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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 fk15pts@yahoo.com.

Pheasant Hunt at Drake Land Farms

Outdoor Buddies held an upland bird hunt hosted by Drake Land Farms near Goodrich, Colorado on Saturday, March 28th.

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 provided ideal habitat for our pheasant hunting event. Outdoor Buddies extends our thanks and appreciation to Chris Nowak and the other member/owners of Drake Land Farms for their hospitality and willingness to share their fabulous property.

The weather conditions were perfect for the approximately 60 participants in the outing.

Several youth hunters participated in this event. They were given instruction on shotgun techniques and had a chance to shoot a lot of target clays.

A mock hunt was done with the youth hunters before the birds were placed. That also was very helpful.

The chance to interact with people who have physical challenges is probably one of the most impactful parts of the experience at Drake Land Farms for the kids!

Youth hunters were given instruction on shotgun techniques.
Penelope (Penny) Sanford, wife of Outdoor Buddies president, Larry Sanford, prepared lunch for everyone there; and it was ever special! Penny and Larry served Louisiana style gumbo prepared using their own family recipe. What a treat!

Darrell Bowen, one of the participants had the following comments.

“As most members know, Outdoor Buddies has had pheasant hunts near Penrose for the past few years. Last year, they added a hunt at Drake Land Farms near Goodrich. I did not participate last year, but I am happy to say that I was able to attend the recent get together.

“My assistant and I arrived just before 9 am and already there were quite a number of hunters in attendance. Safety rules and ground rules were gone over by Larry Sanford.

“I was fortunate enough to be in the first group of hunters to go out. Because I have difficulty walking, I got to use the “go-getter” hunting vehicle.

“We all made our way to the field where we would try our luck. The first group consisted of hunters using Actiontrack chairs, personal power chairs, and some who were ambulatory.

“I don’t know if it is just me, or for some other reason, I got the first shot of the group. It’s been a very long time since I have had the chance to hunt birds. The hunting gods were smiling on me this day. First shot, first bird!

“We worked the field out and back and several more birds were taken. We all gathered around the staging area and visited with old friends and met new ones until lunch time.

“On this day we were served a very delicious meal of Louisiana gumbo prepared by Larry’s wife, Penny.

“I was able to go out again later in the day, but, was unable to get another bird.

“I want to thank all of the people responsible for this incredible adventure. I can’t remember when I’ve had as much fun as I did that day. I am already looking forward to the next hunt. Again, thank you Outdoor Buddies!”

Outdoor Buddies expresses thanks to all the volunteers who made this great outing possible.

And our heartfelt thanks to Chris Nowak and all the other members of Drake Land Farms for hosting this wonderful Outdoor Buddies event!
Great Auction Items, Games, and Raffles

Please come to the banquet prepared to play a few games and raffles and bid on a fantastic variety of unique and attractive items.

One of the most unique live auction items at the banquet is a custom designed quilt made especially for the Outdoor Buddies banquet by Michele Hoffman of Westcliffe. Michele Hoffman’s Quilts of Honor was founded in 2008 to provide custom quilts to the children of our Fallen Heroes at no cost to the families.

This 86X96, 100% cotton, queen-sized quilt includes all of the animals that Outdoor Buddies hunts or fishes for including deer, elk, sheep, bear, turkey, quail, pheasant, ducks and fish. A picture of the quilt is shown on page 7 of this newsletter.

Some of the other game and raffle prizes and auction items available at the banquet include:

- African Plains Game Hunts
- African Photo Safaris
- Kimber .45 ACP Pro Crimson Carry Pistol
- Yeti Cooler with Whiskey & Beer
- Vortex Binoculars
- Vortex Riflescope
- Framed Wildlife Art
- $1,000.00 Cabela’s Gift Card
- Cataract Canyon Raft Trips with Wounded Warriors
- Garmin GPS with Maps
- Gun Safe With 5 Guns
- Custom Made Four Gun Iron Gun Rack
- Outfitters Camp Stove
- And much, much more!

We are still getting additional items that will be made available at the banquet.

Please contact Dwaine Robey if you would like to donate items for the banquet. We really appreciate your support!
Every now and then an event has meaning greater than itself. The Outdoor Buddies pheasant shoot was such an event. For those few hours, pheasant shooting acquired symbolism for the noblest virtue: the selfless joys of helping others and passing the hunting ethic to younger generations. As has been done so many times before, Fiocchi USA donated cases of ammunition to the participants.

Outdoor Buddies is an all-volunteer organization with the mission to provide opportunities for those who have been deprived of enjoying outdoor experiences. It focuses on mobility-disabled people, at-risk youth and youth groups. Outdoor experiences include hunting, fishing, boating, camping, and education in the use of the outdoors for recreational activities.

About fifteen youth hunters, twenty disabled participants and a dozen able volunteers congregated at the Drake Land Farms Club about an hour east of Denver. The hunt was orchestrated with symphonic precision by President Larry Sanford and his wife, Penny, the chef of a world-class gumbo served for lunch.

The youth hunters had a great day!

Crates of pheasant were strategically placed on fifty acres of cornfields intersected by dirt roads and bounded by thick stands of pines and hardwoods.

The first group of hunters made their way to the northern fields, many in the electric mechanized ‘trekkers’ that moved like a small silent tank division. An effervescent “Let’s get going!” enthusiasm pervaded the group which sported smiles as wide as the Grand Canyon. Splashes of orange vests dotted the landscape like splattered paint on a green brown canvas. Well-trained dogs leaped about like porpoises over the waves. A comment often heard from the disabled participants was “Here I am equal to the able-bodied folks. I can do what they do.”

Thirteen-year-old Luke eloquently captured the event’s value when he answered my question, why did he attend? “My grandfather took me hunting. Then he had an injury and joined Outdoor Buddies. This is a great way to help people and to be outside, not sitting at home looking at the computer, like so many other people my age. This is fun, and I know I am doing something good.”

The pheasants flew high, but our exhilarating spirits were even higher.

Editor’s note:
The following is a partial reprint of an article shown on the Fiocchi Ammunition website written by Michael Sabbeth. Michael is a lawyer and writer in Denver. See his book The Good, The Bad & The Difference: How to Talk with Children About Values. Available at Amazon.com http://tinyurl.com/c6lmnu. To see the complete article, please visit the Fiocchi Ammunition website at http://www.fiocchiusa.com/

Handicap Equipped Van for Sale
(At a reasonable price!)

Larry Jones is moving back to Texas in June and has a handicap equipped van for immediate sale.

Do you know of anyone who is looking for a handicap equipped van for a reasonable price?

Larry has a 1997 Ford conversion van that is equipped with hand controls and tie-downs for wheel chairs and removable seats so that the driver can drive from a wheel chair.

The van runs great! The vehicle is in good condition and has air suspension and V6 Triton motor. It also has a Crow River chair lift, air conditioning, radio/cd player, and rear radio wiring for headphones.

Larry is asking $3,000 for the van.

If you know of anyone please have them contact Larry’s wife, Caroline, at 719-660-4121.
Outdoor Buddies Banquet Auction Item

Colorado River Whitewater Raft Trip for Two Through Canyonlands National Park

To be sold at auction at the Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 22, 2017.

Accompany 20 of our Disabled Veterans on an all expense paid memorable and enriching 3 1/2 day raft trip down the scenic Colorado River from Moab, Utah to Hite Marina in the upper reaches of Lake Powell. This trip will be a memory of a lifetime. These trips are conducted by Tag-a-Long Expeditions, a National Park Service licensed commercial river operator. The usual fee for such a trip is $1,500.00 per person, and Moab motels run about $250/night, so this trip is valued at approximately $3,500.00 for two people.

There are 3 launch dates to choose from; May 12, May 19, and May 26. In addition, an All-Female Disabled Veteran trip is scheduled for September 4.

There are usually two days of flat water into beautiful Canyonlands National Park with side ventures of Indian petroglyphs, small Indian ruins, a petrified forest, a hike up to the Doll House and the Land of the Standing Rocks. If the sun gets hot, a dip in the river is right at hand.

The Cataract rapids are encountered on the third day in Cataract Canyon. In extreme water years these rapids can be rated 5 on a scale of 5. We are expecting a moderate flow year, but the rapids are still exciting and refreshing. Safety is always foremost. The boats are highly stable "J-rigs", having 10 separate air chambers with 20,000 lbs. awash displacement.

Cuisine is quite good; typically stuffed shells, steak, chicken for carnivores and omnivores and a vegetarian menu for herbivores. Menu suggestions from vegetarians are encouraged. Bacon, eggs, and cowboy coffee are served at breakfast.

The personal gear requirement is quite simple; just outdoor clothing, a hat, camera, toiletries, a flashlight or headlamp, sunscreen, and a sleeping bag and pad. No special outdoor talents are required as camping is easy and relaxed. The clear Canyonlands skies afford a spectacular view of the night sky.

Trip Coordinator
Dr. Fred Solheim
303.818.7600
warriorsoncataract@gmail.com
Handcrafted Quilt Specially Designed for Outdoor Buddies
Designed and Sewn by Michele Hoffman

Michele Hoffman’s Quilts of Honor was founded in 2008 to provide custom quilts to the children of our Fallen Heroes at no cost to the families.

This quilt will be sold at auction at the Outdoor Buddies Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center in Aurora on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

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ANNOUNCING
OUTDOOR BUDDIES
FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2017

Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. The 2017 banquet celebrates thirty-three years of community service by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be held at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017. The Conference Center is located at 13200 East 14th Place in Aurora, 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 activities 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 ___________________________ TELEPHONE NUMBER

___________________________ STREET ADDRESS ___________________________ CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
SPONSOR FORM
Outdoor Buddies Banquet
at
Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver
Conference Center
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 22, 2017.

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
  100 bucket raffle tickets for your attendees
  Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet
  Announcements 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
  Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet and on the table tent
  75 bucket raffle tickets for your attendees
  Announcements at the banquet

☐ Corporate Sponsorship $750.00
  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 the table tent
  Announcements 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
535 Highlands Road
Westcliffe, CO 81252

I would like to be a sponsor of the 2017 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 check one of the following boxes:
  ☐ 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: ______________
GUNS AND SAFE RAFFLE

One Winner Takes All
(Need not be present to win)
Winner drawn on April 22, 2017
At
Outdoor Buddies Banquet
Hyatt Regency Conference Center
13200 East 14th Place
Aurora, CO

Ridgeline Gun Safe
Holds up to 26 Guns

Browning 12 gauge Citori Shotgun
Browning X-Bolt 30.06 Rifle
Weatherby .308 Win Rifle
Kimber Micro 9 mm Pistol
Kimber Stainless .45 ACP Pistol

For tickets contact:
Terry Gleason
303-868-2579
terryjgleason@gmail.com

$100 per ticket limited to 200 tickets

Must pass a background check and pay for the background check.

Please contact Terry Gleason to purchase your raffle tickets
303-868-2579 or terryjgleason@gmail.com
## Upcoming Events Calendar

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

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<td>April 22</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies 2017 Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center located at 13200 East 14th Place in Aurora, Colorado.</td>
<td>Mark your calendar. Annual fundraiser banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center. Tickets will go on sale in January.</td>
<td>Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a></td>
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<td>April 29</td>
<td>Rich Cori Memorial sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman’s Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.</td>
<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>May 13</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies Family Day at A Painted View Ranch in Westcliffe.</td>
<td>There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of games and demonstrations. Everyone is welcome!</td>
<td>Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a></td>
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<td>June - September</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies fishing outings at Tarryall State Wildlife Area.</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies volunteers will coordinate fishing activities at Tarryall using leased properties and Tarryall Reservoir.</td>
<td>Jim Piper (303) 514-8944 <a href="mailto:geopros@q.com">geopros@q.com</a></td>
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<td>June 10</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds. Everyone is welcome!</td>
<td>There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of fishing, shooting, games and demonstrations.</td>
<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>July 14</td>
<td>2017 Outdoor Buddies Golf Tournament at Green Valley Ranch Golf Course.</td>
<td>The format for the tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start. Entry fee includes cart, range balls, silent auction, prizes, buffet lunch, contests, and fun.</td>
<td>Dustin Robey (303) 515-9777 <a href="mailto:dustindrobey@gmail.com">dustindrobey@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>August 5</td>
<td>Rich Cori Memorial sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman’s Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.</td>
<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>August 5</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Event at Colorado Clays Shooting Park near Brighton, Colorado.</td>
<td>All day fundraiser event at Colorado Clays LLC 13600 Lanewood Street Brighton, Colorado.</td>
<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a> or Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a></td>
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<td>September 16</td>
<td>Outdoor Buddies Fishing Outing on the Cache la Poudre River west of Fort Collins. Directions will be provided to those who register with Larry Sanford.</td>
<td>Everyone is welcome. Outdoor Buddies will provide lunch, soft drinks, and fishing assistance for those who want it. There will be two Actiontrack wheelchairs available if needed.</td>
<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a></td>
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