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Executive Director's Comments

By Dwaine Robey



All you bird hunters should make plans to attend the Outdoor Buddies chukar/pheasant hunt near Florence on Saturday, March 14th. This hunt was previously scheduled for February 21st, but was rescheduled due to bad weather conditions. See more details about this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

Time is running out for you 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 on the Outdoor Buddies website at www.outdoorbuddies.org.

Please consider reserving a table for ten (10) at the banquet. That way you and your friends will be assured that you can sit at the same table.

An effort will be made to keep smaller reservation groups together as much as possible.

This year's banquet will be different from previous years in that the banquet committee is committed to **selling out all tickets prior to the event**. This year there will be no tickets available after April 6th as Outdoor Buddies must notify the Westin of the number of attendees on that day and pay in advance for the food service.

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. **It is important that**

you make your room reservation by March 27th as discounted room rates will not be available after that date.

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



Old man winter is going to give us all he has 'till spring! Don't get me wrong; here in Colorado we need the moisture.

We have a lot of activities, family days and fundraisers for all of your friends and families to enjoy this spring and summer! I am asking all of you to come out and support your Outdoor Buddies organization by participating in the events!

Now is your chance to volunteer and help plan an event or help with an activity, fundraiser, or hunts by contacting the event coordinators.

Every one of us, no matter what our physical ability is, can help in some way to make our events a great success. Don't wait for someone else to do things, please get involved and have some fun!

We need your help now by selling raffle tickets for the upcoming Fundraiser Banquet on April 11th at the Westminster Westin Hotel.

I have some raffle tickets here in Loveland and Dwaine Robey can set you up with tickets as well. We have some great raffle prizes this year. I think the best

deal is the gun safe and 5 guns. The tickets are \$100 each and ONLY 100 tickets will be sold, winner takes all, WOW!

We also are selling Sponsor Tables for the fundraiser event. Please see the Sponsor Form included in this newsletter.

Ask your friends and neighbors who are business owners if they would like to sponsor a table and be a supporter of the Outdoor Buddies mission. Have them go to www.outdoorbuddies.org and sign up or they are welcome to contact us directly.

I hope to see you all at the fundraiser banquet on April 11th or at one of the other events we have planned.

God Bless

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 Sportsmen's Warehouse in Colorado Springs



annual fundraiser banquet.

The Bardfield family will be at the Sportsman's Warehouse in Colorado Springs on Saturday, February 28th to sell raffle and banquet tickets for the Outdoor Buddies

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

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 Chukar/Pheasant Hunt Rescheduled

By Dwaine Robey

The Outdoor Buddies bird hunt that was set for February 21st has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 14th due to weather conditions.

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 Florence.

This event promises to provide a lot of shooting because Jason is planning to plant many birds including a combination of chukars and pheasants.

Outdoor Buddies will provide some adaptive equipment for disabled hunters who may need a little help getting around for their hunt. We will have our "Go-Getter" ATV device as well as 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

DID YOU KNOW THAT A WHITETAIL IS CAPABLE OF JUMPING HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE HOUSE?



THIS IS DUE TO ITS POWERFUL HIND LEGS AND THE FACT THAT THE AVERAGE HOUSE CAN'T JUMP.

A Perfect Ending My 2014 Deer & Elk Hunt

By Randy Olson

It's hard to imagine that as I'm writing this it has been a year since I started planning for this Ranching for Wildlife hunt. For twenty years I have been saving my Colorado deer preference points for such a hunt and decided that 2014 was the year to hopefully draw and complete the hunt.

I had been watching Ranching for Wildlife units over the years and after a lot of research and some input from Dwaine Robey I decided to try for Wolf Springs Ranch.

I asked Outdoor Buddies to assist me with this hunt as I knew it would be hard for me to do by myself.

In April of 2014 I, like many other hunters, put in for the draw not knowing for sure if the 20 preference points would be enough. But in June I got the notice that I had been successful.

With so many medical issues that popped up last year I came close to turning in my tag, but with **Dwaine's encouragement I pressed on.**

In the Ranching for Wildlife Program, Wolf Springs Ranch only issues one buck tag for the season. So I was excited to be hunting the ranch when I would be the only deer hunter.

The end of November 2014 arrived and with the help of Dwaine, Rob Adams, and my close friend Jason Axtell, we prepared for the week of hunting.

We all arrived at the ranch office and met with the ranch manager, signed all the necessary paperwork and were given permission to do some scouting. I knew that I may have the opportunity to harvest a Boone and Crockett buck as previous hunters had in the past.

We were granted access to this ranch of 55,000 acres, **14 miles long and 7 miles wide. That's a big area to cover**, but we were given some helpful hints about locations on the ranch that were good deer habitat.

The weather was warm and the rut wasn't quite in full swing, but we did find some great spots to start. On the way out a nice 5x4 buck crossed the road in an area called the Sacred Rocks. We watched him for a while and I told the guys "**I'd harvest that buck if given the chance**".

Saturday we spent a lot of time driving the ranch and saw lots of sign but no deer. On Sunday I spent the day with Rob Adams, always a fun and insightful time, searching for deer. Again, we saw lots of really good sign and terrain, but no deer.

Monday we decided to try for elk as I also had a late season tag. Rob had told me that his success rate was awfully good and he usually had an elk down within a half hour or so. Rob was in the lead as Jason and I followed in Jason's truck. Rob spotted three cow elk close to the road. We passed by them, turned around so I would be on the right side to shoot. We got off the road, stopped and the elk started to move. We had to do a quick change of location and stopped again. The elk paused just enough for me to take a shot.

It was a perfect heart/lung shot at 197 yards and the cow elk was down!

Rob had told me he always got an elk with in the first half hour of the hunt, but I think we broke his record. Legal shooting time was 0630 and the elk was down at 0639. Rob and Jason field dressed **the elk and with Rob's**

ingenious method it was loaded into the back of his truck.



Jason and Randy with Randy's cow.

While waiting for Rob to get the combination to the gate Jason and I had a marvelous experience as a large 6x6 bull elk ran across the pasture from about a mile away, crossed within feet of my cow, jumped the fence and faced off with us on the highway. Frost covering his hair, mist coming from his nostrils, he stood within feet of the truck. **It's a memory I will never forget.**

Tuesday was another day of looking for deer. With the weather change I had a couple of opportunities, but no luck.

Jason and I were both getting worn out getting up at 4:00 am and getting back in bed at 9:00 pm every day. So I decided Wednesday would be our last day.

That evening the 5x4 buck we had seen on the previous Friday showed himself near the Sacred Rocks. Jason got me into position after some creative driving. Jason ranged the buck that was with three does, 127 yards.

I made another heart/lung shot and the buck was mine!



Randy with his nice muley buck.

We did experience a problem with one of the does as she proceeded to chase Jason and paw at the ground

while he was trying to load up her husband. I wasn't sure she was going to let us leave.

We got back to Dwaine's house, skinned, quartered the deer and got him in the cooler for transport.

The six days on the ranch were the most emotional and beautiful I can ever remember on a hunting trip. The scenery, views, rock formations and pureness of the ranch were overwhelming. If I had never harvested an animal just being on that ranch was amazing and to think we only saw a small portion of it.

I am truly satisfied and it was a perfect ending to 2014. If I never hunt again, though I know I will, it was a hunt of a lifetime.

Thanks to all the folks at Wolf Springs Ranch, Dwaine and Outdoor Buddies for not letting me stop, Rob for being there as friend, helper and words of wisdom guy, and most of all to Jason Axtell for giving up all that time and use of his truck to get it all done.

Hunt Committee Update

By Larry Sanford

I am going to start with upland bird hunts. Outdoor Buddies has two bird hunting events coming up soon! On March 7th we are having a Chukar shoot for five disabled hunters and five youth.

The Rocky Mountain Sporting Dog Club will be running the Chukar Hunt Field Trial. There will be pointing dogs to work the birds in two fields where the Outdoor Buddies hunters will be shooting. The disabled hunters will be using either the Outdoor Buddies go-getter or one of the track chairs provided by Outdoor Buddies.

This hunt will take place east of Brighton near the town of Hudson. We have spaces available on a first come first serve basis!

If you want to be one of the disabled or youth shooters call Larry Sanford ASAP.

This event is for the whole family to take part in and learn about hunting dogs as well as training dogs; all are welcome! Who knows, you might even win a medal as part of the field trial portion of the hunt!

The second hunt is a reschedule chukar/pheasant hunt, originally scheduled for February 21st. The event was rescheduled due to inclement weather conditions and will now be held near Florence on March 14th. For details and to register please call Dwaine Robey.

Disabled hunters wanting to do a big game hunt this year need to submit a Big Game Hunt Request ASAP.

We will be matching hunters with available hunt slots by the middle of March so that the disabled hunters who are selected can submit applications for hunting licenses via the Colorado Parks and Wildlife's 2015 limited license big game drawing which has a deadline of April 7th.

To put your hunt request online please go to the Outdoor Buddies website at www.outdoorbuddies.org.

Disabled and youth hunters wanting to hunt pronghorn on an Outdoor Buddies Pronghorn Hunt during either the October 3-9 rifle hunt or the late season (disabled and youth ONLY) pronghorn rifle hunt in November should submit a hunt request and specify which hunt in which you would like to participate.

If you have any questions please contact Larry Sanford, Dwaine Robey or Jim Piper and we will try to answer any question you may have.

See you in the field!

Family Day at A Painted View Ranch

By Dwaine Robey

On **Armed Forces Day**, May 16th, Outdoor Buddies will hold the fourth annual Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day near Westcliffe.

Again this year, thanks to the generosity of ranch owners, Ralph and Donna Hood, the event will be held at A Painted View Ranch. The ranch is located three miles west of downtown Westcliffe. Activities will start at 10:00 am and end at 4:00 pm.

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

The Mounted Color Guard from Fort Carson will participate in the flag ceremony. Immediately following the flag ceremony, the mounted color guard and mule team and wagon will perform an equestrian demonstration.

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

More information about this event will be included in future newsletter.

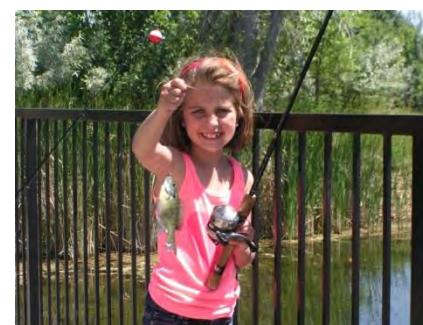
In the meantime, mark your calendar and make plans to be in Westcliffe on May 16th!



Family Day at Swift Ponds

By Larry Sanford

The 31st annual Family Day at Swift Ponds will be held on Saturday, June 13th 2015 at the Colorado Youth Outdoors Swift Ponds facilities.



If you are interested in being on the planning committee for this event please contact Larry Sanford.

Everyone is welcome to help make this event for your whole family a great day of fishing, trap shooting, archery, BB gun

target shooting and more!

If you have any ideas on activities that you would like to see this year please contact us with your ideas and comments to make this an event that you and your family will enjoy!

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
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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 Westminster Westin** on **Saturday, April 11, 2015** in the Standley Ballroom. The Westminster Westin is located at 10600 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, 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 Zabaglione 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 _____

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SPONSOR FORM
Outdoor Buddies Banquet
at
The Westminster Westin
SHOWCASE YOUR COMPANY
BY SPONSORING OUR BANQUET

**BANQUET SPONSORSHIP**

This is a great opportunity to show your support of Outdoor Buddies. A limited number of Sponsorships are available for the annual fundraiser banquet on **Saturday, April 11, 2015**.

Sponsorship Levels (Please check the box of your choice.) **Platinum Sponsorship \$1,500.00**

Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
One SCCY CPX 1 Two Tone 9mm Pistol
Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website, Facebook and Twitter and a link to your business for six months
Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for six editions
Full page ad in the Outdoor Buddies Annual report
100 bucket raffle tickets for your attendees
Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet
Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet

 Gold Sponsorship \$1,000.00

Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website, Facebook and Twitter with a link to your business for three months
Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for three editions
Quarter page ad in the Outdoor Buddies Annual Report
Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet and on the table tent
50 bucket raffle tickets for your attendees
Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet

 Corporate Sponsorship \$500.00

Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
Acknowledgement and your company logo on the Outdoor Buddies Website, Facebook and Twitter pages for one month
Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for two editions
Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet and logo on table tent
Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet

Please complete the Sponsorship Order Form below and submit it to the address shown on the form or return to any Outdoor Buddies Board member for processing.

**SPONSORSHIP ORDER FORM**

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

I would like to be a sponsor of the 2015 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet.

From: _____ NAME _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

Name to be displayed on promotional material and at banquet: _____ CORPORATE NAME _____

Message (Optional): _____ YOUR MESSAGE _____

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 at the address above, I will send a check later.
- Please charge to my credit card account. Mr. Hunt will follow up to assure privacy and protection of your information.

Signature _____

Date: _____



Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Event/Location	Description	Contacts
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
March 7	Outdoor Buddies Chukar hunt at Rocky Mountain Sporting Dog Club.	Participation in this event is limited. Please contact Larry Sanford for more information.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
March 14	Outdoor Buddies Chukar/Pheasant hunt near Florence, 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
March 18	Outdoor Buddies Board Meeting at the Westminster Westin Hotel.	Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM. Visitors are welcome.	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
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.	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
June 13	Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds. Everyone is welcome!	There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of fishing, shooting, games and demonstrations.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
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
August 1	Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Event at Colorado Clays.	All day fundraiser event at Colorado Clays LLC 13600 Lanewood Street Brighton, Colorado	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net or Michael Sabbath 720-839-7264 michaelsabbeth@ymail.com