



Newsletter

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Check out the latest Outdoor Buddies outdoor adventures!

**Ice Fishing Outing at
Tarryall
Saturday, February 1st**



Come join us for ice fishing at Tarryall State Wildlife Area on Saturday, February 1st!

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a great experience in the Colorado outdoors. Lunch will be provided by Outdoor Buddies volunteers and there will be an ice shelter available. Please bring your own equipment if you have it; otherwise we will have some loaner equipment available. If you are mobility impaired, we will be happy to help you have a fun and safe time on the ice. If you would like to come, please register ahead of time to let us know how many people to expect.



Directions: From Jefferson, go 15 miles southeast on Park County Road 77 to Tarryall Reservoir. Meet at the Outdoor Buddies trailer at the 2nd pier (Phone 719-836-1913).

To register for this event please call or send a text message to Jim Piper at 303.514.8944. When you arrive, please check in at the Outdoor Buddies trailer at the second pier.

**A Beautiful Day for Antelope
Hunting**



My antelope hunt story is behind schedule, but I had to share it. Life spread me out very thin this year, and my antelope hunt was my only hunt this year. Despite holding a deer license I was very much looking forward to, antelope meat is my absolute favorite, so if I had to choose one hunt, antelope would be it. Thanks Outdoor Buddies, I am grateful for that.

We took our camper up this year. Being on site was a lot of fun. We took off our first morning and stumbled across a herd of mule deer. It was at least 10 strong with an impressive buck in the midst. We suspended our hunt for some time and watched the herd cross through the prairie. They were a lot of fun to see.

Later we rounded a corner and spotted a vehicle off in the distance. A couple of fellow hunters were out and working their way towards a small group of antelope. We decided to stay put and glass the action as it unfolded in front of us. Sadly, the hunters were spotted and the antelope moved off. The hunters retreated to their truck and left the area. As we started shifting around, the antelope started moving our direction. We stayed put and, after much patience, I got prepared to shoot at a nice doe. I had her in my cross hairs when my husband counsels me, "It's a bit further than you think. Shoot a little high." I made the adjustment, pulled the trigger and shot just over her back. My poor hubby is still mad at himself about that one! We never got within the range on a couple of choice does I had my eye on. We did get to see lots of bucks fighting. We stopped on several occasions and enjoyed glassing the antelope as they engaged in their annual rituals.

As the sun was setting, we headed back to camp, and I was lucky enough to add Larry to my hunt crew for the next morning. I woke up bright and early, and geared up for a brisk morning hunt with my hubby and Larry. These guys are among my favorite to load into a truck and hunt with. It was a gorgeous sunrise! The sky loaded with oranges and yellows reflecting off the clouds in a sky only a Colorado October morning can make. We went through a few areas, then off all by herself, a doe in a beautiful field stood up. It took a little finagling, but we made our way to a spot that I could step out and take a shot. I hit her just right with the first shot, but she took several steps forward. Having seen these creatures take off for the next state after a good shot, I did not hesitate to shoot again. BOOM, another good hit. I can hear both men in the vehicle saying, "Don't shoot again." I didn't, but I was ready if she didn't

stay put.

After giving her a moment, we made our way into the field. Larry lined us up for the photo op and I will forever remember his "take" on the morning's atmosphere. Larry looked through his camera lens and said, "With the sky and the field, and the beautiful surroundings, inside your mind you can hear "that" music playing. You know what I'm talking about. Music from one of those majestic, outdoor shows. Amazing!" I knew EXACTLY what he was saying. I could even hear the music that he was describing, playing in my head. As the three of us were looking at the photos, sitting in that field, I realized that the music Larry was talking about was different for each of us, and oddly played by the same orchestra somehow. A thing, I think, only hunters and those of us that share the outdoors can relate to. A clear, bold symphony played deep within our minds, unique to each one of us. Shared among us in that moment. It was a great experience to share, that I could not have summed up better. I am forever grateful for these moments, and the people I have met at Outdoor Buddies. I look forward to many more shared experiences with my hunting brethren. Thanks again to each of you that volunteer and donate to make these moments possible.

-Sharon L. Hall
(Better late than never.)



**Outdoor Buddies
Fundraiser Banquet
April 18, 2020**



ANNOUNCING
OUTDOOR BUDDIES
FUNDRAISER BANQUET FOR 2020

Outdoor Buddies, Inc. is proud to invite you, your family, and friends to our annual banquet. The 2020 banquet celebrates **thirty-six years of community service** by Outdoor Buddies.

The banquet will be on **Saturday, April 18, 2020** 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**.



Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center

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

[Buy Tickets Online](#)

[Download Invitation and Mail-In Form](#)

**Become an Outdoor Buddies
 Banquet Sponsor**

Be an integral part of making the 2020 Outdoor Buddies banquet a success by becoming a sponsor!

Outdoor Buddies banquet sponsors are individuals and businesses wishing to partner with Outdoor Buddies in our mission to improve the quality of life by providing outdoor adventure experiences for persons who have been deprived of those opportunities. For some of our participants who have struggled with the overwhelming demands of their disability, the positive experience achieved through Outdoor Buddies programs has been the turning point in giving them hope for the future. Outdoor Buddies provides for access to many of Colorado's special places and shares in the value of outdoor experiences regardless of physical abilities, race, color, creed, religion, sex, or family status.

In addition to showcasing your sponsorship, contributions to Outdoor Buddies are tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal income tax laws.

Outdoor Buddies is offering three levels of sponsorship for the 2019 Fundraiser Banquet.

Platinum Sponsorship \$1,500.00

Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website and Facebook page 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 and Facebook page for three months Acknowledgement and your company logo in the Outdoor Buddies newsletter for three editions 50 bucket raffle tickets for your attendees Your Company logo on the sponsor poster at the banquet Announcements at the banquet

Corporate Sponsorship \$750.00

Admission for ten and a reserved table for ten at the banquet Acknowledgement on the Outdoor Buddies website and Facebook page 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 Announcements at the banquet

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
Or contact Terry by phone at 303-868-2579

In 2019 several Outdoor Buddies members, many from out of Colorado, contacted Terry and he was able to take their credit card info over the phone and get them tickets. Let's keep that going in 2020 and make this the best year ever for raffle sales! 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-five years.

Raffle Items



5 GUN RAFFLE – WINNER TAKE ALL

ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD



Bergara B14 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle



Browning Maxus 12 Gauge Shotgun



Browning X-Bolt Hells Canyon 300 WIN MAG Rifle



Browning X-Bolt 7mm08 w/Leupold Scope Rifle

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



Springfield Hellcat 9mm Pistol

\$100 per ticket

*Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 18, 2020
Do not need to be present to win.*



**GUIDED MOUNTAIN LION HUNT
DONATED BY NOMAD OUTFITTERS**



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

The winner will receive a five-day mountain lion hunt with Damon Larson of Nomad Outfitters, LLC during the 2020-2021 lion hunting season. Hunting will take place in Northwestern CO near and around Grand Junction, Colorado. Damon will provide the hunt itself and Chris Nowak of Outdoor Buddies and Pure Hunting will be one of the guides/cutters. The hunter will need to pay for OTC license, take the short CPW online course, and provide lodging and food for themselves. This is an any legal method of take hunt (rifle, bow, muzzleloader).

\$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100
Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 18, 2020
Do not need to be present to win.



**VORTEX FURY 10X42 LASER
RANGEFINDER BINOCULAR**



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

High quality optics and long-distance ranging capability come together in the Vortex Fury™ HD 10x42 Laser Rangefinding Binocular. Convenience, speed, efficiency, and valuable dual-purpose functionality—all the advantages of a high-definition binocular perfectly paired with an angle compensated rangefinder. Right side controls are simple to use and easily manipulated with a single hand—leaving your other hand free to hold your bow, rifle, or other important piece of equipment. These binoculars retail for \$1,199

Warranty - Lifetime. Unlimited. Unconditional. Vortex will repair or replace the product in the event it becomes damaged or defective. Absolutely free—no matter the cause!

\$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100
Winner to be drawn at Outdoor Buddies Banquet on April 18, 2020
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WIN A \$1,000 CABELA'S GIFT CARD



Use your Cabela's gift card at Cabela's or Bass Pro Shops and let the ones you love get more outdoors. Cabela's gift cards never expire and can be used whether you're shopping in-store or online at cabela.com. When you want to get away from all the hustle in the city, you can go shopping at Cabela's which is an adventure of its own. Get out into the great outdoors. At Cabela's you will always find what you need for hunting, fishing, shooting, boating and camping!

For tickets contact:
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303-868-2579
terrygleason@gmail.com

\$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$50
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**RUGER PRECISION 6.5 CREEDMOOR RIFLE
+ SUPPRESSOR FROM PHOENIX WEAPONRY
+ BURRIS OPTICS VERACITY 4-20X50MM SCOPE**



For tickets contact:
Terry Gleason
303-868-2579
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Ruger built the Precision Gen 3 Bolt-Action Rifle from the ground-up, specifically for long-range, tactical shooting. Comes with a new, free-float M-LOK® handguard that provides greater clearance with large-diameter objective lens. The bolt has three lock lugs, resulting in superior strength and a 10° throw. The Precision MSR buttstock attaches to an AR-style buffer tube on a left-folding hinge, and the stock adjusts for length of pull and comb height. The buttstock features QD sling attachment points, a bottom Picatinny rail and rubber butt pad. The cold-hammer-forged 4140 chromoly steel, medium-contour barrel has SR rifling. The barrel nut enables close tolerance headspacing, and a Marksman Adjustable™ Trigger breaks clean to enhance accuracy.

Phoenix Weaponry has provided one of their top selling suppressors featuring tremendous sound suppression and felt recoil reduction on firearms for a much better shooting experience. Suppressors will require an additional \$200 tax stamp payable to the BATF. Application paperwork, passport size photos and fingerprints can be completed at Phoenix Weaponry and are performed free of charge.

Burris Optics tops off this rifle with the Burris Veracity 4-20x50mm scope which allows target shooters and hunters the same finely tuned precision. This size is perfect for varmint hunting, and any long range hunting adventure. It also doubles very successfully in long range precision shooting.

\$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100
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A Memorable Elk Hunt



My hunt in southern Colorado for Elk was most memorable. After spending most of last year in the hospital fighting cancer I hadn't been able to hunt much at all.

My day started at 6 a.m. when I was met by Robert and Patrick at my motel. We headed out in there Jeep and truck to several locations to look where the elk might be.

After leaving the paved road, a 4 x 4 is a must in the deep snow. After glassing several spots a group of elk, a herd was spotted and the stalk began. On the way in we got stuck several times and had to get pulled out by the second truck making our way up the hill.

We stopped and the elk started going up the following hill. I was hunting with fellow outdoor buddies member named Jay who was in the truck behind me. We both

picked out the one we were to try to get, and with a shot from my 300 Weatherby mag my elk went down. Shortly after, Jay shot and his elk went down also. Now the work starts!

We had to winch the elk up to where we could get it with the truck. It was a great day! Words can't express the happiness in both hunters' experience other than smiles that will last for a long time and meeting new friends. It was the best experience ever.

Thank you Outdoor Buddies, Robert, Patrick and Jay for making this happen.

Roger Duckworth

Reflections on What It Means to "Hunt"



Some of you know him but many don't. Alex Ford (aka F150) attended our first "Spring Fling". The one in which Jim Hood also shot with us then passed away before #2. So we do this in his honor now.

Alex is a US Army Captain currently deployed to Iraq. And according to the news I have watched (Iran) was quite likely used to hearing "incoming" and "all clear" there for a few days. Alex also scouted hard that year, did many "chores" with Jim earning hunting privileges on Red Barn property and finally got his Cow in the deepest darkest hole possible on Dwaine's property. An ATV winch, he and his father, me and Jason and 300' of rope later.... hear he is with his dad and with her.....it was so nasty and cold and windy and snowing that He and his dad skinned her in the barn. Also, the way a Colorado F150 is supposed to look like.

Alex missed hunting in 2019 (and it was the best year ever to miss hunting) as he was deployed. He should return mid March. He will return to Colorado Springs but then, since he deployed his wife has moved their residence to Fort Walton Beach (Elgin AFB) that that will be his next assignment. I've no idea if he can swing attending

Spring Fling.....

For Christmas Alex sent Dwaine and I American Flags that had been flown on a combat mission. Here is the certificate from the one he sent me. I have not yet decided how to honor the flag...fly on special dates and occasions, it becomes the treehouse flag, other. Anyway, I am sharing F150s recent email to me. Many of you were a part of his "experience". Gratitude from a serving soldier is something special.

-Bill Laramore



In a recent email between Uncle Bill and me, I expressed my gratitude for last year's elk hunt – specifically the memories it has brought and carried me through this little adventure I have been on recently. But it dawned on me that in all my reflections, I have not taken the time to sit down and truly express what the word 'hunt' truly means to me. I preface this with the simple statement that when it comes to hunting I am by no means an expert, nor have I been a perfect ethical hunter. I strive to be both.

Over the years I have gathered many great memories of hunting. Pheasant as a young boy with a group of Wyoming uncles I had little in common with. Elk as a teenager, learning the consequences of ignorance. And recently, a myriad of adventures including Javelina with my father. These are a few of the hunts that have defined what hunting means to me. I have realized that the common theme among all of these memories is not the kill, but the adventure. Not the end product, but the journey that got me there. And last year's elk hunt is the epitome of this idea. Though it culminated with a week in the cold with my father, it started many months before with me learning, roaming, and bonding. Here are the things that stick with me the most:

Pulling apart and learning how to troubleshoot a pesky rifle with Doc. The shooting competition to benefit Outdoor Buddies had many great memories, including meeting a lot of great people. But something about the adversity of realizing your rifle has been neglected for years and needs someone to sit me down and show me the way.

Meeting up with Billy for a beer, to learn about the different areas in the National

Forest. It is incredible how the whole group took me under their wing. It takes a lot for a hunter to share their intel on good spots and 'honey holes', but Billy jumped at the opportunity to impart both on me.

Sneaking and crawling with my dad through the dark, the cold, and the wet grass, to put my crosshairs on a monster bull named Sampson. All to not pull the trigger. I still don't truly know why I didn't. My gut tells me it was the crowd of 'ladies' running behind him. My heart tells me I was just enjoying the moment and he exploited that minute to get away.

Driving 'around the block' with Uncle Bill on many occasions. I am sure I outstayed my welcome on more than one occasion, but the time spent down in Westcliffe taught me a lot about the hard work, dedication, and ethics of being a good person and a virtuous hunter.

Late nights huddled over my kitchen table looking at maps and historical data. This mostly thanks to my wife Brooks for her patience with my late night mumblings, my constant fever to be in the 'elk woods', and for letting me leave maps strewn about for months on end.

Wandering around the backwoods of the National Forest with my backpack and some trail cameras. The most eventful being after the hunting, trudging up 2,000 feet of elevation through 2 feet of snow to find the tree my trail camera was on had been struck and knocked over by lightning.

Stacking bales of hay with Jim, while he reminisced about many past hunts. I spent many hours over at the various Hood locales, mounting taxidermy, chopping wood, stacking hay, and above all else, hearing stories of the valley and its people. Jim was such a strong lover of all things in the valley, and I feel very blessed that I had the opportunity to hear some stories and help out with things.

These are the things that make a hunt for me. I am beyond grateful that I am able to feed my family and be closer to nature and my food. But above all else, the hunt is about the experience and the people you meet along the way. Thank you to everyone who helped me along the way. Not only have you helped me through the last few months away, but you have made me a better man and a better hunter.

-Alex (F150)



Upcoming Events

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.

February 1

Jim Piper
(303) 514-8944
geopros@q.com

Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors Meeting at the Cabelas in Thornton

Board meeting starting at 6:30pm. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance

February 11

Dwaine Robey
(303) 877-8584
dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org

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 and youth, except for "back-up" shooters.

March 21

Larry Sanford
(970) 218-5356
popslarrys@gmail.com

Outdoor Buddies 2020 Banquet Hyatt Regency Conference Center 13200 East 14th Place, Aurora.

Mark your calendar.

Annual fundraiser banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center.

April 18

Nick Filler
(719) 359-3641
nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org

Spring Hunter Sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.

Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:00 AM.

April 25

Bill Gowdy
(303) 489-9411
billgowdy@msn.com

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.

June 7

Larry Sanford
(970) 218-5356
popslarrys@gmail.com

**Summer Hunter Sight-in at
Green Mill Sportsman's Club
2490 County Rd 3, Erie.**

Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:00 AM.

July 25

Bill Gowdy
(303) 489-9411
billgowdy@msn.com

**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.

August 22-23

Jim Piper
(303) 514-8944
geopros@q.com

**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

September 12

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Non-board members are welcome. Please RSVP in advance.

Meetings are held from **6:30pm-8:30pm** at the locations and dates below.

Feb 11 - Lone Tree Cabela's

Mar 10 - Thornton Cabela's

Apr TBD - (Banquet Planning) [HYATT REGENCY AURORA-DENVER CONFERENCE CENTER](#)

May 12 - Lone Tree Cabela's

June 9 - Thornton Cabela's

July 14- Lone Tree Cabela's

Aug 11 - Thornton Cabela's

Sept 8 - Lone Tree Cabela's

Oct - None

Nov 10 - Thornton Cabela's

Dec 8 - Lone Tree Cabela's

Event Calendar

<https://outdoorbuddies.org/>

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