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Please make plans to attend the Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds on Sunday, June 26th.

Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet for 2016

Outdoor Buddies held its annual banquet for 2016 at The Omni Interlocken Hotel on Saturday, April 23th. The banquet was well attended and nearly everyone agreed it was a great venue for our event. The staff at the Omni Interlocken Hotel did a superb job in facilitating the event and the food was excellent.

Outdoor Buddies Executive Director, Dwaine Robey, kicked off the evening’s program with a welcome and thank you for the great support given to Outdoor Buddies.

After introductions of Board members and brief remarks proceedings were turned over to Tom Flower, the master of ceremonies for the program.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed and the national anthem was sung by Abigail Mitchell.

Todd Bacon, Outdoor Buddies Chaplin, delivered the invocation.

Former Paralympics giant slalom skier and current radio announcer on 104.3 The Fan, Joel Hunt, did live radio spots during the banquet.

A surprise addition to the program was the presentation of the Commander’s Award for Public Service. The award was presented to Outdoor Buddies Executive Director, Dwaine Robey, by the Garrison Commander at Fort Carson, Colonel Joel Hamilton. (See copy on Page 6.)

President, Larry Sanford, made a presentation describing Outdoor Buddies programs and how adaptive equipment is used to assist disabled persons in their pursuit of outdoor activities.

This set the stage for the live auction, and gave the Kevin Mitchell Auctioneering team a chance to begin the action. Thanks to Marci Gregg who recorded sales during the fast-paced auction activities.

The evening concluded with the raffle prize drawings.

Outdoor Buddies would like to thank all of the individuals and companies that donated items for the raffles and auction, and express gratitude to the Omni Interlocken Hotel for its assistance in hosting this great banquet.

Special thanks to the many Outdoor Buddies volunteers who worked so hard to make this year’s banquet such a great success.

Following are a few pictures from the banquet.



There was a large turnout for the 2016 banquet.

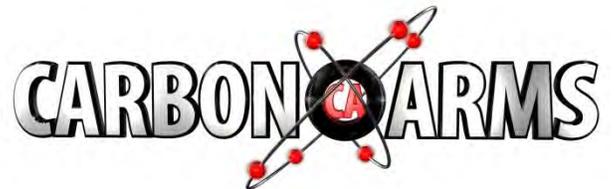


Joel Hunt doing a live radio interview with Colonel Joel Hamilton and Stetson Bardfield.



Fort Carson Garrison Command Sergeant Major Reiss (left) and Garrison Commander Colonel Joel Hamilton (right) present the Commander’s Award for Public Service to Dwaine Robey and wife, Ann.

Outdoor Buddies acknowledges and expresses thanks to the following sponsors and contributors to the 2016 Fundraiser Banquet:



Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors.

Voting Board Members are shown below:

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303-515-9777

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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.

Submit 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**

President’s Corner

By Larry Sanford



Outdoor Buddies summer time fun!

Even though it is still spring, and a wet one at that, Outdoor Buddies has been busy having events such as our Family Day at Westcliffe. This event was hosted by Ralph and Donna Hood at their “A Painted View Ranch”.

The Westcliffe committee did a great job planning and coordinating this event!

Soldiers from Fort Carson flew in a Blackhawk helicopter. Blackhawks are used to pull wounded troops from battle and on the home front they help rescue flood victims. Other soldiers demonstrated the remote vehicles that are used to disarm bombs. One of the highlight displays was the mobile surgical field hospital rooms and the amazing crews that save our brave men and women who protect this great nation!

On another note, Penelope Sanford, a teacher from Wynonna elementary school gave a book of “Thank you notes” that her students had written to the troops. Penelope handed the book to the pilot and crew of the Blackhawk. She conveyed the gratitude of the school and students to the crew.

Retired Major General Joe Arbuckle, who is a member of the Outdoor Buddies event committee, asked the Blackhawk pilot to pass the book on to the Battalion Commander so that he may share it with the troops!

The students of Wynonna Elementary school from Loveland have a close connection to the Blackhawk crews because of Pilot Shai Bardfield and his family

Chief Bardfield is stationed at Fort Carson near Colorado Springs where he and his family live.

He and his family took time to come to Wynonna elementary in Loveland to talk to the kids about his job a week before he flew out to Afghanistan where he is still today protecting our country and supporting our brave men and women!

God speed Shai in coming home safely to his family and a grateful nation!

Big Game Hunting Update - All hunters who have been selected and have applied for their licenses please email us when you find out that you either have or have not drawn a license to go on your Outdoor Buddies big game hunt!

Volunteers interested in helping out on the planning committee to get things ready for the Meadow Springs Antelope rifle hunt in October please contact Hunt Committee Chairman, Larry Sanford, to get on the list to come to the committee meeting.

I want to get this team ready to spread the workload for this hunt from getting things setup to taking things down and all the awesome hunting in between! Volunteering should be fun so the old saying “many hands make light work” will help continue to make this Outdoor Buddies event a huge success!

If you have any questions on hunt with Outdoor Buddies please contact me with your questions or concerns.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping out at the Family Day at Swift Ponds or the Sporting Clays Fundraiser Benefit Committees.

God bless!

Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Westcliffe

A major celebration like few have ever witnessed in Custer County was held on Saturday, May 14th at A Painted View Ranch near Westcliffe. It was the 5th annual Outdoor Buddies Community and Armed Forces Appreciation Day.

Special thanks to Bill Canda for the great job he did as public address announcer for the event. He kept everyone informed and headed in the right direction.

The festivities started at 10 a.m. and the day was packed with unique displays. A Blackhawk helicopter flew in at about 11:00, landed, and remained on display until about 2:30 pm with citizens allowed to hop in and look around. The Mounted Color Guard from Fort Carson along with representatives of local American Legion Post 170 participated in the flag ceremony.

Following the flag ceremony, the members of the mounted color guard team performed an equestrian demonstration with sabers slicing and pistols smoking. There were displays of military vehicles including a mine detecting and clearing robots. A Combat Support Hospital was set up and displayed the capabilities of the armed forces medical care in a combat situation.

Other activities included a climbing wall, a kid's fishing game and, archery instructions staffed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife representatives, alpacas from Paca Peace Ranch, an educational program with wolves conducted by Kent Weber, Executive Director of Mission Wolf Sanctuary, stick pony barrel racing, and more.

Special attractions for kids included a bounce house, ducky races, face painting, animal balloons, and cotton candy.

Outdoor Buddies volunteers served a free lunch consisting of Sangres Best Beef hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, iced tea, lemonade, water, and cookies.

Following are some pictures taken at the event:



The Paca Peace alpaca demonstration.



The mounted color guard put on a great show!



Here comes the Blackhawk helicopter.



The face painting was fun!



The Blackhawk is landing!



Bouncy, bouncy!



She is almost down!



Soldiers setting up the field hospital display.



Preparing to raise the colors!





Penelope Sanford presents student's thank you letters to Fort Carson representatives.



Ralph and Donna Hood are presented a plaque in appreciation for hosting the event.



The final activity was the Mission Wolf educational program by Kent Weber.

Volunteer Corner

By Dan Brown, Volunteer Committee

Persons interested in volunteering for any of the up-coming Outdoor Buddies events please contact Dan Brown at 843-816-0901 or fk15pts@yahoo.com.

We need volunteers for the Family Day at Swift Ponds on June 11th, the Sporting Clays Fundraiser Shoot at Colorado Clays Shooting Park on August 6th, the sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club also on

August 6th, and the Golf Benefit at Green Valley Ranch Golf Course on August 20th.

After those activities it will be hunting season once again. let us know if you are interested in helping with the hunts or if you have hunting properties that will provide hunting opportunities for Outdoor Buddies disabled and/or youth hunters.

A special thanks for all who have volunteered this year. We appreciate your support.

Coyote Hunting Opportunities

By Al Montoya

Outdoor Buddies coyote hunting coordinator, Al Montoya, can schedule coyote hunts at a ranch near Watkins, Colorado. Al schedules hunts on an as needed basis. If you would like to do a coyote hunt give Al a call.

Also, please contact Al if you know of property owners who will allow Outdoor Buddies access to their property for coyote hunts.

You can contact Al at 303.296.4610 or via Email at agmontoya@q.com.

Outdoor Buddies Family at Swift Ponds

Family Day at Swift Ponds will be held on Sunday, June 26th.

We will be having fishing (catch and release) archery, BB gun shooting, air soft target range, and trap shooting for beginners and experienced shooters!

Lunch will be provided and we will have equipment for each of the activities, but please feel free to bring your own fishing and shotgun equipment if you wish.

We will have range approved shotgun shells and shotguns. There are five professional trap houses at Swift Ponds to shoot from!

We will have on hand the Outdoor Buddies shuttle bus, track chairs, Bad Boy Buggy, Arctic Cat UTV, and ATV with go-getter.

We will be having some bucket raffle items that you can buy tickets for chances to win some fun items for the whole family! This is a great way to help defer the cost of this fun day, but nobody is required to buy tickets! Just come and have a fun filled day with your family!

Please bring your family and friends to enjoy the day with Outdoor Buddies!

Swift Ponds has handicap accessible fishing docks for those on wheels so bring your sons and daughters, grandsons and

granddaughters to make memories and build relationships.

Please contact Larry Sanford if you have any questions or you want to volunteer to help with any of the activities. We welcome the help!

Outdoor Buddies at Tarryall State Wildlife Area

Campground - Outdoor Buddies has a lease agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife that provides exclusive access to a secluded campground overlooking Tarryall Reservoir.

The campground is for tent camping only. There are picnic tables, metal ringed fire pits, and a clean campground pit toilet at the site.

Youth groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, kid's clubs, etc. are invited to reserve and use this 40 acre campground. Reservations may be made for any time from June 1st through August 31st.



To make reservations or to get more information please contact Jim Piper at 303-932-1209 or geopros@clanmurray.org.

Fishing Outings – There will be fishing outings scheduled throughout the summer months. Outdoor Buddies volunteers coordinate fishing outings for members and their families, and friends.

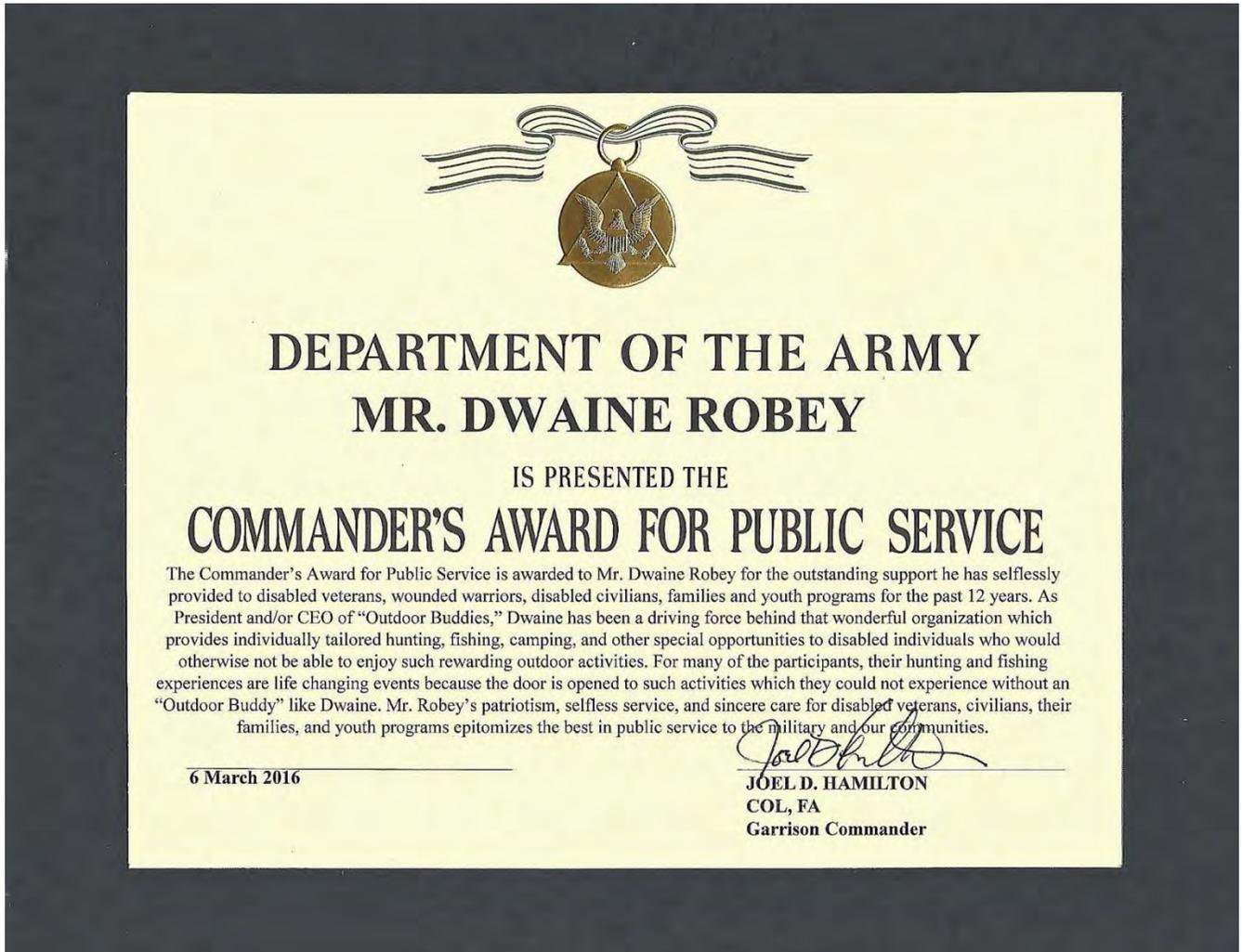
****Alert****

The lake is stocked and they are biting!

June 3 – 5 Fishing Outing - The next Outdoor Buddies sponsored fishing outing at Tarryall State Wildlife Area is set for June 3 – 5. Please contact one of the volunteers shown below for information and to register for the June 3 outing.

Jim Piper	303-932-1209
Ivan Brooks	719-783-4011
Dan Brown	843-816-0901

Outdoor Buddies recognized for public service!





OUTDOOR BUDDIES FUNDRAISER SHOOT

HOSTED BY COLORADO CLAYS SHOOTING PARK

Outdoor Buddies is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, relying on able bodied volunteers to help disabled individuals and disadvantaged youths enjoy the best of what Colorado natural resources have to offer.



Awards will be given for highest scoring teams

First time shooters are welcome and encouraged to participate!!!!

The event will be held at Colorado Clays Sporting Park

Saturday, August 6, 2016

Registration 9 am - Shoot at 10:00 am - Lunch at 1:00 pm

Practice targets available at 8:00 am.

\$75 per shooter or \$300 per team of 4

Registration fees include targets and lunch – Golf cart rentals available.

Address: 13600 Lanewood Street, Brighton, CO 80603 (303) 659-7117

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,500 entitles the sponsor to a team of 4 shooters, shells for four shooters, golf carts for four shooters, and signage and recognition at the Sporting Clay Event.

SILVER SPONSOR: \$1,000 entitles the sponsor to a team of 4 shooters, golf carts for four shooters and signage and recognition at the Sporting Clay Event.

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$750 entitles the sponsor to a team of 4 shooters and signage and recognition at the Sporting Clay Event.

To register please fill in and mail the Registration Form on the back of this page

Or go to www.outdoorbuddies.org to register online.

REGISTRATION FORM



Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clay Event Colorado Clays Shooting Park

13600 Lanewood Street, Brighton, CO 80603, (303) 659-7117

August 6, 2016

Make checks Payable to: **Outdoor Buddies, Inc.**

Please submit individual, team, and sponsorship registrations no later than August 1, 2016.

Yes, I would like to sponsor and participate:

_____ Gold Sponsor \$1,500

_____ Bronze Sponsor \$750

_____ Silver Sponsor \$1,000

_____ Team of Four Shooters \$300

_____ Individual Shooter(s) at \$75 each

LIST ALL TEAM SHOOTERS:

(Teams are made up of 4 shooters each, groups of less than 4 will be paired with other shooters.)

Team Name (if any): _____

Sponsor Name (if purchasing sponsorship): _____

1st Shooter Name: _____ Telephone: _____

2nd Shooter Name: _____ Telephone: _____

3rd Shooter Name: _____ Telephone: _____

4th Shooter Name: _____ Telephone: _____

To pay via credit card enter information below.

Credit Card NO: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Code: _____

AMEX _____ MC _____ VISA _____ DC _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Please Mail your registration and check to:
Outdoor Buddies, Inc.
555 Highlands Road
Westcliffe, CO 81252





**OUTDOOR BUDDIES
2016 GOLF BENEFIT**
at
Green Valley Ranch Golf Course



ENTRY FORM

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 **Saturday, August 20th**. 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 below to:

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

Or, if you prefer, please call **Dustin Robey** at **(303) 515-9777** or **Dwaine Robey** at **(303) 877-8584** for more information or reservations.

(If there are unplayable conditions on August 20th, the tournament will be rescheduled.)

Prepayment is required. Entry deadline is August 14.

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

STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE



Upcoming Events Calendar

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>
June 3 - 5	Outdoor Buddies fishing outing at Tarryall State Wildlife Area.	Outdoor Buddies volunteers will coordinate fishing activities at Tarryall using leased properties and Tarryall Reservoir.	Jim Piper (303) 932-1209 geopros@clanmurray.org Ivan Brooks (719) 783-4011 nakaibrooks@gmail.com Dan Brown (843) 816-0901 fk15pts@yahoo.com
June 26 (Sunday)	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
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 Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
August 6	Rich Cori Memorial site-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:30 AM.	Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 wdhunt1716@outlook.com
August 20	2016 Outdoor Buddies Golf Tournament at 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) 515-9777 dustindrobey@gmail.com