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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 240 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

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



Greetings Partners!

It's been a few years, but I'm excited to be back at the helm leading this organization. I'm so grateful for each of you attending and contributing to the dozens of events we organized this past year. Despite a global pandemic, I'm here to report that our organization is strong and will continue to make the outdoors accessible because of you, our members and our donors.

Our membership continued to grow – we now have 300 members, which is the largest organization of our kind in the US, and quite possibly, the world. These members participated in dozens of hunting, fishing and other events over the year. We wouldn't have had so many events without the thousands of hours our volunteers put in to continue to drive our mission of providing opportunities for personal growth and independence for physically challenged persons and able-bodied partners.

More events came about because we've delivered on our 5-year goal, which is to invest our resources right back into our members and programs. Some examples were that we bolstered our programs by adding a 3rd Ice Castle fish house; improved our pontoon boat for open water fishing; and doubled our kayaks and blinds for waterfowl hunting, to name a few just in this past year. On top of that, our organization did something we've never done before: our Board decided to ensure every fishing and hunting outing was free (no co-pays) to our membership. None of this would've been possible without our incredible donors' and fundraisers' work which directly impacted our members.

We're looking to continue along this path in the coming year by utilizing Division Leaders to help plan and budget each of our divisions (fishing, waterfowl, deer, upland birds, and other). We'll continue to develop our online system for membership, events, and social media to bring greater ease and awareness to our members. We'll also be sending out a survey in the coming months to help us understand the needs, hopes, and ideas each of you uniquely possesses to continue developing our membership experience.

We're also in the process of finding new areas to increase our members' harvest success. Most of our hunting, fishing, ATV/UTV events are on public land. We'd like to extend our gratitude to the MN DNR and US Fish & Wildlife Service for creating and maintaining access for us. It's a privilege we don't take for granted and paramount to our success as an organization.

The success of our organization clearly takes on many forms. It's founded on access created through public lands and water, it's supported by our donors, and carried out by our volunteers. Thank you all for going to great lengths to make this organization a success and making a big difference in the lives of our members.

On behalf of the organization, we appreciate you, and we should give each other a pat on the back.

Thank you and looking forward to what we'll accomplish together as an organization in this coming year!

Dean Petersen

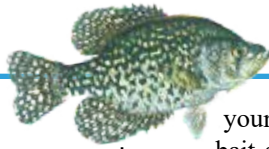


Ice Fishing Extravagan-

Story by Laurel Bauer
Photos by Chad Fix

The fourth annual Clam Outdoors Ice Fishing Extravaganza was held this year at Crystal Lake, in Burnsville, MN. We were greeted by a chilly, breezy, partly sunny day, where the Clam Ice Team showed up in force. They set up many Clam hub shelters, put plywood floors in place, turned heaters on and drilled holes. The Capable Partners' Ice Castle fish houses were also set up with heaters and holes drilled. There was a fishing guide from the Clam Ice Team in each house and others roving around, stepping in to check on the progress of each angler.

The members showed up at noon and were directed to an ice fishing shelter. A trailer and four-wheeler were available to transport folks from the on-shore parking lot to the fish houses. You could use



your own equipment but every shelter had rods and reels, bait and sonar electronics for members to use. The fishing was hot early with many panfish thrown in the buckets. Some members moved from shelter to shelter to say hello and compare catches.

Soon it was time for lunch. The Clam Ice Team cooked and served a nice lunch of brats and hamburgers, which were enjoyed by all. Next was the drawing for door prizes provided by Clam. Most all of the participants went home with a new rod, ice tackle box, lures, hats or other items by Clam. Even if they didn't catch fish, there are many reasons they went home with smiles on their faces!

A special thanks to the Clam Ice Team for providing such a spectacular event.



Clam Outdoors guide Matt Johnson



Clam Outdoors guides



Darrell Erickson and Ken Johnson





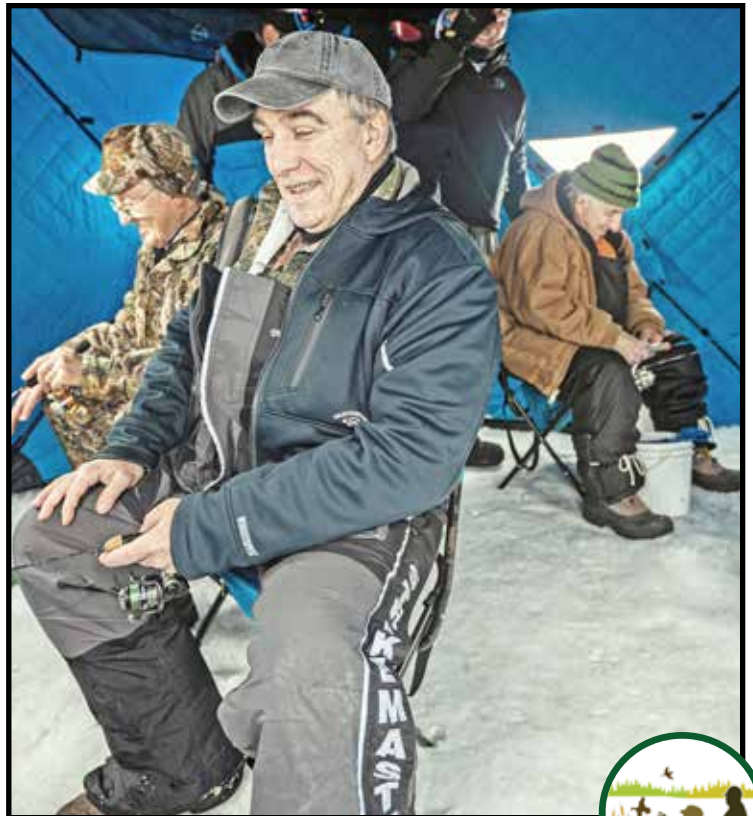
Coordinator Darren Dorn



Rod Guthier



Josh Scanlon and Dave Martti



Emery Balts, Russ Rohr and Dick Ransom



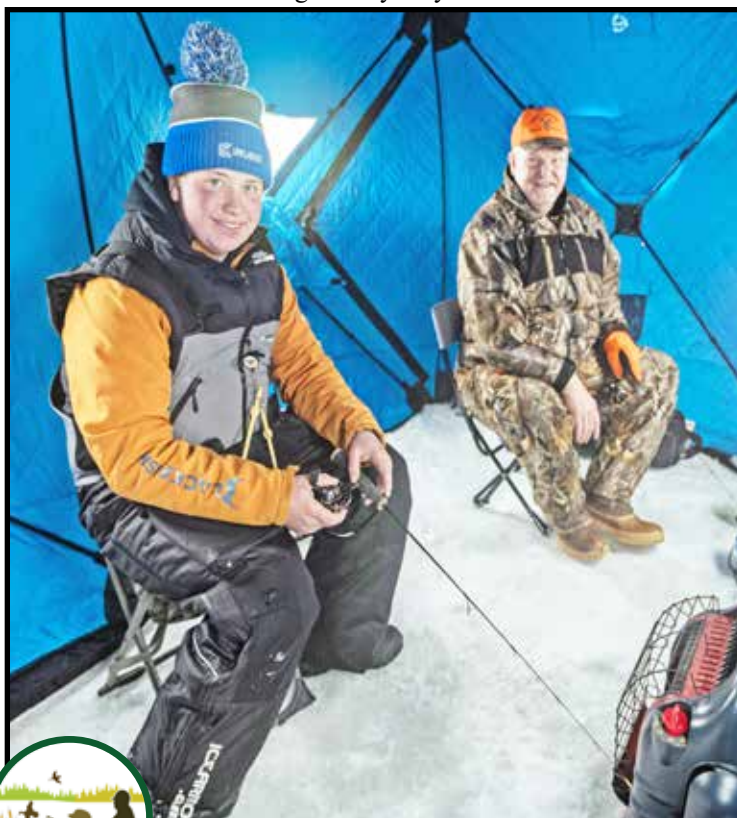
Ice Fishing Extravaganza



Clam Outdoors guide Kyle Lynn and member



Terry Hanson



Clam Outdoor guide Logan Ferraro and member



Joe Yartz and Xena

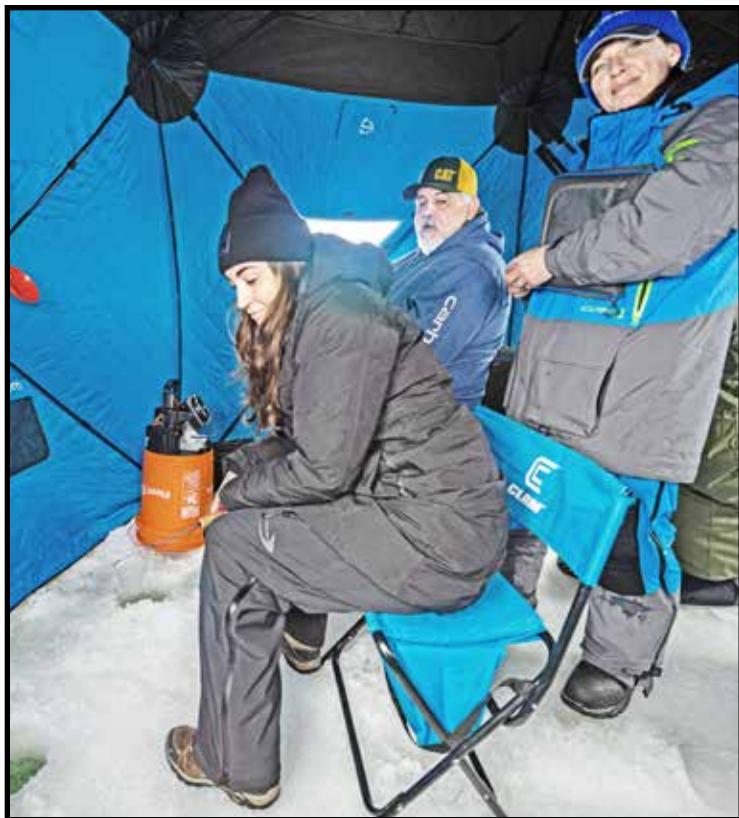




Jeff Jacobson and James Lawson Jr.



Helpers Andrew Mailer and Tyler Thilmann



Katia & Keith Bode and Clam Outdoors guide Amy Munsinger



Clam guide Al Kuemper and Steve Scheunemann



Rush Lake Ice Fishing

Story by Craig Simpson

Photos by Darren Dorn

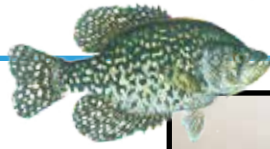
With the help of a few board members, Capable Partners was fortunate enough to receive grant money from Mountain Dew to help purchase a third Ice Castle Fish House. Ice Castle also gives us a discount.

Now with three Ice Castles, Nate Sjolin coordinated the Mtn Dew white shack in the west metro to get all the bugs worked out of the new equipment. Darren Dorn coordinated the orange shack on Rush Lake, north of the cities. Darren did a great job keeping it over 9"-10" crappies, the road plowed, and maintaining the auger battery and generator. Dean Petersen coordinated the big bronze Ice Castle on Lake Lac qui Parle.

Looking at the calendar, members visited often and had good success catching crappies. We start getting excited for a good 15 inches of safe ice around Thanksgiving, to pull the shack out. Sadly, it's normally the first part of January when we put the fish houses on the ice. March comes way too soon, when the Minnesota DNR asks you to remove your shack if not occupied overnight. It's always disappointing, for those who love to fish out of a permanent shack, when the season ends.

In 2023, we are hoping to put the orange shack back out on Rush or another lake north of the cities. I know I speak for all members in thanking Darren for coordinating the orange shack in 2022. We will have a new coordinator in 2023. Paul Anderson offered to coordinate and will have two retired Capable Partner members, Leon and Mike, help him.

Keep an eye on emails and Facebook for when the orange shack gets back out on the ice in 2023. Paul Anderson's contact information is 763-242-9359.



Coordinator Darren Dorn, Jack Conrad and Rod Guthier



Darren's friend helping plow so members have accessibility to fish house





Rod Guthrie with a keeper crappie



Evan Newton and Rhonda Lugert with a crappie



Ramp making accessibility easier for members



Crappie caught by member



LQP Ice Castle

Story by Evan Newton

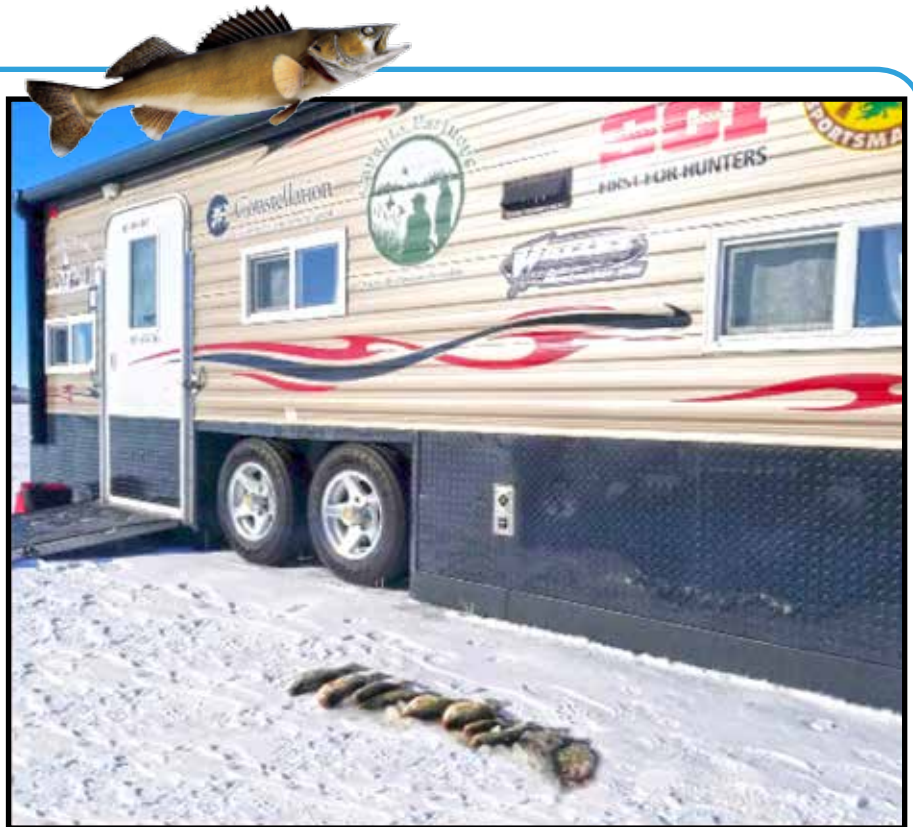
Photos by Dean Petersen

Can anybody stay in the Ice Castle out by Lac qui Parle?" Brian Shriver asked me in August. "Yes," I replied. "Any member can go and stay for free! Physically challenged members have priority. Call the coordinator, Dean Petersen, to see if dates you want are open." Brian, his twin Bruce, and their friend Lance Wendlandt went out there, brought a boat, and stayed two nights in the 21' Ice Castle RV with full kitchen and air conditioning at Milan Beach Resort owned and operated by Jeff Randall. They went in September when the fishing is supposed to be hot. You fish right by the bridge over Lac qui Parle (LQP) near the start of the MN river. They brought river chubs for bait because they had heard the walleyes wouldn't bite on anything else, which turned out to be true. They even tried fishing at night, but didn't catch any fish. They did catch walleye from 18"-27" and a 30" carp that fought super hard.

In December, before the Ice Castle was on the ice, I called Dean to reserve a long weekend in January. The Shriver brothers and I were ready for a good weekend of large (11"-15") crappies until the forecast said 10"-14" of snow was going to fall ending Friday morning. My full-size van does not have 4-wheel drive, so we delayed our departure until Saturday morning.

On the way to LQP, we stopped for gas. Brian got out to pump for me. He started the pump and went to help a couple of people who were trying to jump-start a Jeep at the next pump. After helping them, he got back in my van and we pulled away until I heard a loud noise. I looked in the sideview mirror and saw the gas nozzle and a length of hose hanging out of my car. I backed up and the store clerk came out. It had a quick-release type connection, but we weren't able to reconnect it. She said we could leave and didn't ask for contact info or anything.

Staying in the Ice Castle was comfortable and we didn't leave until Monday. Even though we fished hard, we only caught one crappie and one walleye. Lance Tebben joined us to chat and fish a couple of days, but he didn't have any luck either. After we got back home, I received a call from a McLeod County deputy sheriff. The long and short of it was that I had to pay the gas station \$430 to repair the hose/nozzle/pump. Staying in the Ice Castle was free, but it was an expensive trip!



Successful day ice fishing on LQP



Summer campsite

Lake Sarah Ice Fishing

Photos by Nate Sjolín &
Evan Newton



Rick Lawson



New third Ice Castle



Front: Ryder and Matt Brown



Front: Bruce Shriver and Evan Newton



Booth

Story & Photos by Jerry & Terrie Schrank

The face of Capable Partners shined at the Minnesota Safari Club International (SCI) World Hunting Expo and the Outdoor News (ON) Deer and Turkey Classic Expo this past February and March. It felt good to be back in the community sharing the wonders of the Capable Partners (CP) organization after the Covid-19 hiatus. A big “Thank You” to all the volunteers who represented CP at our booths! Your welcoming smiles, sharing humor, and willingness to engage in conversation about our organization with the attendees was invigorating. Along with spreading the word about CP, volunteers got an opportunity to explore both organizations’ impressive events and create networking opportunities for the growth of CP. These events aren’t money makers (although some folks do make on-the-spot donations), but they are definitely priceless in helping our mission, which is getting the physically challenged and able-bodied partners outdoors to enjoy the gifts of nature together!

We also are very thankful to Monique Navarrette from SCI and Eric Meyer from ON for their great hospitality and the wonderful opportunity to participate in their fantastic events.



Jimmy Grant



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Dean Clapp, Terrie Schrank, Jason Stushek and Evan Newton



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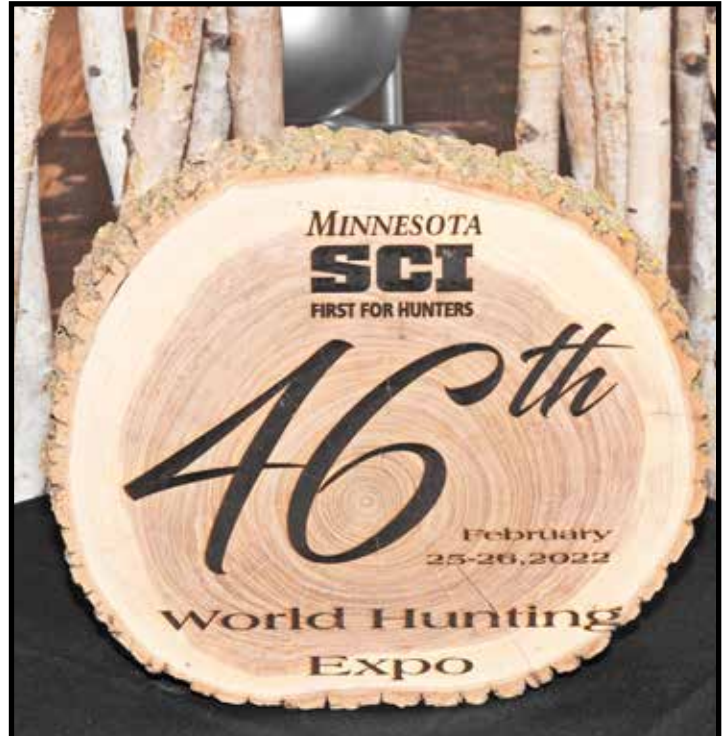
Booth



Greg Hance, Lloyd Fjare and Jim Vorderbruggen



Lion at Minnesota SCI World Hunting Expo





Rob Klett, Ron Boggs and Jeff & Kathy Grubb



Whitetail mount at Minnesota SCI World Hunting Expo



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Banquet

Story by Brian Shriver

Photos by Chad Fix & Ann Simpson

The Capable Partners Annual Banquet and Fundraiser took place on Saturday, March 12th, 2022, at Banquets of Minnesota. We had 166 attendees and many amazing volunteers! The Fundraiser made \$15k in profit, which is the most ever. These funds will be used to pay for many of the fantastic events we will offer in the upcoming year! Thank you!

As a first-time banquet committee member (almost all of us were first-timers), being involved with the banquet committee was both enjoyable and a great learning opportunity. I began to understand the amount of effort and time that is committed to the success of our awesome events! There were numerous talented individuals and companies who contributed to the success of our banquet this year! Thank you!

The banquet committee members included: Evan Newton (Banquet Chair), Laurel Bauer (Tribal Knowledge and Oversight), Perry Bauer (Amazing Assistant & Co-MC), Chad Fix (Photo Specialist and Rock Star), Steve Scheunemann (Silent Auction Guru), Jerry & Terrie Schrank (MC, Banquet Knowledge Experts), Brian Shriver (Setup and Raffle Signage), Bruce Shriver (Registration Special Agent), and Nate Sjolín (Donations/Funds for Fun & Raffle Superstar).

The banquet committee members participated in weekly Zoom meetings for nine weeks leading up to the banquet event. During these meetings we discussed how we have done things at previous banquet events and what items we wanted to improve or add to the festivities. Our banquet is a fantastic opportunity to see old friends, introduce family and friends to Capable Partners, and share or re-live stories of the previous year. It's also time to plan for participation in fun events and learning opportunities for the coming seasons.

There were raffles, a silent auction, and many other ways to win prizes at the banquet. Almost all of the prizes to be won by members and guests were donated by sponsors. We had wildlife prints by Redlin, Kouba, and Hansel. We had Vexilar sonar units, ice fishing combos, and a Clam ice fishing suit. We had certificates for pheasant hunts and sporting clays at several game farms. There were also prizes of interest to our non-hunting family members, such as handmade quilts, a 12'-15' maple tree, and a spa package.

Please consider any companies, individuals or organizations that we should reach out to for donations of products, services, or sports/concert/theater tickets to be included in our banquet for next year. Send contact information to Evan.Newton@capablepartners.org. If you have suggestions to improve the banquet for next year, general questions, or would like to be involved in the event, please email Evan Newton at the above address.

Cheers! To another year of fun activities in the outdoors!



Perry Bauer Assistant & Co-MC



Jerry & Terrie Schrank Co-MC & Assistant



Laurel Bauer Oversight Coordinator



2022 Banquet



Tom Gertgen Broken Wing speaker



Rob Klett volunteering for the Savage gun raffle



Wine raffle



Beer raffle



Frank Walther and Ed Sjolín working Funds for fun table



Carleton Rausch help with whiskey raffle



Eric Scanlon selling crossbow raffle tickets



Gun Raffle

This year we had five weapons that were purchased at H & H Sports Shop in Maple Lake, MN, with the option of winners getting the cash value of the weapon.

Raffle profit was \$5,618.00

Thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets, as well as to those who bought. This raffle was one of our top fundraisers despite the challenges of COVID-19.

Winners:

Dan, Springfield 1911

Curt, Browning A5

Lloyd, Franchi Momentum

Troy, Savage 220

Mike, Ruger 10/22

CAPABLE PARTNERS 2022 GUN RAFFLE



Springfield 1911 EMP 9MM



Browning A5 Wicked Wing Vintage 12 ga.



Franchi Momentum Elite 6.5 Creedmoor



Savage 220 Stainless Steel Camo 20 ga.



Ruger 10/22 Standard Hardwood



2022 Banquet



Sherry Nielsen and Rod Guthier



Tom & Shelley Fix, Susan, Tom Scheunemann, Stan Koich and Steve Scheunemann



John & Martha Thompson and Amber & Emery Balts



Emily & Kerry Sobieck and Tom Gindorff



Brice Pleschourt and Dave Gunnarson



Dave Martti, James Jr. & Rick Lawson





Taylor Roach, Tim Vraa, Amy & Marty Sykes and Craig Simpson



Kaye & Ronnie Park, Aidan, Brigitte Kurkowski and Trinity



Joe Yaritz, Therese Petroske and Tammie Jo Hamlin



Joe Lang, Ryan, Rob, Jenny Klett and Casey Badeaux



Ed and Val Sjolin



Darrell Erickson, Doug Eckhoff, Amy & Jon Fettig



2022 Banquet



Jerry, Anna, Luke Ray, Tom, Tony, Bob and Trapper Bob



Quinn, Mike, Mark, Jerry and Tammy



Lopez family



Deb, Dale, Mike, Mary Eunice and Paul



Cathi, Edward, John, Emery, Martha, Amber and Frank



Josh, Eric, Danielle, Sherry, Rod and Kevin





Terry Rider, Perry & Laurel Bauer Terry Hanson, Tom, Nicole, Lynn Joerndt



Austin, Walt, Greg Scollard



Josh, Eric, Danielle, Sherry, Rod and Kevin



Tom Gertgen, Members, Todd, Keli and Randy Callander



Gregg Runyon crossbow winner



Lloyd Fjare Franchi Momentum winner



Mark Ryan Turkey Shoot

Story & Photos by Gregg Runyon

Photos by Chad Fix, Terrie Schrank & Stan Koich

We had the turkey shoot at Leblanc's Rice Creek on the first Sunday of May. We had to make some changes due to COVID-19. Ron Welle of Midwest Outdoors Unlimited decided not to do their hunt on Saturday like they do. Ron usually sets up the blinds for his hunt, then we use them for our shoot on Sunday. So, we had to setup the blinds for our own hunt.

We had a crew go up and setup blinds on Saturday. After a couple hours of work, they were set. Ray Peterson decided to stay in Little Falls instead of driving home. It was a real nice day, but that changed around 5pm. Ray called me and said they had a really bad wind go through. It knocked most of the blinds down. So, Ray and a bunch of the LeBlanc's guys went out and reset the blinds.

Sunday morning, members met in the parking lot to get everyone checked in and blind assignments handed out. We had a full complement of hunters. So, we loaded up and headed out. We were treated with a bunch of turkeys walking across the field as we drove in. We got everyone setup. I had a special hunter with



Mike and Dan Willenbring



Gregg Runyon and Barry Hite

me. Barry Hite, who is semi-retired, was able to make the hunt, because he didn't have to work on Sunday. Barry is a minister. Barry drew first blood on the turkey. It was on his way to Little Falls from Emily that two turkeys flew across the road - a hen and a tom. He hit the tom, which cracked his grill up pretty good, but didn't hurt the radiator, so he was able to make it down. We had a couple birds come in; Barry got one and I missed one. A little later I had another chance and rolled it this time. We had a really good shoot everyone saw birds and most hunters had shots.

We did something a little different with the birds that were shot. We gave the hunters the option of taking the bird they shot uncleaned, taking a frozen whole bird, a quartered bird frozen, or a smoked bird done by LeBlanc's. This worked really well. The hunters told us what they wanted as they were leaving the field to head back to parking lot. When they pulled in, we had birds set aside with their names on them. We had them drive up and we handed out the birds. Then they were on their way.

We still had work to do pulling down the blinds. The Zumbusch's stayed, like they always do, to help. Thanks for the help. We had the guys who walk the road picking up birds help take the blinds down and load them into Ron Welle's trailer. Thanks guys. Ray Peterson was, as always, a great help. Thanks Ray and thanks to the LeBlanc's guys who helped reset blinds and then help out with the hunt.



Terrie Schrank Wade Wiebold



Darren Dorn



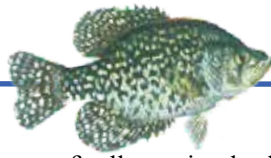
Stan Koich



Terrie Schrank finds a deer skull



Prior Lake



Story & Photos by Brigitte Kurkowski

After a very depressing 2020 because of COVID, we are finally getting back on track in 2021. Members arrived at the Knotty Oar Marina on Prior Lake and it was already hot and humid at 7:30 am. Shortly after, we all loaded up and were on our fishing journeys.

The Prior Lake Sportsmen's Club (PLSC) volunteers met us with four pontoons. Our members were hungry fishermen who were waiting for another great bite! We headed to some of our normal great spots and had luck as usual. Members had a lot of small panfish nibblers but soon found many keepers.

The heat was really starting to kick in as temps were reaching into the mid 90's, and the humidity was creeping up as well with no clouds in sight! We eventually came in with plenty of fish for everyone. Each year the PLSC volunteers clean and bag fillets for the members who want them.

After we cleaned up, we were once again provided with great food and drinks. The service given by all volunteers is just AMAZING; we look forward to it every year!!

A special thank you to Prior Lake Sportsmen's Club (PLSC) and Knotty Oar Marina.



Members just starting to fishing



Ronnie Park and Frank Walther



Volunteers, Alena and Louise Troyer



Volunteer and Rick Waldeland



Lauren, Stan Koich and volunteers



Pontoon

Story & Photos by Nate Sjolin

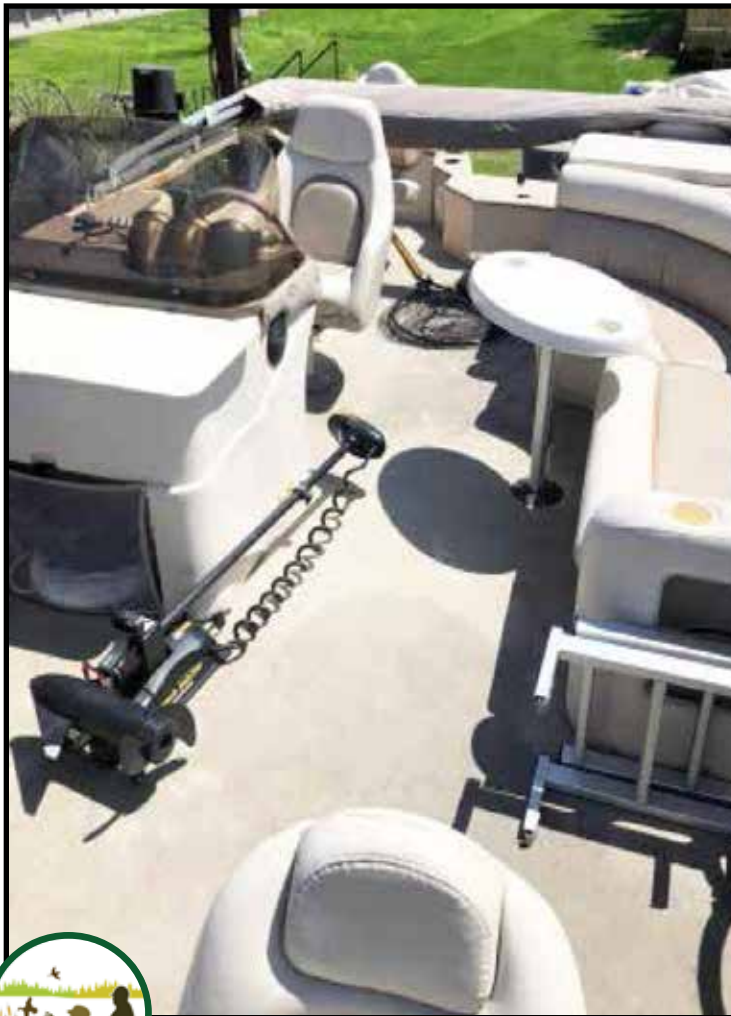
Capable Partners decided to replace the worn out original carpet on the Crestliner pontoon.

As you can see by the photos, the new tweed vinyl turned out really nice.

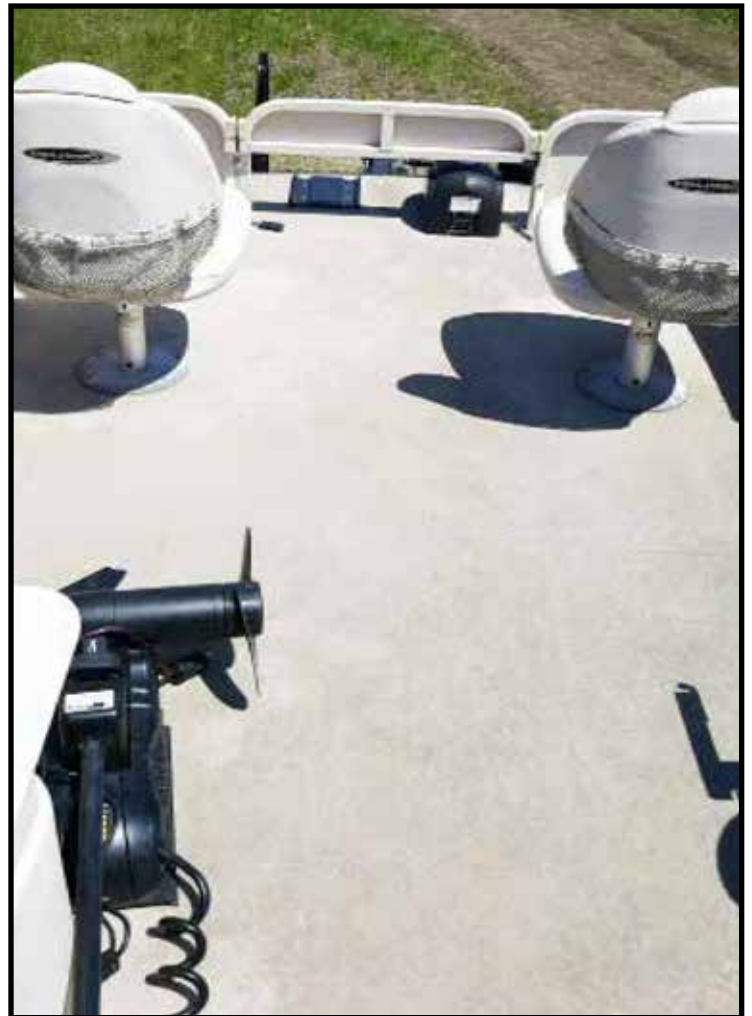
Thanks to Jesse from Metro Mobile Marine for his excellent workmanship.

We take individual members and small groups out on the pontoon boating and fishing. If you wish to get out and enjoy some time on the water.

Contact: Nate Sjolin 763-286-9086.



Old carpet in stern of pontoon



Old carpet in bow of pontoon





New woven flooring being applied



Bow new flooring with livewell & battery storage and removable seats



Stern of pontoon with livewell, battery and gas tank storage



Lake Minnetonka Muskies



Story & Photos by Rod Guthier

Photos by Paul Hartman & Steve Scheunemann

Our outing started a little late, the start time was off a half an hour on the calendar. With donuts if they wanted, we loaded 20 Capable Partners members and guests in 11 boats and one pontoon. Then we all started to hunt for the muskie at Lake Minnetonka's Surfside Park, Cooks Bay next to the city of Mound.

Our weather this year was pretty good, just enough overcast to minimize sun over-exposure and good wind. The bad was floating weeds that caught on your line when trolling and traveled down to the lures, so clean off was needed too often. Casting, we had the same issue and the big boats chop up the weeds, making more floating weeds. Also, what I don't like is that the big boats create big waves, and I spend too much time holding on.

Muskies were on the "hard-to-find" list again, but one Minnetonka muskie monster was boated. Congrats to Steve Scheunemann who landed a 40-incher while guided by Matt Olson. Every year Minnetonka produces muskies (except for me). You can't go wrong with fishing on the pontoon with captain and guide Dave (Gus) Gustafson! His time-tested trolling technique produced five northern pike this year. Some other fish were caught, but maybe I don't know about them since nobody was bragging.

I was under the weather with a kidney stone operation. I got a bad infection, but I was not going to miss it. I had to keep my record of never landing a muskie going strong. Ha!

Lunch was in the pavilion again, and the grill master Tom Lund grilled brats and cheeseburgers to perfection as usual. Muskies Inc. member volunteers brought many side dishes and complements to the meal including salads. The taco salad was out of this world good! With sodas, chips, and desserts, everyone had so many to pick from.

Also, I must apologize to all, I got ahead of myself in the number of years we have had this outing. This year was the 26th. Two years ago, in 2019, I said it was our 27th year. Our first year was 1995 and that makes 26 now. I had counted the COVID bug year that was canceled, plus I can't count.

I have to say much 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 didn't catch fish.

A BIG "Thank You" to the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc. for hosting this outing; providing the fishing guides, helpers and volunteers; and providing an excellent lunch for so many. Thanks most importantly to Paul Hartman, my co-coordinator and guide since day one.



Steve Scheunemann with a great 40 inch muskie





Coordinators Paul Hartman and Rod Guthier with a nice northern



Ronnie Park loading onto Gus's pontoon



Boats tied up for lunch and Tom Lund grilling



Guides and members enjoying a great lunch



Lanesboro Trout Fishing

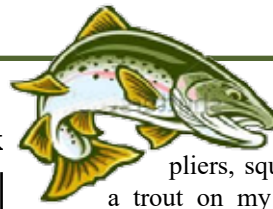
Story & Photos by Terrie Schrank with help from her Internet Secretary Jerry Schrank

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes many Capable Partners to mentor a newbie trout angler! I wasn't able to go to the Prior Lake pontoon fishing event because it was too hot. Luckily, the Capable Partners Sylvan Pond Trout Fishing event near the Lanesboro Public Campground, just one week later, was a different story. Even though it was the ninth day in a row with temps over 90 degrees, there was plenty of shade, air-conditioned cars a stone's throw away, and WAHOO, restrooms even closer!

I was excited for my husband Jerry and me to catch our limit of five trout each for a yummy family fish fry. When we arrived in Lanesboro, the Minnesota DNR provided fishing rods, bait and supplies. DNR Event Coordinator Melissa Wagner asked me if I wanted to have a towel. I responded: "No, thanks, I'll just use my pants." She gave me a very quizzical wide-eyed look, and exclaimed: "Your pants?" I replied: "Yeah, sure. They're just a pair of cruddy old jeans."

Several Capable Partners members were already on the fishing pier catching trout. After numerous casts, try as I might, not one bite. Across from me was Mike Hanson; to my left was Lauren, Stan Koich's granddaughter; and to my right was Jeff Jacobson. They were catching fish left and right. Finally, Stan said: "Terrie, when you cast out just let the bobber sit, we are not trolling here. And switch to the wax worms instead of the earthworms." His advice was wonderful! I got all kinds of bites, but couldn't land a fish. It was great seeing the excitement watching others catch their prizes and I was quick to be there to snap their pictures, but the trout were wiggly little buggers and often wouldn't hold still for the shot.

I was thankful for Jerry's patience as he constantly untangled my fishing line; but even more thankful for some advice he shared with me that he had gotten from Tom Joerndt. "You need to squeeze your



hook because it is oversized and the trout can't grab it." I borrowed a needle-nose pliers, squeezed, and voila, got the thrill of hooking a trout on my very next cast! Yes, they flip and flop once caught, and not only are they slippery, they are SLIMEY! Stan piped in: "Here, Terrie, use my towel to grab him." Towel? Ah, towel! Now I understood Melissa's curious look.

I admired its iridescent colors and realized why they are called 'rainbow trout'! I gently carried the fish and my pole over to the DNR volunteers that were cleaning the fish and cautioned them that the fish had swallowed the hook. Feeling sorry for the little guy, I was confident they would skillfully remove the hook. I gingerly handed them the fish, and 'WHACK', off went its head. I jumped back in surprise. One chuckled and said: "Today's not 'catch and release' day."



Terrie and Jerry Schrank



Becky and Evan Newton before and after fishing



Stan Koich, Lauren, Kristen and Joe LaJeunesse



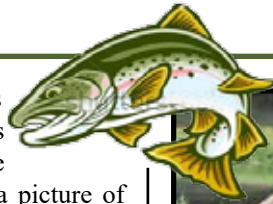
While trying to fish, co-coordinator Evan Newton was keeping us all entertained with his optimism and it was fun seeing his wife, Becky, arrive after a brisk bike ride of 30 miles on the area's wonderful trails. I snapped a picture of them prior to Becky's heading to the campground shower, and took another of them upon her return. They make a cute couple.

Tom Scheunemann commented: "Terrie, the next fish I catch is yours." And it was! Not to be outdone by his brother, Steve said: "Here Terrie, take my pole, it's your fish. There's already one on, so just reel it in!" He handed me his pole, but I couldn't reel it in for the life of me. The fish was weaving frantically back and forth threatening to interfere with several other anglers' lines. Steve encouraged me: "You can do this!" He finally looked away from the fish and glanced at me and immediately said: "Terrie, you're holding my pole upside down! Flip it over." With that misunderstanding fixed, I landed my second fish. Who knew some reels are on top of the rod, and some are mounted below? Thanks again, village!

Jerry was busy helping others with bait, casting, whatever needed being done, and getting a line in when able. He finally nabbed a nice one, but as it neared the pier and Lauren tried to grab it with the net, it broke free from the hook and took off. So close and yet...

After a wonderful picnic lunch with incredible barbecued ribs, we still went home with three trout apiece thanks to the generosity of other CP members who were wily enough to catch more than their own share of a five trout limit. Thanks to Melissa from the Minnesota DNR, Evan and Kerry Sobieck for coordinating this great event. I will be back next year, and maybe even mentoring another newbie to the world of trout fishing. For sure I will have towels!!!

PS – As I am finishing writing this article Jerry just finished making me a wonderful fresh trout omelet for breakfast. Delicious!



Terrie Schrank



Jeff Jacobson, Tom & Steve Scheunemann, Susan, Mike Hanson



DNR employees cleaning fish



Lanesboro Trout Fishing



Corbin



Susan



Tom and Lynn Joerndt

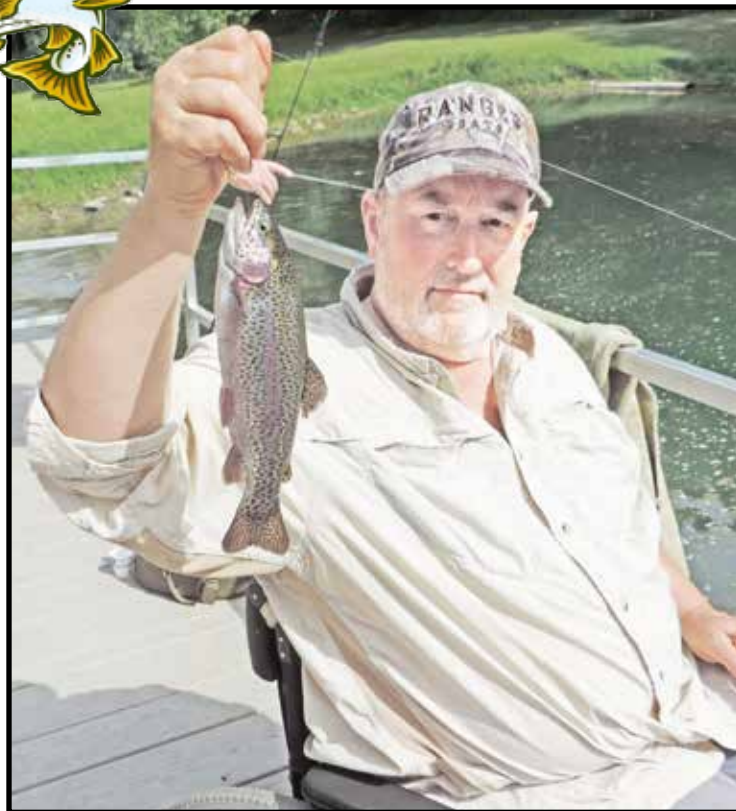


Lauren

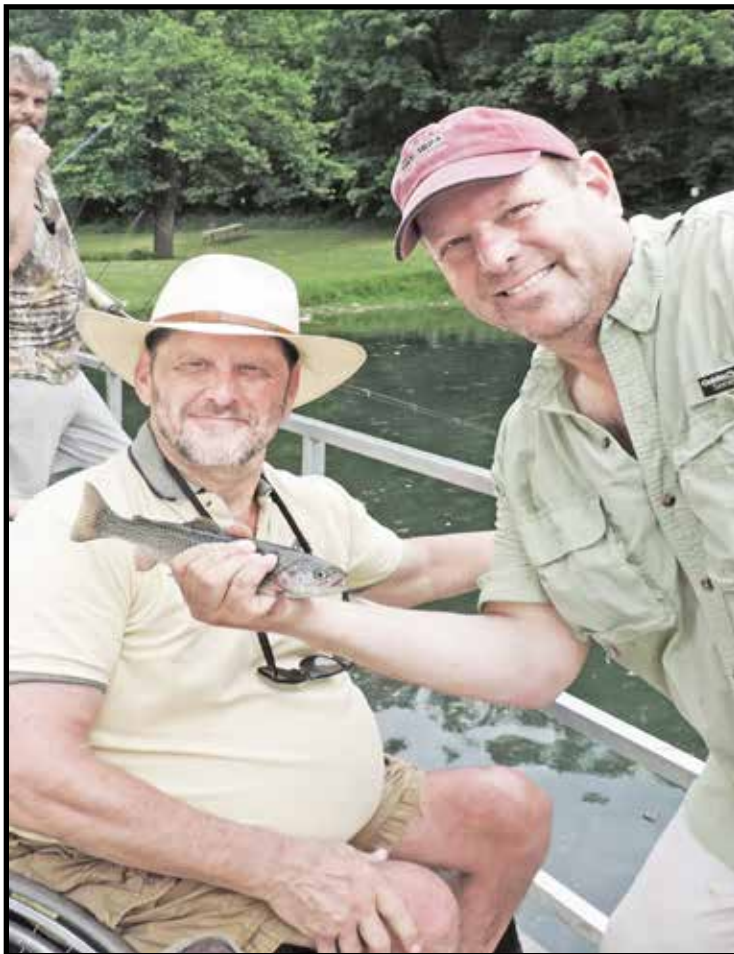




Frank Walther and Jack



Stan Koich



Steve and Tom Scheunemann



Jeff Jacobson



Lake Mille Lacs

Story & Photos by Jeff Jacobson Co-Coordinator
Photos by Violet Foster Coordinator

We had four fishing trips planned for Mille Lacs this year, with two in the morning (July and September) and two in the evening (June and August). Unfortunately, with the low water conditions we had to cancel our September trip. Nitti's Hunters Point resort has two 52-foot launches on pontoons that would have been impossible to take out of the water with the water level's continuing to drop.

The pontoon launches are easy for wheelchair users to get on and off and move around while out on the water. You need to have your MN fishing license, but fishing equipment and bait are provided. We usually grill up some brats or hamburgers while on the boat.

We made three trips in 2021. Each time out on the big lake, we were filled up with members enjoying fishing for walleyes or smallmouth bass. Most of the walleyes caught were in the 16 to 20-inch range. The biggest walleye this year was 23 inches long.

Thanks to Violet Foster for coordinating our Mille Lacs trips for another great year!



Rick Lawson with a nice walleye



Jackson Trobaugh with a walleye



Bob Alexander with the largest walleye



Linda Breen with a big walleye





Member with a nice walleye



Terry Hanson with a good walleye



Scott Poehler with a fine walleye



James Lawson Jr. with a walleye



Keli Thornton with a good smallmouth bass



Major Ave Spring Pheasant Shoot

Story by Greg Hance Coordinator
Photos by Chad Fix and Mark & Scot Bowman

The annual spring pheasant shoot at Major Avenue was March 26, and as every year we can only keep our fingers crossed that the weather cooperates with a warm sunny day and no wind. We were not that lucky this year; the temp was going to be a high of 28 degrees and wow! Was it windy!

There was still a great turnout, with 29 members eager to knock the winter rust off their shooting. Surprisingly, members shot well with some birds doing “Mach one” with the wind, and the disadvantage of wearing extra warm clothing. There were 125 birds released and 84 were harvested.

Since the pandemic, the hunters have sorely missed the part where everyone meets for lunch, being able to chat and enjoy each other’s company.

Our helpers were fantastic as always, with Jerry and Laure Zumbusch and Nick Sjolín shuttling shooters to stations. Dog handlers: Chad Fix with Jacie, Mark Bowman with Sarge, Nick Sjolín with Drake, Tom Scheunemann with Zephyr and Joe Yaritz with Xena. Jerry Schrank provided a wonderful lunch.



Greg Hance with five great roosters



Frank Walther holding two big roosters



Members having success shooting



Nate Sjolín setup to shoot from trailer





Craig Simpson, Scot Bowman and Sarge



Members loaded to go to shooting blinds



Laure & Jerry Zumbusch and Stan Koich



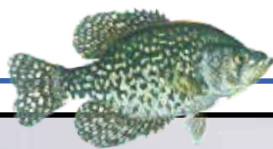
Jacie with a nice rooster retrieve



Members having success shooting



Rainy Lake



An awesome cooler full of Rainy Lake fish



Lloyd Fjare, Linda Breen and Graham Hendrickson



Graham Hendrickson with a great walleye





Linda Breen with a long walleye



Terry Riemersma with a big walleye



Llyod Fjare with a nice walleye



Linda Breen with thick walleye



Frank Walther with a good walleye



Rainy Lake



Frank Walther with a great walleye



Jesse Smith with a nice walleye



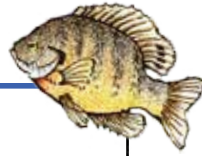
Darren Dorn with a big walleye



Nate Sjolín with a large northern



Lake Minnetonka



Story & Photos by Laurel Bauer
Photo by Rockvram Boat Yard

All the members arrived early in the morning at Rockvram Boat Yard on Lake Minnetonka. Three rented pontoons were loaded and heading to our normal favorite spots. Members were ready and fishing by 9 am. The sun was shining and the waters smooth with a slight breeze. We baited our hooks and all the anglers were successful in reeling in many bluegills, crappies and largemouth bass.

It was a fun day fishing for sure. Back on shore, we enjoyed some mighty tasty meals. As per tradition, our lovely ladies, Sandy Korlath and Judy Hildman, met us at the beach with sub sandwiches and homemade goodies.

I would like to thank Dave Heidtke for coordinating, the pontoon captains for guiding, and Sandy Korlath and Judy Hildman for lunch.



Rockvram dock assistant



Brigitte Kurkowski



Frank Walther



Dave Heidtke coordinator



Lanesboro Trout Fishing 2003-2005



Photos by Earl Vraa

Capable Partners was lucky to have Earl Vraa save and send these photos from 2003 & 2005 Lanesboro trout fishing.

Thank you Earl for a look back at some great memories.



Tim Vraa and Sable



Group photo from 2003



Front: Jerry & Violet Foster and Scott Lehman



Dave Heidtke



Left: Frank Walther, Dave Heidtke, Terry Hanson and Don Johnson





Don Johnson



Minnesota Fish & Wildlife staff Steve Erickson and Jeff



Rick McCoy



Mike and Dan Cornick



Frank Walther



Jim Vorderbruggen



ATV Ride

Story and Photos by Ken Johnson
Photos by Darren Dorn

It was a great day to be out. No dust on August 7th, 2021. Of course it was because of the rain, but the rain was not falling hard, so the 13 of us went for a ride! All the water holes were very low, but plenty of water on the trails to get us good and muddy. Even our fearless leader Darren Dorn found a huge hole to get stuck in. We took our time trying out anything that looked like fun. By the time we ended, the rain had ended and we went back to the Drift Skippers shop for lunch.

As always lots of people helped with the lunch of grilled hamburgers, brats, and hotdogs. There was plenty of chips, pop, and dessert for all. Thanks to all that helped with cooking and cleaning! Thank you to Drift Skippers, Les Pins, and Dave Ice for helping and hosting us.

We didn't have Leo's South this year, because there were not enough people that needed a ride or machine, but they were ready to jump in and help if there was a need.

I am stepping down as coordinator, but I personally want to thank everyone for making my coordinating and riding with Capable Partners so much fun!

Thanks

Ken Johnson



Ken Johnson coordinator



Members taking a brake after enjoying fantastic trails



Three years of collectible ride bandanas





Members liking no dust while riding in gravel pit



Members successfully traveling through large water hole



Darren Dorn with water and mud over fenders gets stuck



Game Fair

Story and Photos by Terrie Schrank Photos by Game Fair

Loral I and Chuck Delaney started the Armstrong Kennels Game Fair in 1982. It's a sporting and outdoor event for the whole family, and we mean the WHOLE family. It is true what Capable Partners (CP) member Violet Foster said a few years ago, "The Game Fair is a place where you see every dog imaginable." I had the pleasure of volunteering there several days this past year and not only is it a fact, it is a fun fact.

It is wonderful that people bring their dogs, but even more so that they can enter them in a variety of competitive events. Darren Dorn, this past year's CP Game Fair coordinator, competed with his handsome yellow lab, Maxus, his loyal companion and hunt buddy in the Bumper Boy, one of the water retrieving events. At the end of the first weekend, after sprinting, swimming and retrieving Maxus was at the top of the leaderboard, by one tenth of a second! It was a joy to all who witnessed their teamwork and dedication to this activity at Game Fair.

Thank you to all CP members and friends who volunteered to help set up, work the booth, solicit donations, sell raffle tickets and answer questions about our organization for curious Game Fair attendees. Thanks to Nate Sjolín for spearheading the successful prize raffle, one of the biggest CP fundraisers of the year. The raffle, which has typically just been guns in the past, reflected the diverse interests of CP members, and others who bought tickets in support of the organization. Along with a variety of guns there was also a nice fishing set-up, a crossbow, and jewelry.

Most of all thanks to Chuck and Loral I Delaney for the great privilege of having this wonderful booth at Game Fair that allows Capable Partners to share their mission of getting the physically challenged out in nature for many, many years. Sadly, Loral I passed away from breast cancer one month after the 2021 Game Fair. We will miss her spirited care and concern for others, her sweet smile and words of encouragement. RIP – Rejoice in Paradise, Loral I.



Chuck and Loral I Delaney



Game Fair raffle items





Dean Clapp, Jeff Jacobson and Paul Johnson



Capable Partners new booth banner



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Maxus, Sara and Darren Dorn



Sand Pine Pheasant Shoot

Story & Photos by Terrie Schrank

On 9/11, proclaimed Patriot Day since 2002, is a solemn day for America. This past Patriot Day, 2021, I still was somber but also excited for the first Capable Partners (CP) Pheasant Shoot at Sand Pine Pheasant Hunting Preserve in Avon, MN.

We had 18 hunters and five dog handlers in a rotation through five of the many blinds situated in hardwood forest, open fields, marsh, hills and an evergreen grove. Each blind held three hunters and 5 birds were released at each station for a total of 125 birds. Not having attended a pheasant shoot before I was delighted at the challenge. Wade Wiebold and Ray Peterson shared the blinds with me. I was thankful Wade, my partner, could load and unload my shells for me. Both guys were good shots. I was elated when I nabbed my first bird coming from some evergreen tops; and amazed at the team work of our dog handler and his German Short Hair.

The last bird I shot was the Sand Pine Trophy Pheasant; a unique dark colored bird with undertones of dark blue ink. My prize for shooting The Trophy was the bird itself for mounting,

and a Sand Pines cap. It being Patriot Day the obvious choice was one with an American flag on it.

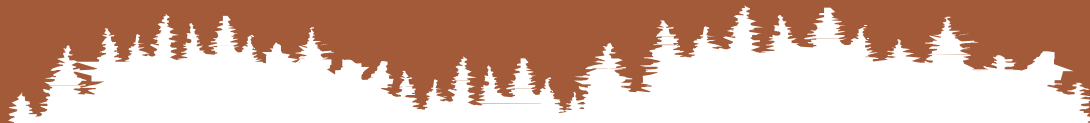
A total of 74 birds were harvested and each hunter was allowed to take home three frozen birds. Big thanks to Dean Clapp who took charge of the event at the last minute for Greg Hance who was recovering from surgery. Thanks to Sand Pine Pheasant owner Keith Sand for a great time and wonderful hospitality; and to their great dog handlers and amazing dogs. Keith is also the Central Minnesota distributor for Action Track Chairs, made in Marshall, MN. He allowed three of our wheelchair-bound members to use demo models for the shoot. Thanks to lunch chef Jerry Schrank for providing a nice after-shoot meal. And a special thanks to all CP members who give their time, talent and treasure to help us disabled folks get out in nature.

A closing thought being the shoot was on Patriot Day: Thanks to all military veterans, especially those who volunteered to join after 9/11/2001; including my daughter, who saw duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. I gifted my Patriot Day Trophy Pheasant to her on Veteran's Day for her many years of post-9/11 service.



A great turnout of members





Ray Peterson, Terrie Schrank with her trophy bird and Wade Wiebold



Chuck Lukkason with shooting boom and Mike Mahoney



Steve and Tom Scheunemann with nice roosters



Stan Koich with two big roosters



Dog handler and pointer



Dean Clapp and Mark Gulbranson



Louie Bernier, Jr.



Marsh Lake Duck Shoot



Story & Photos by Andy Akins Coordinator

Our Marsh Lake Annual Duck shoot took place on Saturday, September 18th, at Marsh Lake Game Preserve in Victoria. The weather was perfect, clear sky, light wind, and around 70 degrees. Twenty-six hunters took part in the hunt.

The way the Marsh Lake shoot works is there are four or five blinds between the duck towers (where the birds are released), and a large pond. The ducks fly from the towers to the pond. Then

This is a great warm-up for the waterfowl hunting season down at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, where one day I had the privilege of joining Rod, Stan, Steve, and Joe on one of my most memorable duck hunts of the season. This was not due to the number of birds we took but a comment one of the hunters made that I will never forget. The hunt took place like many; Joe and I helped get the guys into the layout boats, then we all paddled out into the dark to set up and wait for birds.



A good turnout of Capable Partners members

each of the hunters takes his or her turn in a blind. Each hunter harvested four mallards as they flew past. It is a very realistic and challenging outing. Some of the hunters needed as few as five shots; others may have taken a box of 25 shells or even two.

One can count on a lot of "coaching" from the other hunters who have finished or are waiting their turn. It is important to pay attention as there is a lot of action with the birds flying and dogs making the retrieves. Once everyone has harvested their four birds, we head back for my semi-famous hotdogs, beans, and chips for lunch. Then, everyone takes four cleaned, frozen ducks home to enjoy. The day goes way too fast.

It was a great morning, and after a few hours we decided to call it a day. As we were loading the boats, I learned the value of these simple layout boats. Tears welled up in my eyes as one of the guys told the story of the first time he tried one of these boats for waterfowl hunting. He felt equal to the other hunters, not like someone who uses a wheelchair, and he was free to go out on the lake like everyone else.

Too many times, those with physical disabilities are defined by what they cannot do. We flip it around and define people by what they do. That is the beauty of Capable Partners and what we are all about.



Coordinator Steve and Tom Scheunemann



Cole Clark, Paul Johnson and Kyle Bode





Kyle Bode and Cole Clark



Mike M. and Chuck Lukkason with boom



Shooter Pat Moore



Frank Walther



Paul Johnson



Jerry and Jim Zmbusch



Jerry Zumbusch and Karl Anderson



Josiah and Jim Vorderbruggen



Maxus, Darren and Doug Dorn



Monticello Rod & Gun Club



Story by Jim Vorderbruggen

Photos by Steve Rein & Monticello Rod & Gun Club

After being blessed to coordinate the big game sight-ins for over 20 years, I have handed the torch over to Dean Clapp and Steve Rein, because I will be 87 in 2022. They have helped me the last several years and have done a great job. Gregg Runyon will still be doing his sight-in date and I want to thank Gregg for all the awesome help over the years!

The Monticello Rod & Gun Club was very generous in letting us sight-in all these years, free of charge! They made up some really neat all wheelchair accessible shooting benches for our use and their own. I have always had great help from several Capable Partners and Monticello Rod & Gun Club members, so I wasn't doing it all alone.

Many of you knew Gary, a member from the Monticello Rod & Gun Club who was extremely helpful for all those years. He knew more about guns than most of us and seemed to have every tool needed to adjust scopes and sights. Unfortunately, Gary passed away this past year. He will be deeply missed.

Every Fall for three different dates, Monticello Rod & Gun Club has graciously allowed Capable Partners members to sight-in their weapons. Monticello Rod & Gun Club offers two 50-yard ranges, one 100-yard range, trap shooting leagues, defense pistol & carbine leagues, youth firearm safety training, and an archery range. Sighting-in also allows the coordinator to evaluate whether members can safely handle their weapons and ethically harvest game each year.

In 2021 Capable Partners awarded Monticello Rod & Gun Club a plaque of appreciation.



Coordinator Jim V. with first places team sporting clays



Coordinator Gregg R. and shooter Steve S.



Coordinators Dean C. & Steve R. filling out proficiency shooting cards





Coordinator Gregg Runyon and members sighting in weapons



Coordinator Jim V. and shooters back: Mike P. and Craig S.



THE GALLERY



Steve Rein MN Whitetail



Stan Koich MN Sand Hill Crane



Emery Balts MN 40" Northern



Pat Kellin Two NE Merriam Turkeys



Karl Anderson MN Black Bear



Nate Sjolín MN River Walleye



Jerry Zumbusch MN Crappies



Paul Anderson WY Whitetail



Lee & Reese Zeman MN Eastern Turkey

THE GALLERY



Jeff Anschutz MN Eastern Turkey



Karl Anderson MN Crappies



Kent Dirks WI Whitetail



Leon Sparrowgrove WY Whitetail



Lee Zeman WI 27 lbs King Salmon



Scot Bowman MN Eastern Turkey



Greg Scollard SD Merriam Turkey



Pat Kellin MN Whitetail



Stan Koich Lake Trout Lake Michigan

LQP Deer Hunt



Dean Petersen, Nate Sjolín, George Bruhn, Jr. and Lance Tebben

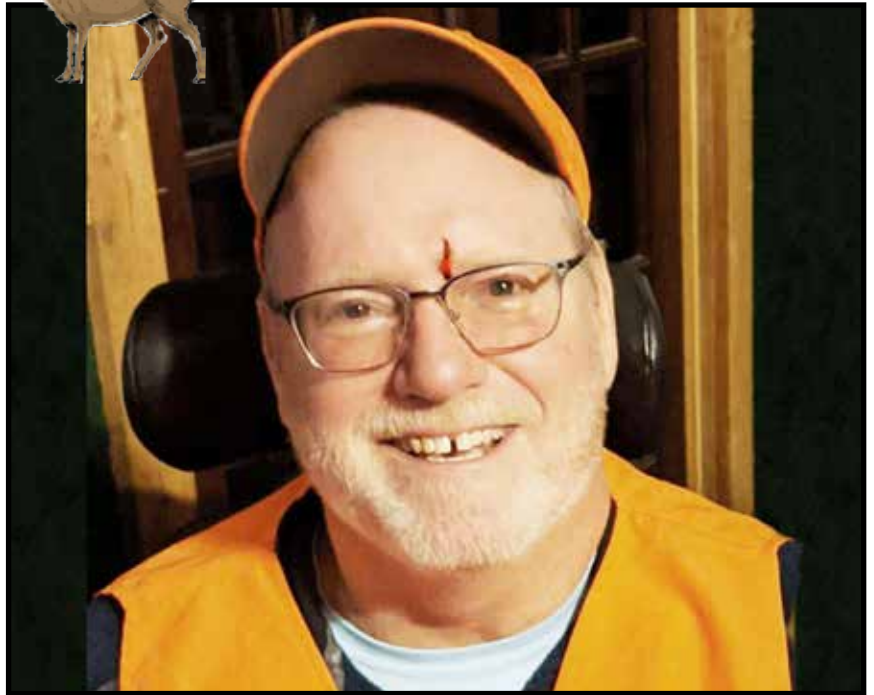


Lance Tebben with a nice 8-pt buck





Evan Newton with a wide 9-pt



Evan with his forehead too close to scope



Bob Hagen with a long tine 8-pt buck



Nate and Ed Sjolín with Nate's harvest of a doe and buck



The Time Has Arrived

Story & Photos by Jennifer Skiff

The time has arrived. The last pass has been made with the house sitter, the checklist has been written, and each item checked. The van is packed; I'm loaded and tied down; Joel is seated and belted in; the gas tank is full; and snacks and beverages are within reach. My able-bodied helper (AB) and his wife have left hours ago with all the equipment needed for the hunt and camping in the fifth wheel trailer; firearms, ammo, knives, coolers, food, and the hardware for my chair that Joel had made over the summer for the 20 gauge he customized. I was serious this year.



Jennifer Skiff with her spike buck



Last year was my first year in a long time back in the field. It felt wonderful just to be out in the early morning, hearing the world wake up in the misty, damp, long shore of the island. I saw a lot of deer but was never close enough to fire my crossbow. I was in the wrong blind for using a crossbow. We hunted all ten days but came home with as many deer as we left with, zero.

This year I was happy I drew blind nine again. I was familiar with the lay of the land around blind nine on the east side of Rosemoen island, where Capable Partners' members are the only people allowed to hunt. I had a slight advantage over last year, because I knew where the deer trails were and how the deer traveled, where they dipped and where they reappeared. I knew about the failed goose habitat and how tight they bedded.

Saturday morning was a homecoming for my heart. Just before the official sunrise, by about an hour, the does and their fawns were out in the alfalfa field eating, stretching their legs, and romping. The pheasants broke at sunrise and were escorted by the Lord Rooster to the feeding grounds across the road in the hay field. Deer aunts and cousins were all catching up on the latest gossip all about 250+ yards away from where I sat. They kept their distance all morning, even as they gathered up and headed home for a nice mid-day nap. 9:00 a.m. arrived and the morning session on day one was over. I still had all my ammo. I would try to lose one or two shells in the evening hunt... An evening shot was not to be. Saturday closed and I had no trophy to show for day one.

Sunday morning was another beautiful, crisp morning. In other words, it was cold, but I was prepared. This morning, Joel decided he wanted to come out and sit with me in the blind. Brent, my AB, waited back at the gate and helped there. He would come out at 9:00 to help me if we had any success during the morning session. There was a lot more movement the second day. The hunters' presence was being felt by the deer on the sanctuary island.

I was facing southeast out of blind nine. When a young deer was cautiously breaking trail heading northeast, I spotted it but it was listening behind it. It turned to look behind itself, and stood about 80 yards out. I'm thinking at the time "ah, good no horns, a doe, perfect." I lined up my sights just above the heart. At that distance, my slug will hit almost exactly where I'm aimed. I had spent the summer studying trajectory charts and statistics that Joel had been explaining to me regarding ammo.

I fired, she jumped back, and then bolted forward into the failed goose habitat. I could not tell if it was her, some does that were bedded, or everyone all together that left and headed south to the grove on the south edge of this glen. This was about 7:30. After all the commotion calmed down, five more bucks passed by on the trail the "doe" I had shot was blazing. A fork horn, a 6-pt, an 8-pt and a 10-pt. I was amazed at the neck on the 10-pt. He was really tall and thick compared to the other four. A bachelor herd was something I'd never seen before.



We called Brent about 8:45 and asked him to prep his field dressing kit in case he found this “doe” I’d shot. He arrived at 9:05, tracking boots, coveralls, gloves and knives at the ready. He started at the point of impact and walked about 50 yards. There HE had dropped. What?! HE? No, you must be mistaken! The deer I shot didn’t have any horns. Ask Joel, he’ll confirm it. That must be someone else’s.

“Did you see anyone else out here, did anyone else drive through while you were here?” asked Brent. “Noooo.” “Well then, this deer is warm, freshly killed, has jewels, and a set of ANTLERS not horns. I believe this is the deer you shot about 90 minutes ago. There is a hole through and through in the chest cavity matching the description of your shot. I’m pretty certain this is your kill. You probably just couldn’t see the antlers in the morning light and the ears were covering them up.

Monday morning on the way to the island my husband, refusing to being restricted to the sidelines during the hunt, decided to get his buck the good old-fashioned way, with the van. He managed to take down a 6-pt buck at 5:00 a.m. on our way to the island. Last year I was asked if I had ever gotten a deer before. I didn’t get to answer that question at the time, but I had an answer prepared. This is that answer. “Oh, why yes. I’ve gotten many deer in my lifetime. I may not have had a deer hunting license, some of them may have been out of season, my insurance man did not approve, and it was an expensive way to put meat in the freezer.”

My final tag for the hunt was filled Tuesday evening when a mature doe was out with a group of does feeding across in the alfalfa fields. It was getting down to the wire. I only had about 20 minutes left of the session, and they were meandering about. They began coming closer to the road in a very zig-zaggy manner. Brent checking the range finder, calling out yardages, me replying, “nope still too far, still...still...still...136 yards...126?...121?”

“I have her in the open, she’s just standing there... (remember the trajectory charts for my 20 gauge slug... think, think, think! beyond 100 yds...rate of drop per 10 yards distance...think, think...hold high 1.5”) Fire!” and she dropped where she stood. Success. Session over, my tags filled.

This was an unbelievable year. I never would have had this experience if it had not been for the efforts and work put forth by Joel, Brent and the volunteers of Capable Partners.

Again, thank you for making my dreams capable of happening.



Brent Haug and Jennifer Skiff with her big doe



Damage to the Skiff’s van from hitting a buck



Dakota County Deer Hunt

Story & Photo by Gregg Runyon Coordinator

We had the September weekend hunt with hot and windy conditions. We had COVID-19 and CWD to deal with. Hunters met in the parking lot. They had to bring their deer in to skin and quarter them if they were leaving the Vermillion area. We had volunteers that were there to help hunters and their helpers to do the processing. This somehow got mixed up, and our volunteers ended up doing most of the work again. We need to have the hunters' helpers step up and help with the processing.

Hunters harvested three bucks during the early season: Jim Hamlin 4-pt, Ken Johnson 5-pt and Glenn Picha a nice 7-pt. We did the late October hunt with the same wind, which meant deer were just not moving much. Hunters harvested five deer for this weekend. Terri Shrank shot two does, Curt Furrow got a doe, I harvested a 5-pt, and Mike Hanson shot a fork horn. It was a tough hunt, and we really worked the volunteers again.

Thanks to Bob Fashingbauer and his crew for all his help getting this deer hunt. Thanks to all the other volunteers! We hope to see you all again next year.



Gregg Runyon with a heavy 5-pt buck



Mike Hanson with a nice forkhorn buck



Wade Wiebold and Terrie Shrank with a big doe





Glenn Picha with a good 7-pt



Evan Newton and Craig Weiss



Ken Johnson with a big 5-pt buck and Bob Fashingbauer



Bob Fashingbauer, Jerry George and volunteer



Carlos Avery Hunt

Story & Photo by Gregg Runyon Coordinator
Photo by Dean Clapp

The October deer hunt at Carlos Avery opened with the same problem we had at the Vermillion Dakota County deer hunt, WIND! We hunted hard and took four deer. Barry Hite started us off with a nice 8-pt buck. We had an issue tracking it with the rain and darkness. We found it the next morning and it was still good. So, we called Barry and had him drive back down to pick up his deer.

Dean Clapp harvested a spike buck, while Dave Martti and Terry Oakes each harvested big does. We had a couple of deer down at the same time. So, we called Darren, a volunteer who lives about ten minutes from Carlos Avery, to come give us a hand. He said he would be right over. Five minutes later, I got a call from Darren, and he said he wasn't going to be able to make it. He had hit a doe with his new truck and was trying to make it back home. The front end of his truck was heavily damaged.

With the dry summer we had, the deer changed their patterns. Stands where we have seen deer in previous years, we didn't see anything. However, I shot and hit a nice buck! We tracked it for hours. it was able to go north out into the swamp, because it was so dry. We finally had to give up. We just lost the trail. We went back out to search the next morning for a couple of hours, but still couldn't find it.

Thanks, guys, for all the work. Thanks to the Carlos Avery crew and the volunteers for all their help again this year.



John, Dean Clapp with his spike buck



Bedded doe



Photo of Darren's deer damage on truck



My Surprise Buck



Story & Photos by Gregg Runyon

I was pretty bummed when we couldn't find the buck I had shot during the Carlos Avery hunt earlier in the season. Now at the Dakota County deer hunt in October 2021, all the hunters were assigned stands. The elevator stand, which can elevate to 10 feet up, remained open. I asked if anybody else wanted to hunt it, and everyone liked the stands they were going to. So, I decided to go hunt the elevator. I got all set up, facing the direction I was told they had seen deer come out from. After an hour or so, I noticed something out of the corner of my eye. It was a deer on the wrong side of the elevator, surprise!

I needed to move to get a shot out the window on the other side of the stand. I was just about set up, so I looked over the side of the elevator, which was up over 10 feet off the ground. There he was, a nice buck on the front side of the stand now looking right at me, surprise! I had to move back a couple feet, and he heard me move. The buck took off up the hill, surprise! So, I moved quickly now to get on him. I whistled and the 3rd time he stopped and quartered toward me, surprise! I was on him with my muzzleloader. I fired, the buck stumbled, and took off.

The wind was just right, it blew the smoke out of the stand, and I could see the buck was hit hard. I was able to see where it went for once, surprise! I usually can only tell the trackers where it was standing, but I was able to tell the trackers where it ran, surprise! I called the trackers, who said they were looking for another deer and would be there as soon as they could. So I waited, going over the shot in my mind and remembered it was a nice 6-pt buck.

About that time, Jerry George and Trapper Bob came down the hill. The first thing Jerry said was you should have waited, they jumped a couple more bucks as they drove in, surprise! I told them it went down in the little gravel pit about 75 yards from where I shot it. I didn't know there were two little gravel pits. Once I had them to the correct one, they found my buck.

They brought it up to the stand. It was a big bodied deer and a 5-pt, not a 6-pt, as I had thought, surprise! We loaded the deer up and processed it back at the headquarters. Because of the CWD Management zone, we had to quarter the deer up and remove the head. I decided to have Bob Fashingbauer have the beetles do their work and clean up the skull for a European mount. When the skull was ready, Bob and his daughter Lucy decided to give me another surprise! Lucy painted up the skull so yes, my deer is a true American Whitetail, surprise!

Thanks, Lucy, great job!



Gregg Runyon with his nice 5-pt buck

MN Valley Archery Hunt

Story & Photo by Evan Newton

Our most unrelenting deer hunter for the last few years, Jason Sorenson, got a big whitetail buck again! Our 40 visits this year was average, while we had eleven hunters visit the MN Valley. Jason took his 10-point buck in December at Long Meadow Lake, our most visited of the three sites we have in the MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge stretching from Carver to Bloomington.

Jason uses a crossbow that he is still getting comfortable with. In early November, he was hunting at Long Meadow Lake and took a shot at a buck with a bigger rack. The deer survived and he saw it again in early December with no sign of injury. He also hunted Bloomington Ferry, where he saw a buck with a rope (clothesline?) tangled in its antlers and being dragged behind it.

The weather was easy on us this year. The roads were in great condition because there was no spring flood nor fall flood. Lowered mini-vans were able to easily navigate all three locations. I hunted in early November and remember a warm, sunny day, sitting on the elevated ramp with a blind on it. While I didn't see any deer within range, I saw and heard trumpeter swans on Long Meadow Lake.



Jason Sorenson



Becklin Homestead Deer

Story & Photos by Jeff Jacobson Coordinator

At the Becklin Homestead County Park/WMA deer hunt near Cambridge, we had a great turn-out this year. On October 7th, 13 hunters attended our mandatory pre-hunt meeting, which included several new people attending. This is Capable Partners' only deer hunt where we can use rifles. The other organized hunts are in the zones of the state where shotguns are used. We plan this hunt in coordination with Isanti County Parks and DNR to take place prior to the regular gun deer season in order to make sure we have plenty deer hunting volunteers.

On opening weekend, October 23 and 24, all seven box blinds were full. Three deer were harvested Saturday and two on Sunday. Everyone saw deer all week. In all, six deer were harvested during this year's hunt. From the reports I received, it sounded like everyone had a good time. I'm looking forward to trying to improve the experience and opening up some different areas in the next few years working with our agency partners.



Julie Avery with a nice 5-pt buck



Todd Thornton with a big doe



Dan Petersen with a great 8-pt buck



Bob Alexander with a nice doe





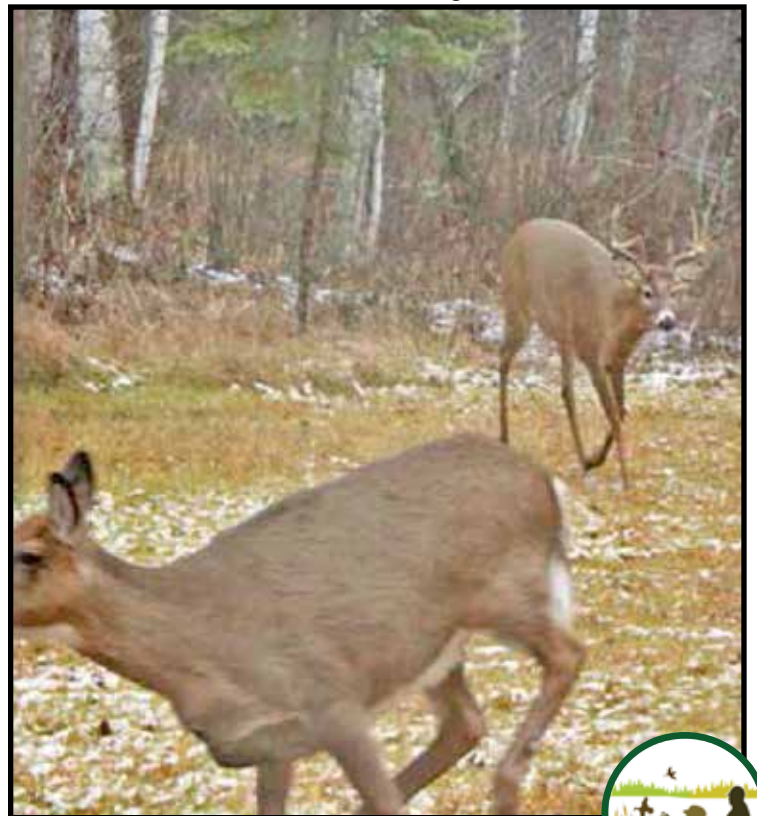
Scott and Nick Linder with a nice 8-pt buck



Carlos Martinez with a great doe



View from blind five



The rut is on



MN Valley NWR Duck Hunting



Story & Photos by Chad Fix Waterfowl Coordinator

It was 10:55 a.m. when I rolled in to see Brian Anderson already on The Point, breaking ice. We'd spend the next hour punching through arguably the most challenging 20x20 yard hole we both have ever dealt with. Today was the last day of the 2022 season, and we'd be damned to not give the hunters coming out that day one last glimpse of the migration.

After setting a decoy spread for them, we sped over to Blue Lake to clean up as much of our gear as possible. A lone mallard stood on ice in the western bay – just 20 yards from it was a blind and sheathing that was used by Rob Klett's group the week prior: it was the first-time track chairs were deployed to bring our disabled hunters along The Creek.

They shot 33 birds that weekend. I thought to myself, "If the water stays this low next season, track chairs may be just the ticket down there." It certainly would be at the Honey Hole, where that lone mallard flushed up – when he saw us – and casually coasted into a comfy chorus of mallards. We left the Honey Hole unmolested; there was too much left to do at Blue.

We got to talking about the promising opportunities on this western side while carrying the sheathing up The Creek. Four drakes flushed up at our put-in spot – something I hadn't seen in three years. This is where we originally considered to be the furthest we could get the disabled hunters (how times have changed!).

"Well, I guess we can notch this as another still, huh?" Brian rhetorically claimed.

"You bet...now let's head over to The Woodie haven, due east." I answered.

Rolling slowly down the trail that runs parallel with Blue's southern shore, I glanced over to The Beaver Lodge where a group shot 31 birds on opening morning. Eighty yards further east I smiled at the spot Rod Guthier, Steve Scheunemann, Frank Walther, Paul Johnson, and I were nearly marooned on an early October hunt; the water had dropped nearly a foot in an hour and a half, leaving us with inches to paddle in. Paul walked one of the disabled hunters all the way back a quarter of a mile because it was just too hard to paddle. We call the mud in Rice and Blue "cardiac mud" for good reason – it'll jolt your heart rate from 70 to 170 bpm in about 10 of the stickiest steps one could only imagine. I hope to never forget seeing how massive Paul's "heart" is with each agonizing step to the Goldeneye Blind.

It was there Brian and I cleaned up the area a bit – it served as a great launching spot for kayaks, so naturally there was some gear left that we had used to safely drag out the kayaks after a hunt. Eighty yards further was where some more supplies leaned neatly along various trees. Each 4x8 foot plywood sheet picked up and loaded into the trucks later reminded me more and more of the hunt on Opener.

We knew we weren't going to shoot much that morning, but it was Opener. And it was fantastic company; there wasn't a single minute that passed where conversation among Craig Simpson, Mike Willenbring, Dan Willenbring, and my Old Man was omitted. Some would scorn all the chatter, but none of us seemed to mind a bit while two up and coming pups (Sarge, Craig Simpson's chocolate lab and Kylie, my Old Man's golden) eagerly scanned the skies as hundreds of birds zipped by us just out of range. The few that didn't, met their demise – including a Canada goose that became Sarge's first retrieve.



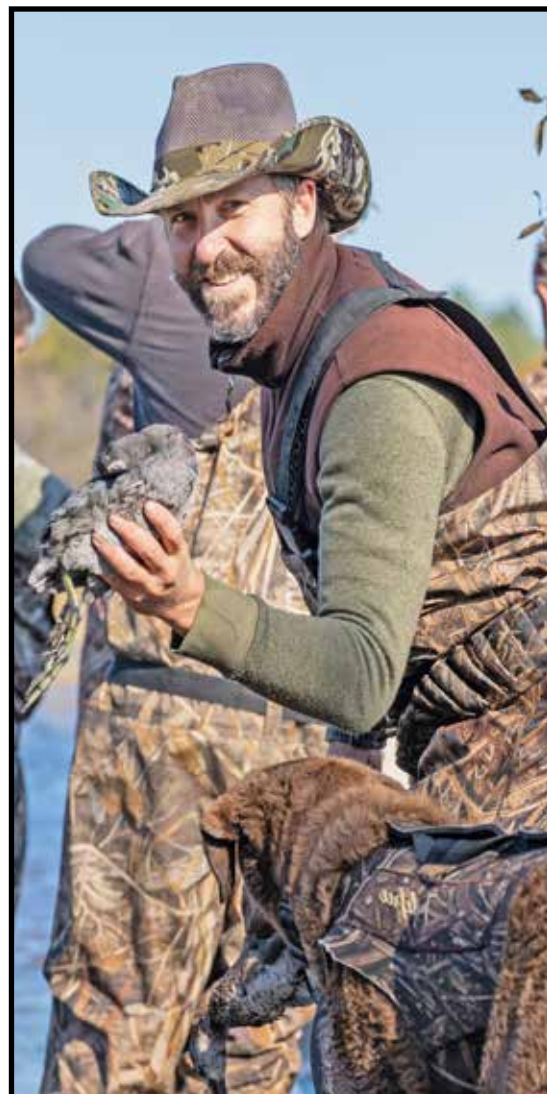
Sarge's first waterfowl retrieve

When it comes to demise, as much as has been shared about the memories at Blue Lake, most of the birds killed last season were at Rice – the destination Brian and I were heading to after filling both of our truck beds with plywood from Blue. It was there where our armada of kayaks was stored. Most, thinking of Rice, would question why we stored eight kayaks; hunting there has essentially only been in blinds on The Point.

Not last year. Aside from the last week of the season when the lake was frozen, all 15 hunts took place in kayaks (donated by MN SCI) in various locations where hunters could tuck in vegetation and averaged shooting ten birds per hunt. The most memorable bird was one of the most beautiful drake wigeons I've seen in my life – shot by Steve Scheunemann.

Coincidentally, Brian and I were both the able bodies that fine morning. "Remember when I ripped a 4-inch hole in my waders?" I asked him as we were unloading the plywood sheathing at Rice. "Yeah, remember I went over my waders because the kayak you were supposed to control put me off balance after picking up the ten dozen decoys you put out?" he joked. "It wouldn't have been right if it were just me coming out of that hunt without a bath."





Steve Scheunemann, Jacie, Chad Fix Back: Tom Scheunemann, and Ryan Klett
Yes, Chad is down to his long underwear in this photo.

Rob Klett

Thankfully, Steve Scheunemann had his drake wigeon in safe-keeping by then. Also in safe keeping was a drake mallard set aside from the small piles of other mallards behind the blind that Brian and I approached.

“Looks like you fellas are having a fun little shoot!” I exclaimed to the hunters in the blind. “Yeah, there’s a drake mallard I shot that I’d like to put on the wall,” Dan Peterson replied. “Awesome...nothing like a dandy of a keepsake to remind you, huh?” I responded.

The guys all agreed and went about watching the spectacle in front of us as hundreds of mallards and geese poured into the lake just as the sun set on the horizon of a truly memorable season. In all, 400 birds were killed by our hunters – some of our old standbys and some brand new faces (which we love to see as well!).

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Zephyr waiting for a retrieve



MN Valley NWR Duck Hunting



Thank you so much to all hunters that came out to utilize such a privileged resource that the US Fish & Wildlife grants us access to. Thanks to MN Safari Club International for the kayaks, which have completely changed our approach. We also wanted to thank our donors and supporters who help us give our disabled members world-class hunting experiences. We also wanted to thank our able-bodied volunteers and pups that poured their heart and soul (and plenty of calories!) into each hunt – we couldn't have done it without you.



Front: Xena, Dan Left: Joe, Chris, Rob and Matthew



Joe Yaritz, Xena, Chuck Zumbusch, Nate Sjolín and Dave Zumbusch



Nate, Jeff, Darrin, Jim, Darren, Dan and Mike



Rod, Tom, Zephyr, Sophie, Frank, Steve Back: Travis and Dave



Rob Klett and Leo



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2022 Calendar of Events

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March 2022			
March 12	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 27, 2022 No meals purchased at door	Evan Newton	952-831-6758
March 26	Pheasant Shoot at 9:00 am at Major Ave Glencoe, MN, able-bodied can shoot Must wear orange and safety glasses. Hearing protection is suggested	Greg Hance	763-258-4293
April			
April 2	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 Carlos Avery State WMA Blinds Available Columbus, MN	Call Refuge	651-296-5290
	Turkey Hunting at Becklin Homestead County Park / WMA Cambridge, MN	Jeff Jacobson	612-412-2957
	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 8	Mark Ryan Turkey Shoot at LeBlanc's Rice Creek Hunting Little Falls, MN No Phone Calls Until April 1, able-bodied can shoot. \$35 per shooter	Gregg Runyon	763-267-7271
May 21	Lake Mille Lacs Fishing 4pm - 10pm 6 hours Nitti's Hunters Point Isle, MN	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
June			
June 4	Fishing at Knotty Oar on pontoons Prior Lake, MN With the Prior Lake Sportmen's Club providing poles, and bait.	Brigitte Kurkowski	651-734-8961
June 10	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 12	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 18	Lake Mille Lacs Fishing 4pm - 10pm 6 hours Nitti's Hunters Point Isle, MN	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
July			
July TBA	Picnic at TBA	Nate Sjolín	763-286-9086
August			
August 3	Lake Pulaski Fishing at Griffing Park Buffalo, MN	Jim Zumbusch	612-718-1715
August TBA	ATV Ride at Isle, MN Bring your own machine or rides available Sponsored by Leo's South	TBA	000-000-0000
August 10	Lake Minnetonka Fishing at Rockvam Boat Yard Spring Park, MN	Dave Heidtke	763-535-2718
August 12 - 14 & 19 - 21	Booth Game Fair Ramsey, MN A great opportunity to help Capable Partners and attend for free	Jerry Schrank	952-913-7044
August 20	Lake Mille Lacs Fishing 4pm - 10pm 6 hours Nitti's Hunters Point Isle, MN	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
August 23	Sight - in all weapons at Monticello Rod and Gun Club Monticello, MN Qualify for big game hunts (Rifle, Slug gun, Muzzel loader & Archery) 3 to 7	Jim Vorderbruggen Dean Clapp	763-497-3330 763-856-2946
August 30	Sight - in all weapons at Monticello Rod and Gun Club Monticello, MN Qualify for big game hunts (Rifle, Slug gun, Muzzel loader & Archery) 3 to 7	Jim Vorderbruggen Dean Clapp	763-497-3330 763-856-2946
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September 17	Duck Shoot at Marsh Lake Hunting Preserve Victoria, MN	Steve Scheunemann Andy Akins	612-597-4487 612-868-4587
Sept 17 - Oct 16	Archery Deer Hunt at Becklin Cambridge, MN (closed during gun season)	Jeff Jacobson	612-412-2957
Archery Deer Season Sept 17 - 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
Sept 17 - Dec 31	Sherburne NWR Zimmerman, MN (closed during gun season)	Steve Rein	320-293-6366
Sept 17 - 18	Vermillion Dakota County Deer Hunt Morning & Evening Rosemount, MN Rob Klett 612-590-1221	Gregg Runyon	763-267-7271
Sept - TBA	MNRV Waterfowl Hunting	Steve Scheunemann Chad Fix Greg Hance	952-597-4487 763-229-1719 763-258-4293
Sept - TBA	Waterfowl Hunting at Carlos Avery WMA Columbus, MN	Chad Fix	763-229-1719
Sept - TBA	Waterfowl Hunting at Sherburne NWR Zimmerman, MN	Dean Clapp	763-856-2946
September 28	Sight - in all weapons at Monticello Rod and Gun Club Monticello, MN Qualify for big game hunts (Rifle, Slug gun, Muzzel loader & Archery) 3 to 7	Gregg Runyon	763-267-7271
October			
October 3	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	763-267-7271
October 6	Becklin Homestead Hunt Meeting 6:00pm location TBA Attending meeting and showing sight - in target mandatory to hunt	Jeff Jacobson	612-412-2957
October 8 - 16	Lac qui Parle Deer Hunt at Lac qui Parle WMA Watson, MN Contact Lance by July 15, 2022 to get into blind drawing for first weekend	Lance Tebben Dean Petersen	320-321-3158 612-388-0156
October 8 - 16	Deer Hunt EVENING ONLY at Carlos Avery State WMA Columbus, MN	Gregg Runyon	763-267-7271
October 22 - 23	Deer Hunt at Dakota Co. Morning & Evening Rosemount, MN	Gregg Runyon	763-267-7271
Oct 22 - 30	Deer Hunt (rifle) at Becklin Homestead Co Park Cambridge, MN	Jeff Jacobson	612-412-2957
November			
Nov 1 - Dec 31	Late Season Archery Deer Hunt at Becklin Homestead Co Cambridge, MN	Jeff Jacobson	612-412-2957
Nov 5 - Nov 13	Deer Hunt (gun) at Sherburne NWR Zimmerman, MN	Steve Rein	320-293-6366
Nov 14 - Dec 31	Late Season Archery Deer Hunt at Sherburne NWR Zimmerman, MN	Steve Rein	320-293-6366
2023			
January - March			
Jan - Mar 2023	Ice Fishing Fish House # 1 Ice Castle 24' sleeper on Lake Lac qui Parle	Dean Petersen	612-388-0156
Jan - Mar 2023	Ice Fishing Fish House # 2 8 x 16 on variety of lakes in Minnesota	Nate Sjolín	763-286-9086
Jan - Mar 2023	Ice Fishing Fish House # 3 New 8 x 16 on variety of lakes in Minnesota	Paul Anderson	763-242-9359
TBA 2023	Ice Fishing Extravaganza Sponsored by Clam Outdoors	TBA	000-000-0000
March			
March 4 2023	Banquets of Minnesota in the Grand Olympian Ballroom Fridley, MN Social hour, prizes, silent auction, awards	Evan Newton	952-831-6758
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