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Volunteer Corner
By Dan Brown, Volunteer Committee

Persons interested in volunteering for any of the upcoming Outdoor Buddies events please contact Dan Brown at 843-816-0901 or fki15pts@yahoo.com.

From the President ~ By Larry Sanford

It seems like the summer just flew by!

Outdoor Buddies had some great events this spring and summer including the banquet at the Omni Interlocken Hotel, the family days at Westcliffe and Swift Ponds, the Sporting Clays Tournament at Colorado Clays Shooting Park, and the Golf Benefit at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers, participants as well as everyone who donated items and their time to help with these events. Funds raised from these activities will help us buy adaptive equipment and cover expenses required for Outdoor Buddies to continue performing its mission! THANK YOU!

These events don’t happen by accident. We must have coordinators who put these events together and make them happen. To our great coordinators we cannot thank you enough! Keep up the outstanding work!

If you are interested in helping coordinate one of our events or have an idea of an event you would like to coordinate please contact us here at Outdoor Buddies!

Hunting Update - Wow! I have heard some great stories about how accurately our disabled hunters have been shooting at site-ins at the rifle range! This practice will pay off during our big game hunts.

Our fall hunting outings have already started and I wish you all safe and successful outdoor experiences!

Now it’s time to have some fun in the field and put the great marksmanship to use. Pronghorn rifle season starts on the October 1st and we will be in the field on opening day for the annual pronghorn hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch. There will be over forty disabled hunters plus all of the volunteer guides and helpers in the field during the week-long event.

There is a high fire danger on the ranch this year so we are asking that there be NO SMOKING on the ranch. Outdoor Buddies is blessed to be tasked with helping to manage the pronghorn population on this over 28,000 acres of prime pronghorn habitat so let’s be safe and protect this privilege.

For those of you who will be helping on this hunt, I will be conducting a pre-hunt meeting at the ranch at the Outdoor Buddies check-in wall tent at 5:30 pm on Friday evening before the hunt.

Please don’t forget to contact me if you have a pronghorn license and want to hunt with us either the season starting October 1st or for a late season in November or December.

If you have not done so already, please let us know if you require a guide or need help on your hunt. There will be plenty of volunteers anxious to help those who need it so don’t hesitate to ask for help.

We welcome volunteers who want to help at any of our hunting events so if you are interested please contact one of us or call an event coordinator shown on the “Calendar of Events” in the newsletter.

I was fortunate enough to participate in a fabulous bear hunt in September. The picture at the left shows the view from our hunting blind. We will share the story about this bear hunt in the next edition of the Outdoor Buddies Newsletter!

Bless each and every one of you!

Till next month.

Keep your powder dry!
Outdoor Buddies acknowledges and expresses thanks to the following sponsors and contributors to our 2016 fundraising activities:

Rich Cori Memorial Sight-In
at
Green Mill Sportsman’s Club
August 6, 2016
By Wally Hunt

Sixteen shooters and ten helpers attended the site-in on Saturday August 6, 2016. Included in the group were three sight impaired members. Pete Labella organized the event working with the President of the club, Bob Ford, and its board. Thirteen members of the Green Mill Club set up the targets, assisted shooters and spotted and retrieved the targets. All of these individuals are qualified range officers and provide a safe and efficient site-in. Special thanks to them: Roger Anderson, Kerry Founet, Mark Gruber, Scott Lefleur, Paul Lidwig, Earl Reed, John Ruchelle, Kenneth Smith, Roger Stajcar, Dian Stountenburg, Michael Weder, Joe Wolf and Phil Young.

Brittany Bosshart of Cabela’s and Andy’s Custom Guns donated prizes. All shooters and helpers received a prize.

Outdoor Buddies provided beverages, cookies and muffins.

The shooting range now has electricity and is in the process of adding three restrooms (male, female and handicapped) which will be fully equipped as running water will be provided by a well. Additionally a clay shooting range is being added.

Green Mill Sportsman’s Club hosts two Outdoor Buddies site-ins per year at its facility, which is recognized as one of best managed ranges in the country.

The dates for 2017 have been scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017 and Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Shown above are participants at the site-in on August 6th.
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Editor: Dwaine Robey

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.

Executive Director’s Comments ~ By Dwaine Robey

You may have noticed that there was no Outdoor Buddies newsletter published for August. There was just too much going on to find time to work on the newsletter. The people who usually contribute subject matter for the newsletter were very busy with other events.

With the sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman’s Club, the Sporting Clays Tournament at Colorado Clays Shooting Park, the Golf Benefit at Green Valley Ranch Golf Course, an Outdoor Buddies Board meeting, and other activities in August there was no time left to work on the newsletter.

A major topic at the August Outdoor Buddies Board meeting involved initial planning for the 2017 Outdoor Buddies fundraiser banquet. Outdoor Buddies has entered into an agreement with the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center to hold our 2017 banquet at their new facilities located at 13200 East 14th Place in Aurora. The date of the event is April 22, 2017. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the banquet in 2017. Tickets for the banquet will be on sale from the Outdoor Buddies website in January. See Page 7 for more information and watch future newsletters for updates as plans for the event develop.

Another agenda item at the August Board meeting was a review of the terms of office for current board members and the election of a new board member.

Dwaine Robey’s term of office as Executive Director was extended for three years through August 30, 2019.

Terry Gleason became a new member of the board of directors. He was elected to a three-year term of office.

Terry has been an active member of Outdoor Buddies having performed many volunteer tasks during the past year. He possesses extensive knowledge and experience related to hunting and a wide variety of other outdoor activities.

We welcome Terry as the newest member of the Outdoor Buddies management team.

In case you have not noticed, the Outdoor Buddies website has recently undergone major redesign. Please check it out at www.outdoorbuddies.org and let us know what you think. We welcome your comments and any suggestions you may have for improvements to the website.

The next Outdoor Buddies Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th in the conference room at the Cabela’s Lone Tree Store located at 10670 Cabela Drive, Lone Tree. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM. Non-board members are welcome. If you would like to attend please RSVP in advance with Dwaine Robey at the contact information shown below. We always like to see more people getting involved in the inner workings of the Outdoor Buddies organization.

If you have suggestions or comments, you are encouraged to contact any of the Outdoor Buddies board members. You can reach me at: (303) 877-8584 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org.

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My Hunt of a Lifetime
By Colene Ferry

My 2015 hunt with Outdoor Buddies was an awesome hunt. We were allowed to hunt on Wolf Springs Ranch. This ranch is awesome, it goes on forever.

I had never hunted with a bunch of guys before; we had Rob, Darrell and Tim for our able body guides and Randy and I were hunting at the same time. With that many guys we had to split up in two different pickups. After we left the office and traveled down the road a mile or so we saw a herd of elk about a half a mile off the road. We went through an access gate and traveled about a quarter mile to a ridge line, where we could see the herd of elk.

When we saw the herd it was simply amazing to see a herd of about 400, it took my breath away. They were still about a quarter mile away. Rob and Darrell discussed how to approach them without scaring them away so both of us could get a shot. It was decided that Darrell would drive around to the right behind some hills to try and get behind the herd. We stayed in position where we were so the herd would not get spooked. After twenty five to thirty minutes we started moving around to the left of them. We moved on an upper side of a big valley and watched Darrell and Colene trying to position themselves on the elk. After twenty minutes the herd began to come towards us through the next valley over. We dropped down in the valley and up the side of the hill and as we crested the hill we could see nothing but elk. They were jumping a fence and started circling around our truck. I got out beside the truck and stood in amazement, it was crazy. I felt as if I was in a wagon train and the elk were the Indians. They were running in circles around us and I couldn't decide which one to shoot, Tim said, “Over here on the left” and Rob is saying, “They are closer on the right”. Finally I sighted in on one of many animals on the right and down she went. The herd gathered back together about two hundred yards away from us and watched us field dress and load the one we took down. After about twenty minutes the herd just moseyed on.

What a memory, I’ll never forget, 400 elk at fifty yards circling around us like the letter “C”. I want to thank Wolf Springs Ranch for this opportunity of a life time. I would like to thank Outdoor Buddies for the opportunity to hunt this wonderful ranch and the memories also to Rob, Darrell and Tim. You guys work great together for a wonderful hunt of a lifetime.

It was thrilling to watch this large herd of elk!
Extraordinary counselor Karen House guided the women through many early morning yoga, meditation, mindfulness therapy, and other healing activities. Karen helped the women to leave their crippling issues behind in the river, and take home the new tools they learned on the river.

And there were hula-hoop tryouts and a performance by Tabitha on the evening of the last river camp.

We had two female Brits join us from the UK Military, and they spent several extra days in Moab and on the return drive to Denver.

We benefit greatly from the great support of the Moab Elks and VFW. They transport our two trailers to Hite Marina on Lake Powell and back (300+ miles round trip) to recover our boat and gear.

And they feed all of us on the evening before the launch at the Elks Club, and furnish a Great prime rib dinner upon the evening of our return from the river.

I've never had prime rib so large and so thick. They refuse any compensation, even gas money. Without all of this help, our effort and expense would be greatly increased and made more complex. Many thanks to the Elks and VFW and especially Dan Stott and Fred Every.

These river trips are a very effective healing activity. Rather than a long course or lifetime of pharmaceuticals and formal therapy, these trips are a short path to healing and recovery. There seems to be no substitute for being with other soldiers, sharing experiences and difficulties, and forming a support network. Canyonlands is an excellent setting for this. And these river trips are a lot of fun.
Tarryall Group Camping in July
By The Munoz Family

A little bit about our trip…….

Every year, our extended family comes together to celebrate birthdays, time together, each other and the beautiful scenery. For the past couple of years, our family members, who belong to Outdoor Buddies, have been fortunate enough to be able to use the Tarryall Reservoir SWA group campground leased by Outdoor Buddies.

During this time together we really try to focus on the kids and young adults and getting them to love nature as much as we adults do. Fathers and sons, uncles and nephews (and nieces), moms and daughters, Godparents and Godchildren find connections by either fly fishing at the waterfall, cooking up some breakfast for everyone to enjoy, sitting around and talking, climbing those amazing rocks and enjoying the scenery or fishing from the shore.

The time that we are able to spend with the children is priceless. This year was a very special time... 3 of our boys graduated from high school and will be leaving to college shortly. We really used this time to appreciate who they are and encourage them to follow their dreams.

Being able to use the Outdoor Buddies’ campground has really been a blessing. Not only is it an amazing piece of land, it allows us to come together as a family and appreciate each and every member.

Thank you Outdoor Buddies!

Outdoor Skills Day
By Ivan Brooks

Outdoor Buddies participated in the first Outdoor Skills Event held at the Nature and Raptor Center of Pueblo on August 6th organized by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Raptor Center. Various events and activities were available for local families and outdoor enthusiasts to hone their nature skills and discover new adventures. There were display stations related to fly fishing, hunting, camping, mountain biking, boating safety, wildlife viewing, survival skills and more. The Outdoor Buddies booth generated a lot of interest from adults and youth alike.

Most people knew of someone who is disabled and would benefit from what we have to offer.

Outdoor Buddies representative, Ivan Brooks (center), visits with Colorado Parks Officers Jesse Green (left) and Joe Stadterman (right) at the Outdoor Buddies booth.

Celebrating the Life of Liberty Ledezma

Outdoor Buddies sponsored a team in the Celebrating the Life of Liberty Ledezma Golf Tournament on August 5th at The Broadlands Golf Course in Broomfield.

Liberty was murdered on March 27, 2010 at 22 years of age. In her honor, the Ledezma family has founded Celebrating the Life of Liberty Ledezma.

Celebrating the Life of Liberty Ledezma is a public charity under section 501(c) (3) of the IRS tax code. All donations are tax deductible.

The Outdoor Buddies team tied for 2nd place in the event with a fabulous score of 23 under par. The team is shown below including (left to right) Dustin Robey, Mike Schultz, Daniel Brown, and (front) Mike’s son, Trenton.
Save the date – 2017 Outdoor Buddies Banquet

Annual Fundraiser Banquet

Saturday April 22, 2017
4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver
13200 East 14th Place, Aurora, CO 80011

Raffle Prizes
Silent Auction
Live Auction
Dinner

Tickets: $50 adult, $15 children

For tickets and details please visit: OUTDOORBUDDIES.ORG
### Upcoming Events Calendar

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

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<td>Annual Pronghorn hunt at Meadow Springs Ranch.</td>
<td>Pronghorn hunt for persons who have pre-registered for the hunt and obtained a valid hunting license.</td>
<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a></td>
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| June – September, 2017 | Outdoor Buddies fishing outings 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 |
| TBD        | 2017 Outdoor Buddies Golf Tournament, location and date yet to be determined.    | 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                                          |
| August 5, 2017 | Rich Cori Memorial sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman’s Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie. | Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:00 AM.                 | Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 wdhunt1716@outlook.com                                           |
| August 5, 2017 | Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clay Shoot at Colorado Clays Shooting Park near Brighton, Colorado. | 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 |