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Sporting Clays Shoot at Colorado Clays Shooting Park

By Larry Sanford



Outdoor Buddies held our 2018 Sporting Clay Shoot at Colorado Clays Shooting Park on Saturday, August 4th. It was a great success! I want to first thank all of the volunteers who helped make this year's shoot the success it was.

Cory and Doug Craft, owners of Colorado Clays, along with their great team of employees, did a great job hosting our event again this year.

We had 14 teams pre sign up on the Outdoor Buddies website this year which helped us plan the event! By the time the shoot started we had over 100 shooters signed up to shoot for the day.

Special thank you goes out to our corporate sponsors.

GOLD Corporate sponsor was LPR construction.

Crackerjack Mudjacking bought 2 silver corporate sponsorships!

We couldn't do this shoot without the companies that donated the raffle items etc. including Rocky Mountain Shooters Supply, Cabela's, Leopold, Fiocchi Ammunition, and Phoenix Weaponry. With these companies helping us out we will be able to provide our programs with the equipment needed to get the disabled and youth into the outdoors.

The day started out fast and furious with the Outdoor Buddies volunteers getting everything from the check in station to the raffles and silent auction ready for the teams of shooters.

While the shooters were getting signed in starting at 9am the 15 station course was being readied by the Colorado Clays staff in preparation for the excited teams of shooters! Each shooter shot all 15 stations with a combined total of 100 clay targets. The winners were decided by how many clay targets they hit out of the possible 100 targets. The winning team was decided by the combined total of broken clays by the four members of the team.

One of the shooters that day was Vietnam veteran Billy McCreery who lives in the mountains of Colorado. He made it a point to tell me "This day was one of the best I have had in a long time"! Billy shot for one of the Crackerjack Mudjacking Corporate teams! Crackerjack Mudjacking purchased and donated two teams so that veterans and disabled persons like Billy could have a fun day of shooting as well as making some great memories and new friends.



All fifteen shooting stations on the course were filled with shooters enjoying friendly competition and a wonderful day in the outdoors.

After a long day on the course, after the shotguns were put away, teams were ready for a cold beer! Lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, grilled brats and burgers and the fixins was provided. Thank you to the grill crew for braving the heat.

We had the Outdoor Buddies Actiontrack chairs and scooter on site for all of the disabled to use so that they could be a part of the day's festivities.

After lunch everyone had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and participate in card games for chances to win some great prizes. There were shotguns, rifles, binoculars, and numerous other great items for the winners! There were some great laughs of excitement and sighs of disappointment as the winning numbers were called.

Our Auctioneer, Jeff Sweeney, did a great job of handling the games and raffle drawings.



Les Kraft test drives an Outdoor Buddies Actiontrack Stander with help from Dwaine Robey.



Larry Sanford (right) and Nick Filler get ready to award trophies to the winners.

After it was all said and done everyone knew who the ultimate winners were and they are the disabled members and veterans who are blessed by the generosity of all of the great people who came to shoot and donate at this year's Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clay Benefit.

Thanks to all who helped make this an enjoyable day!

The 2019 Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Shoot will be held on August 3, 2019. See you then!



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Wheels on the River Poudre Saturday, September 15th

"All I want is a fresh trout dinner!"

The annual Outdoor Buddies fishing event on the Poudre River will be held on Saturday, September 15th.

This is a great opportunity for Outdoor Buddies members and their families to spend a day in the outdoors fishing on the Cache la Poudre River.

Colorado is typically in full glory in mid-September with cool fall temperatures, clear skies, and cold clear water!

A lunch of hotdogs, brats, hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided.



This is a photo from a previous year's outing.

We are asking that persons interested in participating in this event register in advance so that we can plan for the lunch that is being provided. To register please call or send a text message to Larry Sanford at 970.218.5356.

For more information see Page 6.

A Morning of Shooting at Southern Cross Ranch

By Bill Laramore

Editor's note: Bill Laramore is a landowner in rural Westcliffe and an avid outdoorsman. He served a 28 year military career and an additional 12 year DoD contracting career. He is a true patriot! Bill set up shooting ranges on his property to accommodate shooters at 100 yards, 200 yards, 300 yards, 400 yards, and 500 yards. He invited a few of his friends to a friendly competitive shooting match on Saturday, August 11th. Each competitor paid an "entry fee" at the shooting stations in the shooting competition. At the end of the competition, instead of paying the entry fees to the winners of the competition the competitors voted to donate all the entry fees to Outdoor Buddies.



Participants included left to right - back row: Alex Ford, Billy Palmer, Bill Laramore, Kevin Thomason, Doc Pentland, and Jim Hood -front row: Joe Arbuckle and Mike Smith (and not shown: Dwaine Robey)

My thoughts on today: why is it that: the determined, the hardest working, the much practiced, the most hours spent, experts in the study of the art and the science of shooting, and whom have made multi-trips to the NRA Whittington Center to shoot long range.....seem to have all the Dang LUCK?

Alex and I were just chatting and only two people today should have any thoughts of shooting beyond 300 yards. And everyone knows who they are. And who they aren't....I am one of those aren'ts!

I myself will now go back to 200 yards and shoot (at least) three 3-shot groups from shooting bags and three 3-shot groups from shooting sticks.

If/when I graduate from that, I will do the same for 300 yards. And really study what I did before I can roll into a hunting posture with any confidence of my ability and my hunting rifle's capability.

- Note to self, Mike's Dakota in 270 was the prettiest rifle on the range today....until Alex brought out the Pentland special 1903 Springfield in 6.5-06.....

I am pulling up the 400 and 500 yard stake markers tomorrow as they are not feasible for me.

The only reason for me to ever take that shot is if I screwed up the first shot and the animal is wounded and leaving the county.....but because of shooting today at 400 and 500 yards, it is less of a guess but still a hope and a prayer (especially at 500).

The "hit of the day" I believe to be the "Kevin Cake Special". Thanks for your time and effort for that, Kevin. And for driving the furthest (Florissant, CO)..... Carmel, apples, peaches, walnuts, coconut, suggggggaaaaaaarrrrrrrr...and I think about a fifth of something unspoken the way folks were slurping it down

I found it interesting this afternoon when Brooks told Alex, " you guys started shooting before 0900".....Brooks and her friend Beth were climbing Horn Peak (13,450') and heard our shooting.

Don R....I will offer my range/place up to you and your family/group (7 hunters) should you care to use for your 20-28 October hunt on Jim's land. Since moving to Westcliffe; 16 Elk, 4 Deer, 1 Pronghorn.....one deer and three elk have required 2 shots—fireplace Bull (2012) was one of those, first shot was at 333 yards and probably should not have been taken. On one of the three Elk, a badly deformed Bull I chose to cull, the second shot was with a pistol as he was down and could not get up so I finished off with a handgun. Anyone who has faced a wounded animal and had to shoot again with a high powered rifle will from that point on carry a handgun with them to hunt.

To date, neither my family nor friends I have been with on hunts have "wounded" an animal. Events like today, I hope, is where reality/skill beat out hope/prayer. When the finger moves into the trigger guard, we all must have a probability and not a possibility of a clean, one shot kill.

Hats off to "Billy Jack Palmer" (named for the Lyman Bag Jack he brought and most ended up borrowing) for his shooting today, with Doc in hot pursuit....not adjusting that dang parallax at 300.....Doc will have trouble sleeping this evening for that error.

Things from today:

- I will be investing in the Lyman Bag Jack that Billy Jack allowed me (and several others) to use today.....

- I am thankful for the safe day, and everyone pitching in to watch the roads, etc. during our shoot.

- I am thankful for everyone spending soooooo much time trying to help Alex. Perhaps overkill a time or two in the middle of a match, but nonetheless, all in the spirit of helping the "youngster", the one still serving.....I would ask let's all try to help him close the deal with his 13-17 October Bull tag....he is putting his time and life on the line for us now and he is staring at another deployment soon. My 2018 goal is ole F-150 (Alex Ford), have a Bull taxidermy fee to explain to his wife. Note to Alex: this fee is actually more than a new rifle.

- I'm thankful Dwaine joined us. He does so many good things for folks who are simply unable to do many or any things for themselves....I will ask you again, close your eyes and put yourself in the back seat of Dwaine's truck, you cannot move any limbs, a string is tied to the trigger and you must pull it with your teeth.....Elk down! Smiles up! Ok, any of you want to talk to me of new bullets, no time to zero, my rifle barrel is not floated, the wind was higher than I thought, I zeroed at 6000' and its 8250 here.....insert any excuses imaginable and it is still laughable.....Mike, Joe and I have been on a hunt with Dwaine (Trinidad last February)....it humbles a person!

I urge you to talk to Dwaine about “helping” his Outdoor Buddies organization..... someone top a 96 year-old Pearl Harbor attack Navy veteran survivor who managed an Elk hunt in the last few months of his life....go on, I’m listening.....

Dwaine I urge you to add the folks involved today to your OB newsletter www.outdoorbuddies.org!

- However, know that I have the targets from today.....I will be going back over them and looking closely at those whom I am involved with. Me, Joe, Doc whom Jim has given permission to hunt his land. If your 200 did not qualify (3 for 3 inside a pie plate (8.5”) we must have a return engagement at the 200. As will my wife, my son and my 13 year old Granddaughter as they do every year. You can go without me but if I am with you and involved, 3 for 3 at 200— it is a requirement.

Time for bed.....very excited about Church tomorrow and that Billy Jack, Brooks and Alex will be joining me to enjoy Jerry Lesachman tomorrow!

<https://leachmanministries.org/>

Cheers!

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**“A strong body makes the mind strong. As to the species of exercise, I advise the gun. While this gives moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprise and independence to the mind. Games played with the ball, and others of that nature, are too violent for the body and stamp no character in the mind. Let your gun therefore be your constant companion of your walks.”**

– Thomas Jefferson, letter to Peter Carr, 1785

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Green Mill Sportsman’s Club Sight-In

By Wally Hunt

The second Outdoor Buddies sight-in of the year at Green Mill Sportsman’s Club was held on Saturday, July 28th and we had the largest turnout ever!

Over 30 shooters participated and as usual, the Green Mill Range Officers handled the group in a professional, safe and courteous manner.

These events were originally organized by Rich Cori and Pete LaBella in 2006. Rich was both a member of the Green Mill Club and a member of the Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors. Pete was President of the Green Mill Sportsman’s Club and a brother-in-law of Rich’s. Rich passed away on July 28, 2015 and Pete has retired as President, but still is an active member of the organization.

Originally, a once per year site-in was scheduled and was subsequently expanded to twice per year. The Club has many qualified range officers who volunteer their services for these events. The range is immaculate with 14 rifle positions for 50, 100 and 200 yard shooting. Additionally, they have a pistol range and a 22 caliber range. Recently, they have added electricity, running water, handicap accessible rest rooms and a two position clay shooting range. They have graciously allowed Outdoor Buddies shooters use the clay shooting range.



The Green Mill Sportsman's Club is a private club dedicated to providing an educational, safe and enjoyable place for our members to enjoy the shooting sports.

These two sight-ins per year are extremely important to the Outdoor Buddies’ big game hunting program. They ensure that a large percentage of our disabled member hunters can sight-in their firearms. This means that they can go on a hunt and be sure that their firearm(s) will perform well.

As usual Cabela's provided some excellent merchandise which was given to participants. Our thanks to Cabela’s for their fantastic long-standing support.

Juniors Program

The Green Mill Sportsman's Club is host to a junior shooting program that meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. This program is open to youth who have completed their Hunter Education course and are under the age of 19. For further information contact our Juniors Program Coordinator (Bill) at: greenmill_jr@hotmail.com

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## Outdoor Buddies Needs Volunteers and 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 [stevedmedberry@gmail.com](mailto:stevedmedberry@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 719.359.3641.

We would appreciate your help!

**Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors.**

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## Special thanks to the sponsors of the 2018 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet

Outdoor Buddies held its 2018 Fundraiser Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center in Aurora on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The event was a “sell out” and nearly everyone agreed that it was a fantastic event.

The success of the 2018 banquet was made possible by the great support from our banquet table sponsors shown below. Outdoor Buddies sincerely appreciates their support.

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## Outdoor Buddies Annual Fishing Outing On the Cache La Poudre River Saturday, September 15, 2018 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Cache La Poudre River, sometimes called the Poudre River or the Poudre, headwaters are in the Front Range in Larimer County, in the northern part of Rocky Mountain National Park. The river descends eastward in the mountains through the Roosevelt National Forest in Poudre Canyon. It emerges from the foothills north of the city of Fort Collins.

It flows eastward across the plains, passing north of the city of Greeley, and flows into the South Platte River approximately 5 miles east of Greeley.

The name of the river means "Hide the powder" in French. It refers to an incident in the 1820s when French trappers, caught by a snowstorm, were forced to bury part of their gunpowder along the banks of the river.

The river is a popular summer destination for fly fishing, whitewater rafting, tubing, and kayaking in the Poudre Canyon. The fish in the Cache La Poudre River include: rainbow and brown trout.

This is where Outdoor Buddies holds an annual fall fishing outing. The outings are held at the US Forest Service's Stevens Gulch Picnic Site.

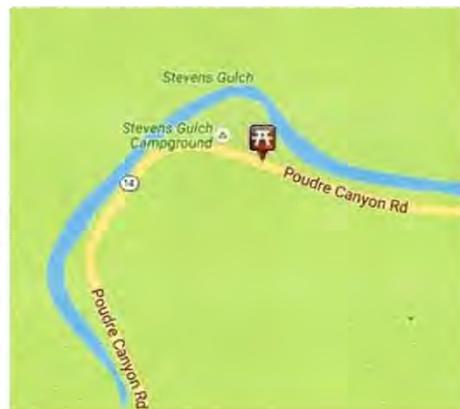
**Directions:** From Fort Collins take highway 14 west to Teds Place, and take a left. Go 17 and 1/2 miles. Stevens Gulch is two miles west of the tunnel just after mile marker 105. Parking is northwest of the road at the campsite. The site is at an elevation of 6,112.

The Stevens Gulch picnic site has seven sites, each with a picnic table and fire pit or grill. Campfires are allowed in the fire ring or grate provided. There are vault toilets at the picnic site. There is no fresh water supply at the picnic site.

Outdoor Buddies is offering a terrific day of fishing, and we guarantee **CATCHING**, on the Poudre River on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is helping make this an end of summer adventure for Outdoor Buddies members and their families by stocking some fish for us the day before our outing.

Outdoor Buddies will provide lunch, soft drinks, and fishing assistance for those who want it. There will also be two Actiontrack wheelchairs available if needed.

Please register for this event with Larry Sanford at 970-218-5356 in advance so that we will know how many persons will be having lunch with us.



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

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Event/Location</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Contacts</b>                                                                                                             |
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| September 11  | Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Lone Tree Cabela's.                                                                                   | Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.                                                                                                                  | Dwaine Robey<br>(303) 877-8584<br><a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a>      |
| September 15  | 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. | 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.                         | Larry Sanford<br>(970) 218-5356<br><a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a>                           |
| November 13   | Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Thornton Cabela's.                                                                                    | Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.                                                                                                                  | Dwaine Robey<br>(303) 877-8584<br><a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a>      |
| December 11   | Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Lone Tree Cabela's.                                                                                   | Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.                                                                                                                  | Dwaine Robey<br>(303) 877-8584<br><a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a>      |
| January 10-13 | International Sportsmen's Expo at the Colorado Convention Center.                                                                                       | Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Expo.                                                                                                                                                            | Dwaine Robey<br>(303) 877-8584<br><a href="mailto:dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org">dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org</a>      |
| February 2    | Outdoor Buddies Ice Fishing Outing at Tarryall Reservoir.                                                                                               | Outdoor Buddies volunteers will coordinate ice fishing activities from 9am to 3pm. A free lunch will be provided.                                                                                          | Jim Piper<br>(303) 514-8944<br><a href="mailto:geopros@q.com">geopros@q.com</a>                                             |
| March 30      | Outdoor Buddies Pheasant Hunt at Drake Land Farms near Goodrich, Colorado.                                                                              | All day event starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Shooting is reserved for disabled members, except for "back-up" shooters.                                                                         | Nick Filler<br>(719) 359-3641<br><a href="mailto:nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org">nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org</a> |
| April 6       | Outdoor Buddies 2019 Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center located at 13200 East 14 <sup>th</sup> Place in Aurora.                             | <u>Mark your calendar.</u> Annual fundraiser banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center. Tickets available from the Outdoor Buddies website.                                             | Nick Filler<br>(719) 359-3641<br><a href="mailto:nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org">nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org</a> |
| June 1        | Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds. Everyone is welcome!                                                                                         | There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of fishing, shooting, games and demonstrations.                                                                                                         | Larry Sanford<br>(970) 218-5356<br><a href="mailto:popslarrys@gmail.com">popslarrys@gmail.com</a>                           |
| August 24-25  | Outdoor Buddies Family Outing at Tarryall Reservoir.                                                                                                    | Outdoor Buddies volunteers will coordinate a variety of activities for members and their families and friends. Overnight camping is encouraged. More information will be provided as the event date nears. | Jim Piper<br>(303) 514-8944<br><a href="mailto:geopros@q.com">geopros@q.com</a>                                             |