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Special points of interest:

- SportsAbility 2005
- RAPAD Program
- New FDOA Members

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ESPN's Lee Corso at SportsAbility Tallahassee 2005

Exciting. Adventure. Fun. What else can we say about SportsAbility Tallahassee 2005 that was held on April 15-16 and April 18?

This year the event added an additional day on the Monday after SportsAbility. ESPN's Lee Corso made the audience laugh and touched their hearts. The dinner was held at the Silver Slipper in Tallahassee and was sold out with almost 200 people in attendance.

Coach Corso talked about his football experiences - everything from what it was like to be Burt Reynolds' room-mate and team-mate at FSU to the personal challenges he faced in his career.

The dinner celebrated the efforts of those who contributed to the disability community. The "Active Leisure for Life" award was accepted by Marjorie Turnbull, President of the Tallahassee Community College (TCC) Foundation, on behalf of TCC for their efforts in creating recreation and leisure opportunities, providing information and

education about the health benefits of recreation and advocating for inclusion in all sports, recreation and leisure opportunities.

Prior to the dinner, SportsAbility included two days packed with activities. Friday's festivities, held at TCC, included a celebration of the indoor recreation and leisure opportunities which featured therapeutic recreation activities which were hosted by the TCC class.

Kimberly Anderson, Miss Tallahassee 2005, was the keynote speaker. She spoke on the importance of active leisure for all and how disabilities touch the lives of so many families.

Saturday's activities, held at the Florida State University's Seminole Reservation, included the gamut of outdoor recreation activities.

The day was hosted by Florida State University athletes.

The goal of SportsAbility is to provide an opportunity for people to try a multitude of activities to determine where their interests lie enabling people to continue in active leisure even after SportsAbility. Florida Disabled Outdoors Association is working to eliminate the barriers that people with disabilities have in participating in recreation. FDOA believes that everyone deserves a chance!



ESPN's Lee Corso entertains the crowd

Planned Giving Partnership with The Able Trust

FDOA is pleased to announce the formation of a strategic alliance with The Able Trust. The Able Trust will now facilitate any major

gifts for the FDOA including stocks, bonds, real estate and personal property. If you would like more information regarding contributing to the

FDOA, please contact David Jones at info@fdoa.org or at (850) 668-7323.

President's Report



David Jones
FDOA President

Well, this quarter has proved to be eventful to say the least! Some of the happenings include our 14th Annual SportsAbility held in Tallahassee. This year we added a third day where we presented FDOA's Active Leisure for Life Award to TCC. We were fortunate to have ESPN's Lee Corso as keynote speaker. Our continued FDOA Membership Drive has added many new partners and we have started a Major Gifting Program in conjunction with the Able Trust.

FDOA was also involved with

two important events at the Florida Capitol: Transportation Disadvantage Day and Developmental Disabilities Day. For each of the programs, FDOA shared with legislators, staff and the public the importance of recreation and leisure for the disability community.

FDOA also joined the Inclusion Alliance. We will work closely with the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council on eliminating barriers that hamper inclusion. *Inclusion Works!*

FDOA has also begun to explore a relationship with

the Kid Swing Golf Program and helped introduce the new Paragolfer® wheelchair.

Hunting season is over, but new application process starts in July for the 2005-06 season. All mobility impaired hunters should not miss the deadline to apply if they want to participate in the program. Please see the article on the opposite page, for more information on application.

As always, I appreciate each of you - whether you volunteer, provide financial resources, attend events, or simply enjoy the newsletter.



New Florida Disabled Outdoors Association Members!!!!

Patron Members

Department of Health - Obesity Prevention Program
Leon County Tourist Development Council

Business Members

Accessibility Solutions
ADA Working Group
Advanced Driving Systems
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program
Brinson Sand & Gravel Company
Clear Channel
Design Farm
Don's Boats
ERA Community Realty of Killlearn, Inc.
FAAST
First City Honda Seadoo
First Communications
Florida Law Weekly
Mac Papers
Market Floors
Meeks Construction and Development, Inc.
Memories by Mako, LLC
Michael Titus
Paragon New Media
Pool Source, LLC
Premier Beverage Company
Regional Therapy Services
Silver Slipper
SouthEast Personnel Leasing
Subway

Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic
-Tallahassee Sports Medicine
The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers
Voice
Wal-Mart
WCTV Channel 6
Williams Orthotic-Prosthetic, Inc.

Not-for-Profit Memberships

Ability 1st
ADA Working Group
Agency for People with Disabilities
Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program
Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
Division of Blind Services
Family Café
FAMU
Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services,
Clearinghouse Information Center
Florida Developmental Disability Council
Florida Fish and Wildlife
Florida Park Service, DEP
Florida Telecommunications

Relay
FSU Disabled Student Services
Goodwill
Gretchen Everhart Chorus
Integrated Family Services
KidSwing / First Tee Golf Program
Pyramid, Inc.
Rotary Youth Camp
Shepard Strikers Power Soccer
Tallahassee Parks and Recreation
TCC Disabled Student Services

The Able Trust
Transportation Disadvantaged Council
U Can Ski 2
Volunteer Florida

Family Memberships

Vicki Horne
Hooter's
Publix Jacksonville Division
Joan Raley

Individual Members

ESPN's Lee Corso
The Canoe Shop



TCC's Joanne Rogers greets SportsAbility participants

FDOA's RAPAD Program

What is RAPAD?

The Recreation Activity Program for Adults with Disabilities is a program designed by the FDOA funded through a grant by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation to stimulate and educate persons with disabilities on the opportunities available in sports, recreation and leisure. FDOA works with

each person individually to determine their own personal goals.

Participants enrolled in the RAPAD tell FDOA about their desires for active leisure activities. Below is a list of some of the past activities:

- Scuba Diving
- Rafting
- Sky Diving
- Computer Assistance

- Reading and Library Initiative
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Beach Adventures
- Bowling
- Kayaking
- Boating
- Jet Skiing
- Wheelchair Tennis
- Basketball

This summer a fishing day trip and a golf outing is

being planned. No prior experience in fishing or golfing is necessary. For more information, e-mail rapad@fdoa.org or call Donna Dickens at (850) 524-0473.



FDOA's Wish List

As many of you know, FDOA operates with extremely low overhead. We have no full-time employees. To accomplish our goals, FDOA relies on its many volunteers and sponsors.

In-kind donations are also crucial to the operation of FDOA.

Currently, the needs of FDOA include:

- Office Space with 2 offices

- Graphic Artist willing to update marketing pieces
- Lobbyist willing to provide advice on an occasional basis
- Writer willing to assist with the newsletter

Please e-mail info@fdoa.org or call (850)668-7323 with any questions you may have.



New Application Process for Mobility Impaired Hunt Program

For 2005-06, you must now apply through the new Total Licensing System at any license agent (like Wal-Mart), tax collector's office or through the web site (www.MyFWC.com) and walk away with a receipt indicating the hunts for which you have applied.

Applications will no longer be accepted by mail.

After the random drawings, the quota permits will be available through these same locations on a first-come, first-served basis.

Phase 1 is from July 13-29. The 1st phase random drawings has not changed— only the way you apply. Each applicant will still receive either a permit or a rejection notice in the mail. There will be only one application per customer and one permit issued.

After you apply, be sure that your application is returned to you by the license agent.

There is no fee or charge for mobility impaired hunters.

Phase 2 is from August 22-26. Phase 2 is only for people that didn't receive a permit during phase 1.

Phase 3 is from August 27 at 10:00 a.m. until all permits are issued. During phase 2 & 3, Quota Hunt Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis from tax collectors and license agents. You will know immediately if you were successful. If you chose to use the internet during the 2nd & 3rd phases, you will also know immediately if you were successful

and which hunt was issued, but you will have to wait 7-10 days for the permit to be mailed to you. An application receipt can not be used as a Quota Hunt Permit.

Submitting false information to the Total Licensing System or using another person's information without consent can result in felony charges and the loss of hunting privileges. You must use your mobility impaired certification number. For questions, call GFC at (850) 488-3641.



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How can YOU support the efforts of the
Florida Disabled Outdoors Association?

Become a member of the FDOA!

Your assistance is valued and truly appreciated!!
When you become a member of the FDOA, you
not only support the programs mentioned in this
newsletter, but you *ensure their
continued success and growth.*

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Membership Application

Yes, I want to ensure that FDOA's
programs continue! Please accept my
support at the following annual dues
membership level:

- \$20.00 Individual
- \$50.00 Family
- \$100.00 Not-for-Profit
- \$200.00 Business
- \$1,000.00 Patron
- \$2,500.00 Trustee
- Please accept my additional
donation of \$_____.

FDOA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit
organization and gratefully
accepts donations and in-kind
gifts. All contributions are tax
deductible.

Name _____
Organization _____
Address 1 _____
Address 2 _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____

Please indicate any areas in
which you would be willing to
help.

- Marketing / Promotion
- Fund Raising
- Event Planning
- Finance / Accounting
- Computer Applications /
Web Development
- Musician
- On-site assistance at functions
- Other _____

Please mail your membership
application to:

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