



# OUTDOOR BUDDIES NEWSLETTER

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days after his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. A short time prior to his death, Roger had purchased an all-terrain wheelchair. Roger's wife, Janet, donated the new wheelchair to Outdoor Buddies and said "I know Roger would want you to have it."

With the addition of Roger's Action Track Chair Outdoor Buddies now has three of these units in operation and are anxious to get maximum use from them. So please let us know if any of you know a mobility-disabled person who could benefit from using one of the Trackstanders or Track Chair for Outdoor Buddies activities.

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

## Executive Director's Comments

By Dwaine Robey



Throughout its thirty-year history, Outdoor Buddies members have been blessed with the opportunity to meet and get to know wonderful fellow members. Sadly, these friendships cannot last forever. It is not Outdoor Buddies' policy to publish information about deceased members; however we are

acknowledging the passing of a few members in this issue of the newsletter.

"Because the US needed us, and I wanted to help my country." This was the reason given by Norman Dixon when asked why he left college to enlist in the Army Air Force right before the start of World War II.

Norm was enrolled at Iowa State University when, on December 11, 1941 Germany declared war on the United States. He promptly quit college and enlisted and later began his training as a fighter pilot. He was assigned to fly P-51s as an escort to protect bomber planes. On his 19<sup>th</sup> mission, his plane was shot down over Germany. He parachuted from his plane, but broke his neck, ruined his ankles and became a prisoner of war. He was in a prison camp for nearly a year before being released at the end of the war.

Patriotism - It's the reason why Norm pursued his enlistment and the reason why, throughout our history, millions of Americans have proudly protected our country.

Norm passed away on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the age of 92. He is missed by his many friends at Outdoor Buddies.

James Linn passed away on August 5<sup>th</sup>. He was an avid supporter of Outdoor Buddies of Kansas. He and Merle Heldenbrand, founder of the Kansas Chapter of Outdoor Buddies, became fast friends.

Roger Holm was an Outdoor Buddies supporter in Westcliffe. He passed away on September 18<sup>th</sup>, three

## President's Column

By Larry Sanford



Fall is here! The elk are starting their yearly rituals as the bulls are polishing their horns in anticipation of the annual event that will help insure their herds continue to grow with only the strongest genes.

Each year those of us here at Outdoor Buddies go through our mission of continuing to get folks in the outdoors doing an activity

that they would love to do. Just like the seasons, things grow and start their lives and some things whither, die and become part of the cycle of life. It saddens me when I hear that some of our members have passed away. This year I know we have lost George Nicholas shortly after his last elk hunt with Outdoor Buddies in February as well as Jerry Weise who was a great hunter and family man. The latest is Bob Morris who was laid to rest on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Bob, with his great friend Tom Eckrich, spent many hours chasing elk with Outdoor Buddies. All of these great men will be missed but never forgotten as they are what makes up the very fiber of Outdoor Buddies.

On a lighter note, those of you who have just signed up with Outdoor Buddies, Welcome! Those of you who have been with us, THANK YOU for your continued support. Each and every one of us have our reasons or disabilities that bring us all together to continue Outdoor Buddies' mission of getting folks who have been deprived of that experience back in the outdoors!

We are getting ready for one of our largest hunting events, which is the annual antelope hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch north of Wellington, Colorado.

There will be about 45 hunters with disabilities there as well as many youth hunters and their families trying to all fill their freezer with some tasty Antelope meat. The


hunters could not do this, or any other Outdoor Buddies hunts without the awesome volunteers who help run the events as well as guiding these folks on their outdoor experience of a lifetime! THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s special licensing department and more specifically Erik Slater for his outstanding continued support of mobility-impaired hunters! Without the Impaired Hunting Program many hunters who happen to be mobility-impaired could not enjoy hunting big game in Colorado.

If you want to come out and help on an Outdoor Buddies hunting event of any kind please contact me and we will get you in the field!

Be safe in the outdoors and enjoy your times making memories with family and friends.

God Bless you all.



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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in that month’s newsletter.  
**Please send newsletter input via Email to:**  
[executivedirector@outdoorbuddies.org](mailto:executivedirector@outdoorbuddies.org).

### Outdoor Buddies Recognized for Transparency in Communications



Commitment to Transparency  
Recognized by Intelligent Philanthropy

Outdoor Buddies invests significant time into transparently communicating detailed and up-to-date information. We are committed to transparency in the

management of our organization; both to our members and to donors who provide financial support to Outdoor Buddies.

We are proud that Excellence in Giving recognizes Outdoor Buddies’ Commitment to Transparency.

Excellence in Giving is a full-service philanthropic advisory firm designed to increase the joy of the high-capacity donor through a personalized process of discovery, evaluation, participation, and celebration.

Through the Excellence in Giving process philanthropists are able to give confidently and maximize the impact of their philanthropy. This model provides superior value for clients as the Excellence in Giving team partners with them to transform the burden of wealth into *the joy of generosity*.

Excellence in Giving has created a logo for us to display to all our supporters and potential donors signifying our Commitment to Transparency.

### Hospital Bed Available to be donated to a Disabled US Military Veteran

A generous donor is offering a very high quality hospital bed to a deserving US military veteran. The hospital bed was used by the donor’s father for approximately one year. And it is in “like new” condition.

Following is a detailed description of the bed.

### TotalCare SpO2RT® 2 ICU Bed



### Pressure Redistribution

Complications related to immobility and long term ventilation - such as pulmonary secretions which can lead to nosocomial pneumonia and neuro-muscular dysfunction - are among the most commonly acquired adverse events in critical care. Complexity and cost of care in affected patients increases significantly.

The TotalCare SpO2RT® 2 Therapy Bed helps caregivers treat patient complications by supporting early mobility strategies in ICU patients. Technology specifically designed to drive evidence based protocol compliance guides caregivers and patients through scientifically acknowledged steps of verticalization and early mobility.

The fully integrated TotalCare SpO2RT® 2 surface synchronizes with the frame when any function is activated.

## **Features**

- Continuous Lateral Rotation Therapy
- Percussion and Vibration Therapy, including postural setting options
- Weight based pressure redistribution in any bed position
- Advanced Microclimate Management technology
- Point-Of-Care® siderail controls with Graphical Caregiver Interface feature (GCI®).
- Digital Head of bed angle indicator and alarm
- 3 mode bed exit sensor with alarm silence and alarm suspend modes
- FullChair® and chair egress with stand assist
- One-button Boost® patient repositioning support
- Turn assist
- Optional IntelliDrive® powered transport
- FlexAfoot® electrical bed retraction and extension
- HandsFree™ emergency CPR and Trendelenburg
- History data on patient weight, head of bed elevation, chair position, and pulmonary therapies
- Therapy reminders
- Safety stop and alarm for pulmonary therapies when side rails are down

Persons interested in the offer should contact Dwaine Robey at (719) 783-9044.

## **Big Game Hunting Update**

*By Larry Sanford*

Since January our Handi-Buddies have been planning their chance to hunt a big game animal here in Colorado. After the hunt request have been sent in till now, when everyone who was assigned a hunt slot awaits the opening day of their hunt with anticipation of that chance to fill their license then the freezer.

Everyone that is going on a hunt this year needs to take time and make sure you have everything you need for your hunt. I find some of the things hunters forget are game bags and a plan after they harvest their game. If you are not sure please contact myself or your hunt coordinator to get the right answers.

Make sure your guns are sighted in and you know you have plenty of ammunition because you may not be close to a store that carries your caliber of rifle.

Bring plenty of ice and a good cooler on hunts that may be warm.

Those of you who did not get a hunt this year can send in a hunt request in January 2015.

We are always looking for more land to take hunters so if any of you have a rancher we can contact please let us know so we can get to the point that we can send everyone who wants to go.

God Bless you all, see you on the hunt! Remember to "Hunt Hard, Life's Short"

## **Dove Hunts**

*By Al Montoya*

Our first hunt was on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with George Carter and helper Bennie Koon, Randy Olson and helper Dan Eaton, Dan Brown, and Al Montoya and helper Wally hunt.

Things started out really slow and then picked up a little around nine o'clock. There were not many birds flying early in the day. However, all hunters got a few doves.

As I told Wally, at least we got out and enjoyed ourselves in the outdoors. The weather was nice and we were outdoors; what else can we ask for.

Our second day of dove hunting was on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Again, it was a beautiful day for hunting with clear weather. It was a nice day for hunting for this group of hunters including Levi Trujillo and dad helper Mike Trujillo, Jeff Dunn, George Carter and wife helper Noie Carter, and Al Montoya and helper Wally Hunt.

As with our first hunt, it started out slow then picked up a little. There were not many birds flying. All in all, this was a bad year for dove hunting in our area.

According to ranch owner, Jerry Francis, he had not seen as many doves as normal, but it could pick up because of the warm weather. He said he would call me if birds started flying and we would set up another hunt. I didn't get a call, so I guess not many more doves showed up.

But the main thing is; we had fun and got out of the city. Maybe there will be better dove hunting next year. You never know, but that's why we call it hunting.

## **Our Bear Hunt**

*By Al Montoya*

Wally and I started out at about three thirty in the morning headed for a ranch near Aguilar for our bear hunt. We were to meet Dwaine Robey and Larry Sanford and set up to hunt.

We got there a little before sun up, called Dwaine on his cell phone to let him know we were at the rancher's house; he arrived a short time later and took us back to their camp site.

We then proceeded to the hunt site where Larry was waiting for us. Larry had gone to the hunt site a little earlier and set up on top of a hill overlooking water tanks where we hoped bears would come in for water.

The two-track road to the hunt site didn't look too bad going up, but I found out later it was sure scary going back down

From our vantage point we could see a great distance. If a bear appeared it would probably take a long shot to get one.

We watched the rest of the day without spotting a bear. So, Wally and I went back to Walsenburg where we had reserved a room for a couple of nights.

We went back the next day to see if we could find a bear. But, lady luck was not with us!

It rained all day, so around two o'clock we decided to go back to Walsenburg.

I dropped Wally off at the hotel and I went to visit some relatives who live in Walsenburg.

We got up early the next morning and headed back to our hunt site. Larry was already set up on top of the mountain. We hunted till around noon with no sightings of bear, so we decided to call it a hunt. We loaded up and head back home.

All was not lost because we saw many deer and turkeys and I even saw a kind of chipmunk that I had never seen in all my years if hunting. It was good to get out!

Thanks to Dwaine Robey, Larry Sanford, and Wally Hunt; without them I wouldn't have been able to go on this hunt.

## A Bear for Bear

By Randy "Bear" Fagley

Well here it is 2014, and after many years of waiting I am going bear hunting!

I was lucky enough to draw a bear tag for the Penrose area. I would be on a hunt with a friend and brother Rob Adams. Rob is one of the Outdoor Buddies hunt coordinators in the Westcliffe area.

I have been nicknamed "Bear" for years and have had a bear hunt as my number one bucket list item since I was 12 years old. I was taken to a ranch off Beaver Creek Canyon for the hunt.

We were lucky to see two small bears the first morning; Rob said he would call me "Chicago" (instead of Bear) for the Cubs if I shot one of these small bears. I agreed, after a laugh,

We hunted three more days without any luck and I needed to get back home. I agreed to come back on the 22nd and hunt till the 25<sup>th</sup>

We didn't have any luck on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, but come the 23rd everything changed.

I was watching the same river bed area where we saw the bears in a few weeks before. I looked up and there in the riverbed, walking at 250 yards away was my dream coming true.

He moved his front leg forward and I squeezed the trigger! Then he snapped at his ribs as if he was stung by a bee. He took a few steps forward towards the edge of the riverbed so I fired another shot. But he dropped in his tracks from the heart shot. The second shot wasn't needed.

Rob had gone back to the truck when all this was happening. He came running over and asked me where it was. I pointed to the dark spot 250 yards away and he told me it looked like a baby. But I assured him it was a real nice sized bear.

We drove to the bear and I thanked the Lord that my dream had finally come true. It was a nice boar, a chocolate black bear.

We took a ton of pictures then got busy and loaded the bear with Rob's winch. We got it loaded and headed

for the taxidermist to meet with Zack Holder the game warden and Rick Cusseta the taxidermist to have my bear skin rug made.



One hour later the bear was at the processor to be cut up and my hunt was over.

I want to thank Rob and Lee Ann Adams for letting me stay with them and treating me like family and a king.

Thanks also to Jason and Phyllis Mulso for letting me hunt their ranch and making all this possible.

**Thank You so much**, I can't express how much I appreciate the Outdoor Buddies Organization, Without them I would never have met Rob and my quest for a bear might never have happened. **Rob you are definitely my lucky charm.** I am forever grateful to you for everything. Thank you all and may God bless.

## Directions to Meadow Springs Ranch

**MEADOW SPRINGS RANCH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 26 MILES NORTH OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO**

- **GO NORTH ON I-25 TO THE CARR EXIT (EXIT 293)**
- **GO WEST ON THE GRAVEL ROAD (WELD COUNTY ROAD 92)**
- **STAY ON GRAVEL ROAD GOING WEST FOR 2.4 MILES UNTIL YOU REACH THE GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO MEADOW SPRINGS RANCH – YOU WILL CROSS RAILROAD TRACKS AND PASS A "DEAD END" SIGN PRIOR TO REACHING THE GATE. STOP AT THE OUTDOOR BUDDIES CHECK STATION**



# Volunteer Information Form

**OUTDOOR BUDDIES, INC.**  
**555 HIGHLANDS ROAD**  
**WESTCLIFFE CO 81252-8686**

You May Copy This Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Outdoor Buddies is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing outdoor adventure opportunities to mobility-disabled persons and youth groups. The organization's management and outdoor activities are staffed by unpaid volunteers. Without volunteers the programs and activities offered by Outdoor Buddies would not be possible.

Below is a list of some of the committees that perform the work required to make Outdoor Buddies function. If you would like to volunteer to work on any of these committees please check the appropriate box, or boxes, and submit this form to the address shown above.

- Banquet Committee** - Develop detailed plans and perform tasks required for a successful annual banquet.
- Equipment Management Committee** - Develop and maintain an accurate inventory of equipment and ensure performance of necessary maintenance of equipment.
- Family Day Committee** - Develop detailed plans and perform tasks required for a successful annual family day.
- Fishing Programs Committee** - Develop, implement, monitor, and evaluate all fishing activities.
- Fundraising Committee** - Develop and implement a fundraising plan that incorporates activities such as special events, raffles, donations solicitation, and grant seeking.
- Golf Tournament Committee** - Develop detailed plans and perform tasks required for a successful annual golf tournament.
- Hunting Programs Committee** - Develop, implement, monitor, and evaluate all hunting activities.
- Legal Committee** - Advise the Board on issues related to incorporation, bylaws, the IRS, liability insurance, lease and contract agreements, trademark registration, etc.
- Membership Committee** - Maintain the membership database. Develop and implement plans to satisfy accessibility of needed information to support programs and operations.
- Newsletter Committee** - Determine publishing dates and generate newsletter content.. Develop presentation of material and submit for approval. Publish approved newsletters.
- Planning Committee** - Create and monitor a tactical plan annually and present plan to the board for revisions and approval.
- Publicity Committee** - Develop news releases and announcements as appropriate. Organize periodic participation in radio and television media by our representatives.
- Sport Shows and Public Events Committee** - Monitor public events related to our mission. Recommend and implement actions for involvement when appropriate.
- Tarryall Operations Committee** - Schedule and manage activities at Tarryall SWA, including control and maintenance of leased properties and our equipment.
- Volunteer Coordination Committee** - Develop and maintain a definition of volunteers needed. Implement procedures for recruiting and matching available volunteers to needs.
- Website Committee** - Enhance the image of Outdoor Buddies by the general public and potential grantmakers through the development of a "best in class" website.
- Youth Program Committee** - The committee is responsible for developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating all youth program activities.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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>
October 4 - 9	Outdoor Buddies annual pronghorn hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch.	Pronghorn hunts with hunters who have prior Outdoor Buddies approval for access to Meadow Springs Ranch.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 <a href="mailto:lpbusy@comcast.net">lpbusy@comcast.net</a>
October 15	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors Meeting at CPW Denver Office located at 6060 Broadway.	Bi-monthly Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM. Visitors are welcome.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 <a href="mailto:drobey@centurytel.net">drobey@centurytel.net</a>
October 1 thru January 31	Elk and deer hunts in various Colorado locations.	Previously scheduled hunts will continue throughout the big game hunting seasons.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 <a href="mailto:lpbusy@comcast.net">lpbusy@comcast.net</a>
November 1 thru February 15	Waterfowl hunts in various northern Colorado locations.	Waterfowl hunts will be scheduled based on requests received from mobility disabled members.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 <a href="mailto:lpbusy@comcast.net">lpbusy@comcast.net</a>
January 1 thru March 15	Ice fishing in various Colorado locations.	Ice fishing events will be scheduled based on requests received from mobility disabled members.	Joe Arcese <a href="mailto:jfarcese@yahoo.com">jfarcese@yahoo.com</a> or Terry Nelson (303) 884-3266 <a href="mailto:terrencet_8@hotmail.com">terrencet_8@hotmail.com</a>
January 15-18	International Sportsmen's Expo at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver.	Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Expo.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 <a href="mailto:drobey@centurytel.net">drobey@centurytel.net</a>