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Executive Director’s Comments ~ By Dwaine Robey

The Outdoor Buddies booth at the International Sportsmen’s Exposition (ISE) was a busy place again this year. The ISE was held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver January 14 through 17.

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

Some of the action at the ISE booth.

Upland Bird Hunt on February 27th
All you bird hunters should make plans to attend the Outdoor Buddies upland bird hunt near Goodrich on Saturday, February 27th. See more details about this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 23rd
Now is the time to make plans to attend the annual Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet. The 2016 banquet celebrates thirty-two years of community service by Outdoor Buddies.

The 2016 banquet will be held at the Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Banquet tickets can be purchased using the forms included in this newsletter or from the Outdoor Buddies website at: www.outdoorbuddies.org.

Consider reserving a table for ten (10) at the banquet. That way you and your friends will be assured that you can share a table at the banquet with those you want to be with.

You may also want to reserve a room and stay over after the banquet at the Omni Interlocken Hotel. Outdoor Buddies guests can reserve a room at a reduced rate of $95.00 per night plus tax. You can reserve your rooms online at: http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/denver-interlocken/meetings/outdoor-buddies

Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Westcliffe on May 14th
Save the date!
Outdoor Buddies is hosting the fifth annual Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day on Saturday, May 14th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at A Painted View Ranch near Westcliffe, Colorado.
Everyone is invited! There is no admission charge and there will be games, demonstrations, free food, and much more.

2016 Big Game Hunt Requests
Now is also the time for mobility-disabled members to submit 2016 big game hunt requests. Big game hunt requests can be submitted via the Outdoor Buddies website.

If you have suggestions or comments, you are encouraged to contact any of the Outdoor Buddies board members. You can reach me at: (719) 783-9044 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org.
Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors.

Voting 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
- Wally Hunt: Treasurer 303-985-2293
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- Todd Bacon: Director/Chaplain 303-916-8955
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- Jim Piper: Director 303-932-1209
- Gina Robinson: Treasurer Elect 303-619-4683

Outdoor Buddies Newsletter Publisher: Outdoor Buddies, Inc.
Co-Editors: Dwaine Robey and Chris Bardfield

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.

President’s Corner
By Larry Sanford

Outdoor Buddies is starting out 2016 strongly! We had a great time at the International Sportsmen’s Expo (ISE). We extend our thanks to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for inviting Outdoor Buddies to be a part of their Youth Fair section of the ISE again this year.

We had some great volunteers who help meet and greet people and sell raffle tickets to help us raise funds to be used to acquire adaptive equipment for our programs. Winning raffle tickets will be drawn at our annual fundraiser banquet April 23rd.

Some of the volunteers spent a great deal of time talking with vendors, outfitters, and others with booths at the ISE to make them aware of Outdoor Buddies. Some of the people contacted donated items that we will use as auction items at the Fundraiser Banquet!

We have scheduled some great events for this summer. Please see the Upcoming Events Calendar included with this newsletter.

One of my favorite events is the Sporting Clays event at Colorado Clays on August 6th. Don’t miss it!

Keep your eyes on the newsletter for upcoming events to take part in and please invite your friends and family to come on out with you!
Till next month, God Bless!

Big Game Hunting - Now is time to start making preparations for big game hunting if you plan on hunting big game with Outdoor Buddies in 2016!

For all disabled Outdoor Buddies members who have their “shoot from a vehicle” accommodations permit from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife who want to go hunting with Outdoor Buddies for Elk, Deer or Antelope MUST send in your 2016 “hunt requests”.

Hunt request forms can be submitted online from the Outdoor Buddies website. If you are submitting a Pronghorn hunt request please show in the “comments” whether you want to hunt in the October rifle or November/December late season rifle or archery season.

When you fill out your hunt requests please use the “comment” section to let our hunt committee know if you have preference points that could help us place you or any other information you might want us to know.

We are working very hard to find landowners, companies, outfitters etc. that will donate hunting land access for Outdoor Buddies to take disabled hunters on an outdoor adventure of a lifetime!

If you have questions about hunting please contact Larry Sanford 1-970-218-5356 or email me at PopsLarrys@Gmail.com
Outdoor Buddies to Hold Upland Bird Hunt
By Dwaine Robey

Register now!
Outdoor Buddies has scheduled an upland bird hunt for Saturday, February 27, 2016 to be held at Drake Land Farms near Goodrich, Colorado.

Drake Land Farms is a hunting club started in 1980. The property includes 867 acres with 1.5 miles of the South Platte River. It is ideal habitat for the event we are planning.

Ducks Unlimited (DU) has a conservation easement on the property and the club is currently involved in a joint wetland project with DU.

Outdoor Buddies is coordinating this event with Chris Nowak who is a member of the Drake Land Farms hunting club.

Jason Mulso, owner of Fremont Pheasants LLC, will provide the birds for the hunt.

This event promises to provide a lot of shooting because we are planning to plant many birds including a combination of chukars and pheasants. Jason handled a similar event for Outdoor Buddies last March and it was loads of fun.

Outdoor Buddies will provide some adaptive equipment for disabled hunters who may need a little help getting around for their hunt. We will have our “Go-Getter” ATV device as well as three Action Track chairs.

This will be an all-day event starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Shooting is reserved for disabled members, except for “back-up” shooters.

At the end of the hunt harvested birds will be cleaned and divided with participants who want them.

Participants need to register in advance by contacting Dwaine Robey by telephone or email message.

To register contact Dwaine Robey at (303) 877-8584 or: dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org.

Outdoor Buddies Youth Outreach Antelope Hunts
By Larry Sanford

Youth hunter Zack Mares and his father, Jessie, enjoyed Zack’s first big game hunt. Zack just passed his hunters safety course and received his hunter safety card six days before his hunt. This was a great way to begin Zack’s career as a big game hunter!

My Recent Outdoor Buddies Hunts
By Al Montoya

My hunts started out slowly as I did not draw an antelope license this year. I did draw a cow elk license for GMU 20 and was able to hunt for two days in the Estes Park area with hunt coordinators Steve Nichols and Martie Brocko.

We saw literally hundreds of elk, but none in locations where we had permission to hunt. I got sick on the third day of the hunt so we decided to call off the hunt and try for another day of hunting later.

We tried another day of hunting several days later, but again the elk we saw were not in areas where we could hunt. Oh well, no elk this year.

Then I had an opportunity to participate in an Outdoor Buddies deer hunt near Beulah with local landowner, Mr. Art Traeber, as my guide.

With assistance from my able-buddy helper, Mr. Wally Hunt, I was fortunate to be able to make the trip to Beulah for the deer hunt.

Upon our arrival in Beulah, we met with Dwaine Robey at the general store and obtained my hunting license then we met the rest of our hunting group at Art’s residence in Beulah. It turned out that I was the only hunter that day since the other hunter that was scheduled for that day did not make it.

And WOW, did I get plenty of help! Dwaine and Art had invited two Colorado Parks and Wildlife District Wildlife Managers (DWMs) to be on hand for that day’s hunt, Gretchen and Danny. Gretchen is the game warden for the Beulah area and Danny is the game warden for an adjacent area.

In addition, Dwaine brought another helper, Mr. Earl Fox, with him from Westcliffe. All in all, plenty help was at my beck and call.

But, with all the help available, it was Art who nearly always was ahead of everyone else getting most of the work done himself! Art has only one gear; full steam ahead!

The actual hunt was brief. With some help, I was transferred into Art’s truck on the passenger seat next to him with Dwaine, Wally, and Earl in the back seat. Gretchen and Danny were in another vehicle doing some scouting for us.

There was no problem finding deer, they were scattered all around in the area where we were hunting.

We picked out a big healthy looking doe that appeared to me like it would make for a freezer of good venison.

Art worked his vehicle to get me lined up for a shot out the window. The sun was shining in my face so it took a couple of tries before I could get off a good clean shot.
Bang! My deer was down after only a few minutes of actual hunting.

We all went back to Art’s house, then Art and Danny took Art’s ATV and went to retrieve my deer.

Dan Brown and I recently helped Ernie harvest an antelope using an iScope Smartphone adapter which allows a helper to see a full view of what one would see if he/she were looking through the rifle’s telescopic sight.

The deer was field dressed, skinned, and quartered within less than an hour. I insisted on helping a little and helped skin the front legs.

I would like to thank Outdoor Buddies for another great outdoor adventure experience!

Most of all, I want to thank Mr. Art Traeber for all he does for military veterans and other disabled sportsperson!

Ernest Teter’s Antelope Hunt
By Larry Sanford

After Ernie Teter became blind he sold his guns thinking he could never hunt again. That was before he found out about Outdoor Buddies.

Today, even blind persons can enjoy hunting with the help of adaptive equipment.

Outdoor Buddies Annual Fundraiser Banquet

The 2016 banquet is special in that it commemorates thirty-two years of community service by Outdoor Buddies.

The 2016 banquet will be held at the Omni Interlocken Hotel on Saturday, April 23rd.

Banquet tickets are now available and can be purchased using the form included in this newsletter or from the Outdoor Buddies website at www.outdoorbuddies.org.

Please attend the banquet and help us make this the best ever Outdoor Buddies Banquet!

Please come to the banquet prepared to bid on a few auction items. The list of items that will be available is currently being developed and more information will be published in the February Outdoor Buddies newsletter.

My Meadow Springs Ranch Pronghorn Hunt
By Makenzie Middleton
Arvada, CO

On November 22, 2015 I got the opportunity to shoot my first ever pronghorn at the age of 14. I would like to thank Larry Sanford and Dan Brown for taking their time on a Sunday to take me hunting at Meadow Springs Ranch.

For this being my very first hunt, it was a great experience. I loved seeing all of the pronghorn and the land that they roam.
My whole family was out on this hunt with me. Earlier in the day my twin sister Kayla, had already downed her pronghorn, so now it was my turn.

My dad said that there are some female pronghorn crossing the foothills and that we had to sneak in on them before they could see us. My dad and I were able to get in and set up with the tripod, all the while watching the pronghorn come around the hill.

My mom was taking a video and Kayla and my brother Mike were watching closely behind me. At first the pronghorn was sited at 275 yards. We waited a while for her to come closer and stop moving. I was on one knee looking through the scope. Then my dad whispered shoot.

The pronghorn was now sited at 245 yards. I took a deep breath and pulled the trigger…the pronghorn was down!

This was the greatest first hunt I could have ever had. Thank you Outdoor Buddies for this opportunity. I was grateful to have my whole family there to see my first kill.

Thanks again Larry Sanford, Dan Brown and the Outdoor Buddies Organization for letting me have the opportunity for this great hunt!!!!

Outdoor Buddies Raffles

Outdoor Buddies is currently conducting four raffles. The winning tickets for these raffles will be drawn at the Outdoor Buddies banquet on April 23rd. The raffle prizes are:

- $1,000.00 Cabela’s Gift Card Raffle ($5 per ticket or 5/$20)
- Redfield Spotting Scope Kit Raffle ($5 per ticket or 5/$20)
- Rock Island Armory 1911 .45 Raffle ($5 per ticket or 5/$20)
- Five Guns & Gun Safe Raffle ($100 per ticket)

Anyone interested in purchasing any of these raffle tickets should contact Gina Robinson, Dylan Harrell, or Dwaine Robey.
GUNS AND SAFE RAFFLE

One Winner Takes All
(Need not be present to win)
Winner drawn on April 23, 2016
at the
Outdoor Buddies Banquet
Omni Interlocken Hotel
500 Interlocken Blvd
Broomfield, CO

Browning .300 Win Mag Rifle
Browning .223 Rifle
Stevens 12 Gauge O/U Shotgun
Smith & Wesson 9 mm Pistol
Kimber Eclipse Pro II .45 Caliber Pistol

Brahma Textured Black Silver Vein Gun Safe
Holds up to 25 Guns

For tickets contact:
Dwaine Robey
303.877.8584 or
719.783.9044 or
droby@centurytel.net

$100 per ticket limited to 200 tickets

Must pass a background check and pay for the background check.
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FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2016

Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. This year’s banquet celebrates thirty-two years of community service by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be held at the Omni Interlocken Hotel on Saturday, April 23, 2016 in the Interlocken Ballroom. The Omni Interlocken Hotel is located at 500 Interlocken Boulevard, Broomfield, 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 payment of $50.00 per person 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 programs 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 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.

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 IN THE AMOUNT OF _____________.
TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
SPONSOR FORM
Outdoor Buddies Banquet at The Omni Interlocken Hotel
SHOWCASE YOUR COMPANY BY SPONSORING OUR BANQUET

BANQUET SPONSORSHIP
This is a great opportunity to show your support of Outdoor Buddies. A limited number of Sponsorships are available for the annual fundraiser banquet on Saturday, April 23, 2016.

Sponsorship Levels (Please check the box of your choice.)

☐ Platinum Sponsorship $1,500.00
   Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
   Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website, Facebook and Twitter and a link to your business for six months
   Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for six editions
   Full page ad in the Outdoor Buddies Annual report
   100 bucket raffle tickets for your attendees
   Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet
   Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet

☐ Gold Sponsorship $1,000.00
   Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
   Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website, Facebook and Twitter with a link to your business for three months
   Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for three editions
   Quarter page ad in the Outdoor Buddies Annual Report
   Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet and on the table tent
   50 bucket raffle tickets for your attendees
   Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet

☐ Corporate Sponsorship $500.00
   Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet
   Acknowledgement and your company logo on the Outdoor Buddies Website, Facebook and Twitter pages for one month
   Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for two editions
   Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet and logo on table tent
   Announcements by the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet

Please complete the Sponsorship Order Form below and submit it to the address shown on the form or return to any Outdoor Buddies Board member for processing.

SPONSORSHIP ORDER FORM

To: Outdoor Buddies
   355 Highlands Road
   Westcliffe, CO 81252

   I would like to be a sponsor of the 2016 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet.

From:

NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Name to be displayed on promotional material and at banquet: ________________________________

Message (Optional): ________________________________

CORPORATE NAME

Please accept my payment of $___________.

☐ Please find enclosed my check, payable to Outdoor Buddies, in the amount of _____________.

☐ Please bill me at the address above, I will send a check later.

☐ Please charge to my credit card account. Outdoor Buddies will follow up to assure privacy and protection of your information.

Signature ________________________________ Date: ____________
## Upcoming Events Calendar

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

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<td>November 2 thru February 14</td>
<td>Waterfowl hunts in various northern Colorado locations.</td>
<td>Waterfowl hunts will be scheduled based on requests received from mobility disabled members.</td>
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<td>Outdoor Buddies 2016 Banquet at the Omni Interlocken Hotel located at 500 Interlocken Blvd., Broomfield, CO.</td>
<td><strong>Mark your calendar.</strong> Annual fundraiser banquet at the Omni Interlocken Hotel. Tickets will go on sale in January.</td>
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<td>Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds. Everyone is welcome!</td>
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<td>August 20</td>
<td>2016 Outdoor Buddies Golf Tournament at Green Valley Ranch Golf Course.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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