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Volunteer Spotlight: Gina Robinson



Outdoor Buddies would like to thank Gina Robinson for her tireless work and dedication to the organization. Gina is an integral part of Outdoor Buddies, and was especially instrumental in this year’s annual fundraising banquet, both behind the scenes and during the event. Her technology input allowed for significant improvements in donation management and for sales. Gina has served on the Board of Directors and contributed significantly to the Armed Forces and Community Appreciation Day.

We are incredibly grateful to Gina for her tireless efforts in securing and managing the donations, and managing the database system for the annual fundraising banquet. Gina is always there to lend a helping hand and guide the organization toward beneficial programs and technological advances. Bravo, Gina!

Executive Director's Comments

By: Dwaine Robey

Thank you to all who attended the Outdoor Buddies Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day in Westcliffe on May 16th. Your participation is truly appreciated! Read more about this great event elsewhere in the newsletter.

Another fun family event is scheduled for June 13th; the annual Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds. Outdoor Buddies President, Larry Sanford, and his wife Penny and their committee have been working on plans for the annual family day. It promises to be the best one ever so please plan to be there with your family and friends.

On August 1st Outdoor Buddies will be offering two events for you to consider. There will be a sight-in day at the Green Mill Sportsman's Club to help our mobility-disadvantages members get ready for the big game hunting seasons. Those of you who have participated in sight-ins at Green Mill Sportsman's Club know how fantastic a job their volunteers do in helping shooters at their fabulous facility.

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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

Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors. Voting Board Members are shown below:

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303-431-1275*

Executive Director's Comments ~ By Dwaine Robey

The second August 1st activity is an exciting new venture for Outdoor Buddies. It is the first sporting clays event we have tried. It will be held at Colorado Clays Shooting Park located in Brighton, Colorado. The committee responsible for this event includes Larry Sanford, Michael Sabbeth, Mike Smith, and Dwaine Robey. Another key person involved with this event is Cory Kraft who is Vice President – Marketing at Colorado Clays. Keep tuned for more information in future newsletters.



Then, for all you golfers, plans are falling into place for the annual Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit. Outdoor Buddies Vice President, Dustin Robey, and his helpers are fine tuning plans for the golf outing to be held at Green Valley Ranch Golf Course on Sunday, August 16th. Please make plans to attend and invite all your friends and neighbors.

The Outdoor Buddies big game hunting committee continues to work throughout the year making plans and schedules for hunts for disabled members. The number of disabled persons requesting big game hunts each year nearly always exceeds the number of available hunting slots. We are continually seeking access to additional hunting properties. Please contact me or Larry Sanford if you, or anyone you know, can help in this area.

The Outdoor Buddies organization can always use some “new blood” on our management team. Many of us who have been very active in the management of the organization for several years are getting a little past retirement age and cannot continue working on Outdoor Buddies activities indefinitely. Ideal candidates to get involved include recently retired individuals who are looking for worthwhile activities now that they may have some free time after retirement. Is that you; or do you know someone who may fit this description? If so, please let me know.

If you have suggestions or comments, you can contact me at (719) 783-9044 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org.



Green Mill Site-In

By: Wally Hunt

The second Green Mill Site-In of 2015 is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st. We will start check-in at 8:30 am.

Please remember that, if you are going to participate in a big game hunt with Outdoor Buddies this year, a site-in is required.

A target fired by the licensee from 100 yards with three shots within a 5 inch grouping is required in order to hunt.

We require this to ensure that our hunters will be able to harvest their animal in an ethical manner.

You can go to any gun range and submit your target to Larry Sanford if you're unable to attend this event, or live outside of the local area.

For those who are within the local area, or who can travel, it is much easier to come to Green Mill where there is an excellent range, fun companions, refreshments and you are certified right there on the spot.

This is the second site-in this year sponsored by the Green Mill Sportsman's Club near Erie, CO at no cost to Outdoor Buddies.

Outdoor Buddies is grateful for the continued support of Green Mill Sportsman's Club in qualifying our hunters.

We can only accommodate 30 shooters and helpers, so sign up as early as possible.

To register yourself and your helper, please call Wally Hunt at 303.985.2293 or email at: wdhunt2141@hotmail.com.

President's
Column

By: Larry Sanford



Hope all of you are doing well so far this spring!

Outdoor Buddies had a team go up to the “Partners in the Outdoors” conference in Keystone last week! Dwaine and Ann Robey, James Lowry and myself attended the conference that the Parks and Wildlife put on to, hopefully, get all the different organizations throughout the state to partner up on their new cutting-edge events that will continue to help us all enjoy the outdoors!

The annual fundraiser banquet that was held in April was a huge success again this year! I want to thank all the volunteers who worked so very hard, for months, to make this evening a fun and memorable night.

Thank you to the many businesses that donated products and to the volunteers who continue to help make Outdoor Buddies the great organization it is today.

Way to go, everyone!

My wife and I had a great time at the Green Mills site-in on April 25th. Pete, and our own

Rich Cori, along with the outstanding volunteers at Green Mills shooting facility help the Outdoor Buddies who are disabled. All hunters who are signed up for an Outdoor Buddies big game hunt get sighted in and make sure their rifles are in tip-top shape to harvest an animal this year.

My wife and I will be buying a new home in the Loveland area, so my new contact information is as follows:

Cell number: (970)218-5356

E-mail: popsLarrys@gmail.com

We thank you for all of your patience while we are in this transition.

I hope to see you all at both of the Outdoor Buddies family days.

God Bless,

Larry Sanford

President

Outdoor Buddies, Inc.

Adaptive Float Trips



Peter Pauwels has graciously offered to provide adaptive float trips this year on the Colorado River in the State Bridge area.

Any Outdoor Buddy to go float with them! They have several rafts, and one is power wheelchair accessible. Both handi-buddies and able buddies are invited. This is an incredible opportunity to experience rafting, and take in the beautiful Colorado scenery.

There are plenty of dates available in August and September. Trips are free. They range from 4-16 miles, so you can choose the time you are on the water. Fishing is good for brown and rainbow trout. Scenery is great. Gentle floats without whitewater but adventurous whitewater is available.

It is a 2hr15minute drive from Lakewood to the State Bridge boat ramp. Transportation is not provided, but they can help with shuttles at the river.

If anyone is interested, please call Peter Pauwels at 720-298-0725 to make arrangements.



OUTDOOR BUDDIES
2015 GOLF BENEFIT
 at
Green Valley Ranch Golf Course
Event

You, your family, and friends are cordially invited to participate in our golf tournament. The tournament will be held at **Green Valley Ranch Golf Course** in Denver, on **Sunday, August 16th**. Tee time is **7:30 am**.

The format for the tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start. The **entry fee is \$125.00** per player, which includes cart, range balls, silent auction, prizes, lunch buffet, contests, and lots of fun.

Outdoor Buddies

An **all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** that was founded in 1984 by a group of concerned sportspersons who desired to provide outdoor adventure experiences to mobility disabled outdoor lovers. The **mission** of Outdoor Buddies is: **"To provide opportunities through a volunteer organization, for those who have been deprived of enjoying outdoor experiences."** These opportunities are available to all, with no additional cost (other than personal expenses) and no discrimination due to race, color, creed, religion, gender, or family status.



Golf Course

Welcome to Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, one of Colorado's premiere golfing facilities. GVR is home to our award winning Championship Course, Nine Hole Par 3 Course, Practice Facility (Driving Range, Chipping and Putting Greens), The First Tee of GVR, Green Valley Ranch Bar & Grill (voted one of Colorado's best 19th Holes) and a friendly and professional staff which make your visit to GVR Golf Club a truly memorable experience.

Registration

You may register as a foursome, or a single player and we will set up a foursome for you.

You can register online at <http://outdoorbuddies.org/annual-golf-benefit.aspx> or you can reserve your place for this great Outdoor Buddies event by filling out and returning the form on the next page to:

Dustin Robey, 1607 S. De Gaulle Way, Aurora, CO 80018

Or, if you prefer, please call **Dustin Robey** at **(303) 845-0423** or **Wally Hunt** at **(303) 985-2293** for more information or reservations.

(If there are unplayable conditions on August 16th, the tournament will be rescheduled.)

Golf Benefit Registration Form

Prepayment is required. Entry deadline is August 12th.

I would like to reserve _____ entry/entries for the **Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit** on **August 16th**.

Player 1: _____ Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____ Player 4: _____

Please find enclosed my check payable to **Outdoor Buddies** in the amount of _____.

Contact: _____

**NAME
TELEPHONE NUMBER**

1st Annual Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Fundraiser at Colorado Clays!

Ladies and Gentlemen, please save the date!

August 1st, from 8 AM to 1 PM Outdoor Buddies will be hosting its first annual sporting clays fundraiser. It is being held at Colorado Clays, East of Brighton, CO.

We had a meeting with Corey Kraft, marketing director of Colorado Clays. In attendance were Mike Smith, Michael Sabbath and Larry Sanford. We set the agenda for the August 1st shoot. This fundraiser shoot will include individual shooters for the cost of \$75.00 and corporate shooting teams of four with an entry fee of \$750.00 for bronze, \$1,000.00 for silver, and \$1,500.00 for gold corporate levels. We will be putting out an event flyer before next newsletter.

We will need Outdoor Buddies volunteers on August 1st from 7 AM to 2 PM.

We would like to have 15 disabled helpers to help welcome shooters at each of the 15 stations, along with an able buddy. We will be grilling the lunch for the shooters at noon, so it would be great to have some youth to help with the cooking and serving.

If anyone is interested in managing this for us, or want to help in any way, please contact Larry Sanford at (970)218-5356 or via e-mail at popsLarrys@gmail.com

We invite everyone to come on out and participate as a volunteer, or sign up and shoot sporting clays at the course. We will have raffle items for the bucket raffle, and great prizes to win, so that you can help us acquire adaptive equipment and continue our mission of getting people back in the outdoors!

Thank you, Larry Sanford

Fishing and Black Powder Shooting at Tarryall

It is that time of year again to pull out those smoke poles and ready your powder for muzzleloader! You might be wondering if you can both fish and shoot, and the answer is yes – of course you can. Shooting is best done in the morning hours, and as far as fishing goes, your guess is as good as anyone's.

We are in the planning stages for quality fishing on the lake. Fishermen are pulling nice-sized trout out of Tarryall this season, and we would like to schedule a day in June, July, or August where handi- and able-buddies can make it to the reservoir.

The black powder shooting will be at the range behind the bunkhouse, next to the garage.

Please send Jim Piper your e-mail address and phone number and he will contact you with more details as soon as we get some feedback on scheduling.

You can reach Jim at geopros@clanmurray.org or via cell at (303)932-1209

Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds

By: Larry Sanford

June 13th, 8:30 – 3:30

This event is for all of your family and friends to get together for a fun day of fishing, trap shooting, archery, BB gun target shooting, games, and more!

We will have fishing gear available, but please feel free to bring your own.

We will have shot guns and ammunition to shoot trap, but if you would like to shoot your own gun, please feel free to bring it.

This year we will be in the new outdoor center on the South end of the property, by the trap shooting range.

This is an indoor center with plenty of room, regardless of weather.

All activities will be held on the South end of Swift Ponds, including all of the fishing.

ALL FISHING IS CATCH & RELEASE!

Everyone please come and have a great day with the family, and have a great lunch.

If you would like to help with this event, please contact Larry Sanford at popsLarrys@gmail.com or via cell at (970)218-5356.

We hope to see you all there!

Outdoor Buddies will be scheduling a coyote hunt on the Jerry Francis property in Watkins, CO.

The hunt will be scheduled some time between June 14th and 30th.

If you are interested in participating in this hunt, please contact Al Montoya via one of the following:

Cell: (303)296-4601

E-mail: agmontoya@q.com

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event/Location</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Contacts</i> |
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| 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 Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net |
| 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) 218-5356 popslarrys@gmail.com |
| June 24 | Outdoor Buddies board meeting. Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Denver. Bighorn Room | Outdoor Buddies board meeting is open to the public. | Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org |
| July 15 | Outdoor Buddies board meeting. Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Denver. Bighorn Room | Outdoor Buddies board meeting is open to the public. | Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org |
| 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) 218-5356 popslarrys@gmail.com or Michael Sabbeth 720-839-7264 michaelsabbeth@ymail.com |
| August 16 | 2015 Golf Tournament Green Valley Ranch Golf Course | The format for the tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start. The entry fee is \$125.00 per player, which includes cart, range balls, silent auction, prizes, lunch buffet, contests, and lots of fun. | Dustin Robey (303)845-0423 Wally Hunt (303)985-2293 |