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Executive Director's Comments

By Dwaine Robey



What a busy time of year! Well, for that matter, what time of year is not!

The banquet committee and the big game hunt committee have been overwhelmed with preparations for the upcoming banquet and intense planning for big game hunts.

Both of these committees are facing rapidly approaching deadlines. April 1st is the deadline for submitting big game hunting license applications through the drawing and, of course, the annual fundraiser banquet is set for April 5th.

This year's banquet is special in that it celebrates **thirty years of community service** by Outdoor Buddies.

As most of you know by now, the 2014 banquet will be held at The Wildlife Experience on Saturday, April 5th.

Banquet tickets are still available and can be purchased using the forms included in this newsletter or from the Outdoor Buddies website at www.outdoorbuddies.org.

Please attend the banquet and help us make this the best ever Outdoor Buddies Banquet!

If you have suggestions or comment, you can contact me at (719) 783-9044 or drobey@centurytel.net.

President's Column

By Larry Sanford

Spring is here and the Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors and the Banquet Committee have been working very hard to bring you another great fundraiser banquet



this year! This is our primary fundraising activity each year: so please join us April 5th and help support your Outdoor Buddies and enjoy a fun evening with family and friends. Thank you for your support!

Wow, we had a great Outdoor Buddies pheasant hunt last week! We had our GOGETTER and four-wheeler

out there to bring the mobility-impaired folks right to the birds after the dogs pointed them out. What a great sight! There were young and older folks there helping and shooting. It was a great experience for all in the outdoors. Thank you to everyone who made this a wonderful event!

In early March, Kris with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Hunters Education Department asked if Outdoor Buddies could help one of their instructors work with a blind student. Of course, we said yes. We have done this previously using our "Trophy Shot" adaptive optical equipment. We will be helping this student with his hunter safety education on March 27th at the CPW Hunter Education Building in Denver. I will be taking our trophy shot mounted on a CZ-USA 455 22 caliber rifle to help a future Outdoor Buddies member finish his hunter's safety course. This adaptive equipment was bought with funds from last year's fundraiser banquet!

All of you who signed up with Outdoor Buddies to help volunteer your time need to keep an eye on the calendar of events in the newsletter. There will be events happening throughout the summer and fall that you might want to help with. You are welcome to contact the coordinators for each event and come out and have some fun!

I hope to see you all at the fundraiser banquet on April 5th where we will have a great variety of equipment and hunting trips you can buy to help Outdoor Buddies continue our mission!

God Bless you all!

Banquet Auction Items

Please come to the banquet prepared to bid on a few auction items. Here is a sample of some of the great items that will be available:

Four-day Argentina Dove Hunt for Two, South African Photo Safari for Two, Custom Made Fly Rod, Hand Tooled Leather Rifle Case by Vern Anderson, Rockies Tickets, Colorado Cow Elk Hunt, SCCY CPX 9mm Pistol, 50 Caliber Muzzleloading Rifle, CZ-USA 612 Home Defense Shotgun, African Game Hunts, Wyoming Fishing Outing for Two, Waterfowl Hunt for Two, Outfitters Tent Stove, Deer Mounts on Pedestals, Front Sight Legacy Membership, Jewelry, Knives, and much more.



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Outdoor Buddies' Mission:
"Provide opportunities through a volunteer organization, for those who have been deprived of enjoying outdoor experiences." These opportunities are available to all, with no cost, other than personal expenses, and no discrimination due to race, color, creed, religion, sex, or family status.

Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors. Voting Board Members are shown below:

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All Outdoor Buddies members are encouraged to submit input for the newsletter.

Newsletter input should be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in that month's newsletter.

Please send newsletter input via Email to:
executivedirector@outdoorbuddies.org.

Outdoor Buddies Pheasant Hunt By Dwaine Robey

Jason Mulso, owner of Fremont Pheasant LLC, and a few of his friends did a wonderful job in hosting an Outdoor Buddies pheasant hunt near Penrose on Saturday, March 15th.

About twenty-five people participated in a great time in the outdoors. Some of the participants included Levi and Michael Trujillo, George Carter and his grandson, Josh Lyon and his wife and two children, Chad Graham and his sons, Larry Sanford, Terry Nelson, Randy Olson, Jason Mulso plus two helpers with dogs, Dwaine Robey, Rob Adams (Cook), Darrell Erickson, Bill Knicely and others.

It was very enjoyable watching the dogs work to



locate and point out birds for the disabled shooters. The dogs really did a great job of retrieving downed



birds. At the end of the hunting day the harvested birds were cleaned and

given to any of the participants who wanted to take them home for future meals.

Thanks to Terry Nelson and Randy Olson for providing the coffee and donuts and very special thanks to Rob Adams and his helpers for the great lunch.

Site-In at Green Mill Sportsman's Club Will be on April 26, 2014

By Rich Cori

Green Mill Sportsman's Club has invited Outdoor Buddies to have another sight-in their facility. They really enjoy doing this for Outdoor Buddies. Pete Labella notified me that Cabela's will be sponsoring this event.

So put it on your calendar and come join us at Green Mill Sportsmen's Club on Saturday April 26th starting at 9:00 AM.

We will shoot, rain or shine as the shooting house is enclosed. They have reserved the big bore and pistol ranges for us.

The sign up is now open, please contact Rich Cori at r.cori@outdoorbuddies.org or call 303-604 9227.

The range will be opened at 8:30 AM., the gate will be open and you can proceed directly to the range for sign in.

The range is located 3 miles west of I25. Take Exit 232 west to Bonanza (WCR3), turn left, and then take first left at Green Mill Road then south for 3/4 mile. Attached is a link to a map on their web page at <http://www.greenmillsportsman.org/gmsc/node/6>

Big Game Hunting

By Larry Sanford, Hunt Committee Chair

I hope all of you Handi-Buddies have sent in your Outdoor Buddies Hunt Requests in by now. The Big Game team has been working very hard on placing Handi-Buddies who sent in hunt requests for antelope, deer, and elk. We are in the process of notifying Handi-Buddies of their placement and what hunt code to send in for.

Unfortunately, Outdoor Buddies does not have enough hunt properties and slots to place everyone on a hunt every year. That is why we have a placement system to help make it as fair as we can to give everyone a chance to go on big game hunts. All of our hunts take place on donated private land. We are always looking for new opportunities to take more mobility-disabled hunters on hunts to better keep up with the demand for big game hunting throughout the state.

If there are any Handi-Buddies who HAVE Colorado Big Game Deer preference points and want to hunt a buck deer contact me ASAP!



A COUPLE OF THINGS

By Kathy Shears

The first thing: This was the second year that we have had the opportunity to sell raffle tickets at the Sportsman’s Warehouse in Colorado Springs. Once again, the response of the customers was phenomenal. Even though many of them were in a bit of a hurry, they kindly listened to our spiel about Outdoor Buddies. They took the time to look at our picture board, ask questions and in so many cases that I lost count, bought raffle tickets, or at the very least left a donation.

We were overwhelmed by the number of our American Heroes that we met. One was a WWII Veteran, another was a Korean Vet, and many were young servicemen who have returned from Iraq/Afghanistan and one had just gotten back from Kuwait. In talking with them I was reminded of just how proud I am to be an American. I was amazed by the young military guys who thanked us for the work that we are doing with Outdoor Buddies. It was very humbling.



Now to the second thing: Our fundraising banquet is almost upon us. Once again, I am asking if any of you would help in getting donations of new merchandise for our auctions. As I am sure most of you are aware, our auctions are one of the ways that we raise money to keep Outdoor Buddies doing what we were founded 30 years ago to do.

If you have any donations, please call me at 303-431-1275 or email me at shearsks@hotmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day Honoring Disabled Veterans and other US Military Veterans

By Dwaine Robey



On **Armed Forces Day**, May 17th, Outdoor Buddies will hold the third annual Community Appreciation Day Honoring US Military Veterans in Westcliffe from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The event will be held at A Painted View Ranch located three miles west of town.

Everyone is invited! There will be games, demonstrations, free food, and much more.

Last year’s event was a huge success, so we are expecting a large turnout.

The activities planned include flag ceremonies with a military mounted color guard from Fort Carson, a mechanical bull ride, equestrian demonstration by the mounted color guard including mule team and wagon, the Blooming Bush Women (music and Samurai Sword Dance), pack mule demonstration with mules (by local US Forest Service), archery range (by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife), shooting game trailer (by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife), Paca Peace alpaca educational program with alpacas, Mission Wolf’s 30 minute educational program with wolves, and more.

Special attractions for kids include a Bounce House, ducky race (using irrigation canal that runs through the ranch), stick horse barrel racing, face painting, animal balloons, and cotton candy.

There will be a free lunch of barbequed pork, hot dogs, side dishes, iced tea, lemonade, and water. (Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.)

So please plan to be in Westcliffe on Saturday, May 17th.

For more details, please contact Dwaine Robey at (719) 783-9044 or drobey@centurytel.net.

Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit



Everyone is invited to participate in the Outdoor Buddies golf benefit scheduled for Saturday, June 7th.

Event director, Dustin Robey, and other committee members guarantee great weather and a very enjoyable event for all who enter.

The tournament will be held at Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora. The format is a four person team scramble with a 7:30 AM shotgun start. The entry fee, which includes cart, practice range balls, silent auction, prizes, buffet lunch, contests, and lots of fun, is \$100 per player if you register by May 31st. For late entrees, starting June 1st, the fee is \$125.00.

We are currently accepting entries for the tournament, so sign up to reserve your slots. You may register as a single player and we will set up a foursome for you or you may register your own foursomes.

To register, complete the entry form included with this newsletter and send it to the address on the form. Or, you may contact Dustin Robey at (303) 845-0423 or Wally Hunt at (303) 985-2293 for more information and to enter.

Please come join us and help support Outdoor Buddies!!



TABLE RESERVATION FORM
Outdoor Buddies Banquet
at
The Wildlife Experience
RESERVE A TABLE FOR TEN (10)
FILL A TABLE OF TEN WITH FRIENDS, ASSOCIATES, AND FAMILY



Be assured that you will be able to share a table with those you wish to be with at the banquet.

This is a great opportunity to show your support of Outdoor Buddies. A limited number of Table Reservations are available for the annual fundraiser banquet on **Saturday, April 5, 2014.**

TABLE RESERVATION OPTIONS (Please check the box of your choice.)

- Table Patron** **\$400.00**
Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet
- Corporate Table** **\$1,000.00**
Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
Preferred seating
Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for three editions
Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet

Please complete the Table Reservation Order Form below and submit it to the address shown on the form.



TABLE RESERVATION ORDER FORM

To: **Outdoor Buddies**
Wally Hunt, Treasurer
2141 South Yarrow Street
Lakewood, CO 80227

I would like to reserve a table at the 2014 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet.

From: _____

NAME TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Name to be displayed on reserved table at banquet: _____

Message (Optional): _____

Please accept my payment of \$ _____.

Please check one of the following boxes:

- Please find enclosed my check, payable to Outdoor Buddies, in the amount of _____.
- Please bill me, I will send a check later.
- Please charge to my credit card account as shown below.

Credit Card Charge Form

This authorizes Outdoor Buddies, Inc. to use my Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit card.

Card Number: _____ Card Type: **Visa MasterCard Discover** (Circle One)

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date _____ CV Number: _____

Billing Address of Card: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Charge Amount _____

Authorized Card User's Signature _____ Date: _____



ANNOUNCING OUTDOOR BUDDIES FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2014



Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. This year's banquet celebrates **thirty years of community service** by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be held at **The Wildlife Experience** on **Saturday, April 5, 2014**. The Wildlife Experience is located approximately 10 miles from downtown Denver at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and South Peoria Street.

Your ticket to this event includes admission to the Museum and Galleries at The Wildlife Experience starting at 3:00 PM. There will be a social period beginning at 4:00 PM with dinner being served at approximately 6:00 PM.

Business casual attire is suggested. We are asking for a payment of \$40.00 per person for the banquet dinner and the evening's program. Children, age sixteen and under, will be admitted for \$20.00.

The dinner menu includes your choice of Baseball Cut Sirloin, Broiled Salmon, or Chicken Cacciatore. The dinner will also include Classic Caesar Salad with assorted Freshly Baked Rolls, Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea, Seasonal Vegetables, and Dessert. A cash bar will be available. The children's ticket includes a Kid's Meal of Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese, and French Fries.

With Fox 31 Denver's Dan Daru as Master of Ceremonies



Dan is a weekday morning reporter on Fox 31's Good Day Colorado.

This is Dan's third year as Outdoor Buddies Banquet MC. His keen sense of humor and spontaneous antics are sure to keep you

entertained throughout the evening.



Dan Daru

The program will include current information about Outdoor Buddies programs and a few "surprise" agenda items.

There will be raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction so come prepared to do a little shopping.

If you cannot attend the banquet, perhaps you will want to consider purchasing a ticket or two for a handi-buddy. If so, please let us know and your donated ticket(s) will be put to good use.

You may purchase tickets for this great Outdoor Buddies event via the Internet at www.outdoorbuddies.org or simply fill out and return the form below to: Outdoor Buddies, Wally Hunt, Treasurer, 2141 South Yarrow Street, Lakewood, CO 80227.

To order by phone call **(303) 985-2293**.

To: **Outdoor Buddies**
Wally Hunt, Treasurer
2141 South Yarrow Street
Lakewood, CO 80227

I would like to request _____ Adult tickets for the Outdoor Buddies Annual Banquet.
Menu choice(s): Baseball Cut Sirloin ____, Broiled Salmon ____, Chicken Cacciatore ____.
Please accept my payment of \$40.00 for each ticket.
I would also like to request ____ Children's ticket(s) at \$20.00 per ticket.
Please find enclosed my check, payable to Outdoor Buddies, in the amount of _____.

From: _____
NAME TELEPHONE NUMBER
STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE



OUTDOOR BUDDIES ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT



Supported by:



ENTRY FORM

Event

You, your family, and friends are cordially invited to participate in our golf tournament. The tournament will be held at **Murphy Creek Golf Course** in Aurora, on Saturday, **June 7th**. Tee time is **7:30 am**.

The format for the tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start. If you register by May 31st, the **entry fee is \$100.00** per player, which includes cart, range balls, silent auction, prizes, lunch buffet, contests, and lots of fun. The **entry fee starting on June 1st is \$125.00**.

Outdoor Buddies

An **all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** that was founded in 1984 by a group of concerned sportspersons who desired to provide outdoor adventure experiences to mobility disabled outdoor lovers. The **mission** of Outdoor Buddies is: **“To provide opportunities through a volunteer organization, for those who have been deprived of enjoying outdoor experiences.”** These opportunities are available to all, with no additional cost (other than personal expenses) and no discrimination due to race, color, creed, religion, gender, or family status.

Golf Course



Murphy Creek is a challenging and fun 18 hole regulation course for all ability levels. One of the best practice facilities in Colorado, great putting green, tough chipping and sand practice green, two short game practice greens up to 75 yards distance, and a full driving range. From the longest tees it features 7,456 yards of golf for a par of 72. The course was designed by Kenneth Kavanaugh, ASGCA and opened in 2000. The course rating is 74.6 with a slope rating of 131.

Registration

You may register as a foursome, or a single player and we will set up a foursome for you. To reserve your place for this great Outdoor Buddies event, simply fill out and return the form below to:

Dustin Robey, 1607 S. De Gaulle Way, Aurora, CO 80018

Or, if you prefer, please call **Dustin Robey** at **(303) 845-0423** or **Wally Hunt** at **(303) 985-2293** for more information or reservations.

(If there are unplayable conditions on June 7th, the tournament will be rescheduled.)

Prepayment is required. Entry deadline is June 4rd.



I would like to reserve _____ entry/entries for the **Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit** on **June 7th, 2014**.

Player 1: _____ Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____ Player 4: _____

Please find enclosed my check payable to **Outdoor Buddies** in the amount of _____.

Contact: _____

NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

(Note: Shown below are currently scheduled events. Other activities will be scheduled as appropriate.)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/Location</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Contacts</i>
April 5	Outdoor Buddies 2014 Banquet at The Wildlife Experience in south Denver.	Annual fundraiser banquet at The Wildlife Experience. Tickets available from Outdoor Buddies website at: www.outdoorbuddies.org .	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
April 26	Outdoor Buddies site-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved.	Rich Cori (303) 604-9227 r_j_cori@msn.com
May 17	Armed Forces Day Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day at Westcliffe.	Family day honoring disabled veterans and all military service members and veterans. There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of games and demonstrations. Everyone is welcome!	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
June 7	Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit at Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora.	Four member team scramble. Shotgun start at 7:30 AM.	Dustin Robey (303) 366-9961 dustin@midwestfloors.com
June 14	Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds.	All are welcome to attend our annual Family Day at Swift Ponds. Free fishing, barbecue and more.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
August 2	Outdoor Buddies site-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved.	Rich Cori (303) 604-9227 r_j_cori@msn.com