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Executive Director's Comments

by Dwaine Robey



Outdoor Buddies is seeking additional local volunteers and hunting properties in various locations within Colorado.

We are always on the lookout for new hunting properties and volunteers. However, at this time, we are concentrating on the Fairplay and Craig areas.

We are participating in an open house type meeting in Craig on Thursday, August 22nd and are organizing another open house meeting at Tarryall State Wildlife Area near Fairplay on October 12th.

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." To do this, with our ever-increasing membership, we must find additional volunteers and locations for our activities.

We need volunteers who are willing to be leaders in planning and carrying out hunting and fishing activities. We also need landowners and land managers who have the desire and authority to provide access to hunting and fishing properties.

We also need volunteers who want to help with the planning and preparations for the annual Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet. The banquet for 2014 will be held at The Wildlife Experience on Saturday, April 5th. You may think it is too early to be working on the banquet this far in advance, but we have learned from past experience that one cannot start too early for this event that is so important for the organization.

So, if you want to get involved with Outdoor Buddies, there are endless opportunities to do so.

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.

President's Column

by Larry Sanford



We have had a busy summer with fishing at Swift Ponds, two family day events, a great fundraiser banquet at The Wildlife Experience, a small pancake/hotdog fundraiser thanks to Jax Farm & Ranch store, among other activities. All of these events take people who volunteer their time and money as well as a caring willingness to put

smiles on all of Outdoor Buddies family and friends. I offer you volunteers all a sincere, heartfelt THANK YOU!

If any of you want to become more involved with any of our events or help on any of our programs, such as our hunting or fishing programs, please contact me and we will get you started.

We are currently going around the state to find more people to coordinate big game hunts in their own areas so that Outdoor Buddies can put more mobility-disabled hunters in the field. Dwaine, Wally, and I are going to meet with people at the Craig American Legion hall thanks to the coordination work by Michelle and Vern Anderson. We are going to speak and show how our big game hunting program works and stress the need for more hunting properties, which translates to more hunt slots being available.

I am closing with a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the Green Mill Sportsman's Club sight-in! We had eighteen mobility-impaired shooters. They were all sighting in and just having fun shooting each of their own rifles along with the guys who were shooting with an adaptive piece of equipment

The volunteers who help our guys sight in are second to no one when it comes to knowledge and compassion!

Way to go everyone!

Rich Cori coordinated this shoot with help from Wally Hunt; and they did a great job!

All-volunteer groups like Outdoor Buddies only continue to thrive if we ALL help each other from the guy who just signs up, to the Board and Officers!

If you have a passion to volunteer to help continue this great organization please contacts us!

God Bless each and every one of you and your families!

Sight-In at Green Mill Sportsman’s Club

On August 17th, the Green Mill Sportsman's Club hosted a site-in for Outdoor Buddies.

Pete Labella was our Green Mill Sportsman’s Club host aided by a cast of hard working club members.

The Boulder Daily Camera newspaper published a great article about the event.

Please use the following link to access the article.

http://www.dailycamera.com/ci_23885484/erie-area-club-hosts-event-disabled-shooting-enthusiasts?IADID=Search-www.dailycamera.com-www.dailycamera.com

Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit at Murphy Creek Golf Course



This year’s tournament was held at Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora on Saturday, July 6. The weather was perfect; warm and dry with little wind.

Activities commenced at 7:00 am with registration, doughnuts and coffee.

Thank you to our volunteers, Lindsey Robey, Kristen Wilmes, and Wally Hunt to name a few.

Play started at 8:00 am, with a tremendous drive by Travis Low.

After completion of the round, the players and volunteers were treated to a very nice buffet lunch. Lunch was followed by an awards ceremony where the winners of the various contests were announced.

The team of Scott LanView, Travis Low, Dustin Robey, and Thate Wilmes won first place.



The winning team.

Our thanks go out to all the sponsors, players, and volunteers who helped make this a very enjoyable event. Special thanks to Dustin Robey who acted as tournament director and performed a multitude of tasks leading up to tournament day. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the staff at Murphy Creek Golf Course for the great job they did with hosting the event. Several players

made positive comments about this year’s tournament and recommended that we return to Murphy Creek Golf Course again next year.

Are You a Handi-Buddy in Need of Help with Gun Cleaning?

Outdoor Buddies member, Bill Baker, is a gunsmith and shooting enthusiast with a lot of experience with firearms.

He has volunteered to help, at no charge, handi-buddies who may need assistance with keeping their firearms clean and in good working order.

If you would like to talk with Bill about getting his help, please contact him at 719-942-3027 or js1217c@earthlink.net

Jax Cowboy Days Pancake/Hotdog Fundraiser by Larry and Penelope Sanford

On the last Saturday in July, Larry and Penny Sanford spent the morning cooking pancakes for the customers at the Jax Farm and Ranch Store at the North end of Fort Collins.

The store manager called with short notice asking if Outdoor Buddies could run their pancake and hotdog stand. Jax provided everything and the customers gave Outdoor Buddies donations for cooking and serving them.

I want to thank Jax for remembering us here at Outdoor Buddies!

If any of you would like to help out next year the manager reserved their Cowboy Days pancake and hotdog stand for Outdoor Buddies. It will be held on the last Saturday of July, so save the date! If you are interested please contact us and come out and have some fun!

A Rewarding Experience

Elizabeth Romero is a young lady who wants to be a hunter. So, she enrolled in the Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s Hunter Education Program. As Elizabeth happens to be blind, the hunter education instructor asked Outdoor Buddies for assistance with the shooting portion of the training. Outdoor Buddies has significant experience working with blind sportspersons and has some adaptive equipment for that purpose.

Larry and Penny Sanford volunteered to assist with the training utilizing a device called a “Trophy Shot”.

The training session was very successful and Elizabeth passed with “flying colors”. Larry and Penny thoroughly enjoyed working with Elizabeth and feel blessed to know her. Following is a thank you letter that Elizabeth sent to Mr. and Mrs. Sanford.

Dear Mr. Sanford,

I wanted to thank you so very much for the 25th. That made my Night!!!!

I am very blessed to have people like you and Mrs. Sanford who care deeply about taking disabled people

hunting, and who cared about me getting to use that rifle on the range.

It was such a pleasure meeting you sir, and please tell Mrs. Sanford thank you.

Thank you is just an under-statement. I cannot find words to describe how very thankful I am. There should be more people like you in this world. Thank you so much Sir and you guys have a great weekend.

God bless our troops and god bless the United States of America!

Yours truly,
Elizabeth Romero
10th grader
Horizon High School

Outdoor Buddies Pronghorn Hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch



The annual Outdoor Buddies pronghorn hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch will be held on **October 5th through October 11th**.

If you intend to participate as a hunter or helper in this hunt, and have not already done so, please contact Larry Sanford to get you name on the property access list. It is best to contact Larry via Email at lpbusy@comcast.net so that there is a record of your request.

We need to have an advance list of all hunters and helpers in order to properly coordinate the hunting.

This event is typically one of our best attended hunting events, and this year's conditions are indicating that this should be a great season to hunt and share your experience with friends.

Saturday and Sunday are reserved for mobility-disabled hunters, youth hunters, and women hunters. The following Monday through Friday is open for anyone who has obtained hunting privileges from the event coordinator, Larry Sanford.

All persons entering the Meadow Springs Ranch property on any day must register at the Outdoor Buddies Check Station.

There will be a porta-potty near the check station again this year. We will have coffee, donuts, and drinking water at the check station while they last.

Please see map and directions to Meadow Springs Ranch on Page 6 of this newsletter.

We will see you at Meadow Springs Ranch!

Get on the Fishing Email List!! by Joe Arcese

Sometimes we have fishing opportunities that come up at the last minute, and there is not time to put the date in the Newsletter

Please send me your email address if you would like to be notified about future fishing dates, and I will let you know whenever we have one.

This includes Able-Buddies who are interested in helping out at the fishing events.

Also, please contact me if you have a good fishing spot and maybe we can set up a fishing date there.

Please contact me via Email at jfarcese@yahoo.com

Dove Hunting by Al Montoya



Two dove hunts are scheduled at the Francis Ranch near Watkins. They will be held on Sunday, **September 1st** and Wednesday, **September 4th**.

Interested Handi-Buddies should contact Al Montoya for more information and to sign-up for a hunt.

Al can be reached at (303) 296-4610; or via Email at

agmontoya@q.com

Poudre River Fishing by Joe Arcese

Outdoor Buddies will hold our annual fishing outing at the Poudre River, on Wednesday, September 25th, starting at 10:00 AM.

This is an annual outing sponsored by Outdoor Buddies to facilitate helping to provide mobility-disabled persons an opportunity to fish and learn fishing techniques using adaptive equipment when needed. Everyone is invited to participate!

The event will take place at the Stevens Gulch handicap-accessible fishing area.

Directions:

Take I25 north to Fort Collins, and then take highway 14 west to Teds Place, and take a left. Go 17 and 1/2 miles. Stevens Gulch is two miles west of the tunnel just after mile marker 105. Parking is northwest of the road at the campsite.

Outdoor Buddies is providing food and drink, so please RSVP by September 4th. We need to know the count so we can buy food. Make your advance reservation via Email with Joe Arcese at jfarcese@yahoo.com.

Can we Email your Newsletter?

We prefer to distribute the Outdoor Buddies Newsletter via Email rather than using the Postal Service.

Using the Postal Service requires that we print copies of the newsletter, print and apply address labels to envelopes, and pay postage for mailing each copy.

All that adds up to considerable manual labor and expense compared to virtually no cost for sending the newsletter via Email.

If you are receiving your newsletter via the Postal

Service and are able to receive it via Email please let us know.

Please notify us by sending an Email message, including your name, saying "Please send my newsletter via Email to: "(Your email address)".

Send your Email message to drobey@centurytel.net. Thank you for your help!



Our Wonderful African Adventure

by Ron & Diane Dudley

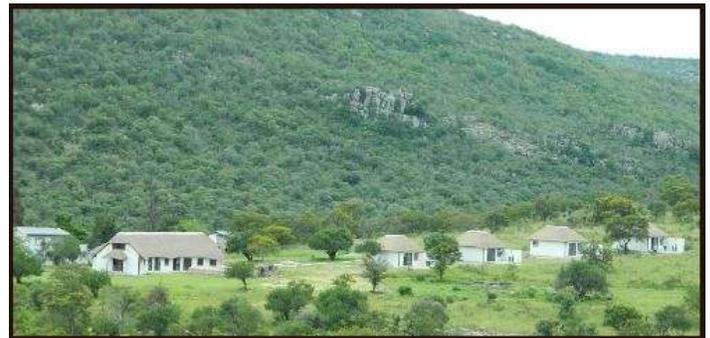
We have returned from an African adventure of a lifetime, and are already envisioning eight new trophies on our walls, though they will not be shipped for eight or more months. The opportunity to hunt in South Africa started with raising a hand at the Outdoor Buddies Banquet Auction in 2012. So quickly, we were the highest bidder for a 10-day hunt donated by Starr & Bodill Safaris. After talking to other hunters experienced in Africa, we were convinced to add 3 more days to the hunt so that we could enjoy other features that South Africa has to offer, and we are so glad we did, especially since the travel time to get there is approximately 34 hours.

Starr and Bodill Safaris' hunting base is located near Cathcart in the Eastern Cape of South Africa and consists of private ranch concessions with hundreds of thousands of acres available. They have over 30 different species to choose from, ranging from tiny steenbok and duiker to deadly cape buffalo, and just about everything in between. The terrain ranges from rolling grasslands to thick bush and mountains (looks a lot like Wyoming). Its native species are also unique like East Cape kudu, Cape eland, black wildebeest and mountain reedbok; just to name a few. Dwaine and Britney Starr (father and daughter) are based in the USA and Louis Bodill is based in the Eastern Cape. They are excellent at personalized

service and attention to detail, taking a lot of the worry of the unknown out of the equation. Dwaine and Louis are trained, experienced and licensed Professional Hunters (PHs) which are required to outfit a safari in South Africa.

We had 14 months to prepare. We had the essentials; 2 rifles, ammo and experience hunting Colorado style. We received comprehensive step by step instructions. Preparation included investing in shooting sticks, bipods, lockable ammo cases, a better scope, and practice, practice, practice. We put aside our orange for layers of sage green & khaki that was tough enough to stand up to thorny trees and bushes. We read up on all the animals that were available to hunt and chose 8 antelope that we thought would be representative of the region, and fit our budget. We invested in a hunter's guide book "The Perfect Shot: Mini Edition for Africa" by Kevin Robertson. From this book we learned that the anatomy of the So. African plains animals are different from our elk/deer/antelope in that the heart is lower in the chest. The best shot placement is through the shoulders to get the animal down. We were glad to learn that the Eastern Cape is disease free, so no malaria or typhoid prevention was needed.

After being met at the New London Airport, our PHs whisked us inland two hours to lovely accommodations that included a thatched-roof lodge and chalets. Trophies on display in the lodge served to get us excited about what could be. For a bit of history, there are also caves on the property that have bushman paintings in them. Meals in the lodge are also a culinary adventure of local game meats other delicious home cooked fair. Hopes of losing weight on this trip were dashed. Laundry was done every day, which was a great help in keeping luggage weight down to just a few changes in cloths.



Iron Gate Lodge and Four Bungalows

We learned that the farmers (we would call them ranchers) in South Africa have spent the last 120+ years bringing the native antelope back after an epidemic of hoof-and-mouth disease nearly wiped them out in the late 1800's. As herds become abundant, the ranchers offer the mature males, the ones that have successfully bred, to be thinned from the herds. So, the ranchers are the country's wildlife conservationists, and our hunting helps finance their efforts.

We each chose four animals that we hoped to harvest. Ron's list included a Waterbuck, Kudu, Impala and Bushbuck, while Diane's list included a Blesbok, Gemsbok, Common Springbok and Blue Wildebeest (Brindled Gnu). They each have unique markings and

horns. Just learning the names took a few months. We hunted on four uniquely different ranches. We will share with you only two hunting stories so as not to bore you.

We were invited to hunt on a 15,000 acre ranch that had several of the animals we were looking for. Ron's morning stalk for a Waterbuck ended up with crosshairs on a prime specimen for 30 minutes, but when it turned its head, showed that one of its horns was atypical. Louie, our PH, called it not a shooter. So we found a nice place for a picnic of wildebeest salad sandwiches and crisps. There Ron spotted two good looking Waterbucks up on the hillside, so lunch was short and the stalk began anew. Walking in a ravine to keep out of site, Ron was preceded by the tracker, and then the PH who held the sticks. The tracking terrier, used to track wounded animals, waited at the truck. When the tracker called a stop from a good spot, the range finder read 260 yards, so Ron chose a prone shot with the bipods. Good thing he had practiced, since he made a great shot that dropped the Waterbuck, only for it to jump back up, and run through the thorn trees. Now shooting on the sticks, a second shot knocked it down, but as is typical with these antelope, up he ran again. Louis remarked that since the Waterbuck was running towards the truck, another shot would not be necessary, and he was right. After the photo, and before the loading, the tracker commented on the thickness and length of the horns, which were considerable. The tracker takes over all the hard work, including the caping, skinning and salting of the trophy and care of the meat, which the ranchers keep.



Ron with Waterbuck, PH Louie and tracker

The next morning, the land lay under a fog that showed the hill tops, but allowed the Gemsbok herd to slip in and out of the thorn trees, back into the mist, as soon as they saw us. The rancher assisted in tracking the herd, being familiar with a short rock ridge that ran the length of the woods where the herd was hiding. As we snuck along the ridge, the mist slowly rose. And

there, through the trees, could be seen just parts of a good Gemsbok. So up the sticks went, and Diane balanced on the sticks, waiting for the shoulder to present itself from behind a tree as the Gemsbok grazed. Wait, another one walked in front, but then was clear, and boom! (Boom is the sound a 300 Ultramag makes.)



Diane with Gemsbok; after the fog lifted

Diane always worries that she pulls her shots to the right, and may have missed, but that month of practicing with the sticks worked, and the shoulder shot did its job of stopping the animal in its tracks. Being only 80 yards away helped.

Each day of hunting was an adventure of learning about the country, the animals and the people. We mixed hunting with some touring, going to craft fairs and historic towns. We had tea with the ranchers, and enjoyed warm fires and conversation in the lodges. Now we have a few more hunting stories to tell, photo albums to sort and new friends to stay in touch with.

We highly recommend it!

We want to thank Outdoor Buddies and Starr and Bodill for an opportunity of a lifetime.

For more information about Starr & Bodill Safaris, please go to www.sbafricansafaris.com.

Editor's note:

Outdoor Buddies wishes to thank Ron and Diane Dudley for their many contributions to our mission.

They have helped out with the Outdoor Buddies annual banquet and other activities for several years.

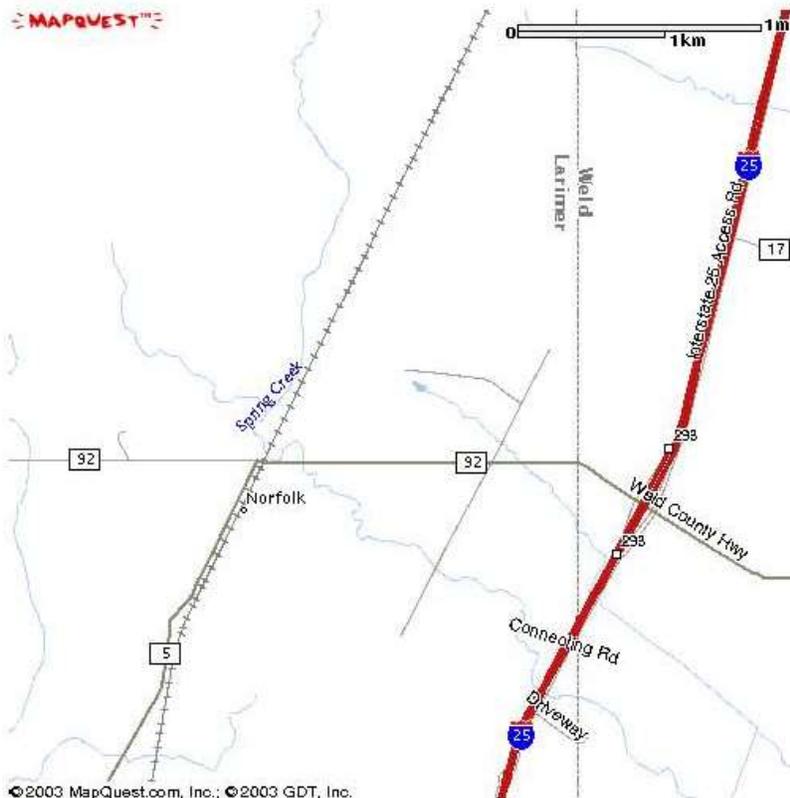
We express our sincere thanks to them for purchasing their African Safari trip at our banquet and special thanks to them for sharing their wonderful experience.

Their story may influence others to purchase a similar safari trip at a future banquet.

DIRECTIONS TO MEADOW SPRINGS RANCH



OUTDOOR BUDDIES PRONGHORN HUNT OCTOBER 5-11, 2013



DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS:

MEADOW SPRINGS RANCH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 26 MILES NORTH OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

- **GO NORTH ON I-25 TO THE CARR EXIT (EXIT 293)**
- **GO WEST ON THE GRAVEL ROAD (WELD COUNTY ROAD 92)**
- **STAY ON GRAVEL ROAD GOING WEST FOR 2.4 MILES UNTIL YOU REACH THE GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO MEADOW SPRINGS RANCH – YOU WILL CROSS RAILROAD TRACKS AND PASS A “DEAD END” SIGN PRIOR TO REACHING THE GATE.**
- **STOP AT THE OUTDOOR BUDDIES CHECK STATION**



You are invited to attend the **Outdoor Buddies Open House**

at
Tarryall State Wildlife Area
16226 Park County Rd 77
Jefferson, CO 80456



Saturday, October 12th
10:00 AM – 4:00PM

Outdoor Buddies is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all-volunteer, organization providing opportunities to hunt, fish, shoot, camp, and photograph wildlife for people with mobility impairments and youths who otherwise would not be able to enjoy these activities.

Outdoor Buddies is seeking additional local volunteers and hunting/fishing properties in South Park.

- ❖ Are you interested in hunting big game and fishing?
- ❖ Are you interested in helping the mobility impaired in the outdoors?
- ❖ Please come find out more at the Outdoor Buddies Open House
- ❖ Meet and greet Outdoor Buddies members and other lovers of the outdoors

Come early and stay late to do some fishing at Tarryall Reservoir

Camp out at the campground for the weekend



Free lunch will be served at approximately 1:00 PM

Games and Demonstrations



Outdoor Buddies Bunkhouse

**For more information about Outdoor Buddies visit website at:
www.outdoorbuddies.org**

Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

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

Date	Event/Location	Description	Contacts
September 1	Dove Hunting at the Jerry Francis Ranch.	Contact Al Montoya for more information and to sign-up for a hunt.	Al Montoya (303) 296-4610 agmontoya@q.com
September 4	Dove Hunting at the Jerry Francis Ranch.	Contact Al Montoya for more information and to sign-up for a hunt.	Al Montoya (303) 296-4610 agmontoya@q.com
September 24	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
September 25	Outdoor Buddies Fishing Outing on the Cache la Poudre River west of Fort Collins, Colorado.	This outing will take place at the handicap accessible fishing area at Stevens Gulch. Lunch will be provided by Outdoor Buddies.	Joe Arcese – Via Email at jfarcese@yahoo.com or Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
October 5-11	Annual Pronghorn hunting at Meadow Springs Ranch. Please see map and directions on page x.	This is the annual group antelope hunt. <i>Participants need to register in advance to get on the property access list.</i>	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net or Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
October 12	Outdoor Buddies Open House at Tarryall. 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Come early and stay late to do some fishing. Lunch will be provided by Outdoor Buddies at approximately 1:00 PM. See information on Page 7.	Jim Piper (303) 932-1209 or Terry Nelson (303) 884-3266 terrencet_8@hotmail.com
December 3	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
January 16-19	International Sportsmen's Expo at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver.	Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Expo.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
April 5	Outdoor Buddies 2014 Banquet at The Wildlife Experience in south Denver.	<u>Mark your calendar.</u> Annual banquet at The Wildlife Experience. Tickets will go on sale in January.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net