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Executive Director's Comments

By Dwaine Robey

If you have not done so already, time is running out for you to make arrangements to attend the Outdoor Buddies Banquet. This year there will be no tickets available after April 5th, as Outdoor Buddies must notify the Westin of the number of attendees on that day and pay in advance for the food service.

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.

Also, if you are a disabled hunter and want to participate in an Outdoor Buddies sponsored big game hunt you must first submit a Big Game Hunt Request. You can do that via the Internet from the Outdoor Buddies website at: <http://www.outdoorbuddies.org/join.aspx>

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.



Don't forget!

The deadline for applying for big game hunting licenses through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife's drawing is April 7th.



Austin Weishel: Art and Heart

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Austin is a Loveland artist in addition to being a firefighter with the Windsor-Severance fire department. He has achieved national acclaim with his life size bronzes such as his bronze titled "Ashes to Answers". It is a life sized bronze of a fire fighter with his arson dog and is located at the National Fire Dog Monument at Fire Station #2 in Washington, D.C. It was permanently installed there after traveling across the heartland of the United States and being officially unveiled in Times Square. The statue is based on a real arson dog, Sadie, who investigated over 1000 fires before passing away. Some other places that have commissioned Austin's bronzes and now have them on display are the Grand Junction fire department with his "When I Grow Up" and the Windsor-Severance Fire Station with "Follow Your Heart." He specializes in fire, police, military and western art, but certainly does not limit himself to those areas.

Austin is currently molding a clay figure of a hunter with his dog specifically for Outdoor Buddies which he will be showing at our banquet on April 11. (It will not be a life sized figure, so no worries about where to put it in your home). He has generously decided that he will donate 25% of any of the orders that he receives from our members or guests at the banquet to Outdoor Buddies.

You can find out more about this young, rising artist and see some of his work at www.austinweishel.com.

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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.

All Outdoor Buddies members are encouraged to submit input for the newsletter.

Newsletter input should be submitted by the 15th of each month to be included in that month's newsletter.

Please send newsletter input via e-mail to Dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org

President's Column

By: Larry Sanford



This year is just speeding by; here we are already in the middle of March of 2015! Thanks to all of the great volunteers who have helped put on a couple great upland bird hunts! One was held near Hudson, where the Rocky Mountain Sporting Dog Club hosted a field trial chucker hunt for Outdoor Buddies. On March 7th the second was hosted on a ranch located outside of Florence, where Outdoor Buddies was treated to a great upland bird hunt for chucker and pheasants. We will be having more of these upland bird hunts in the future. Keep your eyes on the calendar of events each month.

Next month, April 11th is the annual Outdoor Buddies fundraiser banquet! I hope you plan on joining this great evening of fellowship, food and fundraising! Those of you who live out of state, or are unable to make it, please join in the fundraising frenzy by buying raffle tickets or paying for a ticket so that a person with a disability can go. We also have corporate tables for those of you who have a business or someone you know who could use a great tax break!

A group of very talented students with the Art Institute of Colorado have been donating their skills and time creating a new look for the Outdoor Buddies organization! The revised format in this newsletter is just one example of their efforts. What a privilege it has been to work with such an awesome group of young people who will be making their professional mark on the marketing world soon!

Hope to see you at all of our planned Outdoor Buddies events this summer! Please bring your family and friends to the family days that will be fun for everyone.

Hunt Committee Update

By: Larry Sanford

We are very excited with the number of hunter requests to go on an Outdoor Buddies big game hunt this year! So far the hunt committee has received over 115 hunt requests for elk, deer and pronghorn from disabled hunters throughout the USA!

For the last couple of weeks Jim Piper, Dwaine Robey and I have been placing hunters in the limited number of Outdoor Buddies hunt slots. Over the next few days we will be notifying you about whether or not you were placed for a hunt. This will be in time to send in by the April 7th deadline for the CPW big game limited drawing.

Everyone who is placed on an Outdoor Buddies big game hunt (Resident or Nonresident) has to either go to one of the scheduled sight-ins at Green Mills or go to your local range and have the rifle you will be using on your hunt qualify by shooting a target at 100 yards and putting three shots in a five inch circle. Have the range officer or your helper sign it and take a picture of the target and e-mail it to Larry Sanford Lpbusy@comcast.net. If you have any questions call me at 970-218-5356

I want all of you to practice shooting at different yardages, as well as practice shooting from a vehicle at a safe range. We owe it to the animals we hunt! Those of you who are coming out on your first hunt with us need to be ready to shoot from a vehicle so get padding for the window like foam pipe insulation or those kids swimming noodles, which you can buy at Wal-Mart or your hardware store.

Any of you who would like to hunt a bull elk, buck deer, or buck pronghorn in a future year should plan on sending in the CPW big game limited draw to draw a preference

ANYONE wanting to help at the annual October rifle pronghorn hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch must contact me. If you have any questions about big game hunting or hunting here in Colorado please contact me by e-mail or call my cell at 970-218-5356.



Elk and Independence

By: Stetson Bardfield

On February 25th I got to go on my first elk hunt ever. I was very excited when I found out that I got to go independently, since my dad had to work and my mom had to be with my sisters. Larry Sanford picked me up on his way down, and I really enjoyed visiting with him as we drove. We talked about the ranch where we were hunting, and where we'd be staying. I was excited to hear that the ranch owner was providing a little house for us to stay in since the weather was cold. Once we were there we went straight to bed, knowing that we had a long day of hunting ahead of us.

We woke up early the next day and started looking for tracks, but didn't see anything. The second day we saw some tracks and followed them to a fairly large group of trees where they were hiding. Mike Smith and Dwaine Robey went behind the trees to try and get the herd to move towards us, while Larry and

I got in position. Unfortunately it didn't work, and so we called it a day due to the increasingly muddy roads. We all decided that we wanted to try one more day before ending the hunt.

The third day we got up at 5:00 AM, hoping the herd would still be in the same place. We spotted some tracks and followed them to a field, where we spotted about 70 elk. After following them for a while, they went over a fence that we had no way of going over. When we got to the fence we realized that there were three that hadn't gone over the fence, and we immediately got set up. I shot my elk, and it went down immediately. At the same time, Larry shot his elk, and it went down right away as well. I was so excited that I had actually been able to get my first elk, and couldn't wait to call home and share the news with my family.

Larry and Mike worked immediately to dress out the elk and we headed back to the ranch house for some pictures and to finish

taking care of the elk. Mike let us use some obsidian knives that he'd made for skinning the elk, and I was really impressed with how sharp they were and how easily they cut. I also enjoyed playing with one of the ranch dogs, who only had three legs. I thought it was fun since I am missing



both of my legs, so we had something in common.

This experience meant a lot to me because I was proud to be able to provide food for my family, and because it was my first independent hunting trip. I am so grateful to Outdoor Buddies and especially Dwaine, Larry, and Mike for being there to help me make it happen.

It's an experience that I will never forget!

Chukar Hunt with Rocky Mountain Sporting Dog Club

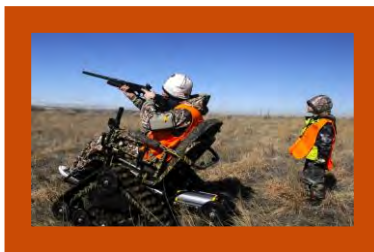
By: Dan Brown

March 7th, 2015, what a great day! My first chukar hunt ever. Thanks to Outdoor Buddies and the Rocky Mountain Sporting Dog Club.

The joint venture enabled several members of Outdoor Buddies to perform as shooters as the Rocky Mountain Sporting Dog Club had the opportunity to showcase their brilliant bird dogs in a unified effort to perform under field trial conditions. It was absolutely amazing.

I have not bird hunted for many years and this gave me the opportunity to get back in the field and test my wing shooting skills that were rusty but still somewhat intact.

My hunting companion was a very small Brittany named Daisy that performed like the real champion that she is.



It only took her a few minutes to go to point on the first bird. As it flushed I fired my first shot and in an instant the first bird was down. An amazing feat since it has been more than 10 years since I last pulled down on a mid-air bird.

It was a good feeling and I was relieved to get the first one with a single shot. I wasn't

sure how it would go.

Only minutes later Daisy was on point again and this was met with near the same success.

Roughly five minutes later Daisy had the final bird at point and in an instant it came off the ground and turned into the wind and bang!

In only 13 minutes and 2 seconds the hunt was over and I was so thankful and elated to have had this fantastic opportunity to once again go afield with such great people and organizations.

Thank you, Outdoor Buddies and Rocky Mountain Sporting Dog Club.

It goes without saying that I look forward to doing this again.

To read more about our Chukar Hunt with the Rocky Mountain Sporting Dog Club, check out this fantastic article in the Denver Post:

http://www.denverpost.com/outdoors/ci_27686294/outdoor-buddies-helps-mobility-impaired-sportsmen?source=infinite

Outdoor Buddies Chukar/Pheasant Hunt Near Florence

By: Dwaine Robey

We had a wonderful Outdoor Buddies bird hunt on Saturday, March 14th.

Jason Mulso, owner of Fremont Pheasant LLC, and Moose Plumbing & Heating, LLC, along with a few of his friends, planted 85 chukars and 25 pheasants on which Outdoor Buddies members could try their shooting skills.



There were several good pointing and retrieving dogs to help out. It was a real treat to watch the dogs work.

This event provided a lot of shooting and there were some amazing shots made. Of course, there were some misses also!

Outdoor Buddies provided some adaptive equipment for the disabled hunters who needed a little help

getting around for their hunt. The “Go-Getter” ATV device as well as three Action Track chairs were made available.



This was an all-day event starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch was served. At the end of the hunt harvested birds were cleaned and divided with participants who wanted them.



All in all it was a great event and all agreed that we should do it again next year!



Photos courtesy of Diane Dudley



Group Camping Reservations at Tarryall

By: James Piper

Outdoor Buddies has exclusive access to a secluded campsite (tent camping) near Tarryall Reservoir, in South Park. Group camping at this scenic campsite is available by reservation June 1st through August 31st.

Youth groups, boy scouts, girl scouts, and church groups are invited to use this 40 acre campsite. Camping facilities available at the site include:

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

Available equipment for use by campers includes tipis, a canoe, archery, and fishing equipment.

Hiking trails found nearby in the Lost Creek Wilderness area are easily accessible from the Tarryall camp. ATV roads close to the camp are found along Forest Service Road 143 (Derbyshire gulch).



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

Tarryall Reservoir has a reputation for great trout fishing and Tarryall Creek offers easy access along stretches controlled by Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW).

Habitat stamps are required for adult's ages 19 - 64 see CPW habitat stamp - <http://wildlife.state.co.us/>

Groups who are interested in fishing activities at Tarryall should contact Outdoor Buddies to schedule an event. To reserve the campsite please contact:

Jim Piper, 303-932-1209, or by E-mail at: geopros@clanmurray.org

Disabled Hunters Can Apply for Deer Hunting at Ridgway State Park

RIDGWAY, Colo. – Colorado hunters who are disabled could have an opportunity to participate in a guided deer hunt at Ridgway State Park during fall 2015.

A total of four hunters, two for the second season, and two for the third season, will be chosen for these special hunts.

To qualify, the hunters must hold or obtain an accommodation permit from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Hunters must have a permanent disability that significantly impairs major life functions and their ability to hunt, or have a physical impairment resulting from permanent medical conditions that make it impossible to hunt without someone else's help.

Those eligible must first apply for and obtain a Game Management Unit 62 deer license for the second or third season through the regular license draw. The deadline to apply for limited licenses is April 7. The easiest way to apply is through the CPW website.

Disabled hunters who obtain a license can then receive a hunting application for the Ridgway State Park hunt. If more than four hunters apply there will be a drawing to make the selection.

To obtain an application for Ridgway, contact Andy Dean at andrew.dean@state.co.us, or call the park at 970-626-5822

Thanks to the Donors

By: Terry Nelson

One thing that has never been easy for me is asking for help. The first time I worked at the ISE and started looking for donors, I was sweating like an antelope on opening day at Meadow Springs. The more that I explained Outdoor Buddies and what our mission is, the more interest that I saw on people's faces and then when I heard their response of "Say no more. What can I do?" the fun really began.

My major focus has been working with local donors. I feel this is critical in making us a household name in Colorado. They continue to help us with their donations and I hope that our Outdoor Buddies members will show them how much we appreciate their generosity by sending some business their way.

Some of the new donors this year are:

Ram Taxidermy in Golden, CO

Wheatridge Poultry, Meats and Game Processing in Wheatridge, Co (20% off processing for Outdoor Buddies members)

Machine Gun Tours in Lakewood, CO

Leashes by Liz in Thornton, CO

Charmed and Dangerous in Thornton, CO

Rocky Mountain Tanners, Dead Memories Taxidermy in Englewood, CO

No Limits Archery in Denver, CO

APC Paintball in Denver, CO

Rolida Kennels Arvada, CO

BluCore Shooting Center Lakewood, CO

Strasburg Game Birds, Strasburg, CO

Old friends include:

Reflections in Metal in Cortez

Colorado Outdoor Sports

High Country Western Wear in Arvada

These donations and many more will be up for auction at the Outdoor Buddies banquet April 11th. Hope to see you there.

I also would encourage any member who got donations to let us all know by sharing an article in our Newsletter. We need to help these donors and let them know how much we appreciate them.

Ladies and Gentlemen, prepare to bid!

Our 31st Annual Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet is quickly approaching, and our auction items this year are not to be missed! In addition to our live auction, we also have an extensive selection of items for our silent auction. We have items for men, women, and children! Whether you're purchasing a little something for yourself, or buying a thoughtful gift, we have the selection for you. Remember, your purchases allow us to provide our services to deserving members of our communities. Check out a few of the items that will be available for bidding on April 11th:





My Hunting Trip

By: Patrick Quinlan

It's about 4:30 and my grandpa wakes me up. I could hardly wait to get in the car to go hunting. My grandpa woke me up and told me it was time to get ready. I jumped in the shower and got ready. We jumped in the car really early in the morning and off we went. My number 1 rule is when you go on a car ride that's longer than a couple hours; you never go on an empty stomach. So we went to the gas station and got some snacks that were great for the early morning ride. After hours and hours of the car ride, we got to the Outdoor Buddies event. The Outdoor Buddies event is where a bunch of guys and girls that have a disability in some way come out and hunt. Usually I'm there to help them pull the animal in the truck or skin. But this year I'm finally old enough to hunt and got my hunter's safety card.

My grandpa and I go out there and try to scout an antelope, because I had that tag. We searched and searched then we finally came up on one that was about 300-400 yard away. But we wanted to get closer so we could have a better shot. We stalked this thing all over the place and we were getting nowhere. The harder we pushed the more it would run. The tricky part was that the antelope could jump the fence into someone else's property so we couldn't shoot it. We backed off a little and the antelope slowly came around the hill we were sitting on, but it goes the opposite way. My grandpa and I had no visual on the antelope so we hurried to the other side of the hill to see if it had gone around. Surely enough my grandpa and I had snuck up on it and I got my shooting pole out and I aimed my sights right above that antelope's front leg and just about to pull the trigger then a cow walked right in the line of fire. I had to draw my weapon because I couldn't shoot that cow. The cow finally moved and I was so excited to shoot this animal. At this moment I thought to myself "It's finally the moment I've been waiting for."

BOOM!!! I had just pulled the trigger on this antelope and she runs. I was waiting for her to drop but I had missed. I was so excited and trigger happy that I missed the shot and had to redo this long process all over again. I took the walk of shame to the car that the road was on and we got in the car and continued to look. We turned around because we were getting really close to being off the property and then after about 10-15 minutes we saw a herd of antelope. I couldn't believe it, they were about 125 yards away and I slowly got out of the car trying not to spook them and once again got my shooting stick out and I took a deep breath in just paused on what I was doing and took a deep breath again, looked down my sights and picked out the one I wanted and released the safety. Then once I pulled that trigger, I didn't see anything because I knew I had put this animal to the ground. We waited a few minutes for it to expire and finally it dropped.

My grandpa and I walked over and finished it with a bullet to the neck because I had shot it in the lungs and I wanted to put the animal down. I took a picture with my beautiful animal then my grandpa helped me gut it in the field. We threw it in the back of the truck and headed to go skin it. We skinned it and put it in this ice cooler. At that moment all I could remember is that my grandpa said, "Good job, dude". I was glad that I got to witness that because he felt so proud that he had help me get my first big game animal. It was good that I got the animal in the early afternoon because I got to witness all of the hunters get an animal. Without the Outdoor Buddies event this would have never happened. Thank you very much for the once in a lifetime experience. I would like to thank Larry Sanford and Dwaine Robey for the opportunity to hunt with the Outdoor Buddies at Meadow Springs Ranch.



**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

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

<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
April 11	Outdoor Buddies 2015 Banquet at the Westminster Westin Hotel at 10600 Westminister Blvd., Westminister, CO.	<u>Mark your calendar.</u> Annual fundraiser banquet at the Westminister Westin. Ticket sales deadline is April 5th.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 dwayne.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
May 20	Outdoor Buddies Board Meeting at Colorado Parks and Wildlife facilities located at 6060 Broadway in Denver.	Board Meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Visitors are welcome.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 dwayne.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!	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 dwayne.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 Sabbeth 720-839-7264 michaelsabbeth@ymail.com