



S.A.N.D.S.

## Sportsmen Assisting Nebraska Disabled Sportsmen Newsletter

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### *Above and Beyond*

In August, SANDS had the opportunity to bring a small group of people together so that Don Rydberg, a SANDS member, could be presented with his deer tag for 2006/2007. Kevin Harrington, Midwest Field Director for Whitetails Unlimited, agreed to sponsored Rydberg for the Boyer Chute deer hunt and purchased the deer tag to present on behalf of Whitetails Unlimited.

This in itself is a great gift for someone who has not been able to get out hunting in years. But that wasn't all!

After a short conversation, Harrington discovered that Rydberg was in need of a few other items. He didn't have any hunting clothes and no one was sure if Rydberg's crossbow was up to legal draw weight. Whitetails Unlimited and Harrington stepped up once again by taking this wonderful gesture just a little bit further.

Harrington overwhelmed the whole group by totally re-

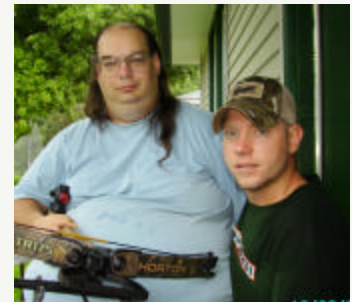
outfitting Rydberg. Rydberg received a new Horton crossbow, new hunting clothes, a new hunting knife and a Whitetails Unlimited hat. With a tear in his eye, Rydberg's dream of getting outdoors again came true in a big way.

Thanks to the generosity of one man and his organization, Rydberg is planning on participating in the Boyer Chute hunt with his mentor Tyler Huffaker. Together, they have been going to the range practicing and getting ready for the big day. Good Luck Don, remember to take pictures.

And to Kevin Harrington and Whitetails Unlimited, a "thank you" seems so small in comparison to such a wonderful gift. You helped to get a man get back to a place he hadn't been in years. It is easy to help make a dream come true when there are people and organizations like you out there stepping up to the plate.



Kevin Harrington (L) and Don Rydberg



Don Rydberg (L) and Tyler Huffaker

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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](mailto:sandsnebraska@yahoo.com) and we'll help get you in touch with people needing your help.

## Upcoming Hunts

There is still time to get your name on the list for other hunts. There is an antlerless hunt at Boyer Chute for people with disabilities. It will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Ground blinds will be supplied for you to use. This is a team event so get your name in and start calling people to help you in the field.

There is also an antlerless hunt at Desoto Bend for people with disabilities. This event will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with Desoto's hunts that will already be in progress. Ground blinds will be available for members to use on this hunt as well.

If you have any questions or to place your name on the list, contact Dave Burgess at [sandsnebraska@yahoo.com](mailto:sandsnebraska@yahoo.com).

### And the Winner Is...

The winner of the Prairie Dog Shoot is Ed Schultz. Schultz is going to get the opportunity to spend the day with Ron Scherbarth of the Rocking Heart Ranch.

Ron donated this event for a member of SANDS who has a disability. Ron wanted to give some lucky winner a chance to come out and spend the day just having fun.

**Congratulations Ed, have a great time and send us lots of pictures!**

## Reminder: Year End Picnic September 9th

Time is running out on signing up for the SANDS Year End Picnic, if you have not already signed up to come to the picnic please contact Dave as soon as possible to insure that there will be a lunch for you. The event is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9a to 2p, near the wheelchair accessible dock at Lake Zorinsky.

This event is **\*\*free\*\*** to all the SANDS members and their families. There will be lots of time to fish as well as meet other SANDS members, or just kick your feet up and relax for a while. You can also work on putting together future hunting or fishing trips. If you are in need of transportation please contact Dave 402-559-3743 or you can email me at [sandsnebraska@yahoo.com](mailto:sandsnebraska@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!!!

### September Events

- 9<sup>th</sup> SANDS Picnic (Lake Zorinsky)
- 16<sup>th</sup> PVA Fishing Tournament at Walnut Creek
- 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> Bass Pro Shops Fall Classic
- 18<sup>th</sup> Drawing for Boyer Chute Deer Hunt
- 18<sup>th</sup> Drawing for Desoto Bend Deer Hunt
- 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> Ponca Hills Missouri River Expo

#### Contact Information

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