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Executive Director's Comments

by Dwaine Robey



Outdoor Buddies will be participating in the Focus on Forever Conference being held at YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park on June 7th through June 9th.

On Saturday, June 8th, Larry Sanford will be making morning and afternoon presentations called "Making Outdoor Adventures Possible for Persons with Disabilities".

For more information about the Focus on Forever Conference, see the related article in this newsletter and visit their website at:

<http://www.pheasantsforever.org/page/1/Focus-on-Forever-Conference-Colorado.jsp>

The annual Family Day at Swift Ponds will be held on Saturday, June 15th. This is traditionally a fun-filled day, so mark your calendar and plan to join us at the Family Day at Swift Ponds. Please see the related article in this newsletter.

On June 22nd, Outdoor Buddies will host a Mountain Man Rendezvous at Tarryall State Wildlife Area. Please see the related article in this is newsletter.

The annual Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit is set for Saturday, July 6th at Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora. Now is the time to register yourself or your team for this event. Please see the related article and Entry Form contained in this newsletter.

Outdoor Buddies was made aware of the opportunity to participate as a plaintiff in a law suit related to recently passed Colorado gun control laws. After careful review and discussion, the Board determined that Outdoor Buddies will be a plaintiff in the case. A Position

Statement related to the case is included in this newsletter.

Following is information used by the Board in determining Outdoor Buddies' position.

The Second Amendment (Amendment II) to the United States Constitution is the part of the United States Bill of Rights that protects the right to keep and bear arms. It was adopted on December 15, 1791, along with the rest of the Bill of Rights. Amendment II - A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Perhaps no provision of the Bill of Rights is more important than the Second Amendment right of the people to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment is the guarantee that the U.S. Constitution and all the other personal liberties of the Bill of Rights are not merely words on a scrap of parchment. The Second Amendment was created as an insurance policy, covering both personal freedom and personal protection. Freedom is as important today as it was 200 years ago, so the Second Amendment is not out of date

The advantage of being armed is an advantage Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation. This right is not merely for the defense of American borders. Rather, an armed public is advantageous in protecting political liberty.

The original intent of the Second Amendment was to provide the means necessary for the citizenry to defend itself from tyrannical government.

There is no doubt that America has a problem with mass murders, but guns and high capacity magazines are not the cause. The cause is severe mental illness; the psychotic.

But, the real cause is not being adequately addressed by gun control advocates. They should be looking at elements that provoke and enable violent fantasies supported by the entertainment industry.

The lack of focus on the real cause by gun control advocates demonstrates that there is another agenda at work and stopping mass murders is not their primary objective. Their real objective is eventual total gun control using an incremental approach to get there.

Of course, we all feel profound sorrow and sympathy for mass shooting victims and their families. However, that does not justify the erosion of the Bill of Rights. To do so would be a dishonor to the hundreds of thousands of our Nation's military men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice to defend those rights.

Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas about improvements to your organization or if you are willing to serve on one of our committees or as an officer or Board member. You can contact me at (719) 783-9044 or drobey@centurytel.net.

President's Column

by Larry Sanford



Wow, I can't believe it is already June! We have had a great spring here in the northern Front Range with all of the moisture we were blessed with last month.

Outdoor Buddies has already had some great events this spring starting with our annual banquet. Thanks to all of your donations and all of the generous businesses and their

donations Outdoor Buddies has over \$20,000.00 to be used for adaptive equipment and other expenses. This will certainly help us to continue and expand Outdoor Buddies' mission of getting people who need assistance into the outdoors. These mobility-impaired persons, youth, and their families may otherwise be deprived of outdoor adventure activities.

The second event was the Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day Event in Westcliffe. Thanks to Ralph and Donna Hood for hosting it at their beautiful A Painted View Ranch. The good Lord has sure blessed Outdoor Buddies by bringing people as nice as Ralph and Donna to our Outdoor Buddies family!

The next big event for members of Outdoor Buddies and their families and friends to have fun at will be the annual Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds. It will be held on Saturday June 15th at the Colorado Youth Outdoors Swift Ponds facility near Ft. Collins.

There are nine ponds to fish as well as trap shooting, archery, BB guns, and fun and games for the whole family; young and old. Lunch will be served with food from Nordy's BBQ. Members of Pheasants Forever will be there helping out as well as the great volunteers of Outdoor Buddies! If you know someone or a family that could use a fun day of outdoor activities and great fellowship, please invite them! Come one come all!

I hope to see you all at Swift Ponds for Family Day on June 15th till then, remember that a helping hand to someone in need can go a long way and doesn't cost a dime and the hope you gave them gets passed on tenfold.

God Bless each and every one of you and your families!

Treasurer's Corner

by Wally Hunt



So far this year, Outdoor Buddies is in the best financial shape since I have been treasurer. Before I break my arm patting myself on the back, this is due to a lot of hard work, luck, and determination by our organization. We have had a successful fund raising banquet, donations, and grants. We are

looking forward to a golf tournament, which is usually our final fund raising event for the year.

As you know, we do not have any paid members, nor do we charge any membership fees. I am constantly amazed how Outdoor Buddies is able to do what most governments cannot do; live within our means and still accomplish our mission. Thanks to all of our members, donors, grantors, ranchers, outfitters and land owners.

My next message is about donations. Our country has one of the most giving and caring citizens on this planet. Unfortunately, there are organizations that are abusing this fine characteristic. Please take the time to check any organization (including Outdoor Buddies) before you donate your time or money. Any charitable organization must file an annual report with the Internal Revenue Service. These reports are public information and can be obtained on the internet. Unfortunately, some of these organizations take most of the donated funds for salaries, unrelated travel and other costs which are not related to their mission (my personal opinion). All I am saying is, "CHECK THEM OUT".

Outdoor Buddies Family Event at A Painted View Ranch

by Dwaine Robey

Over 300 people attended the Outdoor Buddies Community Appreciation Day Honoring Wounded Warriors and Other Military Personnel and Veterans on May 18th, Armed Forces Day, at A Painted View Ranch near Westcliffe. Attendees included Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Carson.

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.

There was an impressive flag ceremony with a mounted color guard from Fort Carson and local American Legion Post 170 color guard.

Don Paul and Jan Michel did a great acappella rendition of the national anthem and Reverend Andrew Zeller recited a stirring prayer for the occasion.

Other activities included a rock climbing wall, the Blooming Bush Women (music and Samurai Sword Dance), pack mule demonstrations by a local US Forest Service representative, a kid's fishing game, archery trailer, and laser shot video game staffed by local Colorado Parks & Wildlife representatives, alpacas from Paca Peace Ranch, an educational program with wolves conducted by Kent Weber, Executive Director of Mission Wolf Sanctuary, a tug-of-war game staffed by representatives of Colorado National Guard, stick horse barrel racing, and more.

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

Approximately 300 free meals were served including a pig roast, hot dogs, sloppy joes, coleslaw, potato chips, cookies, iced tea, lemonade, and water. Alcoholic beverages were prohibited.

The mounted color guard from Fort Carson showed off the riding skills with a rousing equestrian demonstration immediately after lunch.

Special guests included LTC Christopher Heberer representing Fort Carson. LTC Heberer filled in for Colonel David Grosso, the Fort Carson Garrison Commander, who was scheduled to attend, but was diverted to other duties. We extend our appreciation to LTC Heberer for his participation.

In addition, we would like to thank American Legion Post 170 including their Auxiliary for its extensive participation and support. Volunteers from American Legion Post 170 did most of the food preparation and service.

Outdoor Buddies Activities Coordinator, Rob Adams, assisted by Buddy McNutt and Dave Thums, did a great job with pig roasting and carving duties.

Following are some pictures from the event provided by event photographer, Mary Chandler.





FOCUS ON FOREVER CONFERENCE ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS; CPW OFFERS CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Pheasants Forever are co-sponsoring a June 7 through June 9 conference in Estes Park that will teach best practices for providing outdoor skills education. Participants will receive in-depth training in how to teach skills like archery, cast-iron cooking, shooting, canoeing, kayaking and much, much more. Sessions will also focus on teaching methods that can be used to make sure students are engaged, challenged and retaining outdoor skills for lifelong enjoyment.

The "Focus on Forever" Conference is designed to help current outdoor skills instructors improve and help organizations train new instructors all with the main goal of getting more people outdoors in Colorado.

"Colorado is an amazing state with so many outdoor opportunities," explained Allison Kincaid, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Partnership Coordinator. "People are hungry to learn new skills and get outside but individual organizations may not have the ability to offer all of this training in one place for their staff, volunteers and board members."

The Conference cost is \$325 per person but Colorado Parks and Wildlife has a limited amount of scholarship funding set aside to provide a 50-percent match for organizations that can't afford the entire fee. An application for the matching fund scholarship is available by contacting Allison Kincaid at allison.kincaid@state.co.us or 303-291-7252.

"Beyond building skills, we're excited to bring partner organizations together to network," added Kincaid. "Participants will learn about programs being offered by other organizations and, we hope, get a chance to find new ways to team up for greater success."

Details about the Focus on Forever Conference can be found on the Pheasants Forever website at <http://pheasantsforever.org/page/1/Focus-on-Forever-Conference.jsp>.

Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds

by Larry Sanford

Mark your calendars! The Outdoor Buddies Family Day for 2013 will be held at Swift Ponds on Saturday, June 15th from 9:00 AM. until 4:00 PM. Swift Ponds are located north of Loveland, off of the Windsor exit from I-25.

Plan to have a great time because there will be plenty of good food, and exciting events.

Several activities are being planned for your enjoyment, and we would like to hear any suggestions that any of you might have to add to the activities. Among the usual activities catch and release fishing (no license necessary) is one of the most popular.

There is no charge for this day-long event and all Outdoor Buddies members and their family and friends are welcome, so please plan to attend. We encourage your participation!



One of the wheelchair accessible fishing docks at Swift Ponds.

Directions to Swift Ponds are shown on Page 9 of this newsletter.

Send your activity suggestions to Larry and Penny Sanford 970-663-7852, or 970-218-5356, or Email: lpbusy@comcast.net.

Are You a Handi-Buddy in Need of Help with Gun Cleaning?

Outdoor Buddies member, Bill Baker, is a gunsmith and shooting enthusiast with a lot of experience with firearms.

He has volunteered to help, at no charge, handi-buddies who may need assistance with keeping their firearms clean and in good working order.

If you would like to talk with Bill about getting his help, please contact him at 719-942-3027 or js1217c@earthlink.net

A Hunt Yet To Be Finished

by Julie & Jeff Murrish

This letter is about an elk hunt Scott Murrish started at Twentymile Mine in November 2011 with his brothers, Jeff and Rob.

Scott had been fighting cancer the previous four years and it finally caught up with him; he passed away during the hunt on November 9, 2011.

But, Outdoor Buddies had helped him so much by giving him something to look forward to and kept him going for as long as he lived.

Dear Scott,

The hunting trip was planned - we had planned it for months - our trip to the mountains to hunt our elk! We

Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit



Everyone is invited to participate in the Outdoor Buddies golf benefit scheduled for Saturday, July 6th.

Event director, Dustin Robey, and other committee members guarantee great weather and a very enjoyable event for all who enter.

The tournament will be held at Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora. The format is a four person team scramble with a 7:30 AM shotgun start. The entry fee is \$100 per player which includes cart, practice range balls, silent auction, prizes, buffet lunch, contests, and lots of fun. You can also count on a few "surprises".

We are accepting entries for the tournament, so sign up to reserve your slots. You may register as a single player and we will set up a foursome for you or you may register your own foursomes.

To register, go to the Outdoor Buddies website at www.outdoorbuddies.org and register online or complete the entry form included with this newsletter and send it to the address on the form. Or, you may contact Dustin Robey at (303) 366-9961 or Wally Hunt at (303) 985-2293 for more information and to enter.

Please come join us and help support Outdoor Buddies!

Arkansas River Fishing Outing

by Terry Nelson

This was our third year of fishing the Arkansas River at the Professor Dan Forsyth property.

Kathy and I started out from our campsite at Dwaine and Ann's house early in the morning after a visit from a brown bear. It was actually a black bear, but it was brown in color.

From Westcliffe we headed for the Arkansas River and Cotopaxi and saw many deer and turkeys along the way.

We got to Dan's property and were greeted by Sadie, a Great Dane that looks like a small pony.

The fishing started after some grateful help lugging the food down by the river. The temperature was up and we missed a clear river by a week. The run off had started, but fish still have to eat; we just have to work a little harder to catch them.

All in all, some nice fish were caught in the fifteen inch range and we all enjoyed a very pleasant day.

Thanks to Dan for letting us fish about a half mile of private Arkansas River waters.

Attendance was up this year with Dylan Harrell and family, Larry and Penny Sanford, Levi and Mike Trujillo, Jim and Tim Smith, Dwaine Robey, and Kathy Shears, and me.

It seems as though I'm forgetting something; oh yeh, for the second year in a row, Levi Trujillo won the big fish award with a sixteen inch brown trout.



Levi Trujillo

both knew it would be hard, but having something to look forward to was a blessing for us! We both had our limitations, but we knew in our hearts that it could be the very last time we visited the mountains together! The trip was long but we managed it together, we rested when we needed to and forged on when we could!

The very last morning we left together laughing and full of anticipation of a good day of hunting! But as the sun rose on that mountain you decided it was time to go!

We always shared our love of hunting, fishing, and the great outdoors. We shared that love with our children. I am proud of that!

I know when we see you again we will finish our hunt!

We miss and love you, Scott

Until we meet again,

Jeff and Rob

Mountain Man Rendezvous at Tarryall Reservoir State Wildlife Area

Outdoor Buddies is hosting a Mountain Man Rendezvous at Tarryall Reservoir SWA on June 22nd and you are invited.

Come learn to shoot a muzzleloader, throw a hawk and knife, and even start a fire with flint and steel.



Marlin & Barbara Johnson

This is a hands-on demo and your chance to learn about muzzle loading. Get prepared for future opportunities to hunt antelope, deer, and elk during muzzleloader seasons.

Marlin and Barbara Johnson, members of the Colorado Springs Muzzleloaders Club, will be hosts, along with several more members of the club. There will be a qualified NRA Instructor/Range Officer to offer assistance.

Equipment will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own firearm if you wish.

If you bring your own firearm, it must be checked through the range officer at the site. You may also want to bring a lawn chair and drinks.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Lunch will be provided by Outdoor Buddies if you RSVP no later than June 15th. To RSVP, send an email message to Larry Sanford at lpbusy@comcast.net notifying him how many persons will be in your party.

Come join us for a day of fun and instruction!

Directions:

From Jefferson, go 16-1/2 miles southeast on CR-77 (Tarryall Road).

From Lake George, go 1 mile west on HWY 24 to CR-77 (Tarryall Road). Turn north (right) and go 25 miles to the reservoir.

Outdoor Buddies Position Statement

May 22, 2013

Colorado recently passed the following new gun control laws:

House Bill 13-1224 prohibits the sale, transfer, or possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines (more than 15 rounds), with certain exceptions. And it requires identification markings on all large-capacity magazines manufactured in Colorado after July 1, 2013, which is when the law takes effect.

House Bill 13-1229 requires (1) universal background checks pursuant to the transfer of firearms, including private transfers, with several exceptions; (2) new mental health reporting; and (3) a judicial appeals process for individuals restricted from acquiring or possessing firearms. This law took effect upon passage, although the background check requirement does not begin until July 1, 2013.

The Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors is opposed to these statutes and any other such legislation for two reasons:

1. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution says...“the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.” This language is crystal clear. Both of these new Colorado statues clearly violate the Second Amendment and, therefore, are unconstitutional. The Second Amendment is perhaps the most important of all the original ten Amendments (Bill of Rights) in that it provides the means for citizens to keep themselves armed as protection against foreign threats and also against any kind of tyrannical government that may arise within our Nation. Those who are pushing to infringe upon our Second Amendment rights are challenging all of our rights and freedoms in the process and this over-reach by government is a clear form of tyranny.
2. Those pushing the outlawing of certain kinds of weapons and magazines are using the mass shootings as their justification to infringe on the Second Amendment. But, the cause of mass shootings is not the weapon or the magazine capacity. The cause and real problem is the mentally unstable shooter, but that is not being adequately addressed. If the politicians pushing “gun control” really wanted to solve the mass murder problem, they would look at how our society handles severely mentally ill people and at the entertainment industry that provides violent games and movies that feed the violent fantasies of some people. Since they are not adequately addressing the real problem, there must be a different agenda at work in this effort to restrict our constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

HB 13-1224 especially impacts those with disabilities because it makes it difficult to quickly change magazines under the stress of a home invasion. Wheelchair bound persons, and others with limited mobility, are severely restricted in their ability to get in the best position to repel a home invasion. Thus, they are more dependent on immediate firearms defense than are able-bodied people who might be able to flee the house or buy time by running to another room. Eliminating the ability to use magazines with a capacity larger than 15 rounds has a corresponding adverse impact on their ability to exercise their constitutional right to defend themselves, their homes, and their families.

HB 13-1229 restricts temporary transfer of firearms between persons with disabilities and others who are helping them in their pursuit of activities involving firearms. This restriction will severely hamper Outdoor Buddies volunteers and disabled members when participating in hunting and shooting sports activities.

Conclusion:

It is the Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors’ position that HB 13-1224 and HB 13-1229 will not enhance public safety, but will restrict law-abiding citizens from defending themselves, their families, and their homes. In addition; the laws are not only unconstitutional, but also confusing and unenforceable.



OUTDOOR BUDDIES ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT



Supported by:



ENTRY FORM

Event

You, your family, and friends are cordially invited to participate in our golf tournament. The tournament will be held at **Murphy Creek Golf Course** in Aurora, on Saturday, **July 6th**. Tee time is **7:30 am**.

The format for the tournament is a scramble with a shotgun start. The **entry fee** is **\$100.00** per player, which includes cart, range balls, silent auction, prizes, lunch buffet, contests, and lots of fun. You can also count on a few “surprises”. We are accepting payment by cash, check, or money order.

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



Murphy Creek is a challenging and fun 18 hole regulation course for all ability levels. One of the best practice facilities in Colorado, great putting green, tough chipping and sand practice green, two short game practice greens up to 75yards distance, and a full driving range. From the longest tees it features 7,456 yards of golf for a par of 72. The course was designed by Kenneth Kavanaugh, ASGCA and opened in 2000. The course rating is 74.6 with a slope rating of 13.1.

Registration

You may register as a foursome, or a single player and we will set up a foursome for you. To reserve your place for this great Outdoor Buddies event, simply fill out and return the form below to:

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

Or, if you prefer, please call **Dustin Robey** at **(303) 366-9961** or **Wally Hunt** at **(303) 985-2293** for more information or reservations.

(If there are unplayable conditions on July 6th, the tournament will be rescheduled.)



Prepayment is required. Entry deadline is July 2nd.

I would like to reserve _____ entry/entries at **\$100.00** each for the **Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit** on **July 6th, 2013**.

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

Swift Ponds

4927 E. County Rd. 36 Ft. Collins, CO 80528



From Windsor, Greeley and Eaton: Take Highway 392 West to County Rd 5. Turn right (north) onto County Rd. 5. Take County 5 north to County 36 (Ketchter Road). Turn Left onto County 36, the Swift Ponds gate will be on your left.

From Loveland and Berthoud: Take Highway 34 east to Interstate 25. Take Interstate 25 north to Windsor Exit 262, turn right onto Highway 392. Take Highway 392 east to County Rd. 5, turn left onto County Rd. 5. Take County 5 north to County 36 (Ketchter Road). Turn Left onto County 36, the Swift Ponds gate will be on your left.

From Ft. Collins: Take Timberline Rd south to Highway 392. Take Highway 392 east to County Rd. 5, turn left onto County Rd. 5. Take County 5 north to County 36 (Ketchter Road). Turn Left onto County 36, the Swift Ponds gate will be on your left.

Outdoor Buddies Upcoming Events Calendar

(Note: 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, July, and August	Group camping – private campground at Tarryall State Wildlife Area.	Reserve 40 acre campground for church group, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kid's Club, or other group	Jim Piper (303) 932-1209 geopros@clanmurray.org Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
June 7 - 9	Focus on Forever (FOF) Conference at YMCA of the Rockies – Estes Park	The FOF Conference is a "train the trainer" conference, designed for conservation volunteers and agency staff who are passionate about sharing outdoor traditions with youth and their families.	For more information and registration visit the Pheasants Forever website at: http://www.pheasantsforever.org/page/1/Focus-on-Forever-Conference.jsp Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
June 15	Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds.	All are welcome to attend our annual Family Day at Swift Ponds. Free fishing, barbecue and more.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
June 22	Mountain Man Rendezvous at Tarryall Reservoir State Wildlife Area.	Demonstrations of shooting of muzzle-loaded guns, the throwing of knives and tomahawks, etc.	Larry Sanford (970) 663-7852 lpbusy@comcast.net
July 6	Outdoor Buddies Golf Benefit at Murphy Creek Golf Club.	Four member team scramble. Shotgun start at 7:30 AM.	Dustin Robey (303) 366-9961 dustin.d.robey@us.army.mil
July 10	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors Meeting at Craig Hospital.	Bi-monthly Board Meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Visitors are welcome.	Dwayne Robey (719) 783-9044 drobey@centurytel.net
August 17	Fall shoot at Green Mill Sportsman's Club.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved.	Wally Hunt (303) 985-2293 wdhunt2141@hotmail.com