucks fighting on a hill about 600 yards away. I was riding in Darren's side-by-side ATV with my rifle mounted and sticking through where the fold-down windshield had been.

We crossed 400 yards of grass field with two bucks on the hill watching us. Once we stopped and I aimed at the bucks, Darren (the driver) told me the right-hand buck was bigger - a 5 by 4. "Yes, it's a good deer to take," he said as he closed the bolt on my rifle. "200 yards." I flipped off the safety and put the bite trigger in my mouth. I slowly aimed while controlling my breath. "High shoulder" he said. "Ready", I mumbled around the bite trigger.



Evan Newton and Bob Lindig glassing the Montana hillsides

The deer stood still after my shot for a second, but then it stumbled, fell, slid, and rolled down the hill about half the distance to the bottom. Due to the amount of practice my customized rifle had allowed, the shot was well-placed for a quick kill.

On Saturday, Weber and Reiling "went for a hike" through the sagebrush. Actually, Reiling was already a mile ahead when he signaled for Weber to come join him. Once Weber got there, they were pinned down by so many cow elk ready to alert at the slightest movement. Weber caught sight of a 4x4 bull coming their way up a draw moving south to north. Weber moved into an ambush position and couldn't see the elk. Then when the elk became visible, he shot and dropped the elk with his rifle chambered in 6.5 Creedmoor.

Congratulations all around and a dinner at Lolo Creek Steakhouse was in order. Reiling, our host and good friend, needed to leave the next day but Bob and I weren't going to get our meat from Lolo Locker until Tuesday. We had time for a few more meals at Lolo Peak Brewery, which had become one of our favorite dinner spots. I may never be able to go out west hunting again but I am grateful for the people that made this trip happen including Darren who reminded me, "You only live once."



Spring Turkeys



Carlos Martinez and Bill Vice with a MN Eastern turkey



Greg Scollard with a SD Merriam turkey



Pat Kellin with a MN Eastern turkey



Rod Guthier with a MN Camp Ripley turkey



Spring Turkeys



Pat Kellin's son's first turkey with a 12 1/2" beard



Matt and Scot Bowman with MN Eastern turkeys



Merriam turkey harvest in NE by Bill Vice



Jim Vorderbruggen with MN Eastern turkey



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Recipe Smoked Duck



Hank Shaw's Hunter Angler Gardener Cook website is full of excellent game recipes. Here's a great recipe for smoked duck. View link below for complete instructions.

<https://honest-food.net/how-to-make-smoked-duck/>

While there are lots of ways to smoke a duck or goose, this is what I prefer. This recipe is designed for wild ducks or geese, but it does work with domestic birds as well. Once your birds have been smoked, they will keep in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks. What to do with the leftover carcasses? Make this smoked duck broth with German dumplings. You will not be sorry!

Course	Cured Meat
Cuisine	American
Prep Time	30 minutes
Cook Time	3 hours
Total Time	3 hours 30 minutes
Serves	1 duck
Author	Hank Shaw

Ingredients

1 large duck or small wild goose
Salt
1/4 cup thick maple syrup

Instructions

Salt the duck well inside the cavity, then paint the outside of the bird with the maple syrup. Salt the outside well. Set the bird in your smoker with a drip pan underneath. Smoke between 200 and 225 degrees over apple wood for 4 hours. Baste the ducks with the maple syrup every hour. When smoked, allow to cool completely, then carve. Serve cool or at room temperature as a cold cut or appetizer, or carve the breast whole and sear in a pan. Slice and serve with lentils.



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Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(Capable Partners updates only)

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Do you work full-time? Yes ☐ No ☐

What is / was your occupation? _____

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☐ RIFLE DEER ☐ ATV RIDE

☐ MUZZLELOADER ☐ VETERAN

NOTE: To be eligible to be a physically challenged deer hunter, you must have proof of a Hunt from a Standing Motor Vehicle Permit.

HSMVP Expiration Date: _____

Contributions are Welcome! All contributions and donations may qualify as tax deductible. Capable Partners is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. A contribution can be designated for a specific outing, purchasing fishing or hunting gear or underwriting other activities such as the newsletter, annual picnic, annual banquet, or general fund.

☐ I have enclosed a \$25.00 fee for membership

☐ I am requesting a scholarship for membership

☐ I have enclosed _____ as a contribution

☐ Specific outing contribution _____

☐ If you have a boat or land for Capable Partner's use, please check this box.

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March 2019			
March 2	Banquets of Minnesota in the Grand Olympian Ballroom Fridley, MN Lots of great items! Happy hour 4-6 p.m. Salads will be served at 5:30 Reservations must be received by Feb 12, 2019 No meals purchased at door	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
March 30	Pheasant Shoot at Major Ave Glencoe, MN, able-bodied can shoot, all \$10 ea Must wear orange and safety glasses. Hearing protection is suggested	Greg Hance	763-258-4293
April			
April 27	Pheasant Field Hunt at Whispering Emerald Ridge Menomonie, WI Must wear orange and safety glasses Hearing protection is suggested	Ken Johnson	651-792-2079
MN Spring Turkey Season	Turkey Hunting at Sherburne NWR Zimmerman, MN	Dean Clapp	763-856-2946
	Turkey Hunting at Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area St Cloud, MN	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
	Turkey Hunting at Carlos Avery State WMA Blinds Available Columbus, MN	Call Refuge	651-296-5290
	Turkey Hunting at Becklin Homestead County Park / WMA Cambridge, MN	Pat Moore	612-790-3737
	Turkey Hunting at Maple Grove by Archery Only for pre-qualified members	Lee Zeman	763-913-2778
	Turkey Hunting at Chaska by Archery Only MN Valley NWR Chaska, MN	Evan Newton	952-831-6758
May			
May 5	Mark Ryan Turkey Shoot at LeBlanc's Rice Creek Hunting Little Falls, MN No Phone Calls Until April 1, Able body can shoot. \$35 per shooter	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
June			
June 1	Fishing at Knotty Oar on pontoons Prior Lake, MN With the Prior Lake Sportmen's Club providing boats, poles, and bait.	Brigitte Kurkowski	651-734-8961
June 9	Fishing with Muskies, Inc. on Lake Minnetonka at Surfside Park Mound, MN Variety of boats, trolling available, lunch provided	Rod Guthier	952-888-6494
June 14	Trout Fishing at Sylvan Park pond (starts at 9 a.m.) Lanesboro, MN Equipment and bait available, no trout stamp needed, lunch provided	Evan Newton	952-831-6758
June 15	Lake Mille Lacs Fishing 4pm -10pm Nitti's Hunters Point Isle, MN ☞ Sponsored by Winkley Orthopedics ☞	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
July			
July 13	Picnic at Isanti County Sportsman Club Cambridge, MN There will be free shotgun shells Trap, Archery, Rifle and Pistol ranges open	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
August			
August 3	Lake Minnetonka Fishing at Rockvam Boat Yard Spring Park, MN ☞ Sponsored by American Legion Brooklyn Center Post 630 ☞ ☞ Sponsored by VFW James Ballentine Post 246 ☞	Dave Heidtke	763-535-2718
August 3	ATV Ride at Isle, MN Bring your own machine or rides available ☞ Sponsored by Leo's South ☞	Ken Johnson	651-792-2079
August 7	Lake Pulaski Fishing at Pulaski West Park Buffalo, MN	Jim Zumbusch	320-963-5879
August 9 -11 & 16 -18	Booth Game Fair Ramsey, MN A great opportunity to help Capable Partners and attend for free	Violet Foster Dick Ransom	763-444-4427 320-274-5196
August 24	Lake Mille Lacs Fishing 4pm -10pm Nitti's Hunters Point Isle, MN ☞ Sponsored by Anoka County Chapter Pheasant Forever ☞	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
August 27	Sight - in all weapons at Monticello Rod and Gun Club Monticello, MN Qualify for big game hunts (Rifle, Slug gun, Muzzel loader, and Archery)	Jim Vorderbruggen	763-497-3330
September			
September 3	Sight - in all weapons at Monticello Rod and Gun Club Monticello, MN Qualify for big game hunts (Rifle, Slug gun, Muzzel loader, and Archery)	Jim Vorderbruggen	763-497-3330
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September (continued)			
September 5	Sight - in all weapons 2 - 7 PM at Isanti County Sportsman Club Qualify for big game hunts (Rifle, Slug gun, Muzzel loader, and Archery)	Bill Vice	612-232-2495
September 7	Pheasant Shoot at Major Ave Glencoe, MN able-bodied can shoot, all \$10 ea Must wear orange and safety glasses Hearing protection is suggested	Greg Hance	763-258-4293
September 7	Lake Mille Lacs Fishing 4pm -10pm Nitti's Hunters Point Isle, MN Sponsored by Winkley Orthopedics	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
September 14	Duck Shoot at Marsh Lake Hunting Preserve Victoria, MN	Andy Akins Steve Scheunemann	612-868-4587 952-445-0213
	Pheasant Shoot at LeBlanc's Rice Creek Little Falls, MN Able-bodied can shoot, all shooter pay \$10 each Must wear orange and safety glasses. Hearing protection suggested	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
Sept 14 - 15	Vermillion Dakota County Deer Hunt Morning & Evening Rosemount, MN	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
Sept 14 - 22	Lac qui Parle Deer Hunt at Lac qui Parle WMA Watson, MN Contact Lance by July 15, 2019 to get into blind drawing for first weekend	Lance Tebben	320-226-7685
Sept 14 - Oct 18	Archery Deer Hunt at Becklin Cambridge, MN (closed during gun season)	Pat Moore	612-790-3737
Archery Deer Season Sept 14 - Dec 31	MN Valley NWR (must pre qualify) Bloomington and Chaska	Evan Newton	952-831-6758
	Maple Grove (must pre qualify and attend city meeting every other year)	Lee Zeman	763-913-2778
	Sherburne NWR Zimmerman, MN (closed during gun season)	Steve Rein	320-293-6366
Sept 21 - TBA	MNRV Waterfowl Hunting Chad Fix 763-229-1719 Greg Hance 763-258-4293	Steve Scheunemann Darren Dorn Nate Sjolín	952-445-0213 763-301-0538 763-286-9086
Sept 21 - TBA	Waterfowl Hunting at Carlos Avery WMA Columbus, MN	Darren Dorn	763-301-0538
Sept 21 - TBA	Waterfowl Hunting at Sherburne NWR Zimmerman, MN	Dean Clapp	763-856-2946
September 24	Sight - in all weapons at Monticello Rod and Gun Club Monticello, MN Qualify for big game hunts (Rifle, Slug gun, Muzzel loader, and Archery)	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
October			
September 30	Carlos Avery Hunt Meeting at Carlos Avery Machine Shed Columbus, MN Required for those who intend to participate in Carlos Avery deer hunt	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
October 5 - 13	Deer Hunt at Carlos Avery State WMA Columbus, MN	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
October 10	Becklin Homestead Hunt Meeting 6:00pm at Isanti Co Sportsman Club Attending meeting and showing sight - in target mandatory to hunt	Scott Linder	763-486-3192
October 19 - 20	Deer Hunt at Vermillion Dakota Co. Morning & Evening Rosemount, MN	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
Oct 26 - Nov 3	Deer Hunt (rifle) at Becklin Homestead Co Park Cambridge, MN	Scott Linder	763-486-3192
November			
Nov 9 - Nov 17	Deer Hunt (gun) at Sherburne NWR Zimmerman, MN	Steve Rein	320-293-6366
Nov 4 - Dec 31	Late Season Archery Deer Hunt at Becklin Homestead Co Cambridge, MN	Pat Moore	612-790-3737
Nov 18 - Dec 31	Late Season Archery Deer Hunt at Sherburne NWR Zimmerman, MN	Steve Rein	320-293-6366
Nov 30 - Dec 15	Muzzleloader Deer Hunt at Becklin Homestead Co Park Cambridge, MN	Pat Moore	612-790-3737
2020			
January - March			
Jan - Mar 2020	Ice Fishing Fish House # 1 at Medicine Lake Plymouth, MN	Bob Lindig	612-224-6330
Jan - Mar 2020	Ice Fishing Fish House # 2 Ice Castle variety of lakes in western MN	Nate Sjolín	763-286-9086
March			
March 7, 2020	Banquets of Minnesota in the Grand Olympian Ballroom Fridley, MN Social hour, prizes, silent auction, awards	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
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