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Executive Director's Comments ~ By Dwaine Robey



As summer drifts into fall, an increased sense of anticipation of upcoming hunting seasons is building. The dog days of summer have ended and the aspens have begun to turn. Temperatures have started to cool; the best time of the year in Colorado is here.

For big game hunters, Colorado offers distinct seasons for archery, muzzleloader and rifle hunting. Archery season offers the earliest big game opportunities starting in August and lasts through September. Muzzleloader season runs from mid-September to mid-October. There are four rifle seasons between the first of October and the end of January.

Interested persons can find lots of information about hunting on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website at <http://cpw.state.co.us/>.

Outdoor Buddies volunteers work very hard to provide big game hunting opportunities to many of our members who are not able to enjoy big game hunting without some assistance. In addition, we provide several opportunities for youth hunters to get started in the sport of hunting. In total, Outdoor Buddies volunteers provide big game hunting opportunities for approximately 130 disabled and youth hunters each year.

Outdoor Buddies is quite different from almost every other nonprofit organization in that we have no paid staff and we provide our services free to participants in our programs. The fact that we have no paid staff does not mean that we do not have expenses. There are lots of unavoidable expenses involved in providing Outdoor Buddies programs. One good example is liability insurance; others include newsletter publication, website hosting, state registrations fees, and many more.

Please consider making a donation to Outdoor Buddies to help offset expenses for our programs. A good way to make a tax-deductible donation to Outdoor Buddies is through the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation's annual Spirit Campaign in December. That way, the Foundation will match a portion of your donation. If you wish to do so, please use the donation form that will be included in the November and December newsletters.

Please let me know if you have ideas about improvements or if you are willing to serve on one or more of our committees or as an officer or board member. You can contact me at (719) 783-9044 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org.

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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.

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

Submitted newsletter input 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**

Lockheed-Martin Site-In

By Jim Piper

On August 16th Skyline Hunting & Fishing Club hosted a sight-in for Outdoor Buddies at the Lockheed – Martin shooting range. Cal Ensor organized the event for Skyline. Range Masters Cory, Mike, and Robert also assisted.

We had a perfect day for shooting with little wind and no rain. Seven Handi-buddies showed up for the shoot, which lasted until noon. The wonderful aspect of this shoot is the opportunity to shoot down a slope. Many ranges are flat, and the slope at this range gives the shooter experience with a shooting environment which may be closer to conditions in the field. Of course the best bet is to shoot at a flat and sloped range to prepare oneself for different scenarios.

Special thanks to Cal who revitalized the Lockheed–Martin Sight-in. Skyline Hunting & Fishing Club has hosted sight-ins for Outdoor Buddies for many years and has helped many of our hunters prepare for the big game seasons and many outdoor adventure experiences. Their help is sincerely appreciated!

Dove Hunts

By Al Montoya



Outdoor Buddies coordinated dove hunts at the Jerry Francis ranch near Watkins, Colorado on September 5th and again on September 16th.

Some of the participants included Al Montoya and helper Wally Hunt, Dan Brown, Jeff Dunn, George Carter and his helpers, Scott and Dan Eaton.

There were not many birds flying during our hunts. However, the hunters got a few doves. At least we got out and enjoyed ourselves in the outdoors.

What I always say is “It’s a plus if you harvest a bounty during the hunt, but it is great fun just getting out of the house and enjoying the outdoors!”

Big Game Hunting Update

By Larry Sanford

Big game rifle seasons are right around the corner!

The first Outdoor Buddies big game rifle hunting event this fall is the annual Pronghorn hunt held at Meadow Springs Ranch. It is scheduled to start on the opening day of rifle Pronghorn season on Saturday October 3rd.

Opening weekend is reserved for the disabled hunters as well as youth hunters although they are welcome to hunt anytime during the season which runs from October 3rd through October 9th.

If you are a disabled member of Outdoor Buddies and have a “shoot from a vehicle” accommodation permit issued by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and a valid hunting license you may join us for the Pronghorn hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch.

Following is a list of requirements for disabled, mobility-impaired hunters wanting to hunt with Outdoor Buddies at Meadow Springs Ranch. If you missed out on this year’s hunt, **Please use this information and be prepared for a hunt in 2016.**

1. Send in an Outdoor buddies “hunt request” through our website www.outdoorbuddies.org to let us know you are sending in for a pronghorn license in GMU-009 for either the October rifle season or the late November - December season. **THE OUTDOOR BUDDIES PRONGHORN HUNT AT MEADOW SPRINGS RANCH IS THE ONLY PROPERTY AND BIG GAME SPECIES FOR WHICH OUTDOOR BUDDIES ALLOWS OUR DISABLED HUNTERS TO ACQUIRE A LICENSE PRIOR TO BEING SELECTED FOR A HUNT BY THE BIG GAME HUNT COMMITTEE.**
2. Acquire your pronghorn hunting license either through the CPW limited draw system or through the mobility-impaired program managed by CPW representative Erik Slater.
3. EVERYONE planning to hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch must notify Larry Sanford by email popslarrys@gmail.com with “Subject” Meadow Springs Ranch Antelope as soon as possible after receiving your license; this will ensure you will be on the “check in list” which will be at the Outdoor Buddies check-in station throughout the October rifle season.
4. **If you need a helper or guide to help on your pronghorn hunt please let Larry Sanford know before the end of September so that we can make arrangements for someone to help you.**
5. **Everyone should sight in their rifle prior to your hunt and practice shooting until confident in your ability and your rifle.**
6. Be able to identify the difference between a mature buck and doe as well as an immature buck and doe. Know what a legal doe pronghorn is.
7. Know ahead of time who will butcher and process your Antelope.
8. Outdoor Buddies always has people who need meat to eat so if you want to donate your Antelope please let Larry Sanford know and we will be glad to have it processed and donated to someone in need.
9. **HAVE A GREAT OUTDOOR EXPERIECE AND HUNT!**

Poudre River Fishing with Outdoor Buddies

By: Kathy Shears

The August weather was absolutely perfect for our fishing event on the Poudre River. The CPW had stocked the Stevens Gulch area with many beautiful trout the night before, so the fishing was terrific. Terry Nelson and I got there around 7:00 A.M. in order to make certain that the area was “reserved” for our group. Shortly thereafter, George and Jarunee Carter arrived and proceeded to catch their limits within a very short time.



It was amazing to see one fish after another fighting at the end of a line, many being caught and many doing what we like to refer to as a “quick release.” The fish, although they were “stockers” were large and everyone who chose to keep them took home their limit. Avery came equipped with his net, in which, he informed everyone, he was going to catch fish.....no rod needed by that guy! Ivy kept everyone entertained with her antics while her dad fished and her mom took care of all her family’s needs.

As is always the case with Wally Hunt, he arrived early and, as promised brought all the hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks needed to keep everyone fed and hydrated for the day’s activities. Todd Bacon and Dan Brown were the next addition to the crew and the group just kept growing with the arrival of Darrell Bowen, Larry Sanford and his son Jacob, Dylan and Sherri Harrell and their children, Avery and Ivy, Gina and Gerald Robinson, and Ann and Dwaine Robey.

Two of the Outdoor Buddies Action Track chairs were there so it was absolutely no struggle in getting disabled fishermen down to the river.

Wally fired up the grill, cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs, fed the entire crew and kept the conversation flowing throughout the day.

What on earth would Outdoor Buddies do without our Wally?



Dan helped everyone, including his Buddy for the day, Todd. By the way, Todd caught his fair share of trout. Darrell Bowen seemed to enjoy the day very much and took home some really nice fish. Larry Sanford and his son Jacob caught many fish and Larry informed me that they had enjoyed a long overdue day of fishing together.

Gerald said that it was his first time river fishing in a very long time and that it brought back many very happy memories for him.

Gina tried to keep track of Gerald and socialized with the rest of us. Ann and Dwaine took turns at the river and Ann ended up being the last person fishing as everyone else packed up to head home. In short, a good time was had by all.



All in all, it was a fabulous day on the river!

Fishin' the Poudre – Another Perspective

By: Darrell Bowen

As a person who has not fished in 45+ years, I had the opportunity on August 29th to join other members of Outdoor Buddies on a fishing excursion to Steven's Gulch. Steven's Gulch is located along the Poudre River, west of Fort Collins. It's a good

thing I left home early, because I might not have gotten lost in the dark going there. After many miles of driving, and bypassing several construction areas, I finally made my way to Highway 14 for the trip up the Poudre Canyon.

I eventually passed a sign for Outdoor Buddies and turned around to go back. As luck would have it, the next turn was Steven's Gulch.

I drove into the parking area and met up with Terry Nelson, who was there patiently waiting for the other anglers. After talking with him, I turned around and went back to the location where I saw the ODB banner to retrieve it. By the time I returned to our site, other members had arrived and were already wetting a line.

With the assistance of Terry, I managed to get my gear to the shoreline and got set up. Happily, with the help of other seasoned anglers, I was able to start fishing. Although I lost two lures, one mine and one belonging to George Carter, I hooked my first fish!

Since the limit is only four fish, I had my limit quickly. I am glad to say that, with the help of many others, I had wonderful day fishing. I wish to thank those who were helping me for their assistance; otherwise I might not have had more fun than I've had in a long time.

Also, I think that I can safely say that I am again "hooked" on fishing and looking forward to the next adventure, be it on the Poudre, or some other great location chosen by Outdoor Buddies.



One last thing, I wish to commend our "Chef du jour" Wally Hunt. You cook a mean burger my friend!

Also, thank you to Kathy Shears for putting this together.

President's Corner

By: Larry Sanford



It's hard to believe that it is almost fall! I was in Estes Park the other day with my family enjoying the mountain cool air! The Aspen trees were just starting to change to their fall colors.

Outdoor Buddies volunteers have been busy this summer with the inaugural sporting clays fundraiser shoot at Colorado Clays Shooting Park the first of August!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this first shooting fundraiser event a success!

The 2016 Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays fundraiser is scheduled for August 6, 2016 to be held at Colorado Clays Shooting Park. Put a team together and come on out to shoot!

The annual golf fundraiser was a lot of fun with over ten teams playing golf to help Outdoor Buddies continue our mission!

Thank you to Dustin Robey and his family for their time and effort in making this event a fun one!

At the end of August Outdoor Buddies held a fishing event on the Poudre River at Stephen's Gulch.

Kathy Sheers and Dwaine Robey contacted Colorado Parks and Wildlife and requested that they stock the river with trout the day before the scheduled fishing event. CPW complied with the request and there were a lot of smiles and laughter throughout the morning. Families of disabled outdoorsmen and women along with their children caught their limits of trout with spinning gear and fly-fishing gear!

Thanks to everyone involved who helped make this fishing event a memorable one!

Next year I hope to see even more disabled Outdoor Buddies come out with their families and have as much fun as we all did!

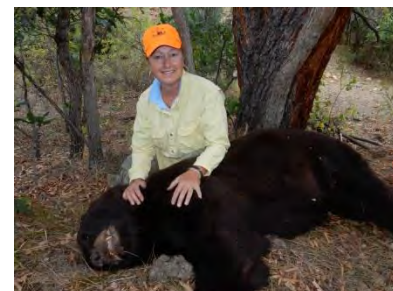
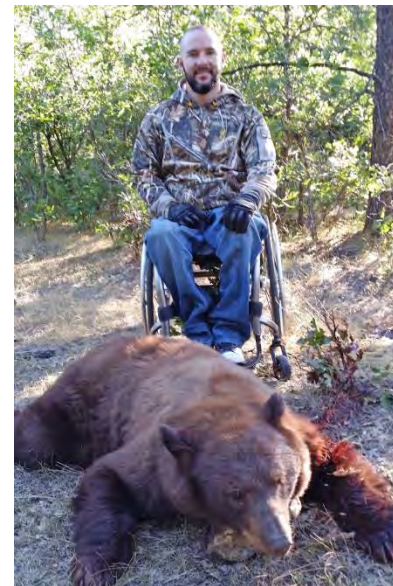
I'm going to close for this month's column but keep in mind that Outdoor Buddies can have all kinds of events but if you do not attend them some day they might not happen! If you participate they will grow!

God bless.

Bear Hunting Stories to Come

By Dwaine Robey

Outdoor Buddies coordinated two bear hunts in September on a private ranch near Aguilar, Colorado. The first hunter was Dylan Harrell and the second hunter was Diane Dudley. The two hunters have agreed to write a story about their hunt for the next edition of the Outdoor Buddies Newsletter.



Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/Location</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Contacts</i>
September 1 thru November 9	Dove hunts near Watkins, Colorado.	Dove hunts will be scheduled on an as needed basis. Contact Al Montoya for hunt dates.	Al Montoya (303) 296-4610 agmontoya@q.com
October 1 thru January 31	Deer, elk, and pronghorn hunts in various Colorado locations.	Previously scheduled hunts will continue throughout the big game hunting seasons.	Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 popslarrys@gmail.com
October 3 - 9	Outdoor Buddies annual pronghorn hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch.	Pronghorn hunts with hunters who have prior Outdoor Buddies approval for access to Meadow Springs Ranch.	Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 popslarrys@gmail.com
November 18	Outdoor Buddies Board Meeting at Colorado Parks and Wildlife facilities located at 6060 Broadway, Denver.	Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM. Visitors are welcome.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
January 14-17	International Sportsmen's Expo at the Colorado Convention Center.	Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Expo.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
April 23	Outdoor Buddies 2016 Banquet at the Omni Interlocken Hotel located at 500 Interlocken Blvd., Broomfield, CO.	Mark your calendar. Annual fundraiser banquet at the Omni Interlocken Hotel. Tickets will go on sale in January.	Dwaine Robey (719) 783-9044 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
July 30	2016 Golf Tournament Green Valley Ranch Golf Course	The format for the tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start. The entry fee includes cart, range balls, silent auction, prizes, lunch buffet, contests, and lots of fun.	Dustin Robey (303)845-0423 dustin@midwestfloors.com
August 6	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