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Sportsmen Assisting Nebraska Disabled Sportsmen

Donated Deer Tags Huge Success

Ed Boyd of Lincoln, Nebraska signed up to receive one of the donated deer tags and ended up having a great weekend. Ed wrote, "I was able to shoot a button-buck and a doe within 15 minutes of each other - both by using my Excalibur crossbow.

The first was a 35 yard shot and the second was a 40 yard shot. I owe this to the wonderful people who donated a permit for Area 21, and I want to thank them".

This success story was made possible by the generosity of several people including Gerry Gray, Marilyn Stamm, and Mike Irwin who donated several deer permits exclusively for SANDS participants who have disabili-

ties.

Gerry wanted to help people get outdoors. By donating the cost of the tags, he really helped to get rid of another one of the barriers that people with disabilities have to be deal with. Living on a limited or fixed income



does not allow for much recreation. Even though that's what many of our SANDS members are striving to achieve.

SANDS would like to thank Gerry, Marilyn and Mike for their wonderfully generous donations to the SANDS program. These people are helping people with disabilities to get out by donating the cost of tags to the SANDS program.

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We Need Your Pictures

Please send your digital hunting, fishing, and outdoor pictures to Mike Freel at msfreel@west.com so we can be sure to get them in the newsletter. We really like the close-ups so we can see your smiling faces! SANDS will make you famous!

If you are a member of an outdoor organization and you would like to sponsor a SANDS member by purchasing a license or permit, please contact Dave Burgess at sandsnebraska@yahoo.com and we'll help get you in touch with people needing your help.

New Website Looking for Moderators

The SANDS program now has a forum page at www.huntingne.com. We are looking for volunteers willing to be moderators for the forum page to help with the management of the webpage.

Scott Gerdes of huntingne.com will provide instructions on all that has to be done. If you are interested, please contact Dave Burgess at 402-559-3743 and he will put you in contact with Scott.

You must have your own computer and the time necessary to maintain the site.

Send Us Your Story

If you have a great or maybe just funny story, we want to hear it. Send us your best hunting/fishing stories and photos if you have them, of the event.

You can email your story ideas and photos to Dave at sandsnebraska@yahoo.com. Each month we will publish a new story, so get with Dave as soon as possible.

1st Annual SANDS Banquet Scheduled

Mark your calendars! The 1st Annual SANDS Banquet is being held on February 17, 2007 from 5 to 9 pm at the Chalco Hills Visitors Center.

We will be serving venison Sloppy Joe's and venison Italian sausages, donated by Greg Wagner of Nebraska Game and Parks. We will also have potato and macaroni salads with coffee and soda pop. There will be guest speakers and door prizes to be given away.

Chalco Hills is located at 144th and Chandler. If you are in need of transportation please contact Dave Burgess. We have some members willing to assist by picking up participants who live in the Omaha area and give them a ride to and from the event.

This will be a great chance to meet some of the other participants of the SANDS program and do a little networking for the upcoming year. **Please RSVP Dave Burgess at 402-559-3743 Monday through Friday from 8a to 4p, with the number in your party.** All SANDS participants and their families are invited to attend, and remember it is all FREE!!!

If you are able to volunteer at the banquet (assist with serving, carrying trays or other duties) please let Dave know.

Contact Information

For more information about SANDS, contact Dave Burgess at sandsnebraska@yahoo.com.

SANDS is published bi-monthly and posted on the NGPC website at www.ngpc.state.ne.us/admin/sands/ and at www.sandsnebraska.com.

Turkey Hunt Drawing



The **Grand Island Chapter of the NWTF** will be giving away one free turkey hunt and a year's subscription to Wheelin' Sportsman to a lucky SANDS member.

To sign up for your chance to win, send your name and contact information to Dave Burgess at sandsnebraska@yahoo.com. The drawing for the turkey hunt will be held on April 20th 2007.

May 4th you will meet with Tony Morrow, Chapter President of the Grand Island NWTF. You will spend the 4th scouting locations for the hunt on May 5th. Motel accommodations will be made for the winner for May 4th as part of the package.

Get Entered to Win!

Each year, SANDS will host numerous drawings for events such as pheasant hunts, turkey hunts, and deer hunts.

Getting entered is easy!

Send Dave Burgess an email at sandsnebraska@yahoo.com with the events you would like to take part in. Or you can call Dave at 402-559-3743 Monday through Friday 8a to 4p. The different events are set up as a drawing so you must have your name in for a chance to win. The drawing for these hunts will be in August of each year and the winners will be notified. Good Luck to all!!!

Update Your Contact Information

The SANDS program only works if your contact information is kept up to date. It is only through the exchange of your contact information with each other that the SANDS program is able to reach out to those who need you most. If you don't have email, please be certain that Dave has your phone number and street address. He can mail you an up-to-date contact list so that you can call other SANDS participants. The SANDS program only works because you are interested in helping others. You can send your up-to-date information to Dave at sandsnebraska@yahoo.com or call him at the SANDS office 402-559-3743.

Free Taxidermy Deer for SANDS

Steve Evers of Wildlife Creations and Rick Jacobson of Countryside Taxidermy have donated one deer head mount for a SANDS member each year. They also offer other services for anyone with the SANDS program. Just mention the SANDS program to either Steve or Rick when you stop by their shops to find out all that they offer. **The drawing for each mount will be in April of each year.** So please have your entries in before April 1st. The drawing will be for one winner and a runner up. In the event that the winner does not get a deer the mount will go to the runner up. To enter simply send an email to Dave Burgess at sandsnebraska@yahoo.com. In the subject line, write "Deer Mount Drawing." Good luck!

Welcome our Newest Sponsor!

SANDS' newest sponsor is Dustin Chrisman of the Hunt DC Preserve in McCool Junction, NE. Dustin is donating one ½ day pheasant hunt to a lucky SANDS participant each year. Hunt DC Preserve offers a whole host of opportunities like guided and unguided hunts for pheasants, chuckars and quail.

For more information, Contact Dustin at 402-366-0034.