



# NEWSLETTER



December 2016

Vol 32, No 10

## Contents

- 1 – My First Elk Hunt**
- 1 - Volunteer Corner**
- 2 – Free Youth Pheasant Hunt**
- 2 – International Sportsmen's Expo**
- 3 - Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors**
- 3 - Outdoor Buddies Publishing Information and Mission Statement**
- 3 – Executive Director's Comments**
- 3 - From the President**
- 4 – A Lion in the Oak Brush**
- 6 – Make a Donation**
- 6 – Youth Antelope Hunt**
- 7 – Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation Spirit Campaign Forms**
- 8 – Free Youth Pheasant Hunt Flyer**
- 9 – 2017 Outdoor Buddies Banquet Flyer**
- 10 – South Africa Hunt Raffle Flyer**
- 11 – Upcoming Events Calendar**

## Volunteer Corner

By Dan Brown, Volunteer Committee

Persons interested in volunteering for any of the upcoming Outdoor Buddies events please contact Dan Brown at 843-816-0901 or [fk15pts@yahoo.com](mailto:fk15pts@yahoo.com).

## My First Elk Hunt – What a Day!

By Sharon Hall

Every year my husband, Robin, and I go to The International Sportsmen's Expo in Denver. While there last January we met the most incredibly charismatic man named Larry Sanford. He told Robin and me about this amazing group called Outdoor Buddies. It took Larry two separate visits at the expo to help me realize that I needed to ignore the negative people that have been telling me, for the last eight years, "Disabled people can't hunt."

When I got home I realized that the only thing keeping me from my dream to go on an elk hunt.... was me!

With the paper work done, I got a call from Dwaine Robey. He tells me we are "ready to go." The day of my elk hunt is here! Emotions pulsed through me with such intensity I had to work to sort them out! Fear, excitement, anticipation, joy and hope were tangled up and running amuck inside me.

It was great!!

My husband, Robin, and I met Dwaine and Rob Adams in Wetmore. The morning was cold, but otherwise perfect. Robin went with Rob, and I went with Dwaine.

We covered a lot of beautiful territory, but hadn't seen the hint of an elk. I did manage to take some photos of some gorgeous Colorado ranch land. I also think I talked Dwaine's ear off!

After eating lunch we decided to switch it up a bit and went to a different part of the ranch. Rob and my husband spotted an area that was loaded with elk sign. It looked to be frequented by a large herd, and elk beds were apparent on both sides of the two-track road. We worked up a plan to set up in some trees and hopefully intercept them if they came back that evening.

We weren't waiting long when Dwaine started tapping my shoulder because a group of six or eight cows ran into the field we were watching. Looking through my scope I could see they were bunched together and looking back to the trees.

The big cow that had stepped from the group is my chosen target. She has presented both right and left broadside shots, and I have repositioned myself several times inside the truck to make sure everything 'feels' right. I am hyper aware that my shot needs to be an ethical and quick kill.

I have always been one to think and rethink the shot before I commit to pull the trigger. I have moved the gun and myself several times. I can actually "feel" Dwaine beginning to wonder if I am going to pull the trigger.



Careful aiming pays off!

Deep breathe in, and then slowly exhale, BOOM! I heard the swack as my bullet found my elk! I watched her in my scope. She looked stunned; all of the others also looked stunned. No one is running, no one is moving. The most awful thought rushes into my head. I missed? I turn to Dwaine, "How could I have missed?" I asked.

"I had her in my crosshairs, I heard it hit." I explain.

Looking through the scope again, wondering if my scope is off. My trusted and loved .270! Has she failed me?

I see the cow step forward; I can't let her be wounded! I have to do the right thing!

BOOM! Swack again! Too quickly my third bullet flies, and misses. I see the cow buckle, but she is still looking around. The other elk run confused, never actually realizing what happened, and disappear into the trees.

I ask Dwaine, "Should I put another one in her? I've never taken an animal this big before!" He said "No, another shot is not necessary, she is done."

Then the moment hits me!

Eight years of believing that I would never go elk hunting! Eight years of believing that this was something I was no longer able to do. And in just a few fleeting moments, I proved to myself that everyone else was wrong. I had to say it out loud, and through tears of joy "Eight years, Dwaine, and I just proved them all wrong!"

I just harvested my first ever elk!



**Dwaine Robey and Sharon Hall pose with Sharon's elk.**

For nearly a decade this was more than a dream hunt. This was me taking back a piece of who I am! You guys gave me that opportunity!



**Rob Adams (left) and Robin Hall load Sharon's big elk.**

Rob and Robin took care of field dressing and loading the elk in Rob's truck. Later they transferred her into our truck for the trip home.

Robin has been cutting and grinding. Our freezer is full of elk.

Outdoor Buddies gave me more than a hunt, or the meat that has filled our freezer.

You all gave me, me back! Thanks will never be enough!



## **Free Youth Pheasant Hunt**

**January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

A very generous anonymous donor is providing for a weekend of fun for young upland bird hunters. All youth hunters and their parents and family members are invited to this event.

Call as soon as possible to register

**To register please contact Chad at (719) 431-9199**

No hunting license needed; all 17 & under youth are welcome to participate.

What will be provided free of charge:

- Location to hunt near Florence, Colorado
- Lots of pheasants at which to shoot
- Hunting dogs to help find the pheasants
- Guides, dog handlers, and helpers
- Clay pigeons to shoot at while not hunting
- Food for lunch
- Drinking water

What to bring:

- Safety orange cap and vest
- Shotgun and shells

Additional information and directions will be provided to registered participants

## **Outdoor Buddies at International Sportsmen's Expo**

Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) again in 2017. The ISE will be held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver January 12 through 15.

We extend our thanks to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for providing our booth in their Youth Fair Exhibit at the ISE.

Anyone, especially handi-buddies, wishing to help with staffing the booth should contact Dwaine Robey to get more information and to volunteer.

The ISE is a very popular event for those who love the outdoors and our booth provides us with an opportunity to spread the word about Outdoor Buddies.



**Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors.**

**Board Members are shown below:**

**Dwaine Robey**  
Executive Director  
303-877-8584

**Larry Sanford**  
President  
970-218-5356

**Dustin Robey**  
Vice President  
303-515-9777

**James Lowry**  
Vice President  
713-248-9001

**Wally Hunt**  
Treasurer  
303-985-2293

**Christal Bardfield**  
Secretary  
719-580-6366

**Daniel Brown**  
Director  
843-816-0901

**Nicholas Filler**  
Director  
720-644-4842

**Terry Gleason**  
Director  
303-868-2579

**Jim Piper**  
Director  
303-932-1209

**Gina Robinson**  
Director  
303-619-4683

**Frederick Solheim**  
Director-Warriors on Cataract  
303-818-7600

**Outdoor Buddies Newsletter Publisher: Outdoor Buddies, Inc.**  
**Editor: Dwaine Robey**

### **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 members are encouraged to submit input for the newsletter.**

**Submit newsletter input by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in that month's newsletter.**

**Please send newsletter input via E-mail to:  
[dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org](mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org)**

### **Executive Director's Comments**

**By Dwaine Robey**



We are in the midst of a very good big game hunting season. Please read the hunting stories in this newsletter; more will be included in the next newsletter edition.

I want to express sincere gratitude to the landowners and ranch managers who make these hunts possible!

Outdoor Buddies could not do what we do without the generous landowners who allow us to do outdoor activities on their properties.

Just as importantly, I want to thank the Outdoor Buddies volunteers, especially our Board members, who give unselfishly of their time and talents to make Outdoor Buddies the all-volunteer organization that it is. You know who you are!

As we bring another year to a close, here is a short poem by Norman W. Brooks that seems appropriate for the season.

#### **Let Every Day Be Christmas:**

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,  
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away,  
Like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box  
upon a shelf.

The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

**Merry Christmas from Outdoor Buddies!**

### **From the President**

**By Larry Sanford**



Winter has finally arrived! It has been snowy and cold, just like December in Colorado should be!

I can't believe that it is the last month in 2016 already, where has the time gone?

Outdoor Buddies has had some great activities, programs and fundraisers all over the state for everyone to enjoy! Did you make it to at least one of them? Thank you to all of our volunteers that make Outdoor Buddies possible! You are the heartbeat of our organization, Great Job!

As we move into the next year our calendar is looking very busy already! Please check the calendar of events in every Outdoor Buddies newsletter to "save the dates" for the upcoming year! Get involved by contacting the coordinators of each event.

This summer was a hot and dry one with high fire danger. Our big hunting program was affected by the fires on some of the properties that landowners donate for our mobility - impaired hunters to hunt that go through the Outdoor Buddies hunting program.

Come on out throughout the year and enjoy all of the Outdoor Buddies events!

On behalf of Outdoor Buddies I would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year! May God bless you all and may all of your dreams come true!



OUTDOOR  
BUDDIES

## A Lion in the Oak Brush

By Larry Sanford

### ELK, DEER, AND MOUNTAIN LIONS; OH MY!

It was the middle of November when my friend and Outdoor Buddy, Dwaine Robey planned a trip down around Aguilar in the southern part of Colorado.

This outdoor adventure is a great example of how some awesome people who invite Outdoor Buddies to share their land and lives become the best part of our adventure!

After putting on a fantastic Outdoor Buddies Pheasant hunt for a lot of happy disabled hunters the day before we parked the trailers with the upland bird hunting equipment for mobility-impaired hunters and loaded up the big game equipment to leave the next morning for Aguilar.

We had a beautiful drive down south to the Spanish Peaks area where we met the landowners Bill and his wife Susie who had invited Dwaine and me to come down to their beautiful ranch! Right away Bill invited us to go on a tour of their ranch that had been handed down from Bill's father to Bill and his sisters.

Our tour of the ranch started around their house where there was more wildlife than you could imagine! There were beautiful Merriam turkeys, deer, crows, magpies, cows and more!

Before we left the ranch house on our tour Bill mentioned that I should bring my rifle just in case we saw some elk.

Good thing we brought the rifle because as Bill told us, we saw some elk, but they did not cooperate!

The tour of Bill's ranch showed us all of the land improvements that he and his father have done to help the wildlife.

That evening Bill gave us some ideas of how to hunt his property to find elk the next morning. After eating supper and going over the plan for the next morning we went to bed in anticipation of the next day's hunt.

Next thing I remember was the smell of coffee in the air!

I was getting ready by loading up my hunting equipment and donning my hunters orange while Dwaine started the truck. With excitement in the air we set out on the first mornings elk hunt!

The darkness was just starting to give way to twilight when we started hunting. Dwaine and I drove to the spot where we had planned hunt first. There were pinion pine and cedar trees mixed with open grass parks leading to hay fields that Bill had planted for his cattle. We first spotted some deer that had been feeding all night in the hay fields. The buck deer were in full rut and checking every doe and not paying any attention to us.

As we could start to see further out I spotted a huge herd of around 100 or so elk just feeding on the far east end of the field! We tried to figure out a way to get ahead of the Elk but the wind was blowing right to them! There were a few different ways we considered to get on the elk, but none of them gave us good odds of producing a good clean shot.

While the valley continued to become lighter by the minute, the elk slowly moved through a cut behind the oak brush covered hill heading for their bedding area somewhere in the dark timber. That was a tremendous way to start out the opening mornings hunt! The day's hunt continued as we drove the ranch roads and glassed over every nook and cranny of their property. We saw turkeys around every corner and deer in most open areas.

After the mornings hunt we started to make a plan for the afternoon/evening. We both said that the best chance for an elk would be to still-hunt below the hay field that we watched the herd of elk in earlier in the day.

To cut down on scent, Dwaine was going to sit next to a huge hay stack four hundred yards or so from where I was going to still hunt in a ditch across the field from where the elk left the field that morning. I had my rifle, shooting sticks and was settled in for the evenings hunt. I could see a couple herds of deer feeding to my right towards the west end of the hay field. I had the wind in my face while I watched the crows and magpies crisscross the area.

An hour or so had gone by as I glassed the field in front of me trying to get a glimpse of a cow elk!

I kept glassing the deer to fill in the time while I waited for the elk to show up, but as the next ten minutes was going to reveal, I am glad I was watching the deer!

A doe mule deer and her fawn started to walk on the edge of the hay field across from me moving from my right to left.

All of a sudden the doe looked up in the hillside filled with oak brush, open areas, and scattered pine trees. She looked very curious with those huge mule deer ears erect. All of a sudden she took off up the hill into the oak brush where she had been watching when I lost sight of her! There were seven other does and fawns off to the right that ran to where the other doe had been standing. The lead doe of the seven deer had moved up the edge of the field about five yards from where there was a small opening with bare ground that gave way to oak brush about ten yards up the hill.

I was glassing the doe with my binoculars when I happened to look just over her back, and there laid a MOUNTAIN LION! It was facing downhill at her, but as fast as I focused on the lion it turned as if it was on a lazy Susan turntable and up into the oak brush it disappeared!

Oh my gosh, did I just see what I thought I saw, I asked myself! Remember the first doe that went up the hill into the oak brush? That's right" it was not more than 20 seconds and she started a blood curdling sound as if that lion had her by the throat! I strained my eyes glassing that hillside to get a look at the lion and the doe! The blood-curdling cry lasted for what seemed an eternity, but was actually only a couple minutes.

The seven does ran away in fear when the bawling from the oak brush started, but within a minute they stopped and ran back up to the very place the sound was coming from up the hill in the oak brush! It was obvious the deer were very disturbed. My heart was pounding with excitement and almost disbelief at what I just witnessed!

This is what happens in nature every day, it's just that we usually are not there to see or hear it happen! Dwaine and I had radios just in case I needed his help. I called him and told him what just had happened. Dwaine said he could see the deer were acting very strange and was wondering what happened?

The evening's elk hunt was obviously over, but that was one heck of an outdoor experience!

We loaded up and headed back to the camper by Bill's house, which were only minutes down the road from where I was hunting.

Bill came over to the camper to hear about the days hunt and boy was he surprised! We told Bill about the mountain lion and the deer and Bill knew exactly where we were talking about. He wanted to check out the area and hopefully get that lion out of there! Bill said he knows a guy who hunts mountain lions that just lives up the road by the name of Fred Eichler!

After Bill called Fred, he said that Fred was interested in hunting the lion because Fred's youngest son has a mountain lion license and that he would be right over! Are you kidding me! That's great.

First off, this day was amazing enough with the deer and lion but now, totally out of the blue, Fred Eichler who is a great outdoorsman/hunter and is the star of a couple TV hunting shows, "Predator Nation" plus his own hunting show was coming over to possibly hunt the mountain lion I saw just a few hours earlier! WOW!

When Fred showed up we all started talking about the lion encounter earlier that evening, Fred was excited to check out the area where this had happened, but it was now too dark for us to show him. We made a plan to meet the next morning around 9am after Dwaine and I had a chance to hunt a cow elk that morning.

That night after everyone had gone home, we settled down for the night, but the good Lord had one last adventure in store for Dwaine and me that evening! I was getting in my sleeping bag and somehow I caught my toenail on my zipper and ripped it totally off! Ouch!, Not really; because I can't feel my feet after my accident where I was burned 80 percent of my body by being shocked with over 13,800 volts of electricity! I bled like a stuck pig and used about all the antiseptic wipes Dwaine had in the trailer!

The next morning as we drank our coffee we decided on about the same hunt plan as the day before. But we hoped to catch the herd of elk in a better location where Dwaine could get me a shot at a cow elk.

The truck was loaded up and we were posted up in about the same area as we waited for it to get light enough to spot the elk.

"There they are," I said to Dwaine! This time the elk were in a better location for us to get into a shooting position.

The hunt was on! Dwaine got me in position as the elk were working their way back to their bedding area. They were around 280 yards away from us, well within range of my Browning A-Bolt 300 Win. Magnum!

The elk were all sticking close together as they moved slowly through the hay field. I was waiting for a cow to move away from the other elk for a clean shot! Finally a cow moved out front I blew on my cow call and the elk stopped and looked at us.

I settled the crosshairs of my Leopold riflescope behind the cow elk's front shoulder and shot! It was a hard hit! She bucked in the air and separated from the herd. I ejected the spent case and put another round in the rifle chamber and settled the crosshairs on her shoulder again and shot, the cow dropped!

We watched as the rest of the herd eased on up the hill like nothing had happened. What a hunt!



We used an electric winch to load the elk.

We made our way over to the cow to load her up and try to get out of the area as it was just up the hill a few hundred yards from where we had the lion encounter.

Using the winch in the back of Dwaine's truck, we were able to quickly load the elk and leave the area.

We went to another area of the ranch where we field dressed the elk.

Bill had showed us the day before that he had an electric hoist in his shop where we could hang the elk and skin it.

Fred showed up at 9am sharp just shortly after we got the elk hung. We decide to drive down to the field where I had seen the lion and deer the evening before.

After getting in Fred's truck I felt like I was in my own truck. What I mean by that is every guide, trapper, coyote hunter, etc. who is in the field most every day basically lives in their truck. There are typically calls and knives on the dash, a rifle in a case in front seat, and ammunition in the back seat.

We stopped on the side of the dirt road where we could glass the area side hill where I saw the lion and deer. I went through the story again while pointing out landmarks for Fred and his son to check the area out and hunt that afternoon.

I thought Fred was going to just drop me off at Bill's shop because he is a very busy guy and needed to get back to spending the rest of the day with his son, but instead he got his Outdoor Edge skinning knife out and began skinning my elk!



**Larry watches as Fred begins to skin Larry's elk.**

What a nice guy, I definitely was not going to turn down his help! Fred had even offered to take me over to hunt on his property if we were not successful on Bill's ranch! Fred is an Outfitter so for him to offer that sure humbled me!

That afternoon Fred and his hunting buddy and friend along with his son went down to hunt the lion and find the deer kill.

After they were done hunting they stopped by the trailer where Bill, Dwaine and I were waiting to hear their hunting story. I wish I could tell you that they went down and found the kill site and his son tagged a lion, but that is not what happened! Fred explained that they walked down close to the area and didn't see any crows or magpies flying around so they walked up into the brush. Unfortunately they did not find anything. The ground was dry and hard so he couldn't see any tracks or the kill.

I felt bad that they did not find anything because I know that the blood curdling sounds I heard coming from that oak brush just after I saw that lion was it trying to kill that doe mule deer. One good thing is that the doe must have somehow gotten away and it must have been a younger inexperienced mountain lion that attacked her.

All in all I had a fantastic outdoor adventure down on Bill and Susie's ranch, Thank you so very much for your hospitality, friendship, and the chance to harvest an elk, which will feed my family!

Thank you so much to our chance meeting with Fred Eichler who is in person as he is portrayed on his outdoor shows, (a hunter who knows how blessed he is!).



**A very happy Larry Sanford poses with Fred Eichler.**

I can tell that Fred is a great family man because of the time he was spending with his sons while I was there. I thank Fred for spending some of that precious time with me and for skinning my elk!

I can't wait to go back down to that area someday to hunt where I know there is "A Lion in the Oak brush"!  
BE BLESSED, I know I am!

### **Make a Donation to Outdoor Buddies**

Please print Page 7 of this newsletter and clip a form to use to make your donation to Outdoor Buddies via the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation! You may also want to pass along a form to someone you know who may want to make a donation.

### **Youth Antelope Hunt**

**By Terry Gleason**

My grandson Luke Schreiner was selected to participate in a late season antelope hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch north of Fort Collins.

Luke turned twelve in March and had recently earned his hunter safety card and was fired up to go after a big game animal.

After accompanying us on our elk hunt near Craig the past three years this was Luke's first year when he had a chance to bag an elk himself. Unfortunately the weather and elk did not cooperate. Luke said he did not expect to get one his first try, but was disappointed we did not see as many versus other seasons!

I was disappointed also, but hopeful he would get a shot at an antelope on his Outdoor Buddies hunt.

On Saturday morning we left Parker at 5am to drive to Meadow Springs Ranch arriving a little after seven . We met up with other youth hunters and Master Guide and organizer Larry Sanford, President of Outdoor Buddies.

First priority was to complete the hunt paperwork and then off to test the rifles on some paper antelope. The boys all did a great job on the site in so we were ready to look for a real antelope target! Larry told Luke he would have the first opportunity, needless to say Luke was pumped!

We followed Larry and after a short drive spotted a herd of antelope about 100 yards from the trail. We drove slowly to a point where Luke and his Dad, Ben, could ease out the passenger door on the other side of the truck from the antelope.

They snuck along a ditch to a point where Luke could get a clear shot. I was watching thru my binoculars and when Luke fired, I saw an antelope run a few steps and drop.

We waited for a few minutes before we approached the downed antelope.

It turned out that the shot was at 120 yards with a clean kill!

**Luke's first big game animal.**

Luke, with instructions from Larry, prepared to field dress his kill. I have been hunting big game for forty years, but I learned a couple of things from Larry on field dressing techniques.

We loaded the animal and set off to the game processor in Fort Collins. Luke was smiling all the way!

Luke said this was a dream come true and hopes to be able to take part in future hunts with Outdoor Buddies! His brother Jack, who is nine years old, was excited and said he could not wait for his turn.

Thanks to the patience and teaching skills that Larry has, this was a moment that Luke will remember the rest of his hunting life.

The Youth Outreach program is so important to instilling the love of hunting and appreciation of the outdoors with these young folks. That is the only way we will keep this sport alive. If those of you who are reading this know of a youngster between 12 and 17 years of age who would like to take part in a youth hunt please contact Outdoor Buddies



## The 13TH Annual Community Spirit Campaign Is Underway



The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation is proud to sponsor the annual Community Spirit Campaign, a matching gift project to benefit local nonprofit organizations beginning each November. The Foundation contributes matching funds, augmented by donations from other foundations and individuals. Donations are used to match private contributions made to valley and county nonprofits when received by December 31 of each year.

### How can I donate?

Donors wishing to take advantage of matching funds for their favorite local organizations must use the donor form shown below. Make checks out to the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation (or WMVCF), and please note the nonprofit organization and the amount you wish to go to that organization on the donor form. The maximum amount that will be matched is \$1,000 per family and/or business. You are welcome to spread your donation to more than one nonprofit, or just one -- it's your call.

Mail your completed form and check to:  
Wet Mountain Valley, Community Foundation, P.O. Box 718, Westcliffe, CO 81252  
**Make one check payable to: The WMV Community Foundation**

### Please Distribute My Donation to the Following Custer County Nonprofit Organizations in the Amounts Shown (Use Separate Sheet if Necessary)

Matching funds will not be applied to contributions postmarked after 12/31/16

Nonprofit Org	<b>Outdoor Buddies</b>	Amount \$
Nonprofit Org		Amount \$
Total nonprofit		\$

### *Donations to the Matching Fund Benefit All Qualified Nonprofit Orgs*

**Here's My Total Donation to the Matching fund** \$

(Please Print)

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your completed form and check to:  
Wet Mountain Valley, Community Foundation, P.O. Box 718, Westcliffe, CO 81252  
**Make one check payable to: The WMV Community Foundation**

### Please Distribute My Donation to the Following Custer County Nonprofit Organizations in the Amounts Shown (Use Separate Sheet if Necessary)

Matching funds will not be applied to contributions postmarked after 12/31/16

Nonprofit Org	<b>Outdoor Buddies</b>	Amount \$
Nonprofit Org		Amount \$
Total nonprofit		\$

### *Donations to the Matching Fund Benefit All Qualified Nonprofit Orgs*

**Here's My Total Donation to the Matching fund** \$

(Please Print)

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT 2016**

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT 2016**



## **2017 YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT**

### **January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Invitation to youth hunters 17 years of age and under**  
(No hunting license needed – all 17 & under youth welcome)

**What will be provided free of charge:**

- Location to hunt near Florence, Colorado
- Lots of pheasants at which to shoot
- Hunting dogs to help find the pheasants
- Guides, dog handlers, and helpers
- Clay pigeons to shoot at while not hunting
- Food for lunch
- Drinking water

**What to bring:**

- Safety orange cap and vest
- Shotgun and shells

**Additional information and directions will be provided to registered participants**

**Call as soon as possible to register**

**To register please contact Chad at (719) 431-9199**

## Save the date – 2017 Outdoor Buddies Banquet



**ANNOUNCING**  
**OUTDOOR BUDDIES**  
**FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2017**

Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. The 2017 banquet celebrates **thirty-three years of community service** by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Conference Center** on **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**. The Conference Center is located at 13200 East 14<sup>th</sup> Place in Aurora, 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 \$15.00 fee for the banquet dinner and the evening's program. Children, age sixteen and under, will be admitted for \$15.00.

The dinner includes your choice of a three-course meal of Chicken, Beef, Salmon, or Vegetarian. Drawing from the fresh, bountiful Colorado harvests, the Executive Chef and his culinary team select the region's best organic and authentic ingredients to feature on its award-winning menus.

The children's ticket includes a Kid's Meal of Chicken Tenders, Tater Tots, Macaroni and Cheese, and Fruit.

Cash bars will be available.

The program will include current information about Outdoor Buddies activities and a few "surprise" agenda items.

There will be raffles, games, a silent auction, and a live auction so come prepared to do a little shopping.

If you cannot attend the banquet, perhaps you 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](http://www.outdoorbuddies.org)** or simply fill out and return the form below to: Outdoor Buddies, 555 Highlands Road, Westcliffe, CO 81252.

To order by phone call **(303) 877-8584**.



**Hyatt Regency  
Conference Center**

To: **Outdoor Buddies**  
**555 Highlands Road**  
**Westcliffe, 81252**

I would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ Adult tickets for the Outdoor Buddies Banquet.

Menu choice(s): Chicken \_\_\_, Beef \_\_\_, Salmon \_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Win this South Africa Plains Game Hunt

**The winner will be drawn at the Outdoor Buddies banquet on April 22, 2017**  
**Do not need to be present to win!**




**\$6,200 RETAIL VALUE**  
**OUTDOOR BUDDIES RAFFLE**  
**\*\* \$20 PER TICKET OR 6 TICKETS FOR \$100 \*\***

# SOUTH AFRICA PLAINS GAME SAFARI

for two (2) Hunters at Eland Safaris for 8 Nights / 6 Hunting Days

**Each Custom Eland Safaris South African Rifle or Bow Hunting Safari Includes:**

- 2x1 PH to hunter ratio
- 6 full hunting days with tracker
- All the transport in the hunting area
- Hunting for SCI Trophy Class animals, not representative animals or culls
- Luxury lodging at one of Eland's South African concessions
- Assistance with choosing a USDA Certified Trophy Import Broker
- Assistance with choosing a USDA Certified Taxidermist (only if necessary)
- Assistance with having your trophies mounted in South Africa if you choose
- Assistance with securing your U.S. Customs Form 4457 (without leaving your home)
- Access to our Airline Consolidators for discounted airline pricing
- Access to Rifle Permit Concierge service
- 3 meticulously prepared meals per day
- Wine and beer in moderation
- Laundry on a daily basis and field preparation of trophies
- Round trip transportation from Polokwane International Airport (PTG)



This Safari does not include:

Trophy fees for animals harvested or wounded and lost, airfare, accommodations before or after the hunt, dip and pack, taxidermy or trophy export costs, SAPS 520 gun permit application (\$200), gratuities, observers or non-hunters (\$250/day).



Global Sporting Safaris

Global Sporting Safaris is a full service hunting booking agency. We will work with the raffle winner (hunters) extensively before and after the hunt to make sure everything goes smoothly. This includes pre-trip prep as well as post-trip follow-up to get all of the trophies back safe and sound to the hunter's trophy room.



*This South African Safari hunt donation is for two (2) hunters and is valid for the 2017 or 2018 season only. Non-hunters cannot be substituted for hunters. Trophy selection and hunt dates must be made by the raffle winner within 45 days of the event, along with the receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per hunter to confirm the hunt. The deposit will be applied to trophies taken on a per hunter basis – no trophy fee deposit sharing. Trophy fee deposit may not be applied to dangerous game. We will ask the hunt winner to sign a liability waiver. Due to the fluid nature of international hunting, Global Sporting Safaris reserves the right to revise our donation program at any time without prior notice. This includes hunts raffled or sold at auction where we subsequently determine that the featured outfitter(s) no longer meet our performance standards. In those cases, an alternate hunt of equal or greater value will be substituted as deemed appropriate at that time to ensure a quality hunt for your members. This donation is not refundable or transferable.*

**Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 22, 2017 - Do not need to be present to win.**

Please contact Dwaine Robey to purchase your raffle tickets  
 303-877-8584 or [dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org](mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org)



## Upcoming Events Calendar

Shown below are currently scheduled events. Other activities will be scheduled as appropriate.

Date	Event/Location	Description	Contacts
October 1 through January 31	Pronghorn, deer, and elk hunts in various Colorado locations.	Previously scheduled hunts will continue throughout the big game hunting seasons.	Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a>
January 12-15	International Sportsmen's Expo at the Colorado Convention Center.	Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Expo.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a>
January 25	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Thornton Cabela's store.	Board meeting starting at 6:00 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a>
April 22	Outdoor Buddies 2017 Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center located at 13200 East 14 <sup>th</sup> Place in Aurora, Colorado.	<b>Mark your calendar.</b> Annual fundraiser banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center. Tickets will go on sale in January.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a>
April 29	Rich Cori Memorial sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:00 AM.	Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 <a href="mailto:wdhunt1716@outlook.com">wdhunt1716@outlook.com</a>
May 13	Outdoor Buddies Family Day at A Painted View Ranch in Westcliffe.	There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of games and demonstrations. Everyone is welcome!	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a>
June – September	Outdoor Buddies fishing outings at Tarryall State Wildlife Area.	Outdoor Buddies volunteers will coordinate fishing activities at Tarryall using leased properties and Tarryall Reservoir.	Jim Piper (303) 932-1209 <a href="mailto:geopros@clanmurray.org">geopros@clanmurray.org</a> Ivan Brooks (719) 783-4011 <a href="mailto:nakaibrooks@gmail.com">nakaibrooks@gmail.com</a> Dan Brown (843) 816-0901 <a href="mailto:fk15pts@yahoo.com">fk15pts@yahoo.com</a>
June 10	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) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a>
July 14	2017 Outdoor Buddies Golf Tournament at Green Valley Ranch Golf Course.	The format for the tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start. Entry fee includes cart, range balls, silent auction, prizes, buffet lunch, contests, and fun.	Dustin Robey (303) 515-9777 <a href="mailto:dustindrobey@gmail.com">dustindrobey@gmail.com</a>
August 5	Rich Cori Memorial sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:00 AM.	Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 <a href="mailto:wdhunt1716@outlook.com">wdhunt1716@outlook.com</a>
August 5	Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Event at Colorado Clays Shooting Park near Brighton, Colorado.	All day fundraiser event at Colorado Clays LLC 13600 Lanewood Street Brighton, Colorado.	Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a> or Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a>