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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## *Hello to all the Capable Partners and Supporters,*



I would like to thank everyone for the great honor and privilege of serving as President of Capable Partners for the last three years.

Over the last few years I've met countless numbers of people willing to help out. It was a pleasure working with all the Officers of the Board, everyone who served on the Board of Directors, and Coordinators.

I know that all these individuals take pride in volunteering their time and service to fulfill the Vision and Mission of Capable Partners. But they'll also humbly tell you that they couldn't have done it without the help of the numerous number of people. Thanks to the US Fish and Wildlife, MN DNR, and also Isanti County Parks for providing excellent hunting areas.

The 2014 was a very successful year starting with ice fishing in January all the way through to the fall deer hunting.

The annual March banquet was one of the most successful and highest attended banquets ever.

In May we sponsored a shooting station for a Sporting Clay Shoot benefiting the Shrines Hospital for Children Twin Cities Camps held by the Zuhrah Rod and Gun Club and Helios Lodge of Cambridge, MN. We also had a banner year selling raffle tickets at Game Fair.

It was great to see or hear that each Capable Partners outing had high number of attendants.

Looking to 2015 Capable Partners will be celebrating our 30th year at the annual Summer Picnic held at the Buffalo Gun Club on July 12th. We invite everyone to come out enjoy the festivities. I've passed the gavel back to Nate Sjolín and moved to Vice President and we on the Board are confident that the future for us is bright.

*Dean Petersen*

## Our Vision & Mission

The Vision and Mission of Capable Partners is to create a well-known and respected Twin Cities-based non-profit organization of sport persons whose mission is to volunteer their time and talents to provide hunting, fishing and related opportunities for the physically challenged.

### Our Goals

- Outreach to assist new/existing members to participate and realize their potential.
- Educate & promote disabled issues
- Create accessible outdoor opportunities with more participants, locations and events.
- Develop our membership through experience and teaching to obtain skills and independence to organize. These individuals will become future event and outing leaders in the organization.

### Our Values

- Friendship and Fraternity
- Family participation and support
- Independence through doing
- Education and awareness
- Sense of accomplishment
- Building self-esteem



*Our organization defines disabled as  
"A physical impairment that substantially limits them from a sport activity."*



## 30 Years of Capable Partners

Capable Partners was founded by Jim Hale back in the early 80's when he was inspired by circumstance. During the opening days of duck season Jim was laid up in a hospital bed after a back surgery. He wondered how many others felt as he did, unable to follow their passion for the outdoors because of their disability. "It's tough enough for the able bodied person to bust through a slough or make way into a concealed blind, and almost impossible for those being physically challenged." Almost impossible that is unless that physically challenged person has a capable partner willing to help. It was then that he decided to help those disabled persons who dreamed of returning to the outdoors.

Capable Partners is a non-profit organization that provides hunting, fishing and other outdoor trips and activities for the physically challenged by bringing together able bodied and disabled sportsman. Their vision remains to be the creation of a well known and respected Twin Cities based non-profit organization of sport persons whose mission is to volunteer their time and talents to provide these opportunities for the physically challenged. The goal of Capable Partners is to reach out and assist new and existing members to participate and realize their potential, while educating and promoting disabled issues. Constantly seeking to create accessible outdoor opportunities with more participants, locations, and events, the membership base of Capable Partners continues to grow.

Today Capable Partners thrives with a membership base of close to 250 individuals made up of both physically challenged and able bodied individuals; offering nearly 50 hunting, fishing and outdoor events that occur throughout the year. The organization believes strongly in developing individuals through education, experience and the examples set forth by senior members. Through this process participants will learn the necessary skills to one day organize and plan independently their own events for members. This allows for additional activities to be added as our organization grows and ensures a qualified pool of candidates who will one day become the organizations leaders.

We have successfully partnered with the Minnesota DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife for greater access to hunting areas, we testify on behalf of legislation that might affect the disabled hunter, we continually look to expand and improve upon the organization and constantly seek ways in which the physically challenged community can better experience the outdoors with the help of their Capable Partner. Many thanks to the partners, family and friends who help us achieve these goals. Story by Jon Dennis



*Rich Hackett's property in Kilkenny MN. Opened in 1986 closed 1990*



*Members at Pheasant Hunt at Gold Meadows Club, early 1990's*



## 30 Years of Capable Partners



*Lake Ville Paul Wagner host, Vance Skane in wheelchair*



*Rod G. & Roger H. Southern MN Spring Turkey Hunt*



*Jim Hale throwing clay pigeons for members before Pheasant Hunt*



*Terry Hanson & Jim Hale on first fishing trip late 80's*



*Annual Picnic R to L Paul, Jim, Lyle, Dan, Gordon and Frank 1992*



*Terry, Perry, Capt. Dan, Terry, Dave, Natascha. Bayfield*



## 30 Years of Capable Partners



*Past President Jonathan Leslie*



*Jonathan's Monument at LQP*



*Members loading at Lake Pulaski Fishing Outing*



*LeBlanc Rice Creek Turkey Shoot 1997*



*Anoka Blaine Airport Deer Hunt 1997*



*Jerry & Violet Foster Lanesboro MN Trout Fishing*



*Major Ave Hunt Club Pheasant Shoot 1998*



*Lake Independents Musky Inc. Fishing Outing 1997*



## 30 Years of Capable Partners

### Hunting group gives disabled another chance to go outdoors. Story by Hal Johnson Post Newspaper 1991

Imagine having to walk through a field full of two feet of snow and slush to get to the spot to hunt geese. Then imagine getting to the spot with a heart condition, crutches or a wheelchair. This is the problem faced this fall by Capable Partners, a group organized to connect disabled and able-bodied people who enjoy hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. The group includes participants from many parts of the Twin Cities area. The elements really haven't come together for us this year, "said Maple Grove's Don Helmeke, a co-coordinator with Greg Runyon of Elk River. "But we haven't given up on the season yet. The trouble is logistics, getting people in position.

#### History

Capable Partners started goose hunting in 1987 when Brooklyn Park invited the group to hunt because of a problem with overpopulation of geese. The group hunted during the Metro goose hunt, two short periods in early September and late December. During those periods, cities in the Twin Cities areas are allowed to open some areas to goose hunting in an attempt to control goose populations.

In 1988 and 1989 that group hunted in Maple Grove, in addition to Brooklyn Park during the Metro goose hunt. Then in 1990 Brooklyn Park, expanded the groups hunting opportunity by allowing members to hunt throughout the states goose season during the fall. The following fall, Maple Grove city Council followed suit and after three days of hunting in early September, the group made the first regular season goose hunt in Maple Grove in many years on Sunday, November 10, Helmeke said.

The hunting in Maple Grove is contained to special zones in the north and west areas of the city zones were formed by considering safety, population and options of property owners, according to Maple Grove police chief Robert Burlingame's reported to the Council in August. Because of a lack of birds, results in Maple Grove have been spotty during the early September hunts, Helmeke said. The birds do not leave their golf courses and beaches near Minneapolis until corn is harvested in September or early October, he said. They feast in the corn fields during late fall, but then leave the area before this special late geese December season starts.

Now the group has the blinds set up in one of Maple Grove's north zones and plans to "take full advantage of the opportunity," to hunt between the special seasons, Helmeke, said. They plan to hunt most Tuesdays and Thursday mornings and weekends until the birds leave the Maple Grove area and moved to the Mississippi River waters in East Brooklyn Park late in the fall, he said. In September about nine disabled hunters were able to get out in the field during three days of hunts, Helmeke said. The group

values it opportunity to hunt close to home, he said, we don't have to travel far, which allows us to concentrate on other aspects of safety. For disabled hunters, many of whom have circulation problems because of being paralyzed or heart problems, warmth is a top priority.

At sites close to home, the group can more easily set up propane heaters and other equipment in their blinds, he said. "Frankly, we are hoping for some warmer weather," he also said.

Another advantage of hunting in the metro area while other hunting is not allowed is that the group can be selective about picking places to hunt.

"We have been monitoring goose activity for some time. We are patient because we don't have to compete with other hunters," he said. With less competition, the group can pick sites that are assessable to them, safe for people in the surrounding areas and far enough from population centers that public relations remain good, he said. Helmeke compared the recent heavy snow to an elevator-- it has lifted geese to the level of corn that is still standing on stocks infields, "Geese are going in there now," he said.

"So are ducks, which we don't hunt but are pretty to watch."



*First Brooklyn Park Spring Goose Hunt 1987*



*First Late Season Brooklyn Park 1988 Jim, Gregg, Barry, Jim, Tom, Stan*



## 30 Years of Capable Partners



*Don (The Duckman) with Scooter in BP*

Helmeke said he thinks most of the geese harvested are our local birds, based on the confidence they show in flying into the fields. Birds that have migrated to the area are more easily scared away, he said.

### Results

In its first four years, the group took about 250 birds at that level. The group does affect the goose population enough to solve some overpopulation problems, especially considering how those birds would otherwise have multiplied, he said. At the same time, the number is low enough so that the group is nowhere near destroying flocks. If each participant is able to shoot one goose, they consider it a great outing, he said.

Occasionally people have questioned whether all hunters of a hunting party belong in the group, he said. That happens because not all people who are disabled enough to need help outdoors are visibly disabled. "There is a great variety of disabilities that don't put a person in a wheelchair but makes it hard to get out hunting in a field," he said.

Also, some people need two helpers instead of one, he said. Anyone who wants to get involved with the group can call 763-439-1039. The group also has a lot of deer hunting opportunities with sight in and a summer picnic. The group seeks disabled people, helpers and landowners who can help the group. "We want to get the message out that people can do some things they may have written off. We are always approachable for people who want to help, but our real emphasis is recruiting individuals and having them mixed with our experience participants who are disabled," he said. "The first step is to do, then you learn, then you advocate and change things."



*Goose Hunt at Smith Berry Farm in Maple Grove 1988*



*Goose Hunt Brooklyn Park 2001 Rick, (The Duckman), Joe, Jonathan, Jim, Steve*



*Capable Partners Members Goose Hunt in Brooklyn Park 2002*



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*Capable Partners Members Goose Hunt in Brooklyn Park 2002*



*Roy K, Mark H, Rod G, Mike H, Capt. Dan, Natascha H, Perry B, Fishing Outing Bayfield WI*



*Keith, Helper, Craig, Gunner, Taylor, Rod, Scooter, Kerry, Jim in BP 2003*



*Mark N, Steve, Nate, Mark H, MN River Valley Hunt 2005*



*Members at Major Ave Hunt Club Pheasant Shoot 1998*



*One of the first years at Game Fair  
Jonathan, Mike, Doug, Darrell, Rod, Jim, Mark*



## 30 Years of Capable Partners



*Capable Partners members enjoying a Pheasant Shoot at Caribou Gun Club 2006*



*Rick & Greg Deer Hunt at Carlos Avery*



*Members at Lake Mille Lacs Fishing Outing 2013*



*Members at Marsh Lake Duck Shoot 2004*



*Mark Ryan Turkey Shoot 2007*



## 30 Years of Capable Partners

### The Special Hunt - Late 80's

If the spirit is willing, then it falls into place for the disabled hunters,  
It's not a question of desire.

For some, it's a question of how to move through the woods on useless legs. For others, it's a question of how to pull a trigger with fingers insensible to intent. But this weekend at Carlos Avery, sheer desire once again is enough for 13 disabled hunters engaged in a special nine-day deer hunt.

The hunt, made possible by special legislation and cooperation of state and private agencies, caters to the special needs of the hunters through use of wheel-chair accessible deer stands and a buddy hunting system. So if the spirit is willing in these guys, the rest falls into place.

One hunter taking to the woods Saturday morning is Gregg Runyon of Elk River. Runyon, a life-long hunter and fisherman, exemplifies the grit and determination these outdoorsmen exhibit in their refusal to give up something they love despite physical limitations.

At age 15, Runyon broke his back in a motorcycle accident, losing his legs to paralysis. The accident occurred in April. Surgery followed. But that following November Runyon was back in the woods hunting. Hunting – though still encased in a partial body cast. This Saturday, Runyon will hunt with a .50 caliber Hawkins black powder rifle.

Story by Tim Budig



*Members at Dakota County Deer Hunt*



*Jim Blaine Airport Hunt 1997*



*Claudia & Harry LQP 2006*



*Tom, Jake, Kevin at Carlos Avery*



*Randy Fischer LQP Deer Hunt*



*John C. & Bruce W. Maple Grove Archery Hunt 2004*



## 30 Years of Capable Partners



*Members at the 12th Annual Capable Partners / BLESS Atv Ride 2013 Isle, MN*



*Members Booth at Deer Classic 2012*



*Members on Opening Day at Cambridge Deer Hunt 2010*



*Capable Partners Annual Banquet 2012*



*Greg, Darrell, Gene Cambridge Spring Turkey Hunt 2010*



## Ice Fishing



As another good hunting season ends and we get ready for the holidays, those of us who love ice fishing have it in the back of our minds. We also hope and wait for cold weather before a major snowfall to make good, solid ice. Last winter our wishes came true, as we got some bitter cold weather early on, which was great for making ice.

By December 1, we had two solid weeks of cold weather. My thoughts were that we would have the fish house out by Christmas. But Mother Nature decided to give us a warm snap, which ended our ideal ice-making conditions and any hopes of putting the shack out early.



The warm December weather also dashed our hopes for a white Christmas. We eventually were able to get the fish house out on January 7, 2015. There was only 12 inches of ice, but it was extremely good ice. The first couple of weeks the fishing was good, but not exceptional. As

the fishing interest increased, by week three, we had about 15 different people use the fish house. Capable Partners was contacted by Tom Goodrich of "Fishing for Life" and they were sponsoring the "Holes for Heroes" fishing tournament on





## Ice Fishing



Medicine Lake, March 20. They asked several Capable Partner members to participate in their event, which we were happy to attend. We moved the fish house from its previous spot to the area on Medicine Lake, where the tournament was being held. There was a good turnout, but no fish were caught by any of the Capable Partner members. We met some great people



and a long friendship was started with "Fishing for Life".

After the tournament, we were able to move the fish house to a different area on the north end of the lake. Also, because we only had 2 inches of snow, we were not limited to plowed roads, which gave a lot more options. The new spot produced immediately, with some



of our members catching 25 to 40 crappies per visit. The new spot also produced 5 northern pike between jigging and tip ups.

Throughout the whole season, we had 26 different people out fishing with many of them using the shack 3 to 4 times.

It was a very successful and fun ice fishing season. Our goal for next year is to insulate the bottom frame and put an aluminum removable ramp on the fish house.

Thanks to all of our helpers for doing an awesome job getting our physically challenged members out!

I personally want to thank Lowell Peterson for putting a new door and cables on and Dave Headla for storing the fish house.

Also, many thanks to Dave Gothe and Bob Lindig for miscellaneous repairs, along with Brent Nelson, Scot Bowman and Lee Zeman, for helping to move the fish house.

Without your help, we would not be able to have all of these great memories!

Story by Craig Simpson





## Banquet

The 2015 Capable Partners banquet was a success with an attendance of 220.

Congratulations goes out to Gregg Runyon for receiving the 30 years volunteering service award and Bob Fashingbauer & Crew for their many years of service award.

Capable Partners would like to thank everybody that was so generous with volunteering their time and donations. A special thanks goes out to Perry Bauer for emceeing.

Congratulations goes out to Mark for winning the gun, Kevin for winning the print and the lucky winner of the gift card was Roy. Kal won the Remington Shotgun.

We are unable to acknowledge everyone's gracious donations, but here are a few.



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Thanks again to everyone for making this an incredible banquet and being so generous with your money to help raise the funds needed to keep Capable Partners one of the leaders in the country offering outings to the physically challenged sportsman.





## Banquet





## Wyoming Antelope Hunts

One of my favorite big game animals to chase are pronghorn antelope, and my favorite destination is eastern Wyoming.

Pronghorn are very abundant and are said to outnumber Wyoming residents! There are thousands of acres of public land available for pronghorn hunting, and while much of the private land is leased, many ranchers will allow antelope hunting. All it takes is a knock on the door. Wyoming has a great disabled hunter program.

With the proper permits in hand, disabled hunters are allowed to shoot from a vehicle and start hunting any legal season up to 5 days before the general population. A definite advantage! I made quick work of the South Dakota prairie and 10 hours later my partner and I were setting up the spotting scopes. Two herds occupied a public section just south of Gillette and both bucks were beauties! We ranged them at 400 to 600 yards, not an unreasonable distance, but with the always present Wyoming wind gusting to 40 mph, not a shot I wanted to take so early in my hunt.

We'd back out of here and go visit old friends and check out some other areas. We saw many herds of antelope in the three hours that passed, but none of the bucks compared to the two we'd seen earlier. It was time to work our way back. As we approached the parking area we could see that one of the herds had moved out of sight, but the other was much closer to us now. I pulled in and positioned the truck for a shot. I quickly got his range. Just less than 200 yards now, and I could easily handle the wind.



I chambered a round in the 30.06 and took a long look at the buck, what a brute, super tall, with massive cutters. I took one more deep breath, squeezed the trigger and felled him. After a quick celebration, it was time for my companion to tag, dress, and retrieve my trophy, no small task as he had a 400 yard trek in front of him, but that's what our companions do for us! So check out Wyoming DNR website for all the information. Antelope hunting is easier than you might

think, and the meat is fantastic!

Story by Gene Lloyd



*Jim & Troy on their 2014 Wyoming Antelope Hunt*





## Spring Turkeys



As the 2014 season was getting started the weather turned nasty! It was windy and cold and to make it worse, we received 16" of snow! It stayed like this for two weeks. Not ideal conditions for turkey hunting.

We were not even sure if Minnesota was going to have a Spring. But luckily the weather changed the first week in May and things started to look promising.

Here are a few of Capable Partners members who were successful last spring.





## Lake Minnetonka Musky



My First Musky,

One spring day, I received a call from Rod Guthier, the Coordinator of Capable Partners Muskie Outing on Lake Minnetonka. Rod was concerned that he wasn't going to fill the outing, and wanted me to send a mass email looking for more participants. Rod asked me why I had never gone on the outing in its 20 years of existence. I simply replied that I didn't see how a quadriplegic, with no triceps, could attempt to cast a huge musky lure several hundred times throughout the day. He said that some of the participants troll, "Troll I asked? I had always assumed you had to cast". So much for me being ignorant, having never asked before, so I signed up immediately!

I thought to myself what rod should I use? So I decided I should bring 2 different rods, a heavy walleye rod and a river rod that I use for carp. I woke up early Sunday June 8, 2014 and took a look at the weather forecast, it was going to be a beautiful day to be on the water. I thought catching a Muskie for the first time would just be a bonus.

We met at Cook's Bay on Lake Minnetonka and had a little meeting in the parking lot to discuss who would go on what boat or pontoon and who would be our guide for the day. Slowly, one by one we took our time down the dock to get loaded onto our fishing vessels. I was introduced to my guide, Gus and I briefly chatted about which rod would work the best for this kind



of fishing. Gus chose my river rod, nice and stiff with I believe, 50 pound spider wire. One good thing, I wouldn't have to worry about anything breaking that line unless it ran across a propeller. As we left the dock, Gus decided to stay in the area because the other fisherman, Todd, was waiting for his guide to show up. So we rigged up and started trolling the weed line. After an hour and a half we found out that Todd's guide was unable to participate, so Todd was staying with us for the duration of the outing.

Gus made a decision that we would go out to deeper water. With that said, it wasn't more than 20 min. later that Gus saw something on his electronics. Five seconds later my rod bent and we all knew it was no weed. Gus grabbed my rod and proceeded to shove it in my fishing cuff. I set the hook the best I could and started reeling, keeping the rod tip up and cranking. Let me tell you, I've done a lot of fishing, but nothing compared to the fight that this fish gave me. As I kept reeling in the best I could, not wanting to let any slack in the line, I was encouraged by my fishing partners.

I guess it was around 5 minutes, but it seemed like 10 minutes before the fish finally stopped diving and surfaced for our first look. Gus had the net ready and Todd was videotaping. One of the first things I remember hearing is Todd saying that it is a 50 inch and I thought "no way!" Gus did a great job netting this beast and carefully laid it in the pontoon. I was so taken back by the enormous size of this beast of the deep. By far, the biggest fish I had ever caught! After Gus removed the lure out of





## Lake Minnetonka Musky

the mouth and out of the net, we measured her and just like Todd said it was right at 50 inches, unbelievable! We proceeded to take some pictures and talked about what an incredible experience we all had just enjoyed. After we were able to get everything situated again, we cast our line back out and proceeded to troll again. We probably had been trolling for another hour and a half, when just like before, Gus said that he saw something on the electronics and 5 seconds later my rod was bending again.

Also just like before, Gus grabbed the rod and shoved it into my fishing cuff. I proceeded to set the hook the best I could, and kept constant tension on the line. As I reeled in, the fish fought even more than the first one. After an exciting 8 min., Gus was able to net another unbelievable muskie. This one measured 42 inches. They say the average is 1000 casts per Muskie, and possibly even more. I was blessed to have experienced catching a 50 inch and a 42 inch within a four hour period! If you've been thinking about doing this outing and were concerned about casting, have no worries. Sign up early, this one will be filling up fast! I believe there were 4 other muskies caught that day, as well.

I want to thank Rod Guthier, Muskie Inc. and also a special thanks to my guide Gus, for an outstanding day of fishing and to everyone who was involved with preparing the outstanding lunch.

Hope to see you Muskie trolling next June!

Story by Craig Simpson





## Lake Mille Lacs



It was a beautiful warm and sunny day. Eighteen fishermen ready to catch the big one. Nine fish we caught and tossed back. The lake has decided after we caught so many last year we were not allowed to do it again. That's why we call it fishing and not catching.

Fishing may be why we all show up every year but I think the comradery and the food bring us back. As we all know a bad day on the lake with friends is always better than a good day at work.

Thank you to the able bodied and volunteers who helped with the cooking, clean up and Capt. John for another great day.

Story by Violet Foster





## Lake Minnetonka



We were greeted by a warm, sunny day at Rockvram Marina. We had 20 people who were eager to try to catch the big one.

Rockvram had new pontoons this year which were very nice. Rockvram has 3 pontoons for our use, and they worked very well. We crossed the lake on our way to our favorite bay which is Forest Lake. It's not as crowded as some of the bays.

Last year, we ran out of bait and used artificial bait. We didn't find as many fish this year, but it's still fun to look for them. We fish

for panfish primarily, but we do catch a few bass as well.

At 1 p.m. it's time for lunch. We are greeted by Sandy Korlath and Judy Hildman who have lots of food waiting for us. Judy and Sandy helped us start this outing 13 years ago. We have never left Lake Minnetonka hungry! Thanks for your support!

Story by Dave Heidtke





## Lake Mille Lacs



We were greeted by a sunny day with a nice Walleye chop. Good friends, plenty of food, and hungry Walleyes just waiting for us.

Would 50 Walleyes be a reasonable number for a group our size? The fishing was great, but the catching left a lot to be desired. An hour passed with no action, but it was still early. Two people were very lucky and caught all 5 of our fish. We were checking their bait, their technique, but we didn't figure out why they were successful.

Greg Engebos had the 3 largest Walleyes. His largest Walleye was 28-1/4" plus a 23-3/4" plus a 16-1/2". He won all of the jackpot money.

Mark Knutson caught 2 Walleyes with his largest at 16". He also caught a baby Walleye which was 10-3/4". Mark is planning on a trophy this year.

Story by Dave Heidtke





## Lake Mille Lacs



Our trip to Mille Lacs this year was not as exciting as last year, when we caught 97 walleyes.

Terry Hanson came on strong again, with a  $21\frac{3}{4}$  and  $18\frac{3}{4}$  walleye and won 1st and 3rd place.

John Kraft took 2nd place with a nice  $21\frac{1}{2}$  walleye. We will do better next year.

I would like to thank Violet Foster for all that she does, I don't know where she gets the energy. And of course, John our guide from Hunters Point Resort, without him this trip wouldn't have been possible.

If you missed this amazing trip, don't worry, there are more on the horizon and we hope to see you there this year.

Story by Joe Pyke





## Atv Ride



This year we will be celebrating our 13th annual Capable Partners Atv ride!!

With just enough moisture to keep the dust down, the trails were in great condition for

a day of riding and always enough deep water & mud to keep those who enjoy that happy. As always Troy and Nicole Lanie, Karen Miller of Polaris and the whole BLESS (Brandon Lanie Ethical Sportsmen Society) crew put on a full day of good food and lots of fun.





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It's always nice to see so many of our members come out for the ride and some bring their own machines to round out the field of brand new machines that Polaris gave us to use for the day. These machines have to be picked up and returned to North Branch. For BLESS to drive over from Buffalo and deliver them to the ride and then take them back the next day is a huge undertaking. THANK YOU BLESS!!!!

Sadly, Karen Miller is no longer employed with Polaris and with that happening we have lost our contact person for getting machines from Polaris. I know I speak for everyone that has enjoyed riding on a Polaris, we can't thank Polaris enough for their support over the last 9 years. Not saying something might work out with Polaris, but we are looking for another sponsor, it can be a manufacturer or a dealer. Ideally we are looking for 3-4 side by side. If you have any leads on a sponsor, please contact Craig at 763-549-1842.

Thank you goes out to Terry McQuoid and the McQuoid family for letting us crash their property. Each year the Atv ride seems to get a little bigger and more people join in. If you are thinking about participating in this year's ride and want to make it a weekend long event, give McQuoids a call and reserve a room to party all weekend! The 2015 Atv ride is on Aug. 22th.

Story by Craig Simpson





## Waterfowl Hunt



**M**y first waterfowl hunt with Capable Partners was on the opener, and among the group of hunters was a young sportsman named Lou Jr., accompanied by his father, Lou Sr. His son had never hunted duck or goose before. Lou Jr. was in his early 20s and had been affected with cerebral palsy. We were also joined by Pat, who not only had volunteered his time to help, but volunteered his dog to retrieve birds for the group, but also his beautiful golden lab named Virgil, had a sore hind leg and wasn't running at 100%.

The morning hadn't been very productive until we saw a small group of Canadian geese flying toward us, and knew this was going to be our opportunity. At the right time, we lifted our guns and started shooting. We saw a goose go down. It wasn't a kill shot, the goose was injured and flew a bit further before it landed in the water, over a football field away. Virgil quickly jumped in the water and tried his best to retrieve the goose that Lou Jr had shot. Virgil, the golden lab, made it about halfway and realized he couldn't go any further. The water wasn't deep, but it was very muddy, and it would have been a very difficult retrieve for a healthy dog.

We watched as the goose struggled. Typically a duck boat is used for opportunities like this, however, there was a communication breakdown and a boat never got there. It was miles away, and only a matter of time before the goose was not going to be retrievable.

There was no way we were going to be able to retrieve this wounded goose. Lou Jr. sat and watched it struggle, then die. There is nothing worse for a sportsman than to injure an animal or not be able to retrieve it, after you've shot it. We needed to get that goose, or it wasn't going to be a successful day. Lou Sr. was not going to let this incident ruin the memories of this trip for his son.

After much brainstorming, none of us could come up with a safe solution. I decided that I needed to do my part and help find a way, so I drove to the Eden Prairie Gander Mountain that was several miles away. My hope was to find an inflatable raft so we could retrieve Lou Jr.'s goose. I walked into Gander Mountain and asked to speak to a manager. The gentleman in front of me said, "I'm one of the assistant managers." I quickly explained the circumstance and he stated, "I think all of our inflatable devices are sold out for the season..." but then he said those magic words, "but let me go check."

We walked back to the kayaking area and he found a two-person inflatable kayak for \$179. Now, I'm all about making memories, but even I knew that was going to be one expensive goose. I asked if there was any other device such as an inner tube that might be on the shelves. He then said again those magic words "let me go check." He checked back in the warehouse. He checked in an overflow area labeled "Employees Only." He couldn't find anything. As we were getting ready to leave, he stopped another employee and asked if he might know where there was some other inflatable's and he said,





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"You can go downstairs, there might be something in the cage..." I saw his shoulders drop a bit, knowing that there was very little chance he was going to find something, but that wasn't going to stop him, he was on a mission now.

He left and after about five minutes he came upstairs with that beautiful little box in his hand. It was a tow behind inflatable tube. I knew we could make this work. With a few beads of sweat on his forehead, he laid the box in my hands and he let out a little sigh and said, "Oh...you are going to need a pump for this aren't you..."

Well, he didn't sell me a pump, he did one better. He took the tube to the back room and inflated it himself. He was going to be someone's hero today, mine. By this time, a handful of the employees and assistant managers had heard what their fellow employee was doing. Someone told me his name was Chris Campo and he was the assistant manager of the shoe department. A bit later I saw the big red and white tube held high, bouncing down the Gander Mountain aisle, like a trophy. I paid for the tube and Chris even helped me load it into my truck. He wished Lou Sr. the best of luck saying, "I know how it is, I'm a dad, too..." I could end the story there, but I won't.

I returned back to the duck blind where Lou Sr. was waiting for me. The Lou's thanked me profusely! I felt like I was Lou Sr.'s hero for the day! He put on waders, he put on his lifejacket, and proceeded to climb aboard the tiny inflatable that was going to retrieve the goose, come hell or high water, Lou Sr. was going to be his son's hero that day. We cheered Lou Sr. on as he painstakingly moved his way closer to the goose. It was not an easy task. It was a little top-heavy and there was a lot of mud, but he took his time and made it out to the goose, where he picked it up and put it inside the tube and slowly made his way back to the shore.

You can imagine how happy Lou Jr. was when he first picked up the goose! Lou Sr. was beaming ear to ear. It was such a magical moment to be a part of, all thanks to Gander Mountain's wonderful employee, Chris Campo, assistant manager to the shoe department, who went above and beyond the call of duty.

Story by Robbi Haase





## Carlos Avery Hunt

Last October 4th and 5th, I participated in the Carlos Avery Shotgun hunt with Capable Partners. My abled bodied partner on this hunt was my Uncle Ralph Tuttila. We have shared many deer hunting adventures over the last 40 years.

On Saturday afternoon, the first day of the hunt, we were in a blind overlooking a large food plot and a large field of tall grass to the west. Conditions were less than ideal because it was very windy. It was after sunset when a doe appeared at the edge of the food plot. She immediately spotted or scented us. After a couple of minutes with the two of us not moving a muscle she left without presenting an opportunity for a shot.

Sunday afternoon we returned to the same blind. The wind was much calmer than the day before. I was watching the food plot. Ralph was watching the grassy field on the other side of the blind. Just before sunset my uncle whispered "There is a deer in the field coming our way." I turned my wheelchair the other way as quietly as I could. The deer was about 80 yards away. I got it in my scope and I could see it was a buck. At this



time a few more deer entered the field. They were downwind of us and I was afraid they would scent us any second. I squeezed off my 20 gauge as soon as the deer presented a broadside shot. It dropped on the spot. I quickly reloaded my single shot gun but the buck was down for good.

Ralph walked out to the deer and gave me a big thumbs up. It turned out to be a nice 9 point buck. I called Greg Runyon back at the machine shed. It was not long before two volunteers drove up in a side by side ATV. They field dressed my buck and loaded it on the 4X4. Back at the

Machine Shed we took a few more pictures and registered the deer over the phone. Deer hunting has been a lifelong passion for me.

I am very thankful for the opportunities Capable Partners provides. My disability may have changed deer hunting for me but I can still get out. My thanks go out to Greg Runyon, the hunt volunteers, and the Minnesota DNR.

Thanks also to my Uncle Ralph for his help in what will be a very memorable hunt for both of us.

Story by Dave Martti

## Dakota Co Hunt

My helper and I got to hunt Sunday afternoon from a blind just off the corner of a soybean field. Within half an hour there were fawns running back and forth about 10 yards from the blind. Later, after the fawns were gone, a doe came out of the woods and crossed the gully to the bean field. The doe went deep into the field but never gave me a clear shot until it came back to the corner of the field and turned broadside about 25 yards from the blind. I made a good shot but the doe walked down the edge of the bean field and out of sight.

My helper and I waited, heard a crash in the woods, but couldn't find the deer. Jerry George and a DNR employee came to help. Jerry was walking along the edge of the bean field when I heard him say, "Sheesh, do you smell that? It smells like dead deer!" He went into the woods and dragged the deer out. In decades of hunting, he had never heard of anyone finding a deer by smell. He did say the soybeans make the deer kind of gassy.

Story by Evan Newton





## Game Fair



**T**hanks to those who came to help. We had the best year in a long time. Some folks like Darrell and Dick were there helping me every day. And to those who came to visit and stayed to work, thank you! The weather was great most of the time. The heat in the afternoon was a little uncomfortable, but we survived it. On the last day there was a little rain, but it cleared out so we were able to load up and not get wet.

Those that came and helped, really enjoyed the fair while they were there. It is a good way to help the club earn money so we are able to enjoy the many opportunities we all enjoy. Good friends, good food and a good time.

Story By Violet Foster



## Cambridge

**T**he 2014 Cambridge Deer hunt at Becklin Homestead Park Wildlife Management Area was only 1 day last year due to the cold temperatures and 17 inches of snow that covered the fields. The Saturday afternoon hunt only had 5 hunters compared to years past. With the number of deer being taken at the other deer hunts most of the hunters had their tags filled already.

There was only 1 deer harvested by Jim Hamlin due to the cold temperatures and high winds. One of our visually impaired hunters, Russel Rohr did harvest a buck on opening day of the archery season. Becklin also has duck hunting opportunists along with plenty of turkeys.

The Cambridge DNR office have reported that there's an abundant number of turkeys that can be taken spring and fall.

Story by Dean Petersen



## Sherburne Refuge

**S**herburne National Wildlife Refuge had the same miserable weather conditions as Cambridge. Steve Rein braved the cold temps and strong winds and managed to shoot another buck. This year's buck was a 3 pointer because it was missing an antler. Thanks to the guys from the Refuge maintenance department for moving the elevated blind 2 times before being put right where Steve requested. He had asked if the blind could be moved about 100 yards to the East and that's much closer than the shot he took last year. But when he went to hang some carpet on the blind for a windbreak the blind was out in the middle of a different field.

So after talking with Greg Dehmer from the Refuge he had the maintenance dept, move the blind within 30 yards of where he took his shot. After the heavy snow fall the guys plowed open a path to the blind, I call the Castle. This blind is an enclosed 8' x 12' heated blind that was donated by the Safari Club International Central MN Chapter.

There are also 2 duck blinds at the refuge. These blinds provide you with great sunrise and a good excuse to get out hunting. The Refuge also includes duck decoys, a boat, and oars so the only thing you need to bring is your gun and shells.

Duck hunting over the wild rice was as good as any other spot in MN. Not only is there duck and deer hunting, there's a designated disabled turkey hunting area. In 2013 Doug Bermel took the 1st turkey out of the refuge with his bow. So I encourage anyone interested in hunting Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge or Cambridge Becklin WMA call one of the coordinators of that hunt.

Good luck and have fun hunting 2015

Story by Dean Petersen





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## LQP Deer Hunt

I push my wheelchair up the ramp of blind #9 while Jeff, or "Gorto" as referred to by his friends, carries my gear bag and gun. Thermos out, headlamp on I quickly get settled. "First things first," I thought as I dropped two pellets of powder into my muzzle loader and then plunged in the sabot. The gun is breached, primer set and click, I'm ready. Now begins that eternal wait, it's just under an hour before shooting time. Sitting impatiently for 30 minutes, my restlessness is somewhat stilled as the shooting hour grows near, just 10 minutes to go.

Suddenly, "crack!" a sound alerts my senses as I glance over my left shoulder to see a good sized buck walking just outside of the stand. My eyes widen and pulse quickens as I ask myself the question, "will he remain until I can legally shoot?" The answer was quickly known as I watched his white tail give me a "wave" good bye. Feeling a bit melancholy I smile and chuckle to myself at the missed opportunity, but soon forget as my mind is calmed by the sunrise and an explosion of life which one only truly experiences from the blind. Over the course of the next two hours, half dozen shots are heard from the other 13 blinds on the island within the Lac Qui Parle refuge, "I wonder how the other boys are doing?"

I continued to scan my surroundings for signs of movement, then a slow moving, cautious silhouette appears moving through a grove of trees and into the bog; a monster 8 point buck! Turning slowly I rest my muzzle and take aim. Gorto whispers, "That's a big deer," his hand upon my shoulder he taps as he speaks, "wait, wait," the buck takes a few more steps and turns, "wait, wait," he stops and presents a perfect shot. My limbs at this point are visibly shaking. "Slow down Jon" I thought. Deep slow breath.... Focus.... Relax; I'm ready. I slowly squeeze the trigger and then.... KABOOM!!! I watch the animal take a few steps as the bellow of smoke clears from my muzzle, Gorto quickly affirms, "You got em!"

Unable to control the adrenaline in my hands I shake while attempting to reload. Gorto smiles and we both watch as the amazing animal falls.

My love affair with nature began at the age of 7 when my father first introduced me to hunting. Every fall a deep longing is felt as I sense the seasonal change and recall cherished moments on the prairie of North Dakota. Having lost the use of my legs due to an automobile accident back in July of 1989, my days of walking the fields have ended, but hunts are far from over thanks to Capable Partners.

Story by Jon Dennis

### Update:

Last fall Capable Partners reached a milestone and celebrated 20 years of having an organized deer hunt at Lac qui Parle. Thanks to Roger Hauck, Gregg Runyon, Tom Gindorff, Jonathan Leslie and the MN DNR. They were very instrumental in getting Capable Partners this opportunity.

There was 18 hunters that participated in the Lac qui Parle deer hunt in 2014. With another outstanding 9 day hunt, we had harvested 6 nice bucks and 8 does.

In 2015 there are plans to do some repairs to the blinds and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nate at 763-286-9086





## Dakota County Hunt

**M**ajor, major changes for the Dakota County Hunt this year! Bob Fashingbauer really went to bat for us. He setup meeting after meeting with the University to move the hunt. After working on it all summer, we thought he had the bugs worked out. Then the week before the early season we had planned, the University came back with a list of new demands. At this point, we had scouted the new area and were ready to set stands, Bob said we are going for it, set the stands.

So we were ready for the 2014 early season Sept 13 & Sep14, and the late season Oct 25 & Oct 26. We had 10 stands ready for the opener. There was enough hunters that we had a couple guys only hunt the morning and other hunters came in for the afternoon hunt. The new hunt area was up by the office and every stand was set, so we could get the hunters in without disturbing any of the other stands. Great placement of the stands!

I took the elevator stand for opening morning. It wasn't long before we heard shots ringing out and my phone started beeping, "I think I hit a deer, send help!" So I would contact the helpers, and tell them what stand shot. Off the helpers would go. That's how the opening weekend went. We harvested a total of 9 deer for the weekend. We took a couple does, a buck still in velvet, way to go Ken!, and a huge 10 point buck by Dale. Bob kept saying something about a horse shoe that Dale had, but that's another story.

Bob Fashingbauer was there for the 1st day to help. He had on his favorite sweat shirt, and after too many field dressings and helping to load deer, the shirt was a mess. I told him his wife was going to throw it away and not wash it. He started laughing and said she already had tried that, and he had saved it.



So at our annual banquet we presented Bob with a new sweat shirt in case he couldn't save the shirt, again.

So with the 1st hunt completed, everyone was ready for the 2nd hunt Oct 25 & Oct 26. The weekend started like the 1st did. Shots rang out, and there went my phone again, "Need help, deer hit."

We took 5 more deer for the 2nd hunt. A beautiful buck was taken by Craig. Barry came down from Emily and was having a little trouble connecting with deer, but not the stand. He shot and helpers showed up. I think its over there he said. That's when Jerry noticed a hole in the stand. Looked like the barrel was a little low. So no deer that time, but then, "boom!" we heard another shot. Barry said, "I know I got it, there she lays right there." So we will be sending the bill for the stand repair. No, just kidding, way to go Barry!

The best deer of the hunt was taken by Luke. It wasn't the biggest deer, but Luke's 1st deer. Luke had a rough time at these hunts, from getting shells, to dealing with muddy areas. So congratulations Luke on your 1st deer. Then of course to finish out the hunt Mr Horse Shoe came through with a doe. Well the hunters can't wait for this year. I hope with the success and all the work Bob put in, we can do the hunt again in the same area.

We have so many helpers to thank again. I need to get a special thanks out to Bob and his crew. One of Bob's staff was there for every day of our hunt helping out, so thanks a lot guys. Then we had Dale Tribby setting up helpers, and Jerry, Darrell and Joel coming down and helping out. So Thanks all, for a great hunt!

Story by Gregg Runyon  
Dakota County Hunt Coordinator





## Major Ave Pheasant Shoot



The day started out beautifully and ended beautifully. We had twenty six shooters, thirteen disabled. The wind didn't interfere with what directions the pheasants were going to fly. We moved two stations after twenty birds were released and every one was satisfied with the amount of pheasants that came their way and the amount of shooting they had. Out of one hundred pheasants we harvested eighty seven and they harvested seven more scratch shooting so that was the best we ever did. Just about every one had a good eye for shooting that day.

We owe a lot of thanks to Jerry and Laurie Zumbusch and Jeff Jacobson who teamed up to move the hunters with their trailer and four wheeler. Jerry and Laurie have been doing this for years and Jeff volunteered to help them so the three of them were able to move the hunters quite fast.

The AB's did a great job. We were short one AB so I put Jim Zumbusch and Ken Anderson together on one stand. The youth's we had which were Nick Koich, Stan's grandson, my two grandsons Eli and Micah did a great job.

After the shoot we were all treated to a great lunch, prepared by the Major Ave staff. By the time we had finished our lunch our birds were cleaned and packaged for our trip home. A huge thanks goes out to Jerry and Myra, Major Ave Club owners, Greg Hance, Zumbusch family, Vorderbruggen family and all the able body helpers.

Story by Jim Vorderbruggen





## Caribou Pheasant Shoot



**T**wenty three hunters with guns ready and plenty of shells settled in on the field. Everyone shot well, but there was a “few darn I missed”. Several of the hunters took their birds home to be mounted, the rest took them home to enjoy. A special thanks to Scott Henner, and Dan & Parker Field for bringing their dogs to help with

finding the birds.

Was a pleasure watching them work! Hope to see them again this fall. Fifty eight birds were shared among the group. Some hunters chose to change their birds in for smoked ones. They are always very good!

Story by Violet Foster





## MN River Valley

### Wheeling into the Minnesota Valley Refuge

This past season Capable Partners financially contributed to several new projects in the Minnesota Valley, through contributions from Xcel Energy and Midwest Medical Insurance Co Group. Minnesota SCI.

The projects included a new accessible water sampling dock used for school science projects and an accessible access to a fishing dock open to the public, whose waters are stocked by the DNR. If you're interested in fishing this location please contact Dave Guzzi. In addition we lengthened the trail to the deer hunt blind location on Long Meadow Lake. Finally we added a new waterfowl hunting blind on Blue Lake which is in Shakopee, MN.

Overall, the season proved challenging for both waterfowl and deer hunting. The opinions vary on why last season was so challenging.

We do know the food supply for waterfowl was limited by the extended flood conditions lasting into July. Deer sightings and harvest numbers were down from the previous season and, while it's hard to prove, we did see and find more coyote sign in the Bloomington hunt sites than during the 2013 season.

Going forward, we will be meeting with the Fish and Wildlife staff to evaluate our existing and potential new hunting and fishing opportunities.

Our first outing to Blue Lake quickly brought about our first Mallard and the location appeared to be a good choice. As the hours progressed and the sun began to shine additional shots did present themselves for both ducks & geese.

We harvested roughly 5 birds consisting of mallards, divers and teal.





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The second hunt to Blue Lake also produced some birds, but the bluebird weather coupled with a challenge caused by wind direction caused difficult decoying. During these hunts I need to thank our guides and helpers including, Scot Bowman and his dog Ella, Sam Daly and his dog Snickers, Nancy Willette, Josiah Vorderbruggen the grandson of Jim. As all physically challenged members know we would not enjoy one day afield without their partnership.

A second location being scouted this past year lies upon the Charlson Meadows estate, just east of St Bonifacius. We were invited to this location by an outfitter in the area; Goose Busters, who also works for Charlson Meadows; a beautiful location that could present some additional hunting opportunities. In this location, shots at ducks came early but were missed, later shots included the harvesting of a couple of geese.

Much thanks to Goose Busters for their effort in opening this door. They worked hard to lay a beautiful spread, created an awesome blind, and were more than capable of calling both ducks and geese.

The weather didn't cooperate as we would have liked and the fowling season seemed to be cut short.

The season was however enjoyable and I was once again reminded that time in the blind is never a wasted day. Coffee, doughnuts, and the fellowship of our Capable Partners and hunting companions made for memorable days filled with good conversation and laughter.

Article by Dave Guzzi and Jon Dennis





## Maple Grove Hunt

**T**hanks you to all those hunters who participated this year in the Maple Grove archery hunt.

Capable Partners is privileged to have this space designated for our use, and your abiding with Capable Partners' and City of Maple Grove's hunting rules is an important part of our continued use of this area. Thank you for your cooperation in this hunt!

Although we're the exclusive hunters in this area, we not the exclusive users. Consequently, some of us saw more dogs in the woods this past season than we did deer.... oh well, that's urban hunting. In spite of shared use with dog owners, we did have one nice doe harvested there this year, congratulations Lee! With the harvest of Lee's doe in our minds, let's optimistically look forward to a successful 2015 deer season in the Maple Grove.

Special thanks go to Stg Larson and the Maple Grove City Council for allowing Capable Partners the opportunity year after year, this great metro area hunt.

Story by Kent Dirks



## Carlos Avery

**W**e opened the Carlos hunt on Oct 4th through the 12th. All looked good. We had windy days, and not much deer movement. Some of the crops looked great and the rye was coming up great. The deer just didn't know they needed to make their appearance. We did have a lot of hunters out, and we also invited a few hunters from Midwest Outdoors Unlimited to join us. We all hunted really hard and had a real nice buck that was shot at with a crossbow and after a long look it was determined it was a miss. Sorry Jim, sounded like a nice deer.

We ended up with 3 deer taken. There was a few shots and a few misses, but that's what makes it hunting. We did have a hunter get back into hunting again. He was on stand and took a dandy buck. Way to go Dave! I hope, with all the work done by the Carlos crew, the fields will produce better hunting this year.

So thanks to all the helpers and hunters for a great and safe hunt once again.

Story by Gregg Runyon Carlos Deer Hunt Coordinator





# 2015 Calendar of Events

Jan - April	Medicine Lake Fishing Plymouth MN, We must have 15" of ice	Craig Simpson	763-549-1842
March 7	Banquet Kraus Hartig VFW Spring Lake Park Social hour starts at 4	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
Spring	Turkey Hunting -- Chaska and Sherburne Wildlife Refuge	Dean Petersen	612-388-0156
Spring	Turkey Hunting -- Carlos Avery Blinds Available	Call Refuge	651-296-5290
Spring	Turkey Maple Grove Archery only for members that have attended	Kent Dirks	612-270-1104
Spring	Turkey Hunt--St Cloud	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
Spring	Turkey Hunt--Cambridge	Nate Marks	763-370-1733
May - July	Bow Fishing 1 or 2 hunters only If there is opportunities	Craig Simpson	763-549-1842
May 3 Sunday	Mark Ryan Turkey Shoot LeBlanc's Little Falls, MN	Tom Gindorff	651-429-7625
June 6	Prior Lake Fishing	Terry Hanson	763-535-9603
June 7 Sunday	Muskie's Inc. Muskie Fishing Lake Minnetonka	Rod Guthier	952-888-6494
June 12	Lanesboro Trout Fishing	Evan Newton	952-831-6758
June 13	Lake Mille Lacs Fishing 4pm to 10pm	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
June 27	Lake Mille Lacs Fishing 4pm to 10pm	Joe Psyk	763-497-2062
July 18	Lake Mille Lacs Fishing 4 am to 10pm	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
July 12	Contact Nate to sign up for LQP Fall Deer Hunt	Nate Sjolín	763-286-9086
July 12	Contact Gregg to sign for early Sept 14-15 Dakota Co Deer Hunt	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
July 12	Picnic Buffalo Gun Club 30 YEAR CELEBRATION	Jayne Welsh	612-965-4686
August 5	Pulaski Fishing	Jim Zumbusch	320-963-5879
August 8	Minnetonka Fishing	Dave Heidtke	763-535-2718
August 07-08-09 and 14-15-16	Game Fair A great opportunity to volunteer and enjoy this great event for free	Violet Foster Dick Ransom	763-444-4427 320-274-5196
August 22	ATV Ride Isle, MN Bring your own machine or ride one provided	Bill Vice	612-232-2495
August TBA	Maple Grove Archery Deer Hunt Site in Rapids Archery Club	Craig Simpson	763-549-1842
Sept 2 & 3	Monticello site in for LQP, Cambridge, Carlos Avery and Dakota Co	Jim Voderbruggen	763-497-3330
Sept 10	Cambridge Site in for all gun hunts 2-7 PM	Bill Vice	612-232-2495
Sept 12	Major Ave Pheasant Shoot	Greg Hance	763-258-4293
Sept 13	Marsh Lake Duck Shoot	Steve Scheunemann	952-445-0213
Sept 19 - 20	Dakota Co Deer Hunt Morning & Evening	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
Sept 19 to Dec 31	Archery Deer Hunt Maple Grove Must Site in & Attend City Meeting	Kent Dirks	612-270-1104
Sept 19 - 27	Lac Qui Parle Deer Hunt	Nate Sjolín	763-286-9086
Sept 19 - Oct TBA	Archery Deer Hunting Cambridge	Nate Marks	763-370-1733
Sept 19 - TBA	Minnesota Valley Archery Deer Hunt Must Attend Site in & Meeting	Dave Guzzi	612-220-3346
Sept 27	Caribou Gun Club Pheasant Shoot	Violet Foster	763-444-4427
Sept TBA	Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Dave Guzzi	612-220-3346
September TBA	MNRV Waterfowl Hunting	Nate Sjolín	763-286-9086
September TBA		Greg Hance	763-258-4293
September TBA		Jim Voderbruggen	763-497-3330
September TBA	Carlos Avery Waterfowl Hunting	Mark Holden Dave Guzzi Steve Scheunemann	952-451-4350 612-220-3346 952-445-0213
September TBA	Sherburne Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunting	Evan Newton	952-831-6758
September TBA		Nate Sjolín Jim Voderbruggen	763-286-9086 763-497-3330
Oct 1	Monticello site in for LQP, Cambridge, Carlos Avery and Dakota Co	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
October 5	Carlos Avery Meeting Machine Shed 6pm MUST ATTEND	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
October 10 - 18	Carlos Avery Deer Hunt	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
October 24 - 25	Vermillion Dakota Co Deer Hunt Morning & Evening	Gregg Runyon	763-441-2834
November 7 - 15	Cambridge Rifle / Sherburne Shotgun Deer Hunt	Dean Petersen	612-388-0156
Nov - Dec	Cambridge Late Season Bow & Muzzleloader Hunting	Nate Marks	763-370-1733



# Capable Partners Clothing



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Real Tree Long Sleeve T Shirt only available in orange logo M-3XL \$18.00 each



Army Digital Short Sleeve T Shirt Only available in orange logo M-XL \$15.00 each



Orange Cap with Pheasant Black logo \$15.00 each



Camo with Yellow logo \$15.00 each



Orange Cap with Deer Black logo \$15.00 each



Short Sleeve T Shirt available in Pink, Brown, Green, Blue, Yellow, White and any logo color M-3XL \$15.00 each



Item	Qty	Size	Price	Total
		TOTAL ORDER		
Name: _____				
Address: _____				
City: _____				
State: _____		Zip: _____		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Violet Foster</p> <p>30169 Helium St NW</p> <p>Cambridge MN 55008</p> <p>763-444-4427</p> <p>nannyid@msn.com</p> </div> </div>				



# Capable Partners, Inc.



*Providing hunting, fishing and related opportunities for the physically challenged*

capablepartners.org P.O. Box 27664 Golden Valley, MN 55427 - 0664 p. (763) 439-1038

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND CONTRIBUTION/DONATION FORM

*mail to the address above*

What if you were to become disabled and couldn't hunt or fish anymore? What if you are disabled and you want to go hunting and fishing again? Now you can have a partner to renew or inspire your love of these sports and to provide access to a safe and quality adventure in the Great Outdoors! Whether you are disabled or not, we want to insure that these activities can always be a part of your life.

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

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

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***Must give email to receive news and calendar updates***

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

*How did you find out about Capable Partners?*

☐ Family & Friends ☐ Internet Search ☐ Advertising

*In the event of an emergency, please identify any information to be relayed to an emergency caregiver:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### I AM: (check all that apply)

☐ DISABLED If Physically Challenged, what is your disability? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ABLE BODIED ☐ SCOOTER ☐ CANE

☐ WHEELCHAIR ☐ WALKER ☐ CRUTCHES

### INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS or DIRECTED CONTRIBUTIONS

*(check all that apply)*

☐ FISHING (Summer) ☐ RIFLE DEER

☐ FISHING (Winter) ☐ DUCK/GOOSE

☐ BOW FISHING ☐ PHEASANT

☐ ARCHERY DEER ☐ TURKEY

☐ SHOTGUN DEER ☐ ATV RIDE

☐ MUZZLELOADER ☐ VETERAN

**NOTE: To be eligible to be a disabled deer hunter, you must have proof of a shoot from a standing moter vehcile permit**

☐ Do you have a shoot from a standing moter vehcile permit?

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 have enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution

☐ I am requesting a scholarship for membership

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

Please provide any comments, questions, special considerations for scholarship, or instructions for directed contributions.





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