Outdoor Buddies is involved with a Youth Pheasant Hunt that will be held on January 7th and 8th near Florence, Colorado. Any 17-year old and under youth is welcome and encouraged to participate. This will be a hunt for planted pheasants and there will be several well qualified hunt coordinators managing the hunt. A very generous donor has already provided funding to purchase 500 pheasants for this event and has committed to purchase more birds if needed.

As always, safety is a primary consideration for this activity and experienced hunter education/safety instructors will be involved to monitor the event.

This is a fabulous opportunity for young persons to have a wonderful hunting experience at no cost and learn first-hand how much fun it is to watch well trained hunting dogs in action. Of course parents need to be involved, but the actual shooting is reserved for youth hunters.

All participants in this event must register in advance and it is recommended that you do so very soon.

To register, please call Chad Barr at (719) 431-9199. Additional information is included in the Youth Pheasant Hunt flyer on page 6 of this newsletter.

While some of us are still very busy with big game hunts, it is time to work on plans for staffing the Outdoor Buddies booth at the International Sportsmen’s Exposition, preparations for the annual Outdoor Buddies Banquet, and several other activities for 2017. We still have lots of 2016 big game hunts to accomplish that will extend well into the new year, but it is also time to begin working on plans for 2017 big game hunts. If all this sounds like fun to you; we can use your help!

I would like to encourage everyone to review the Upcoming Events Calendar included in this newsletter. Please let us know if you see an upcoming event that you would like to help with. Also, please let us know if you want to suggest a future Outdoor Buddies event.

Year-end is almost here and many of us are considering making tax-deductible donations to our favorite charitable organizations. I am planning to make a donation to Outdoor Buddies to help offset expenses for our programs. I hope many of you will do so also.

A good way to make a tax-deductible donation to Outdoor Buddies is through the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation’s annual Spirit Campaign. That way, the Foundation will match a portion of your donation. If you wish to do so, please print page 5 of this newsletter and use the donation form to submit your donation. Please remember to make your check payable to The WMV Community Foundation.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Another great way to make donations is via the Colorado Gives website. ColoradoGives.org is a year-round, online giving website featuring over 1,700 Colorado nonprofit organizations. ColoradoGives.org encourages charitable giving by providing comprehensive, objective and up-to-date information about Colorado nonprofits and an easy way to support them online. All of the charities on ColoradoGives.org are recognized by the Internal Revenue Service and the Secretary of State and are in good standing. Donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions to the full extent permitted by law. You can make your donation to Outdoor Buddies online at: https://www.coloradogives.org/outdoorbuddies/overview. You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation via this website.

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 (303) 877-8584 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
Outdoor Buddies acknowledges and expresses thanks to the following sponsors and contributors to our 2016 fundraising activities:

From the President
By Larry Sanford

On assignment!

As of publication time for this newsletter Larry Sanford is in the midst of coordinating/conduction 25 Youth Outreach Pronghorn Hunts at Meadow Springs Ranch. These youth hunts are an important element of the Outdoor Buddies Youth Program.

The From the President column will resume with the December Outdoor Buddies Newsletter.

Stories to be in Next Newsletter Edition.

Outdoor Buddies volunteer hunt coordinators and guides are in the midst of very busy time for big game hunting. Several hunting activities are currently in process and a few were recently completed but there was not sufficient time to include their stories in this newsletter.

Following are to pictures from recently completed hunts. Stories about these hunts are scheduled to appear in the December Outdoor Buddies Newsletter.

Aguilar Elk Hunt
Fred Eichler & Larry Sanford

Westcliffe Elk Hunt
Dwaine Robey & Sharon Hall
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.

Pheasant/Chukar Hunt

By Dwaine Robey

Outdoor Buddies hosted a pheasant and chukar hunt on Saturday, November 19th. The event was held on private property near Florence.

Jason Mulso, owner of Fremont Pheasants LLC, and Moose Plumbing & Heating, LLC, along with a few of his friends, managed the event for Outdoor Buddies. Jason and his crew did a fantastic job and the hunt was lots of fun.

There were plenty of opportunities to shoot for the hunters participating in the event.

Jason and his helpers planted many birds and there were volunteer helpers and some good hunting dogs to help find the birds.

Outdoor Buddies provided some adaptive equipment for disabled hunters who needed a little help getting around for their hunt including our “Go-Getter” ATV device as well as three Action Track chairs.

At the end of the day everyone had enjoyed a great time in the outdoors with Outdoor Buddies!

Our sincere thanks go out to Jason Mulso and his helpers for all the work they did to make this a tremendous outing. Also, special thanks to Ivan Brooks and Bill Smith for the great help they provided.
My Outdoor Buddies Deer Hunt

By Sam Lomen

I love the great outdoors, appreciate good hunting grounds, and have hunted in many states, but I had previously only seen such picturesque country as Custer County in hunting magazine advertisements.

I’m usually pretty optimistic that I’ll be able to get my animal on the first day of hunting or second day at the worst. However, I have experienced last day and last hour successes on some previous hunts. This hunt was one of those last day and last afternoon successes.

My wife, Cindy, and I arrived at Westcliffe on Thursday afternoon. Once settled in our motel, I called Dwaine to inform him of our arrival. Dwaine came by within the hour and we talked about our upcoming hunt.

We set out the next morning but instead of hunting, we drove around most of the day through some of the nicest country I only imagined existed. We saw two bull elk with tremendous antlers within one hundred yards from the road and herds of antelope but I didn’t have an elk tag or an antelope tag, I had a deer buck tag.

In the afternoon we hunted on a private ranch but only saw a herd of mule deer does, no bucks. We got up early the next morning and hunted the same ranch without seeing any animals except for a lonely coyote. The rest of the morning and early afternoon was spent driving through breathtaking country that dreams are made of. The afternoon was spent hunting private property close to town where we have seen dozens of does and a small spike, but no bucks we could take. That afternoon Dwaine introduced us to another member of Outdoor Buddies by the name of Rob Adams.

On Sunday we hunted with Rob and again set out very early but did not see any game except a coyote. Rob called a friend of his, Dan Warner, who informed him that occasionally there are bucks hanging around his property and invited us to come by.

We got to his place and spotted a herd of mule deer with two bucks, a forked horn and a four point, but they were not on Dan’s property so we left them alone. We spoke to Dan and decided to come back in the afternoon. Rob picked us up at 1:50 pm and he was in a hurry because Dan just called him with great news, there are deer on the property along with a big bodied buck. We flew out of the motel like a bat out of hell and I had a deer buck tag.

When we got close to Dan’s, I loaded up and we slowly approached the property. There were a few does but we did not see any bucks. Dan pointed to the hill and I looked through the scope and found the buck.

I placed the crosshairs just behind the shoulder and squeezed the trigger; he didn’t know what hit him. The shot went through the heart, a very quick and humane kill.

Rob pulled him down, gutted him, and after a few pictures and thanking Dan, we were on our way to Dwaine’s to skin the buck and bone out the meat which we did very quickly.

Cindy and I love venison and after our arrival back home with our cooler filled with my harvest we converted the meat into some great tasting venison sausage.

Lesson re-learned; never give up. Both my wife and I are very thankful to God for providing us with the great people associated with Outdoor Buddies!

They give up their time, effort, vehicles and land to accommodate adults and children with disabilities in order for them to experience what many people either take for granted or are unable to do; enjoy the great outdoors!

Thank you, Outdoor Buddies!

How Can I Make a Donation to Outdoor Buddies via the WMVCF Spirit Campaign?

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation (WMVCF) conducts its annual Community Spirit Matching campaign to benefit local nonprofit organizations each November through the end of the year.

The Foundation will contribute matching funds, when donations are received by December 31st.

The maximum amount that will be matched is $1,000 per family and/or business. Matching funds will be pro-rated based on the dollar total of contributions made through the campaign.

Donations may also be made directly to the Community Foundation Spirit Campaign to increase the matching funds and further stretch the community’s charitable dollars.

Donors wishing to take advantage of matching funds for donations made to Outdoor Buddies must use the donor form provided by the Foundation. Make checks payable to the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation (or WMV Community Foundation).

To make a donation to Outdoor Buddies by check through the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation please use the donor form included in this newsletter. Donations to Outdoor Buddies are tax-deductible.

Your support of Outdoor Buddies is sincerely appreciated!
The 13TH Annual Community Spirit Campaign Is Underway

The Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation is proud to sponsor the annual Community Spirit Campaign, a matching gift project to benefit local nonprofit organizations beginning each November. The Foundation contributes matching funds, augmented by donations from other foundations and individuals. Donations are used to match private contributions made to valley and county nonprofits when received by December 31 of each year.

How can I donate?

Donors wishing to take advantage of matching funds for their favorite local organizations must use the donor form shown below. Make checks out to the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation (or WMVCF), and please note the nonprofit organization and the amount you wish to go to that organization on the donor form. The maximum amount that will be matched is $1,000 per family and/or business. You are welcome to spread your donation to more than one nonprofit, or just one -- it’s your call.
2017 YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT

January 7th and 8th

Invitation to youth hunters 17 years of age and under
(No hunting license needed – all 17 & under youth welcome)

What will be provided free of charge:
- Location to hunt near Florence, Colorado
- Lots of pheasants at which to shoot
- Hunting dogs to help find the pheasants
- Guides, dog handlers, and helpers
- Clay pigeons to shoot at while not hunting
- Food for lunch
- Drinking water

What to bring:
- Safety orange cap and vest
- Shotgun and shells

Additional information and directions will be provided to registered participants

Call as soon as possible to register
To register please contact Chad at (719) 431-9199
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 adults, $15 children

For tickets and details please visit:
OUTDOORBUDDIES.ORG
$1,000.00 Cabela’s Gift Card Raffle

When you want to get away from all the hustle in the city, you can go shopping at Cabela’s, which is an adventure in its own.

Get out into the great outdoors. You will always find everything you need for hunting, fishing, shooting, boating and camping along with accessories, apparel and more!

- Cabela’s the world’s foremost outfitters for hunting, fishing and outdoor gear.
- May be redeemed online, through catalog or at retail stores.
- Retail stores located nationwide.

$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for $50

Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 22, 2017.
Do not need to be present to win.

To order tickets please contact Dwaine Robey at 303-877-8584 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
**OUTDOOR BUDDIES RAFFLE**

**Pro Crimson Carry II**

**FEATURES**
- Fixed Low Profile Sights
- Rosewood Grips
- Satin Silver Frame
- Matte Black Slide

**SPECS**
- Model: Pro Crimson Carry II
- Type: Handgun
- Action: Single Action
- Caliber: .45 ACP
- Barrel: 4"
- Weight: 28 oz.
- Sights: Fixed
- Finish: Black/Silver
- Grips: Rosewood
- Capacity: 7-Round Magazine

**PRODUCT SUMMARY**
The Pro Crimson Carry II is a lightweight pistol ideal for all-day-every-day carry plus the real-world advantage of Crimson Trace Lasergrips. It features a match grade 4-inch bushingless bull barrel for unequaled Kimber accuracy. The full size lightweight aluminum frame makes carrying easy and allows maximum control under recoil. The low profile sights are mounted in machined dovetails for strength and the edges are rounded to avoid snagging. Its Crimson Trace Lasergrips with exclusive Rosewood finish and Kimber logo, allow for fast, intuitive shooting and training.

Approximate Retail Value: $1,200.00

$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for $100

*Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 22, 2017*

*Do not need to be present to win.*

To order tickets please contact Dwaine Robey at 303-877-8584 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
Win this South Africa Plains Game Hunt

The winner will be drawn at the Outdoor Buddies banquet on April 22, 2017
Do not need to be present to win!

Please contact Dwaine Robey to purchase your raffle tickets
303-877-8584 or dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org

$6,200 RETAIL VALUE
OUTDOOR BUDDIES RAFFLE

** $20 PER TICKET OR 6 TICKETS FOR $100 **

SOUTH AFRICA PLAINS GAME SAFARI
for two (2) Hunters at Eland Safaris for 8 Nights / 6 Hunting Days

Each Custom Eland Safari South African Rifle or Bow Hunting Safari Includes:

- 2x1 PH to hunter ratio
- 6 full hunting days with tracker
- All the transport in the hunting area
- Hunting for SCI Trophy Class animals, not representative animals or culled
- Luxury lodging at one of Eland's South African concessions
- Assistance with choosing a USOA Certified Trophy Import Broker
- Assistance with securing your U.S. Customs Form 4457 (without leaving your home)
- Access to our Airline Consolidators for discounted airline pricing
- Access to Rifle Permit Concierge service
- 3 meticulously prepared meals per day
- Wine and beer in moderation
- Laundry on a daily basis and field preparation of trophies
- Round trip transportation from Polokwane International Airport (PTG)

This Safari does not include:
- Trophy fees for animals harvested or wounded and lost, airfare, accommodations before or after the hunt, dip and pack, taxidermy or trophy export costs, SAPF $20 gun permit application ($200), gratuities, observers or non-hunters ($250/day).

Global Sporting Safaris

Global Sporting Safaris is a full service hunting booking agency. We will work with the raffle winner (hunters) extensively before and after the hunt to make sure everything goes smoothly. This includes pre-trip prep as well as post-trip follow-up to get all of the trophies back safe and sound to the hunter's trophy room.

Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 22, 2017 - Do not need to be present to win.

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

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<td>Pronghorn, deer, and elk hunts in various Colorado</td>
<td>Previously scheduled hunts will continue throughout the big game hunting</td>
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<td>January 12-15</td>
<td>International Sportsmen’s Expo at the Colorado Convention Center.</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Expo.</td>
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<td>Mark your calendar. Annual fundraiser banquet at the Hyatt Regency</td>
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<td>Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:00 AM.</td>
<td>Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 <a href="mailto:wdhunt1716@outlook.com">wdhunt1716@outlook.com</a></td>
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<td>There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of games and</td>
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<td>Outdoor Buddies volunteers will coordinate fishing activities at Tarryall</td>
<td>Jim Piper (303) 932-1209 <a href="mailto:geopros@clanmurray.org">geopros@clanmurray.org</a></td>
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<td>Wildlife Area.</td>
<td>using leased properties and Tarryall Reservoir.</td>
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<td>The format for the tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start. Entry</td>
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