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### **CD On Assisting The Physically Challenged and Aging Bowhunter Released**

Chatfield, MN - 4/3/07 - The North American Bowhunting Coalition has released their educational CD entitled "Adaptive Equipment for the Physically Challenged and Aging Bowhunter". The creation of the CD took well over a year to produce and includes hundreds of hours of research time. The CD is based on successful Physically Challenged programs being run in New York and Montana with its funding being provided by New York Bowhunters, Inc.

The adaptive equipment depicted and described in the CD are currently in use throughout North America. Many states and provinces have set up Physically Challenged programs through their bowhunting organizations. These programs utilize the adaptive equipment to assist bowhunters both within and out of their respective states. The CD provides aging and Physically Challenged bowhunters the direction required for them to once again enjoy the outdoors with bowhunting gear.

NABC Physically Challenged Chairman Gary Socola states "There is a misconception by aging bowhunters or bowhunters that have gone through a life changing injury that they can no longer hunt with conventional archery gear and therefore, need a crossbow or firearm to continue to hunt in the outdoors. This CD provides the tools and direction to get these individuals back into bowhunting". NABC Chairman Denny Ballard commented that "The outdoor bowhunting community was in dire need of an educational tool which could assist game agencies, bowhunting organizations, legislative representatives, archery related businesses, physical therapists, medical professionals and the general public about the adaptive equipment available to assist bowhunters of all ages and physical challenges".

A horrific car accident left George Bolender of New York a quadriplegic, but his passion for bowhunting didn't stop. Using adaptive equipment, George has successfully harvested several big game animals with his bow while seated in his wheelchair. George believes this "CD is the most comprehensive information available on assisting the physically challenged bowhunter".

The North American Bowhunting Coalition (NABC) was formed in 2005 and is comprised of state, provincial and national bowhunting organizations and works on behalf of current and future generations of bowhunters to promote, preserve and defend the ideals of bowhunting. The Adaptive Equipment CD can be ordered directly from the NABC, free of charge at PO Box 493 • Chatfield, MN 55923. The educational program can also be viewed in its entirety on the NABC website at <http://www.nabowhuntingcoalition.com/>. For additional information, please contact Gary Socola, NABC Physically Challenged Chairman at 585-624-2419. The organization's next major project will be a similar educational CD on Urban Deer Management Programs.

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