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Executive Director's Comments

By Dwaine Robey



The Outdoor Buddies booth at the International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) was a busy place again this year. The ISE was held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver January 15 through 18. We extend our thanks to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for providing our booth in their Youth Fair Exhibit at the ISE.

All you bird hunters should make plans to attend the Outdoor Buddies chucker hunt near Penrose on Saturday, February 21st. See more details about this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

Now is the time to make plans to attend the annual Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet. The 2015 banquet celebrates **thirty-one years of community service** by Outdoor Buddies.

The 2015 banquet will be held at The Westin Westminster Hotel on Saturday, April 11th. Banquet tickets can be purchased using the forms included in this newsletter or from the Outdoor Buddies website at www.outdoorbuddies.org.

Consider reserving a table for ten (10) at the banquet. That way you and your friends will be assured that you can share a table at the banquet with those you want to be with.

You may also want to reserve a room and stay over after the banquet at the Westin Westminster Hotel. Outdoor Buddies guests can reserve a room at a reduced rate of \$94.00 per night plus tax. You can reserve your rooms online at:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/outdoor2015>

If you have suggestions or comments, you are encouraged to contact any of the Outdoor Buddies board

members. You can reach me at: (719) 783-9044 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org.

President's Column

By Larry Sanford



I would like to welcome all of the new members who have joined during the past year!

There are many ways that you can find Outdoor Buddies events or programs to take part in throughout 2015.

A couple of ways are by either contacting the coordinators listed with

each program or event in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter or by contacting any of the board members. You can find their contact information in this newsletter.

The Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet on April 11th would be a great place to get acquainted with other members of Outdoor Buddies, so please get your tickets soon!

You might want to get nine of your friends and family and reserve a table so that you know that all of you can enjoy the evening together.

Bird hunters will not want to miss out on all the fun at the Outdoor Buddies chucker hunt near Penrose on February 21st. Make plans to attend and participate with us. We will have several off-road type machines there to help get disable hunters close to the action. Please find more information about this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

Whether you belong to Outdoor Buddies as someone who wants to help or as a person with a disability, please get involved and contact us. An outdoor adventure awaits you!

I look forward to seeing you somewhere in the outdoors!

Rest Stop Joke

I was coming back from visiting my son in my Miami and I stopped at a rest stop to use the bathroom. I just sat down on the toilet when I heard a voice coming from the stall next to mine, "Hey! How's it going?" Although I was quite surprised, and I wasn't in the habit of conversing to the people next to me in the stall, I nevertheless answered him, "I'm fine" I said "thanks for asking."

"What are you doing?" Asked the same voice. To be honest I was a bit taken aback by the brazenness of this fellow, but I would never ignore anyone so I calmly answered, "I'm relieving myself."

Then I heard the same voice again, "I'm going to have to call you back, some smart-aleck is answering all of my questions."

Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors



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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: dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org.

Raffle & Banquet Ticket Sales at Sportsman's Warehouse in Colorado Springs



Terry Nelson and Kathy Shears will be at the Sportsman's Warehouse in Colorado Springs on Saturday, February 7th to sell raffle and banquet tickets for

the Outdoor Buddies annual fundraiser banquet.

They are very happy to have recruited Dylan Harrell to assist in the sales. Terry and Kathy have done this sale the past couple of years and it is such fun and so rewarding.

This is an extremely busy Sportsman's Warehouse store, so it keeps them hopping all day and the response from the customers when they hear about Outdoor Buddies has been amazing.

We are so pleased that the Bardfield family has volunteered to do another sale day at the same store on Saturday the 28th of February.

For those of you who have yet to meet the Bardfields, they are a delightful family and very excited about

helping Outdoor Buddies. Chris Bardfield is now working on keeping our Facebook Page up to date and once you meet their son, Stetson, you will never forget him!

If you are in the area on these dates please stop by and visit with us.

Outdoor Buddies extends our thanks and gratitude to Sportsman's Warehouse store manager, John Fly and his staff, for providing this great opportunity for Outdoor Buddies.

Outdoor Buddies Chucker Hunt By Dwaine Robey

Jason Mulso, owner of Fremont Pheasant LLC, and Moose Plumbing & Heating, LLC, along with a few of his friends, is hosting this event for Outdoor Buddies. Jason hosted a similar event last year and it was loads of fun. The event will be held on private property near Penrose.

This year's event promises to provide a lot of shooting because Jason is planning to plant at least 100 birds for Outdoor Buddies shooters. Following are pictures from last year's event.



Outdoor Buddies will provide some adaptive equipment for disabled hunters who may need a little

help getting around for their hunt. The "Go-Getter" device shown in these picture will be available as well as three Action Track chairs.

This will be an all-day event starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Shooting is reserved for disabled members, except for "back-up" shooters.

At the end of the hunt harvested birds will be cleaned and divided with participants who want them.

Participants need to register in advance by contacting Dwaine Robey by telephone or email message. Once registered, participants will be provided with more information and directions to the location of the event.

This promises to be a fun-filled day so come join us!

To register contact Dwaine Robey at:
(719) 783-9044 or (303) 877-8584 or
dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org

Cow Elk Hunting Trip

By Vince Olzawski

Tim Wyman and I left Tulsa, OK at 8:00 AM on Thursday, December 4th, on our trip to Craig to hunt with Outdoor Buddies volunteers for cow elk.

I am a double amputee: Left BK and 1/2 of the right foot. And Tim's a Right AK.

An adventure!

It was a 14 hour trip covering about 900 miles, which we made driving straight through. We did have a slight detour that didn't slow us down too much as we had 'thought' we knew the right way, but then realized that without our GPS active, we made a mistake by going on I-35 toward Kansas City when we were supposed to take I-135 toward Salina.

We were able to take the detour along Kansas back country road 150 that ended up putting us on the right road. At the junction of the road we were on and the main highway we found gas at \$2.29 per gallon so we were very thankful for that. We found out later that gasoline was \$2.99 per gallon in Craig!

We got into Craig and rested the next day, getting familiar with the town, not finding any snow to speak of in the area and seeing some mule deer does just west of town.

Friday evening, Rob Sovine met us and took us to a restaurant where all the hunters and some of the helpers met for dinner. It was a fun evening.

Saturday morning at about 5:30 AM we met at the local Village Inn to have breakfast courtesy of Trapper Mining Company and then left for our hunt.

Once at Trapper Mine, we divided up into the Mining Company's F-250 4x4 crew cabs, and went out to find the elk.

That morning one hunter shot 5 times to get a cow while another hunter shot 8 times to get his cow elk.

I started out in a truck with Shawn Polly, Tim Wyman and Tony Gilroy and though we had some shots we never ended up with a cow.

It seemed that the elk were too far away and we just never hit what we were shooting at plus shooting from the truck was tough to do as a hunter has to be able to protect his gun/scope while the driver is negotiating the roads/terrain at various speeds besides trying to get into the right position to shoot.

So, it was an education for sure. Having sighted in our guns in Oklahoma much nearer to sea level, and having to shoot quickly with little time to get the sight picture plus shooting most often at running critters, it was tough for all of us.

While at lunch, we noticed an elderly man who got out of a car, fell into a rock garden beside the car at the Wendy's restaurant, and Tony (a firefighter) went out to help him. Soon there was an ambulance there to help the man as he'd gotten cut up.

After lunch, with two of the hunters tagged out, Tim and I were split up into different vehicles and as the trucks communicated about the elk location, trying to head them off to get a good shot, I was bouncing around pretty good in and out of the truck seat holding on to my gun, and trying to shoot some elk; cows that were truly high-tailing it across the prairie. I missed twice.

Tim eventually got a cow in the other truck, but he said he was aiming at the shoulder and hit about the hindquarter as it was about 80 yards away running crossing a road which they were on. I had a total of 4 shots that day but no hits.

I was shooting a 30-06 Remington 700 BDL with a muzzle brake and 168 gr Barnes VOR-Tex copper bullets.

Ron related that previously a 90 year old WW II Vet had shot his cow with a .243 though there was snow then that prevented the animals from doing a lot of moving, providing better shots. The animals this time were between 150-350 yards away and I'd sighted in at 200 yards. These elk were also moving and it was difficult to determine in a heartbeat how far exactly they were. We'd not practiced nor had any idea we'd be shooting at running animals, so I know I didn't lead mine as I shot for the shoulder as Tim did, and we probably missed due to not leading them besides the other factors.

We tried again on Sunday AM but it was soon evident that the elk had herded up again and were seen snug and secure on a mountain a half mile away with no easy access and it was decided that they were too spooked to hunt successfully so we called it quits.

We were shown around the mine workshop area and were able to have pictures taken standing next to the tires of some of the equipment. That was a real education as we were miniaturized by those machines!

I was the only hunter to not get a cow, but I had a great time, educational in many ways, and I made friends as well. I knew this was a 'hunt' and not a 'shoot' so there is NO guarantee that you will get one and it was evident that if there had been snow, we'd more likely have had a 100% success ratio.

Luckily we made it back home fine. Thank You, Lord, for a great adventure and a safe one!

Tim gave us some ground elk with beef suet and we fixed some 1" elk meat balls with spaghetti and served it to my wife's step-father and my Dad (both WW II Vets) and my mother and we all enjoyed the meal!

My wife enjoyed it so it looks like she'll encourage me to go after elk in the future!!

Tim Wyman's additions to the story:

After lunch on Saturday, Vince and I were split up in to separate trucks to better our odds. I'd had 10 shots already that day but it appeared my Red Dot scope/300 Win Mag weren't working correctly, so Tony was nice

enough to let me use his new gun with a nice Weaver scope.

After several failed attempts to intersect the heard or groups of elk there on the Trapper Mine and driving for miles back and forth on it, we finally got ahead of a small group before they crossed the road and I got my best chance to get one.

The elk were about 90 to 100 yards away on a full run right to left. I was amazed at how fast elk can run!

Waiting for my chance to shoot, the last cow presented me with my best shot so I aimed for her front shoulder and pulled the trigger.

It hit her in the left-rear leg! She fell down giving me time to reload and shoot again, hitting her in the lungs and she seemed down for good.

I asked if I should put another shot in her to make sure she stays down. Shawn said "No, she's down."

Just then she got up and ran over the hill!! I'm saying: NO WAY in disbelief!! Tony grabbed the rifle and off he went (he's also a fireman in a town nearby)!

In all the excitement I don't remember hearing if Tony took a shot or not – though later I found out he did finish her with a 9 mm handgun.

We drove to where the elk was laying and I was amazed at how big it was!

Tony wouldn't take a picture unless I held his gun to remember him by and prove how good his 308 really was! I was in Total Agreement!



Tim Wyman with his guides Shawn Polly and Tony Gilroy

On Sunday, I went with Shawn as Vince was with Ron to try to dog the elk toward where Vince might get a shot, reporting where we saw them. We just saw very few opportunities for shots, so it was agreed to stop the hunt.

P.S. I have a new Burris scope that is wonderful and the Red Dot has bit the dust!

Hunt Committee Update

By Larry Sanford

Outdoor Buddies is continually seeking new properties where we can conduct hunting and fishing activities. One

of the locations we are concentrating on is the area around Montrose, Delta, Hotchkiss, Crawford, and Paonia. We have made a few contacts in that area and **Outdoor Buddies' primary contact person in that area**, Vern Anderson, is pursuing additional properties. We hope to be able to provide some new hunting opportunities in that area for mobility-disabled hunters in the future.



Larry Sanford hands Vern Anderson magnetic decals to identify him as an Outdoor Buddies representative.

All of you who went on an Outdoor Buddies hunt in 2014; I hope you had a great Outdoor experience!

All of you disabled members who want to go on an Outdoor Buddies big game hunt in 2015 need to have your "shoot from a vehicle" accommodation from the CPW. Then submit your Outdoor Buddies "HUNT REQUEST" as soon as possible! You can do submit your 2015 big game hunt request via the Outdoor Buddies website at www.outdoorbuddies.org.

We have a limited number of hunt slots for elk and deer as of now so the sooner you get your request in the better the chance you have of getting placed in one of those slots.

If you are disabled and want to hunt Pronghorn north of Wellington please send in your hunt request specifying which season you want to hunt. (Archery pronghorn or, October rifle or late season (November-December).

We need more helpers/guides for all the hunting programs, big game, upland bird, predator and waterfowl. Please let me know if you are interested so we can get you in the field and have some fun!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Keep your powder dry!

International Sportsmen's Exposition

Outdoor Buddies staffed a booth at the annual International Sportsmen's Exposition again this year at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver.

We would like to thank Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for providing the space for our booth. CPW allows Outdoor Buddies to share space in their Youth Fair area

where there are booths that provide education for young and old to learn more about Colorado and its wildlife.



A view of our booth.

Thanks to all the volunteer members of Outdoor Buddies who help to make this event a great time to share information about our mission!

At the Expo, we sold raffle tickets for raffle prizes with the prize winners to be drawn at our annual fundraiser banquet on April 11th.

Wolf's who are challenged by old age and not being particularly good looking, but have always been available to cover my back by selling raffle tickets and hot dog sales at Bass Pro and helping out at events like this, and Cooper (my man Coop) a young lad who I have come to respect and rely on and has always responded eagerly and with good cheer to my every request for assistance.



Outdoor Buddies on the Ice at Tarryall

By Terry Nelson

This was a team effort coordinated by Terry Nelson on January 24th and Dylan Harrell on January 25th.

We would like to thank King Soopers and Safeway for donations of food and drinks and Rocky Mountain Tackle of Spanish Fork, Utah for donations of fishing tackle.

There were both able-bodied and disabled persons who participated. Those who participated included new members; the Hockaday party comprised of Rick, Elaina, Paige, and Mike. Others were the Brown party of Bruce, Lori, and Paul. Also, the Harrell party of Dylan, Avery, Aaron, Cooper, and Chris and the Wolf party of Ed, Pete, and Uncle Pat. Virgil Robinson and I also joined in the fun.

The Cabin was in full swing with seven overnight guests and the Hockaday's sleeping four in their trailer. The Brown's stayed over in Fairplay and the honor of attendee with the most sand went to Paul who slept in a tent with no heat by the lake.

Saturday started with three quick bites netting two nice Rainbows. The infamous "Tarryall Doldrums" set in for hours where no bites occurred so we cooked brats and mingled about, the day ending with one more Rainbow and the Hockadays "second specie honor", a Northern Pike.

Sunday was a no show with the wind taking its toll on the event.

Big thanks go out to Aaron who brought his four wheeler and hauled people and equipment out on the ice, Chris who was gifted enough to read, comprehend the instructions and assemble the Bar-B-queue grill, the



Then there is Virgil, who patiently hovered over the heater trying to get it lit, and succeeded. Cleaned the wood stove, brought wood and hauled up the snow machine in case we needed a backup transport.

Thanks to all who came to make this a fun time.

GUNS AND SAFE RAFFLE



One Winner Takes All

(Need not be present to win)

Winner drawn on April 11, 2015

at the

Outdoor Buddies Banquet

Westminster Westin

10600 Westminster Blvd

Westminster, CO

For tickets contact:

Dwaine Robey

303.877.8584 or

719.783.9044 or

drobey@centurytel.net



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**ANNOUNCING
OUTDOOR BUDDIES
FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2015**



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

The banquet will be held at **The Westminister Westin** on **Saturday, April 11, 2015** in the Standley Ballroom. The Westminister Westin is located at 10600 Westminister Boulevard, Westminister, Colorado.

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 \$50.00 per person for the banquet dinner and the evening's program. Children, age sixteen and under, will be admitted for \$15.00.

The dinner menu includes your choice of Mushroom Stuffed Chicken with Red Wine Demi-Glace, a Beef Entrée, or Seared Salmon with Lemon Butter Sauce. These main dishes also include Truffle Mashed Potatoes and Grilled Asparagus. Also offered is a Vegetable Wellington of Seasonal Vegetables Baked in a Puff Pastry with Tomato Coulis. The dinner will include mixed Green Salad with House Dressing, Fresh Rolls and Creamy Butter, Lemon Pound Cake with Champagne Zabayon Sauce and Fresh Berries, Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Starbucks® Coffee, and Hot Tazo® Tea Selections. The children's ticket includes a Kid's Meal of Chicken Fingers, Fries, and Fruit Cup. A cash bar will be available.

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 fourth 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 Banquet.
Menu choice(s): Chicken _____, Salmon _____, Beef _____, Vegetarian _____.
Please accept my payment of \$50.00 for each ticket.
I would also like to request _____ Children's ticket(s) at \$15 per ticket.
Enclosed is my check, payable to Outdoor Buddies, in the amount of _____.

From: _____
NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS

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Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

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

Date	Event/Location	Description	Contacts
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 lpbusy@comcast.net
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.	Terry Nelson (303) 884-3266 terrencet_8@hotmail.com
February 18	Outdoor Buddies Board Meeting at CPW Denver at 6060 Broadway.	Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM. Visitors are welcome.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
February 21	Outdoor Buddies chuckers hunt near Penrose, Colorado.	All day event starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Shooting reserved for disabled members, except for "back-up" shooters.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 Dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
April 11	Outdoor Buddies 2015 Banquet at the Westminster Westin Hotel at 10600 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CO.	Mark your calendar. Annual fundraiser banquet at the Westminster Westin. Tickets will go on sale in January.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org or Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
April 25	Outdoor Buddies site-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:30 AM.	Rich Cori (303) 604-9227 r_j_cori@msn.com
May 16	Outdoor Buddies Family Day at A Painted View Ranch Near Westcliffe.	Family day honoring all military service members and veterans. There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of games and demonstrations. Everyone is welcome!	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
August 1	Outdoor Buddies site-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:30 AM.	Rich Cori (303) 604-9227 r_j_cori@msn.com