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In addition to these activities, the Outdoor Buddies big game hunting committee continues to work throughout the year making plans and schedules for hunts for disabled members. Each year the number of disabled persons requesting big game hunts exceeds the number of available hunting slots. We are continually seeking access to additional hunting properties. Please contact me or Larry Sanford if you, or anyone you know, can help in this area.

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

Executive Director's Comments

By Dwaine Robey



Thank you, thank you, and thank you to all who attended the Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 5th. You helped make it a big success. Your support is truly appreciated!

Now that the banquet is behind us, we are working on a few more exciting Outdoor Buddies events. For the shooting enthusiasts there is the

Sight-In at Green Mill Sportsman's Club on Saturday, April 26th. The Green Mill Sportsman's Club is a private club dedicated to providing an educational, safe and enjoyable place for members to enjoy the shooting sports. During the fall, the Green Mill Sportsman's club opens the club ranges to the public for hunter sight-in. They have graciously hosted sight-ins for Outdoor Buddies members several times in the past. They do a great job of helping those who need help!

On Saturday, May 17th Outdoor Buddies will hold its third annual Community Appreciation Day at A Painted View Ranch near Westcliffe. This family oriented event is held in honor of US military veterans and active duty members with special recognition of disabled veterans. Please see additional information regarding this event elsewhere in this newsletter. You should not miss this event designed with activities for all family members.

The annual Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit will be held on Saturday, June 7th at Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora. Now is the time to organize your foursomes and reserve your entries for this fun event. Please see the article about the golf benefit elsewhere in this newsletter.

Another great family event is scheduled for June 14th; the annual Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds. Outdoor Buddies President, Larry Sanford, and his wife Penny and their committee are already working on plans for the annual family day. It promises to be the best one ever so please make a note on your calendar now and plan to be there with your family and friends.

President's Column

By Larry Sanford



Wow! What a great Fundraiser Banquet!

It was sure nice to see everyone who made it to the Outdoor Buddies annual banquet. There were a lot of stories being told and folks reconnecting throughout the evening.

Thank you to everyone who donated their money and time so that Outdoor Buddies can

continue to be an outstanding organization that helps so many people!

I want to thank all of our Banquet Committee members who made our fundraiser so successful; especially Dwaine and Ann Robey who have given so much of their hearts and time to Outdoor Buddies banquets as well as many other activities.

Outdoor Buddies will be having some great events coming up this spring and summer so if you want to have a great time with your families please come out and have some fun! All of these events are listed in the Upcoming Events Calendar in this newsletter.

Wally Hunt and I have been trying to help some of our Handi-Buddies get connected with other Outdoor Buddies members. This would help them get to events that they normally might miss. If you are interested in helping us connect these folks or you want to get connected with someone who lives close to you then get a hold of Wally or me and we will get you connected.

The Outdoor Buddies Hunt Committee has been working hard placing hunters for our available big game hunt slots. There are never enough hunt slots to go around so we are continually looking for more opportunities for elk and deer hunting properties. If you are a landowner or know someone who can give an opportunity for someone with a disability to go elk or deer hunting please contact me.



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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.

2014 Outdoor Buddies Banquet

Outdoor Buddies held its annual banquet for 2014 at The Wildlife Experience in south Denver on Saturday, April 5th. There was a full house again this year.

Outdoor Buddies Executive Director, Dwaine Robey, kicked off the evening's program with a welcome and thank you for the great support given to Outdoor Buddies.

After introductions and brief remarks from the officers, Outdoor Buddies Vice President, Dustin Robey, introduced Dan Daru, the master of ceremonies for the program. Dan is a well-known Denver TV personality, who is a weekday morning reporter on *Fox 31's Good Day Colorado*. This was Dan's third consecutive year as master of ceremonies at the annual Outdoor Buddies affair.

The National Colors were presented by the Young Marines Color Guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by youngsters Taylor and Trevor Robey and Romeo and Bella Daru

Todd Bacon, Outdoor Buddies Chaplin, delivered the invocation.

The keynote speaker was Major-General Joe Arbuckle, retired U.S. Army, who talked about the impact of budget cuts on the Department of Defense and wounded warrior status in reference to the US military drawdown in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Outdoor Buddies President, Larry Sanford made a presentation demonstrating how adaptive equipment is used to assist disabled persons in their pursuit of outdoor activities.

This set the stage for the live auction, and gave auctioneers John Anderson and Jeff Sweeney a chance to begin the action.

Dan Daru, Dustin Robey, Chris and Amy Dorow, and others assisted the auctioneers, while Marci Gregg recorded sales.

The evening concluded with the raffle prize drawings. Amazingly, Jake Rusak's winning ticket was drawn for two of the drum raffle prizes. What are the odds for that?

The winners of some of the raffles included:

Jake Rusak	9 mm SCCY Two-Tone Pistol
Erin Lorenz	Beretta 12 Gauge Shotgun
Jake Rusak	Lake of the Woods Fishing for 4
Charles Parke	Colt LE6920 AR15 Rifle

Outdoor Buddies would like to thank all of the individuals and companies who donated items for the raffles and auction, and express gratitude to The Wildlife Experience for its assistance in hosting this great banquet.

Very special thanks to our guest speaker, Joe Arbuckle, and all who attended!

Following are a few additional pictures from the banquet.



The Young Marines Color Guard presents the National Colors.



Dustin Robey, MC Dan Daru, and Richard Westfall discuss the evening's program.



Preparing for the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.



Joe Arbuckle, Major General, US Army (Retired), addresses banquet guests.



Outdoor Buddies President, Larry Sanford, describes Outdoor Buddies' programs.



Friends of NRA Representative, Dan Swier, presents grant check to Outdoor Buddies.



Guests inspect the silent auction items.



Auctioneer, Jeff Sweeney, and helper, Amy Dorow, sell a rifle to Chad Graham.



The Airsoft Shooting Gallery was a popular activity for the youngsters assisted by Todd Bacon.



Auctioneer, John Anderson in action!



Part of the silent auction display.



An overflow crowd enjoyed the evening.

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 at their facility. They recently 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>

Community Appreciation Day Honoring Disabled Veterans and other Military Personnel and Veterans



On **Armed Forces Day**, May 17th, Outdoor Buddies will hold the third annual Community Appreciation Day Honoring our US military 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.

Previous events were well attended, so we are expecting a large turnout.

Activities planned include participation by Wounded Warriors from the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Carson, flag ceremonies with a military mounted color guard, a mechanical bull ride, pack mule demonstration with mules (by local US Forest Service), archery range (by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife), laser shot video game trailer (by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife), Paca Peace alpaca educational program with alpacas, Mission Wolf’s 30 minute educational program with wolves, the Blooming Bush Women (music and Samurai Sword Dance), and more.

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

There will be a free lunch of barbecued pork, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, iced tea, lemonade, and water. (Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.)

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

Displays

Huey Helicopter Display Outdoor Buddies Display and Bucket Raffle Coalition to Salute America’s Heroes Display American Legion Display - Poppies Eagles Summit Ranch Display Club America WMC Display	10:00 - 3:00
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Activities Schedule

Archery Shooting Kid’s Fishing Game Laser Shot Trailer Pack Mule Demonstrations Mechanical Bull Rides Bounce House	10:00 - 3:00
Ducky Race	10:40 - 11:45
Alpaca Demonstrations	11:00 - 1:00
Face Painting/Cotton Candy/Animal Balloons	11:00 - 3:00
Flag Ceremony/Pledge/Invocation	11:45
Mounted Color Guard Equestrian	12:00 - 12:30
Lunch	12:30 - 2:00
Blooming Bush Women Band/Samurai Dance	12:30 - 2:00
Stick Pony Barrel Races	1:45 - 2:45
Raffle Drawings and Presentations	2:45 - 3:00
Mission Wolf Educational Program	3:00 - 3:30

Following are a few pictures from last years’ event.



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!!

Firearms and Other Stuff

By Bill Baker



Hey Outdoor Buddies! Recently I heard from one of our members named Frank who feels his 300 Win. mag has too much recoil for his disability. He phoned and asked if I could help him with this problem. We have had several hour-long conversations and I believe this is what we've come to.

We're going to install two mercury-filled recoil suppressers in his stock, one in the forend and one in the butt. If this does not sufficiently reduce the recoil to his tolerance level, we will then add a KDF muzzlebreak.

We also have upgraded his scope, rings, and bases from Tasco (Trash-co) to Redfield for a much better increase in the light transmission and the rigidity of the mounting system. We are also going to glass-bed the entire action and free-float the barrel to improve consistent accuracy.

I'll keep you apprised about how it works out when we get further along. Frank seems excited, so therefore so am I.

Everyone else can feel free to contact me at 719 942-3027 if they need any help with gunsmithing. I never charge a fee per se.

Sincerely,
Wild Crazy Bill
Gunsmith, Firearms Advisor



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



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 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