



OUTDOOR BUDDIES NEWSLETTER

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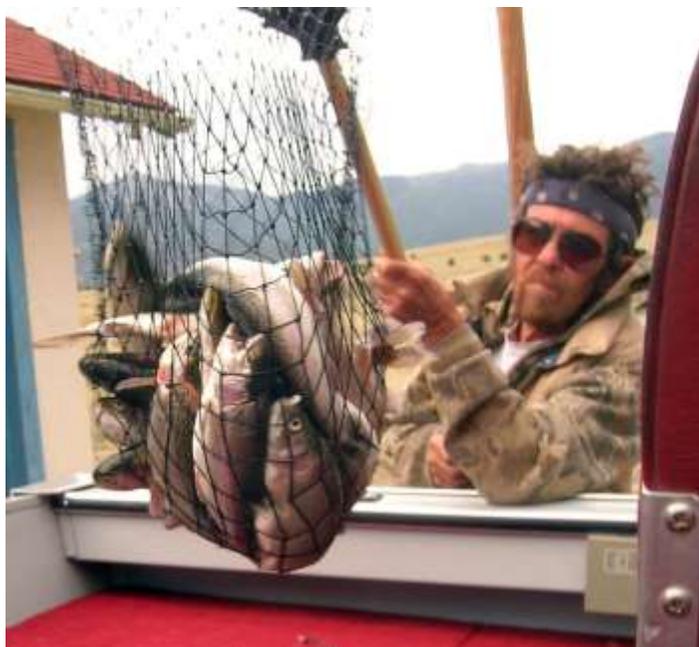
Please see additional information, including directions to the service and reception, contained on page 6 of this newsletter.

Please come help celebrate Doug's life!

Passing of Doug Piper, Outdoor Buddies Board Member

Douglas Goodwin Piper, February 16, 1941 – June 7, 2013

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Executive Director's Comments

by Dwaine Robey



Outdoor Buddies will miss Doug Piper! He was exceptionally skilled in many areas and accomplished a wide variety of very important tasks for our organization.

To name a few, he worked countless hours on the remodeling project for the bunkhouse at Tarryall State Wildlife Area, performed the duties of webmaster for the Outdoor Buddies website for several years, has been an active member of our board of directors, helped with hunting and fishing outings, as well as many other volunteer jobs.

On behalf of the Outdoor Buddies organization, I express our sincere best wishes to Doug's brother, Jim, and the rest of his family.

Outdoor Buddies always needs additional volunteers to step up and make good things happen.

Our mission is "To provide opportunities, for those who have been deprived of access and enjoyment of outdoor experiences, through a volunteer based nonprofit organization."

The focus is on those who are mobility-disabled, disadvantaged youth, and other youth groups. Our goal is to offer outdoor experiences including hunting, fishing, boating, camping, and education in the use of the outdoors for recreational activities.

We provide opportunities to all, with no additional cost (other than personal expenses) and no discrimination due to race, creed, religion, sex, or family status. We endorse the principle that wildlife and the environment are to be protected, preserved, and managed for the benefit of all people.

Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas about improvements to your organization or if you are willing to serve on one of our committees or as an officer or Board member. You can contact me at (719) 783-9044 or drobey@centurytel.net.

Focus on Forever Conference

For now, following are two pictures from the event.

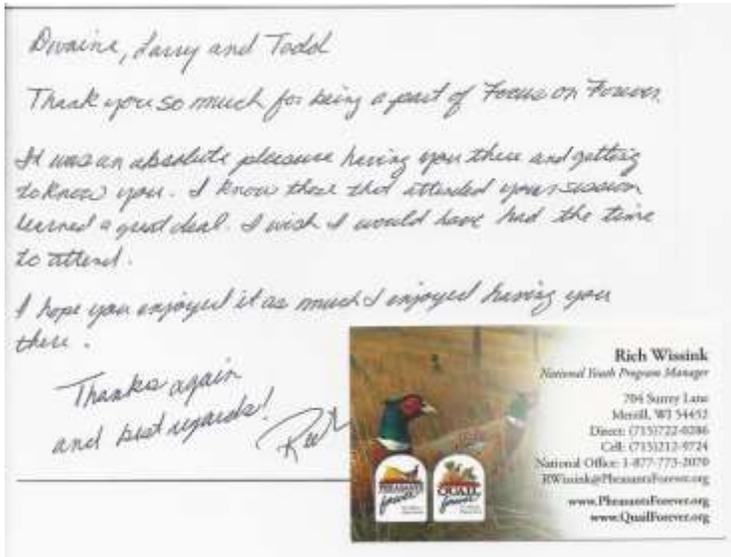


**Larry Sanford,
Outdoor Buddies
President**

Outdoor Buddies participated in the Focus on Forever Conference held at YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park on June 7th through June 9th. Those representing Outdoor Buddies included Dwaine Robey, Larry and Penny Sanford, and Todd Bacon.

On Saturday, June 8th, Larry Sanford did a great job giving morning and afternoon presentations called "Making Outdoor Adventures Possible for Persons with Disabilities".

Shown below is a thank you note from Rich Wissink, National Youth Program Director for Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever.



Some of the trap shooters.



Archery instruction and shooting.

Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds

The Outdoor Buddies Family Day for 2013 was held at Swift Ponds on Saturday, June 15th.

The event was coordinated and managed by Larry and Penny Sanford, with help from a few volunteers.

Several activities were enjoyed by attendees including catch and release fishing, archery shooting and instruction, trap shooting and instruction, and a fabulous BBQ lunch catered by Nordy's BBQ.

Local members of Pheasants Forever assisted Outdoor Buddies by providing instructors for trap shooting and archery activities. They did a great job!

Due to other pressing responsibilities, the event managers were not able to provide a comprehensive article about the event for this newsletter edition. We plan to include more information about the event with more pictures in the next edition of the Outdoor Buddies Newsletter.

Wyoming Float Trip

by Terry Nelson

Three years ago I met Don White, of Four Seasons Anglers, at the International Sportsman's Expo. We talked about the Outdoor Buddies program and Four Seasons Anglers donated a guided fishing trip to be used as an auction item at the Outdoor Buddies banquet.

Kathy Shears and I made the winning bid for that trip.

During the trip, we were limited to fishing a ranch pond because the rivers were all too high for fishing due to Spring runoff. The fishing was great and we caught about a hundred fish each day between the two of us.

This year Kathy and I booked a trip with Don. He took us down the North Platte on his clackacraft skiff. We put in east of Encampment Wyoming and drifted eight hours through some beautiful land.

Don has been guiding this area for forty years and knows his business. We caught **big** rainbows and browns in the sixteen inch and up range.

Then we were treated to a gourmet shore lunch while we watched eagles, deer and turkeys. Don is a great host and provides everything needed for the perfect fishing trip. His sense of humor and patience is first class, which I tested by losing thirty bucks worth of his flies.

Don has also guided fishing and hunting trips for disabled sportspersons and has the right equipment to get the job done right.



Terry and Don



Kathy



Terry

If you want to catch lots of big fish this guy will make it happen and leave you with great memories.

Four Seasons Anglers is a contributor to Outdoor Buddies and if you are considering a trip such as this we highly recommend them.

Kathy and I give Don and his folks at Four Seasons Anglers five stars out of five.

Their contact information is:

Four Seasons Anglers
334 Fillmore St
Laramie, WY 82070
307-721-4047

Outdoor Buddies Time.....

*by Fire Ant Dancer (Barb Johnson)
and Snake Shot (Marlin Johnson)*

It was a beautiful day on May 18th (Armed Forces Day) and we were about to experience something very rewarding. We spent the day at beautiful A Painted View Ranch near Westcliffe, Colorado. This was the annual Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day Honoring Wounded Warriors.

Outdoor Buddies programs support mobility-disabled persons, including many Wounded Warriors, youth and women. The event was attended by approximately 300 "guests".

There were a variety of demonstrations, including a mountain man display and educational program put on

by Fire Ant Dancer and Snake Shot. We were lucky enough to have two large tables full of Mountain Man goodies. We were kept busy the whole day with lots of questions and comments, and gave out lots of flyers and club applications for those who were interested. We even had a few who were going to go out and get a muzzleloader!

At the end of the day everyone commented on what a great exhibit we had and how they wanted to learn more. And learn more they did.....

On June 22nd, we were joined by Joy, Doug, Steve S., Tom, Gwen & Tim and Todd & Blake at Tarryall Reservoir. Some of us actually went up a few days earlier and got in some fishing. We camped at the lake and around 10 am on Saturday we met at the Outdoor Buddies cabin for our Mountain Man Rendezvous. Outdoor Buddies President, Larry Sanford and his wife Penny were our hosts.

We had a 25 yard range set up and hawk and knife and fire starting tables. Several of the guys were in wheelchairs, but nothing could stop them from trying everything. What a remarkable group of people.

We didn't have a lot (about 8 guys came) but they are sure to spread the word about what a great time they had. They even talked about going out and getting a muzzleloader now that they know how much fun they are.



It's a blast to shoot with black powder!

Larry wanted us to convey to our group how much they appreciated all that we did and he's looking forward to a bigger event next year.

We can't begin to tell you all what a rewarding experience it was and how amazing everyone was.

Big thanks go out to all our volunteers....we couldn't have done it without you.

If anyone is interested in spending some time with Outdoor Buddies, they do some amazing things. They have an annual banquet, fishing outings at Swift Ponds and other locations, a golf tournament, big game hunts, and lots of fun things throughout the year.

Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit



The Outdoor Buddies golf benefit for 2013 was held on Saturday, July 6th at Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora.

Event director, Dustin Robey, and other event committee members did a

great job again this year.

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Joe Arcese prepares for a fairway shot.

Green Mill Sportsman's Club Site-In



On August 17th, Pete Labella and his gang at Green Mill Sportsman's Club will host the second Outdoor Buddies site-in this year.

Please contact Wally Hunt via Email at wdhunt2141@hotmail.com or by telephone at (303) 985.2293

for reservations

The range will open at 8:30 am, and after all forms are completed and the Pledge of Allegiance, the site-in will commence (about 9:00 am).

All Outdoor Buddies participants will be required to complete a waiver and furnish identification (Colorado Driver's License Number).

Youths (12 to 17) are welcome, but must have their hunter safety card and be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Directions: Use Exit 232 from I-25 and proceed west towards Erie and go approximately 3 miles to Bonanza/Green Mill Road. Follow Green Mill Road (South) to the shooting range.

After unloading your vehicle, please park outside the gate in order to leave parking inside for other persons to unload.

More Fishing at Swift Ponds

by Joe Arcese

Thanks to the hard work of our President, Larry Sanford, we have several additional dates to fish at Swift Ponds this summer.

Please mark on your calendars July 3, July 24, August 2, and August 28 to fish at the fantastic Swift Ponds, where you and your family will have fun catching fish from several ponds.

We will start at 8:00 AM, and fish through midafternoon.

Please bring your own food, drinks and fishing supplies.

Call me, at (303) 995-1353, if you would like to fish on the dates listed above.

Watch for This Story in the Next Newsletter.....

At the Outdoor Buddies Banquet, Ron and Diane Dudley made the winning bid for a 10-day African Safari with Starr & Bodill African Safaris.



Diane with her Brindled Gnu (Blue Wildebeest).

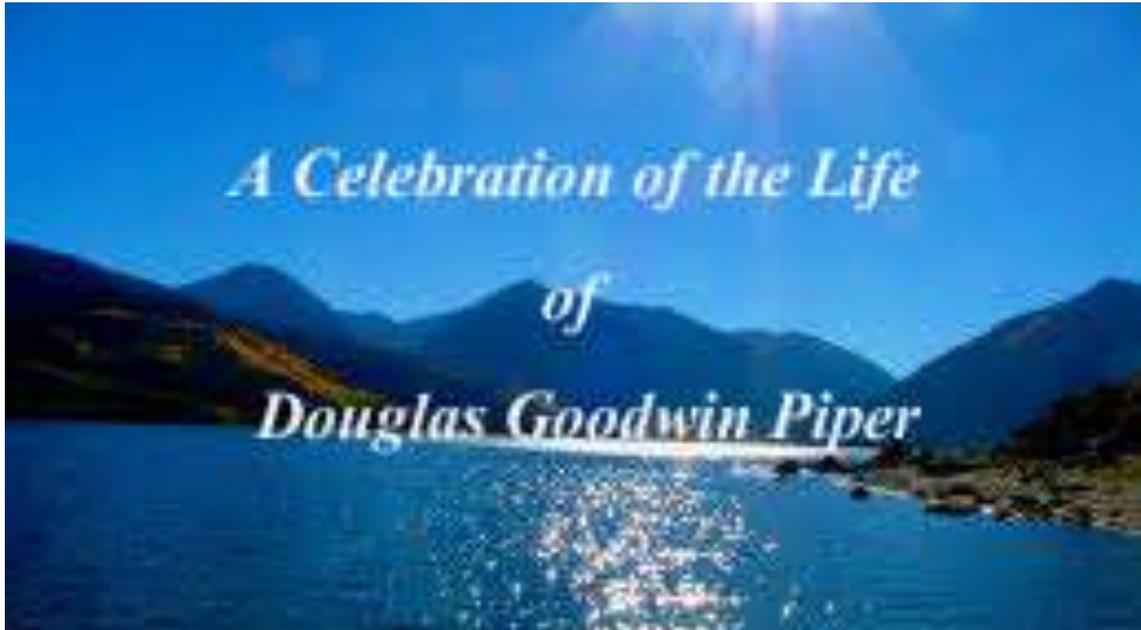
Ron and Diane recently returned from their very successful and enjoyable African Safari trip. They have promised to submit a story about their trip for the next issue of the Outdoor Buddies Newsletter.

Thank you, Ron and Diane!

Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

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

Date	Event/Location	Description	Contacts
June, July, and August	Group camping – private campground at Tarryall State Wildlife Area.	Reserve 40 acre campground for church group, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kids Clubs, and other groups.	Jim Piper (303) 932-1209 geopros@clanmurray.org Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
August 2	Fishing at Swift Ponds	Outdoor Buddies members and families are welcome to participate in catch and release fishing.	Joe Arcese (303) 995-1353 jfarcese@yahoo.com
August 11	Sight-In at Lockheed Martin Gun Range.	Meet at 8:30 AM gate W. side of Wadsworth, 2 miles past S. entrance to Chatfield State Park.	Jim Piper (303) 932-1209 geopros@clanmurray.org
August 13	Outdoor Buddies Banquet Committee Meeting at Craig Hospital.	Banquet planning meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Volunteers are welcome.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
August 17	Fall shoot at Green Mill Sportsman's Club. 2490 Weld County Road 3 Erie, CO	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved.	Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 wdhunt2141@hotmail.com
August 28	Fishing at Swift Ponds	Outdoor Buddies members and families are welcome to participate in catch and release fishing.	Joe Arcese (303) 995-1353 jfarcese@yahoo.com
September 5	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors Meeting at Craig Hospital.	Bi-monthly Board Meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Visitors are welcome.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net



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Directions:



The Chapel is located at 905 Bear Creek Ave, Morrison, The Chapel sits at Entrance #3 of Red Rocks Park



Woodbourne Clubhouse is located at 11082 W. Rowland Drive From C470 take Ken Caryl east to Simms, go north to W Fremont Ave Take Fremont to stop sign and W Rowland Drive are straight ahead at intersection with W Roxbury Ave. The clubhouse and parking lot is on the right.