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Executive Director's Comments

By Dwaine Robey



Thank you to all who attended the Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day in Westcliffe on May 17th. Your participation is truly appreciated!

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 have been working on plans for the annual family day. It promises to be the best one ever so please plan to be there with your family and friends.

The Outdoor Buddies big game hunting committee continues to work throughout the year making plans and schedules for hunts for disabled members. The number of disabled persons requesting big game hunts each year nearly always 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.

Through the years, Outdoor Buddies has accumulated a small inventory of special equipment that we use in some of our activities. We have off-road vehicles including an ATV with a "go-getter" attachment, a Bad Boy electric/gasoline engine utility vehicle, an Arctic Cat Prowler UTV, trailers, a fishing boat, a snowmobile, wheelchair shooting rests, and other miscellaneous equipment.

Outdoor Buddies recently received grant funding to be used for the purchase of two Action Trackstander units. We expect to have these units in operation by the



end of June.

The Outdoor Buddies organization is in need for some "new blood" on our management team. Many of us who have been very active in the management of the organization for several years are getting "way past" retirement age and cannot continue working on Outdoor Buddies activities indefinitely. This situation is getting increasingly critical as time passes. Ideal candidates to get involved include recently retired individuals who are looking for worthwhile activities now that they may have some free time after retirement. Is that you; or do you know someone who may fit this description? If so, please let me know.

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

President's Column

By Larry Sanford



The spring Outdoor Buddies events have started with the thunder of hooves from the US Army's Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard at the base of the Sangre de Cristo mountains near Westcliffe on Armed Forces Day! Outdoor Buddies held our third annual Community Appreciation Day at A Painted View Ranch. Dwaine and Ann Robey and a crew of volunteers

did a great job putting on this event. Thank you!

On Saturday June 14th we invite all of you as well as your families and friends to come out to Swift Ponds just north of the Windsor exit off of I-25 to celebrate Outdoor Buddies 30th anniversary at our annual Family Day!

There will be a lot of family activities to enjoy such as trap shooting, catch and release fishing in 9 ponds, archery, BB gun range, games and more for any age or ability throughout the facility!

There will be lunch provided and served in the main pavilion.

We will have a photographer there to take your family photo if you wish; after all it is Father's Day weekend!

There are three huge wheelchair accessible fishing docks from which to fish for largemouth bass, crappie, blue gill, perch and more!

Please contact Larry Sanford for more information about helping or attending Outdoor Buddies Family Day 30th anniversary celebration!

I want to encourage you all to take part in any or all of our Outdoor Buddies events. The volunteers who put these events together work very hard to give us all fun, family activities so that everyone can have wonderful outings enjoying Colorado, all for FREE!

If any of you would like to volunteer and get involved with help any of the Outdoor Buddies activities please contact any of the coordinators for each of these events.



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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.

Free meals were served including barbecued pork, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, cookies, iced tea, lemonade, and water. Alcoholic beverages were prohibited.

The mounted color guard from Fort Carson showed off the riding skills with a rousing equestrian demonstration immediately after lunch.

Special guests included members of the Warrior Transition Unit from Fort Carson, a contingent of patients and staff members from the Pueblo Veterans Home, patients and staff from the Haven Behavioral War Heros Hospital in Pueblo, and many other military veterans.

We would like to thank all the organizations that provided activities and displays at the event. In addition we thank American Legion Post 170 including their Auxiliary for its participation and support.

Volunteers from Outdoor Buddies did the food preparation and service. Outdoor Buddies Activities Coordinator, Rob Adams headed up the volunteer lunch crew and Ann Robey did much of the shopping and assisted with the food service.

Following are some pictures from the event provided by event photographer, Mary Chandler.

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



Approximately 300 people attended the Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day Honoring Wounded Warriors and Other Military Personnel and Veterans on May 17th, Armed Forces Day, at A Painted View Ranch near Westcliffe. Attendees included Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Carson.

Special thanks to Bill Canda for the great job he did as public address announcer for the event. He kept everyone informed and headed in the right direction.

There was an impressive flag ceremony with a mounted color guard from Fort Carson and local American Legion Post 170 color guard and Reverend Andrew Zeller recited a stirring prayer for the occasion.

Other activities included a mechanical bull ride, the Blooming Bush Women (music and Samurai Sword Dance), pack mule demonstrations by a local US Forest Service representative, a kid's fishing game, archery trailer, and laser shot video game staffed by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife representatives, alpacas from Paca Peace Ranch, an educational program with wolves conducted by Kent Weber, Executive Director of Mission Wolf Sanctuary, stick pony barrel racing, and more.

Special attractions for kids included a bounce house, ducky races, face painting, animal balloons, and cotton candy.





Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds

by Larry Sanford

Mark your calendars! The Outdoor Buddies Family Day for 2014 will be held at Swift Ponds on Saturday, June 14th from 8:30 AM. until 4:00 PM. Swift Ponds are located north of Loveland, off of the Windsor exit from I-25.

Plan to have a great time because there will be plenty of good food, and exciting events.

Several activities are being planned for your enjoyment, and we would like to hear any suggestions that any of you might have to add to the activities. Among the usual activities catch and release fishing (no license necessary) is one of the most popular.

There is no charge for this day-long event and all Outdoor Buddies members and their family and friends are welcome, so please plan to attend. We encourage your participation!

Directions to Swift Ponds are shown on Page 6 of this newsletter.

Send your activity suggestions to Larry and Penny Sanford 970-663-7852, or 970-218-5356, or Email: lpbusy@comcast.net.

Family Day Schedule

Gate Opens	8:30
Fishing (Catch & Release)	8:30 – 3:30
Archery, Trap Shooting, BB Gun Shooting, & Other Games	9:00 – 11:30
Flag Ceremony	11:30 – 11:50
Lunch	12:00 – 1:30
Archery, Trap Shooting, BB Gun Shooting, & Other Games	1:30 – 3:00
Raffle Drawings	2:00
Retire Flag – End of Event	3:00 – 3:30

Following are a few pictures from last year's event.



Firearms and Other Stuff

By Bill Baker



Hello fellow Outdoor Buddies!!!

I hope you have all been having a great time.....Some of you have been in touch with me, so I'll review some of our topics of discussion.

Frank's 300WM is not here yet, so nothing new there...Bob has asked if I would add a set of Mercury Recoil Suppressors to his 300WM, as well.

So when I get Frank's 300 WM I'll do Bobs at the same time. Since I'll be cutting stocks, pads and boring holes for Frank & Bob, I'll put the same 2 systems in my new C-Z 416 Rigby. She has an English walnut stock so I want a very thin pad. That way I can see for myself what the affect is, rather than just adding a muzzle break as I normally would. John has a 30-06 and wants to load with his shooting buddy. So as always, we talked and talked. He needs a progressive type press; one with a side handle to move the die-set around the turret. That way he only needs to adjust all the dies once per Caliber, and then just move to the next station. This type of Press is not quite as accurate as a single stage, but should serve him just fine. He said he would keep me updated. Funny, speaking of chatting with you folks, Darrell just called about his new Ruger 1911 clone. Seems it has a trigger problem... HUM, a Ruger with a trigger issue???? I told him once he gets it back from the factory I'll be glad to make it work....Please feel free to contact me at 719-942-3027 about any of your firearms questions.

Group Camping Reservations at Tarryall

Outdoor Buddies' has access to a campground (tent camping) located away from the main public campgrounds at Tarryall State Wildlife Area. Access and management of this property is granted to Outdoor Buddies through a lease agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).

Group camping begins at the campsite June 1st and run through August 31st and is managed by Outdoor Buddies.

This 40 acre campsite can be reserved for groups such as boy scouts, girl scouts, church groups, and other youth groups.

Camping facilities available at the site include:

- 4 picnic tables
- 2 metal ringed fire pits
- Pit toilet



Available equipment for use by campers includes teepees, a canoe (for qualified groups), archery and fishing equipment.



Local hiking trails located in the Lost Creek Wilderness area are easily accessible from the Tarryall camp. Hiking trails with trail heads close to the camp are found along Forest Service Road 143 (Derbyshire gulch).



The catch of the day fishing at Tarryall Reservoir.

Tarryall is also located within easy driving distance to Colorado Fourteeners in the Mosquito Range.

Tarryall Reservoir is well known for good trout fishing and Tarryall Creek above and below the dam offers easy access along stretches controlled by the DOW.



Snowcapped Mosquito Range in the distance.

Habitat stamps are required for adults ages 18 - 64 see CPW habitat stamp at:

<http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/HabitatStamp.aspx>

Outdoor Buddies will be happy to work with you to develop your plans for a group outing at Tarryall State Wildlife Area. We may be able to help with finding qualified instructors for such activities as outdoor survival training, archery, shooting sports, etc.

Please feel free to contact us for more information and to reserve a time for your group to utilize the campground.

Groups who are interested in fishing activities should contact us.

For information and to reserve the campsite contact:

Jim Piper
303-932-1209

E-mail: geopros@clanmurray.org

Swift Ponds

4927 E. County Rd. 36 Ft. Collins, CO 80528



From Windsor, Greeley and Eaton: Take Highway 392 West to County Rd 5. Turn right (north) onto County Rd. 5. Take County 5 north to County 36 (Ketcher Road). Turn Left onto County 36, the Swift Ponds gate will be on your left.

From Loveland and Berthoud: Take Highway 34 east to Interstate 25. Take Interstate 25 north to Windsor Exit 262, turn right onto Highway 392. Take Highway 392 east to County Rd. 5, turn left onto County Rd. 5. Take County 5 north to County 36 (Ketcher Road). Turn Left onto County 36, the Swift Ponds gate will be on your left.

From Ft. Collins: Take Timberline Rd south to Highway 392. Take Highway 392 east to County Rd. 5, turn left onto County Rd. 5. Take County 5 north to County 36 (Kechter Road). Turn Left onto County 36, the Swift Ponds gate will be on your left.

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>
June, July, and August	Group camping – private campground at Tarryall State Wildlife Area.	Reserve 40 acre campground for your church group, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kid's Club, or other group.	Jim Piper (303) 932-1209 geopros@clanmurray.org Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
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
June 25	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors Meeting at Colorado Parks and Wildlife Headquarters.	Bi-monthly Board Meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Visitors are welcome.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.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