The Outdoor Buddies Pheasant Shoot
When a Hunt is More Than a Hunt
By Michael G. Sabbeth
The Honorable Hunter

On March 24, two dozen mobility-impaired hunters and about twenty volunteers respectfully began the annual Outdoor Buddies pheasant shoot at 9:30 in the morning with the Pledge of Allegiance. The annual event was hosted again at Drake Land Farms, Wiggins, Colorado, about seventy miles east of Denver. Among the impaired hunters and volunteers were seven young hunters, energized by a gorgeous Colorado day, who hunted or helped the impaired hunters.

I let nineteen-year-old Connor Walsh have the honor to be the first to fire a new CZ 20-gauge Supreme Field at clay targets at the practice range. When he said he loved the shotgun, I gave him a few boxes of Fiocchi 20-gauge Golden Pheasant and watched him ride his electric-powered tracker machine to join several other wheelchair-bound hunters congregating in a nearby wheat field.

The orange hunting clothing dotted the brown fields like an Impressionist painting. Connor got seven pheasant that day, his first bird hunt.

I confess I am awed by the grit and toughness of the disabled participants. Outdoor Buddies Executive Director Dwaine Robey emphasizes that the point of rehabilitation is to DO something. But ‘doing something’ is often easier said than done.

In Connor’s words, they have to get out of their comfort zones, which is rarely easy. These folks did not ask to be inflicted with their physical situations; they have to fight continuously to transcend their limitations.

I think of Viktor Frankl’s words, a survivor of Auschwitz and a renowned psychiatrist: “Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.” These folks have bravely chosen to be involved, to find meaning and happiness.

Several adult disabled hunters told me: “For these few hours, I am equal to everyone here. I do not think about my disability. That is why I treasure these events.”

I chatted with Gabriel Nissen, a young man born with spina bifida whose thirteenth birthday was two days away. His parents drove eleven hours from Missouri to participate in this hunt, his first such experience. I congratulated him on his superb clay target shooting. I confess my aging eyes did get a little watery when he smiled.
The 2018 Outdoor Buddies Banquet is here!  

It is not too late to make plans to attend the 2018 Outdoor Buddies banquet. This year’s event celebrates thirty-four years of community service by Outdoor Buddies. The funds raised at the annual banquet are critical to the success in meeting our mission to provide outdoor adventure experiences for disabled persons and youth. With your help, this year’s banquet will provide necessary funds for Outdoor Buddies to continue; improve, and expand its programs. This is an opportunity to have a great time while helping others!

Outdoor Buddies would appreciate your support. Please make your reservations now!

The 2018 banquet will be held at the Hyatt Regency Aurora Denver Conference Center in Aurora on Saturday, April 21st. Don’t forget to invite all your friends and family to come too! Consider purchasing ten (10) tickets which will reserve a table for your group. That way you and your friends will be assured that you can share a table at the banquet.

Banquet tickets can be purchased using the form included in this newsletter or from the Outdoor Buddies website at: http://outdoorbuddies.org/annualfundraiser/

Gabriel Nissen hunted from the "Go-Getter" driven by his dad, Jimmy, and assisted by his mom, Melissa.

I talked to most of the young hunters to get insights into why they hunt, knowing two truths: that hunting will not survive without the youngsters participating and that understanding their attraction to hunting is the only way to develop strategies to bring them into hunting and keep them engaged.

Ten-year-old A J Rainold explained that he loves hunting because it is fun, gets him outdoors and through hunting he spends time with his family. The hunting community must nurture these qualities.

It was a glorious day and another great Outdoor Buddies outdoor adventure experience!

The pheasant hunt and Penny Sanford’s triumphant gumbo lunch were stunning successes. Again, Fiocchi USA helped sponsor the event, as it has with several Outdoor Buddies events.

Every participant understood that a purpose richer than hunting pheasant was experienced.

It was a glorious day!

Do you want to stay overnight at the Hyatt Regency after the banquet? Why not make it a fun “get-away” weekend and sleep in on Sunday morning?

Outdoor Buddies has arranged for discounted lodging for $99.00 plus tax for banquet guests. You can make your lodging reservation online at: https://aws.passkey.com/event/49541695/owner/14712268/home
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Drake Land Farms Pheasant Hunt
By Melissa Nissen

Last year I signed my now thirteen-year-old son, Gabriel, up for Outdoor Buddies. I thought it would be worth the drive from Missouri if he could get in some hunting.

Gabriel was born with Spina Bifida. He uses crutches and a wheelchair to get around. There are not any organizations that we know of closer to home that have handicapped hunts.

When we saw in the newsletter that a pheasant hunt was coming up this hunting family was thrilled!

The Friday before the hunt, my husband and I, Hunter (our oldest son), and Gabriel drove eleven hours to get to the destination.

The dawning of the hunt is a beautiful, foggy, Colorado morning. I could tell people were excited because many showed up early.

Gabriel was trying out the track chairs, which we had never seen before.

Jimmy, my husband, was admiring the “go-getter” and trying to figure out if we can make one ourselves.

After we said the pledge, the hunt was on. Gabriel gets his first pheasant, and by the end of the day he has shot nine.

The whole experience at Drake Land Farms was even better than we expected. For me, the hunting was just part of it. The hospitality of the people involved with Outdoor Buddies was wonderful.

All the work it took to put on the pheasant hunt would not have been possible without so many willing volunteers.

My favorite part of our experience was seeing the confidence in Gabriel’s demeanor at the end of the day. I thank everyone who had a part in making that confidence happen!

Our Pheasant Hunt
By Hunter Nissen

On May 24th, I was invited to go the Drake Land Farms on a pheasant hunt through Outdoor Buddies.

We had a great hunt. There was no shortage of pheasants and a lot of good dogs. Everyone got to shoot at some pheasants.

While I was between hunts there was a trap machine set up. It was a lot of fun for everyone. We are looking forward to coming back next year.

I would like to thank everyone who helped put on this hunt.

My Birthday Trip
By Gabriel Nissen

For my thirteenth birthday I got to go on a pheasant trip in Colorado.

I got to ride a track chair for the first time!

During the hunt, my dad drove a four-wheeler. I rode on the Go-getter that was hooked to the front of it.

The Go-Getter is a great way to get around on a bird hunt!

There was a cool dog named Jager (which means hunter) hunting with us, and a crazy auctioneer!

During the hunt I used my brother’s gun and killed nine pheasants. I met a lot of nice people.

An exciting ending to our trip was a flat tire on our way back home to Missouri.

Thank you Outdoor Buddies for giving me the best birthday ever!
Do You Want to be an Outdoor Buddies Volunteer or Do You Have Access to Hunting Properties?

Outdoor Buddies continually strives to increase capacity to assist disabled persons and youth. To do that it takes increased numbers of qualified volunteers to carry out Outdoor Buddies programs.

In addition to qualified volunteers, Outdoor Buddies needs additional hunting properties where qualified helper/guides can assist disabled members and youth hunters in their pursuits of outdoor adventure experiences.

If you have interest in being a volunteer please contact Outdoor Buddies Volunteer Coordinator, Steve Medberry, for information on how to get started. You can reach Steve at 720.255.9453 or stevemedberry@gmail.com.

If you have information regarding potential hunting properties please contact Dwaine Robey at 303.877.8584, Larry Sanford at 970.218.5356, or Nick Filler at 719.359.3541. We would appreciate your help!

Steven Medberry Elected to Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors

Steven Medberry was elected to the Outdoor Buddies Board at the April 10th board meeting.

Steve discovered Outdoor Buddies as a participant, having been affected by an autoimmune neuropathy at the age of seventeen.

Working as a physical therapist specializing in orthopedic rehabilitation and neurological disorders, Steve is passionate about volunteerism, service, and the outdoors.

Outside of his work in the medical field, Steve volunteers his time on the board of the Denver chapter of HOPE Worldwide, and now serves as the volunteer coordinator for Outdoor Buddies.

Steve enjoys hiking, backpacking, archery, all forms of hunting, and most of all spending time with his wife, Stephanie.

Steve joined Outdoor Buddies in August 2017 and immediately became an active volunteer, helping out with many activities.

Outdoor Buddies is fortunate to add Steve to our management team and are appreciative that he has accepted the responsibility that goes with being a board member.

Rich Cori Memorial Sight-In

at
Green Mill Sportsman’s Club
April 28, 2017
By Wally Hunt

Green Mill Sportsman’s Club is hosting an Outdoor Buddies sight-in at their facility to honor the memory of Richard (Rich) Cori who passed away on July 28, 2015. Rich was a staunch supporter of Outdoor Buddies and served on its Board of Directors for several years.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Only 30 persons can be accommodated at this event so make your reservations soon. To reserve your spot at the sight-in please contact Wally Hunt at (303) 985-2293 or wdhunt1716@outlook.com.

There is no charge for the event and soft drinks, water, doughnuts, etc. will be provided. There is electricity at the ranges and hot coffee will be available.

Location – Go three miles west of I-25 (Exit 232) to Bonanza, take first left at Green Mill Road (dirt road) and continue for ¾ mile to the facility.

Eligibility – Handi-Buddies (disabled persons) and Able-Buddy helpers. Youth (under age 18) who possess a hunter safety card are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult relative or guardian. Handi-Buddies will be given an opportunity to shoot first before others.

Registration – Registration will begin at approximately 8:00 AM and shooting will start at approximately 9:00 AM. A valid driver’s license, passport, or other photo identification is required and a liability waiver must be completed by all attendees.

Ranges – Rifle ranges with 25, 50, 100, and 200 yard targets are available. A pistol range is also available. Range qualified personnel will provide assistance. Targets, spotting scopes, shooting benches, and sandbags are provided.

Eye and ear protection are required! If you do not have eye and ear protection devices they will be available at the range. Sporting rifles, handguns, and black powders guns are okay. No fully automatic weapons will be allowed.
Outstanding Outdoor Buddies Raffles

By Terry Gleason

An important part of the Outdoor Buddies annual fundraising effort is the raffle ticket sales leading up to the annual banquet. Again this year we are offering an outstanding selection of raffle prizes, thanks in part to some of our sponsors including Cabela’s.

A description of each of the five raffles offered by Outdoor Buddies is shown on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

We must have a successful raffle season to allow us to continue and hopefully expand Outdoor Buddies programs for handi buddies and our youth.

We request that members of the Outdoor Buddies family be generous in purchasing raffle tickets thru the mail or by contacting a member of the Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors listed in this newsletter.

To purchase your raffle tickets through the mail, send your request and check to:
Outdoor Buddies
%Terry Gleason, Secretary
7710 South Lakeview Street
Littleton, CO 80120

At this late date it is best to contact Terry by phone at 303-888-2579.

If each of our members purchased one ticket, it would be a tremendous boost to our annual fundraising effort!

Remember Outdoor Buddies is an all-volunteer organization. We have no paid staff and very low expenses. All funds raised go directly to helping us complete our mission as we have for thirty-four years.

Please support Outdoor Buddies and help us continue our tradition of providing memorable outdoor experiences to our disabled and youth.

Outstanding Outdoor Buddies Auction Items

Outdoor Buddies will offer several great items at the upcoming banquet.

Following is a list of some of the items that will be available for bid:

1. Superior Regal Series SR-25 Gun Safe
2. Three-Day Guided Buck Deer Hunt Including Lodging/Meals
3. Zulu Nyala Photo Safari for Two
4. Deer or Elk Shoulder Mount
5. Cataract Canyon Raft Trips With Wounded Warriors
6. Team Entry in OB Sporting Clays Fundraiser Tournament
7. Custom Gun Cabinet Made by Custer County School Woodworking Class
8. Bear Hunt for Disabled Hunter
9. Rifle Suppressor from Phoenix Weaponry
10. Tailgate N Go Outdoor Kitchen
11. Weatherby Vanguard Camilla .243 REM
12. Cow Elk Hunt for a Disabled Hunter
13. And more...

There will also be many items available in the Silent Auction and many more as Bucket Raffle prizes.

Please make your plans now to attend the Outdoor Buddies Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver conference Center on April 21st!
ANNOUNCING

OUTDOOR BUDDIES

FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2018

Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. The 2018 banquet celebrates thirty-four years of community service by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be on Saturday, April 21st, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center. 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 twelve and under, will be admitted for $15.00. The children’s ticket includes a Kid’s Meal of Chicken Tenders, Tater Tots, Macaroni and Cheese, and Fruit.

The adult 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.

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 fill out and return the form below to: Outdoor Buddies, Inc., Christopher Nowak, Treasurer, 2918 Raleigh Street, Denver, CO 80212. To order by phone call (303) 717-7159.

To: Outdoor Buddies, Inc.
Christopher Nowak, Treasurer
2918 Raleigh Street
Denver, 80212

I would like to request ______ Adult ticket(s) 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 ___ Kid’s Meal(s) at $15 per meal.
Enclosed is my check, payable to Outdoor Buddies, in the amount of _________.

From: ________________________________
NAME

______________________________
TELEPHONE NUMBER

______________________________
STREET ADDRESS

______________________________
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
Outdoor Buddies Raffles

To purchase raffle tickets please contact Terry Gleason at 303-868-2579 or terryjgleason@gmail.com.

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Get out into the great outdoors.

At Cabela’s you will always find everything you need for hunting, fishing, shooting, boating and camping!

$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for $50

Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 21, 2018.

Do not need to be present to win.
Outdoor Buddies Raffles

To purchase raffle tickets please contact Terry Gleason at 303-868-2579 or terryjgleason@gmail.com.

Cow Bison Hunt

This bison hunt will take place in October or November 2018 on a private ranch in Park County, Colorado and will be guided by a ranch manager.

The head, hide, and meat are the property of the hunter.

After the kill, guides will take care of field dressing your animal. Meat processing fees are not included, although we can help make arrangements.

Bison meat is great tasting and great for you! Most people say bison is the most flavorful meat they have ever tasted, with a sweeter and richer flavor than beef. It is not 'gamey' or wild tasting. Bison meat is much lower in fat and calories than other meats, including poultry and fish. 100 grams of bison meat contains 2.42 grams of fat, compared to 7.41 grams of fat for chicken, 8.09 grams for select beef, 9.66 grams of fat for pork, and 10.97 for salmon. In addition, 100 grams of bison meat amounts to 143 calories, which is half that of choice beef (283 calories) and still lower than most other meats. For example, 100 grams of chicken would be 190 calories, pork would be 212, select beef is 201 calories, and 100 grams of sockeye salmon is 216 calories.

This bison hunt opportunity is well suited for older and/or disabled persons who can no longer ride on horseback or walk over very rugged terrain.

Outdoor Buddies believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors!

$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for $100

Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 21, 2018.

Do not need to be present to win.
Outdoor Buddies Raffles
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Garmin GPSMAP 64S
With Colorado Hunting Map

GPSMAP 64s features a 2.6-inch sunlight-readable color screen and a high-sensitivity GPS and GLONASS receiver with a quad helix antenna for superior reception. GPSMAP 64s includes a 3-axis electronic compass with barometric altimeter, wireless connectivity.

Share your waypoints, tracks, routes and geocaches wirelessly with other compatible devices. Your friends can enjoy your favorite hike or cache without waiting for you to plug in to your computer — simply press “send” to transfer your information to another Garmin handheld.

onXmaps – HUNT Premium for GPS
Product Description:
- Maps highlight public- and private-land boundaries
- Pinpoint state specific private land ownership names
- Layers for big-game units, roads, trails and more
- Maps are compatible with all color-screen, SD/Micro SD Garmin GPS units
- Navigate confidently
- Easily identify hunting districts and game management
- Recognize public and private lands

$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for $20
Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 21, 2018.
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Outdoor Buddies Raffles

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- Fluted Bolt Body
- One-piece Machined Bolt Body
- Fully Enclosed Bolt Sleeve
- 3-Position Safety
- Cold Hammer Forged Barrel
- Integral Recoil Lug
- Hinged Floorplate

STOCK:
- Stock is made specifically to fit women
- Length of pull shortened to 13”
- Grip angle has been changed and made more slim and a slight trigger finger guide groove has been added for improved grip ergonomics
- Shorter, slimmer forearm and grip with right side palm swell for better balance and fit
- A higher comb to properly align a shooters eye with optics
- Fleur de lis checkering pattern
- Satin finish, Turkish A-grade walnut with rosewood forend and grip caps
- Recoil pad has been given a negative angle, has been reduced in size, and the toe canted away from the body to better fit a woman’s shoulder

BARREL AND METALWORK:
- Matte, bead blasted, blued finish
- Cold hammer forged 20-inch barrel
- #1 contour

$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for $50
Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 21, 2018.
Do not need to be present to win.
GUNS AND SAFE RAFFLE

One Winner Takes All
(Do not need to be present to win.)
Winner drawn on April 21, 2018
At
Outdoor Buddies Banquet
Hyatt Regency Conference Center
13200 East 14th Place
Aurora, CO

Browning Citori CX 12 gauge Shotgun

Savage Trophy Hunter 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle
with Nikon 3-9x40 Scope

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Kimber Compact Stainless II 45ACP

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

Browning Primal 20 Gun Safe
(Option: $300 in lieu of safe.)

$100 per ticket
Limited to 200 tickets

Must pass a background check and pay for the background check.
Shown below are currently scheduled events. Other activities will be scheduled as appropriate.

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<td>Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 <a href="mailto:dwaine.robery@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robery@outdoorbuddies.org</a></td>
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<td>June 9</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>Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Event at Colorado Clays Shooting Park near Brighton, Colorado.</td>
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<td>Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 <a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:dwaine.robery@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robery@outdoorbuddies.org</a></td>
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<td>September 15</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>
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