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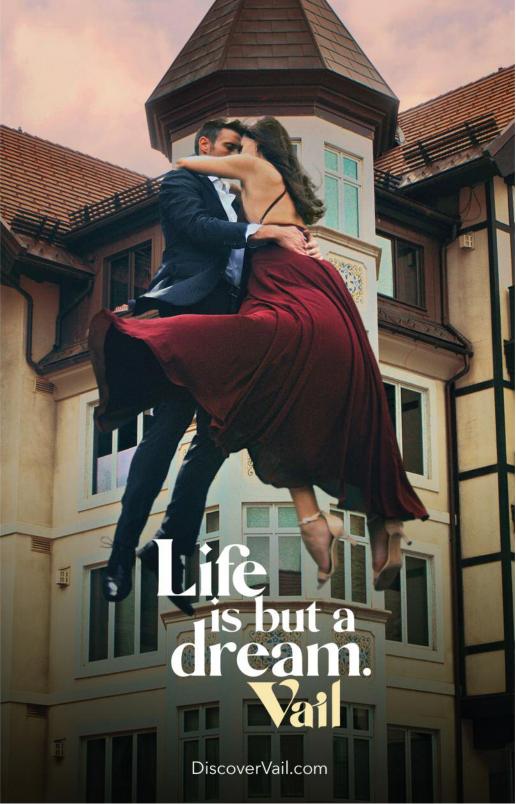


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Welcome

to the 50th Anniversary of the Vail Lacrosse Shootout!

HEN FLIP AND JIM STARTED this adventure they had no idea where it would lead. It let out of Aspen, into Vail, and into 50 years of lacrosse history with more to come. We are happy to celebrate this milestone year with all of our families, participants, coaches, trainers and staff. Our teams and staff are the air that keeps the tournament tires pumped up and we thank you for attending and hope you have a wonderful experience on and off the field.

Once again we will be streaming 4 days of the event live for *free* so be sure to tell your family and friends to tune in if they can't be here in person. Please see our website at www.vaillacrosse.com for details on streaming dates and times.

Please beware that parking is always an issue in town. There is free parking in the parking structures with shuttles accessing all the fields in Vail. Parking at Ford Park is \$10 and is accessed at the East end of the Ford Park venue on the frontage road. Parking at the Athletic/Rugby field is limited to staff and a very limited number of paid spots. Note that you will be at 8150' above sea level and hydrating before arriving is very important whether you are playing or not.

We would like to thank our sponsors at the Town of Vail, Alpine Banks, Epoch Lacrosse and Peak Sports Travel. As always, please take a moment to thank our incredible volunteer staff members and trainers who work this event for the love of the game, hopefully 10 beautiful days in Vail, great memories and a new T shirt.

We must acknowledge our tournament coordinator supreme, Connie Streich, for putting up with us all year round and keeping track of all things tournament related. After many, many years of support, aggravation, and constant weekends on her computer, she will transition out of her normal role to spend more time with her family and her beloved husband Buck. We wish them well on the many new adventures they will enjoy. Thank you does not even begin to convey how much you mean to all of us.

From Flip in the 25th anniversary program, "I hope we will grow, change, and continue to be a standard for all other tournaments. I hope that someone from one of these new generations will embrace the Shootout and tend to its future. I hope the 50th anniversary will be the love festival that the 25th was. I hope the 2022 edition will have super masters players who played in the 1998 eighth-grade Chumash tournament. I hope we'll all be there, together, one more time."

Well, here we are and let the lacrosse love fest begin. Here's to the next 25. Love and gratitude to our spouses, Maureen, Kathy and Cindy, who once again send us up the hill for the 50th year in a row. We hope you all have a fantastic week.

Tournament Directors Jim, David and Brian



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June 2022

Congratulations to the Vail Lacrosse Shootout on celebrating 50 years in 2022. We are so excited to welcome you back and celebrate the legacy that the Shootout has created in Vail over the last 50 years. Whether this is your first trip to the shootout or your 50th, we welcome you to the Vail family. It is always such a treat seeing teams and families returning to Vail year after year, growing up in Vail, and returning for ski vacations.

Under blue skies more than 300 days each year, Vail is an extraordinary mountain resort destination. The vacation experience is exceptional, from the awe-inspiring terrain and natural beauty of the surrounding Gore and Sawatch Ranges to world-class events, activities and festivals, shops and spas, and the abundant culinary experiences and luxurious accommodations that line the pedestrian-friendly streets of Vail Village and Lionshead Vail is where outdoor pursuits meet village sophistication. Offering more than 5,200 acres of developed ski and snowboard terrain including seven legendary Back Bowls in winter, and flourishing with new summer activities at Epic Discovery, the options for year-round adventure are endless. Coupled with the vision inherent in the spirit of Vail's founders, and a modern-day commitment to excellence in all aspects of guest service, operations and sustainability, Vail is a mountain resort like nothing on earth.

While you are here, enjoy the full lineup of events and activities to keep you busy during your trip. We also have some great new restaurants and shops to check out. We encourage you to get out and explore the environment around Vail on hikes, bike rides or on the water and to learn about our stewardship practices of Leave No Trace. Check out www.discovervail.com for all your information about events, activities, shopping, dining, hiking, environmental stewardship and more. We highly recommend you plan your trip and activities early, including restaurant reservations or to-go meals to avoid surprises of long wait times. Our restaurants are working incredibly hard to serve all interested guests but many are still seeing some interruptions of staffing or supplies due to COVID-19.

The Vail America Days celebration is bringing back the parade this year with the theme, Red, White and Blues. The parade will roll through both Vail Village and Lionshead starting at 10:00 am. Also returning is the Dallas Symphony Orchestra to present the Bravo! Vail Patriotic Concert at the Ford Amphitheater, with gates opening at 12:30 p.m. and the performance at 2:00 p.m. Visit www.BravoVail.com for ticket information. New for 2022, the Town of Vail will be hosting a drone show over Vail Mountain, replacing the fireworks show. We are very excited about this new technology that will allow us to light up the sky in a safer and more environmentally sustainable way. The drone show will be viewable from all across town and will take place in the same section of sky as the old fireworks shows. Check out www.DiscoverVail.com/4th for info on the parade and maps of the drone show viewing areas.

On behalf of all of us at the Town of Vail, we welcome you and wish you an enjoyable stay. Also, we invite you to be our guests during the winter season for some incredible skiing and riding.

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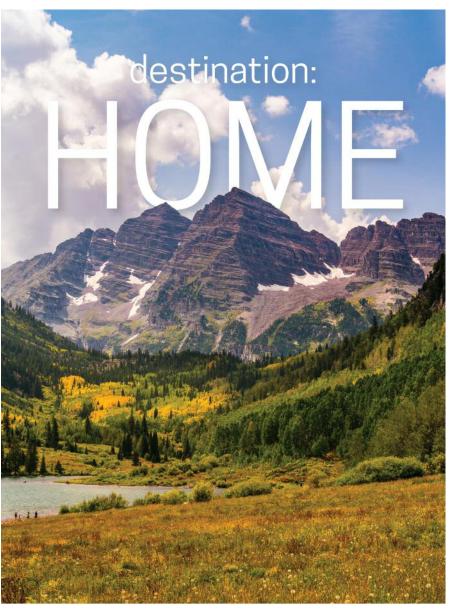
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By Garrett Fitzgerald

HERE ARE DUELING lead storylines for the 2022 Vail Lacrosse Shootout Men's Elite Division, and both are cause for celebration. First and most importantly, the fact that we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the

Vail Lacrosse Shootout is nothing short of amazing. We commend the Tournament Founders for accomplishing something (we assume) they never antici-

pated when the first Shootout Champion was crowned back in '73

Second, after years of trials, tribulations, re-openings, re-closings, masks, vaccines, canceled games/seasons/tournaments, and a whole bunch of other things nobody knew

existed in 2019—we can say (with crossed fingers) that there will be a semblance of normalcy for the 2022 Men's Elite Division! Wow—it's good to be back!

Honestly, at the moment, it's hard to know which one is more of a reason to celebrate. We'll likely look back and applaud the 50th Men's Elite Champions with longer-lasting respect in the grand scheme of things. Alternatively, the pandemic has been so impactful to so many that this year's victors may likely endure a beer shower a bit wetter continued on page 9





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than in years past. Ah - you know what, it's always good to have two reasons to celebrate, so please join us in honoring the great legacy of this Tournament and its well-timed return to glory.

Mohawk Tile was the 2021 Shootout Champions and looks to defend their crown as the early favorites at the top of Pool A. The Team was impressive during Championship Bracket play last year, outscoring their opponents by a combined twenty-one goals in the final three rounds and steamrolling their way to their first Vail Shootout Title. With a roster that definitely "looks the part," Mohawk Tile has as good of a chance as anyone to dust this year's field and shoot for the first back-to-back Championship run since Lacrosseware's streak in the mid to late 2010s.

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Returning to the Vail Lacrosse Shootout for the first time since 2018, P.J. Landaiche's Team Vestria/Lacrosseware is the odds-on favorite to take home the 50th Anniversary Men's Elite Title. This squad is as good as the Shootout out has ever seen, winning five straight championships from 2014 to 2018, and has lifted the Flip Cup seven times in total. Landaiche's return is a welcome one and is another beautiful sign of society's return to normalcy; however, it may not be so nice for the rest of the field. Look for some very high-level lacrosse out of Team Vestria/Lacrosseware, who are favored to come out as Pool B winners.

Texas Forever may be light on Vail Shootout history, but if last year's performance was an indication, this Team has all the right pieces for immediate success at the Shootout. Texas Forever's second-place finish last year was remarkable. The Tournament's location, short format, and unique rules generally require a team to have some Vail "seasoning" to get to the final four, let alone the Championship game; this Team said: "we'll do what

we want" en route to the 2021 Championship game. Could Texas Forever take home a Vail Shootout Title with one year under their belts? You bet, and if the rest of the teams don't come prepared, the Shootout could see first-time Champions two years in a row as Texas Forever is the #1 seed of Pool C

Perennial tournament participants, DLL Oysters, have been playing, in one form or another, at the Shootout for longer than some of the players on its roster have likely been alive. For as long and impressive as the Oyster's participation streak is, their ability to remain amongst the Tournament's top-tier teams is

perhaps even more special. While a Championship has been elusive for this Colorado bunch, they have more final four appearances and top-three finishes than the rest of the field combined. The top seed of Pool D, 2022 could absolutely be a title year for the DLL Oysters.

As if there was more reason needed to celebrate, how about a 10th anniversary? Shootout mainstays, The Big Green Herd, are returning for their tenth Tournament and are a pleasure to have back! Happy Tin Anniversary! One of the most consistently talented Shootout teams, seven straight final fours have included BGH. The Herd will have some work to do to advance, but it's fully expected they will be back in the semi-finals when the dust settles.

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1	Mohawk Tile	5/1		
2	Team Vestria/Lacrossewear	3/1		
3	Texas Forever	5/1		
4	DLL Oysters	5/1		
5	Big Green Herd	5/1		
6	Black Seals	8/1		
7	FCA	8/1		
8	Lowkey Boys	15/1		
9	Sons of Joe	15/1		
10	Silver Bullets	15/1		
11	Nutchasers	25/1		
12	Rocky Mountain Rogue	25/1		
13	10th Mountain Lacrosse	25/1		
(note: odds were made prior to finalized rosters)				

included BGH. The Herd will have some work to do to advance as the leaders of their Pool, but it's fully expected they will be back in the semi-finals when the dust settles.

Now, everyone's favorite part of the program – let's meet the teams!

Mohawk Tile

The men of the Tile are back to defend what took them 7 years in the making. Finally hoisting and drinking a Coors Light out of the Flip Cup was all they arrived for and now, the stakes have never been higher to chase it again. It only takes 4 games to achieve it, but we all know only the wicked make it through all 4 days without a loss. With a roster of former and current D1 talent, stemming from schools such as Drexel, Penn state, Loyola, UNC, and Delaware, familiar faces and some newcomers will once again make the journey back 8,150' for the greatest event in sports. With a roster of fresh legs, veteran leadership and seasoned mountain men, we look to once again take this group of scrappers to become Men's elite champions.

Nutchasers

The Nutchasers return to Vail and are excited to compete again and celebrate the tourney's 50th

anniversary. This team is a solid group of mostly D3 guys who just love playing lax. There are several returning players from the 2021 team and a few new faces. We even have a couple guys joining us who played at Vail back in their day. Starting with the first possession to the final go, look for them to be a possession valuing team on offense and look for the defense to be aggressive but still disciplined. Oh and yeah... their unis are still killer!

Sons of Joe

Sons of Joe is back for the second year with a rejuvenated squad and some fresh legs for 2022. While Sons of Joe stems from Army Lacrosse and coach Joe Alberici, the team is far from it. With the alias of "Friends of Friends," the team is sprinkled with players from all around the country and looking to make a splash in this year's tournament. The team would like to thank Heather Faircloth for her continued support to the team.

Rocky Mountain Rogue

The first generation of Rocky Mountain Rogue began in August of 2014 when a number of Denver Elite Club players wanted to continue to play in tournaments even after the club season ended. With the blessing of the club coaches and their parents, Rocky Mountain Rogue was born. The then tenth-grade young men were in charge of designing uniforms and developing the team roster. They played in two tournaments as Rocky Mountain Rogue, winning the Championship at the Rocky Mountain Cup in 2014 and in 2015 placing second. The next year they graduated and off to college they went! Fast forward three years later to 2019 when an opportunity came up to play together again they took it, however, the next generation of Rogue looks slightly different. Dropped is the "Rocky Mountain" from the team name. The uniforms have been redesigned, and the roster has expanded to include college teammates. The players of Rogue represent every division in men's lacrosse; MCLA, DI, DII, and DIII, (even the

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CCBLL), and colleges coast to coast! The players are already talking about playing in this tournament when they can be Zen Masters! Looking forward to Vail—Go ROGUE!"

DLL Oysters

The Oysters are back in action yet again for another run at glory. We are incredibly excited to announce our partnership with the Denver Lacrosse League (www.DenverLacrosse-League) this year! The DLL Oysters has a nice ring to it.

Typical Oyster staples including Ryan La-Plante, Zach Runberg, Nick Phillips, Wilkins Dismuke, and of course our fearless leader Logan "Don" Bobzien will be back on the pitch. After another year of winning 3rd place, the Oysters are still seeking a shot at the championship. Do they pull off the victory in year #1 of the DLL partnership? Will Zach Runberg bring enough hair gel for the long weekend? Can Taylor Young run the



full length of the field? Does Logan Bobzien still have anything left in the tank (spoiler alert – he does). The DLL Oysters look forward to answering the bell on these questions and are proud to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the shootout!

Big Green Herd

Back for their 10th year, The Big Green Herd (of Bulldogs) returns to Vail, seeking to win

both on and off the field. BGH will have a relatively new-look between a group of Vail Veterans mixed with talented newcomers from Dartmouth, Yale, and Denver. The attack unit will be quarterbacked by former BGH Rookie of the Year, Matt Paul, and former CT Hammerhead. Ben Martin. Defensively, The Herd will be anchored by: Deguzman, O'Connor, and Craft, complemented by lock-down defenders: Lipkin, Ambrose, and Menendez between the lines. Dylan Burke will lead a diverse and deep Midfield unit from the X and his valuable 2-way contribu-



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tions. Danny Hincks is back in the cage and primed for a big shootout performance. BGH would like to thank our loyal sponsors: Shakedown Bar, String it Up, and Nose Tork, for all of their support.

Lowkey Boys

The Lowkey Boys are excited to be back in attendance for a second year in a row at the 50th annual Vail Shootout. We couldn't pass up the opportunity to play lacrosse in an unbelievable atmosphere like this tournament provides. Our team will be led by three current college players who are fortunate enough to have one extra year of eligibility. Sean Goldsmith (Attack), the all time leader in points and goals at Mercer University, will be transferring to play at UNC, Ashton Wood (FOGO), is a multiple time all SOCON member at Mercer University, and Hunter Vines (Midfield) is a top player and multiple time all SOCON member at High Point University. We look forward to another great few days in Vail!

Silver Bullets

The Silver Bullets are making their second

appearance in the Elite division. Last year, they won the loser bracket. They are back this year and are setting their sights on winning it all in the 50th Vail Shootout. The Bullets are young and bring together a talented group of men who played together growing up in Denver. They are now at DU, UNC, Notre Dame. Bryant, Hobart,

Canisius, and a few other college programs. They have a crafty attack led by Jake Taylor and Lance Tillman. The midfield featuring Jackson Naylor, TK Hammond, Bobby Balzer, Jacob Brunner, the Edells, and Marcus Trujillo are quick and love to score in transition. Jack DiBenedetto, Kevin Eells, AJ Mercurio, and Brody Rule are the foundation of the defense that plays in front of Jack Thompson in goal. Expect lots of action and enjoyable memories from their high powered offense and formidable defense. The Silver Bullets are definitely a team to watch on the field and watch out for in Vail in the evenings.

10th Mountain Lacrosse

10th Mountain Lacrosse is back for its econd year in the Vail Shootout. 10th Mountain Lacrosse was started 4 years ago here in the Vail Valley as a HS club team and has worked hard to grow the game of lacrosse here in the mountains of Colorado. This 10th Mountain Elite team is a product of that hard work by the local mountain lacrosse boys! Another year of experience playing in college will set these local mountain players up to surprise some of

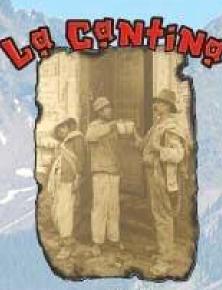




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the perennial Shootout powers. These local alumni from VMS, Battle Mountain High School, Eagle Valley High School, and Summit High School are the first generation of mountain kids to play lacrosse in college. Playing at schools like Westminster University(UT), Mesa State University(CO), Adams State(CO), Lynn University(FL), Cornell College(IA), Northern Ohio(OH), CU Boulder(CO), North Dakota State(ND), RPI(NY), Seton Hill(PA), Montana State (MT) and Howard CC(MD). After an entire tournament of close games last year, these guys are hungry for their first Vail Shootout Elite division win. I would not sleep on them!

Black Seals

The Black Seals are excited to be back in action for the 50th year of the Vail Shootout. A lot of analysis went into crafting the Seals roster this year. The managers had to ask some hard hitting questions prior to making the squad. Can they keep up with the guys born after the year 2000? Can their wit, charm, and rugged good looks make up for their aging style? Did Jimmy Spillane finally graduate from college? The world may never

know. What is known though. is the dedication to friendship and trust by all of the returners. Guys like Drew Lazar. Sam Tackett. Spencer Bell, John Mozrall, Sean Traynor, Chris Becker, Erik Jackobze. and Walker Hare are now staples of the tournament. Alec Sovocool and Alex

Maruna are back after taking some time off to find themselves amid the changing of the winds.

As always, the Seals bring back their forerunners Ben Tackett and Jon Berg along with the team's catalyst JD Hall for another year of trying to stay relevant. With many years under their belt, all of them hope to pass on some knowledge to the young bloods joining the roster. The newcomers they hope to influence are Noah Bruno, Dylan Bruno, Alex Pryzbilla, Connor Seibel, Zach Gagnon, Tanner Winklemann, and Christian Bassi.

A few of the Seals have a National Championship, some even have two, but the one title that has evaded the crew is the covenant, Vail Shootout Championship. Could this be the year? Will the mix of smoke and mirrors be enough to make a run? Will Jimmy Spillane ever get tired of taking faceoffs against kids half his age? We will find out soon enough.

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Team Vestria/Lacrossewear is competing in its 20th Vail Shootout. Our Team mission is always to maintain a consistent focus on community involvement and philanthropy in addition to academic and athletic endeavors. In keeping with our mission to promote institutions committed to finding a cure for all forms of cancer and to support the families the disease affects, Team

Vestria/Lacrossewear this year has aligned with an exceptional organization—**HEAD-strong Foundation.** The many colors you see on our uniforms represent cancer awareness and serve as a visible reminder of efforts seeking to end this disease. Each year is another step closer to a cure!

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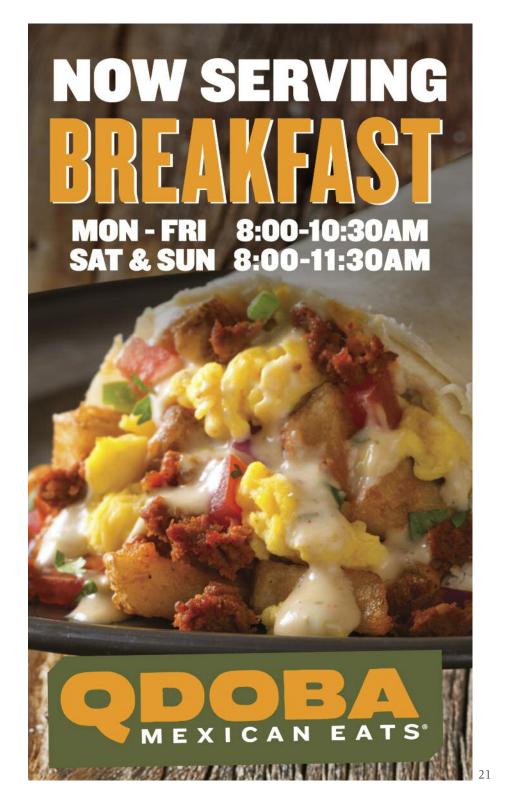
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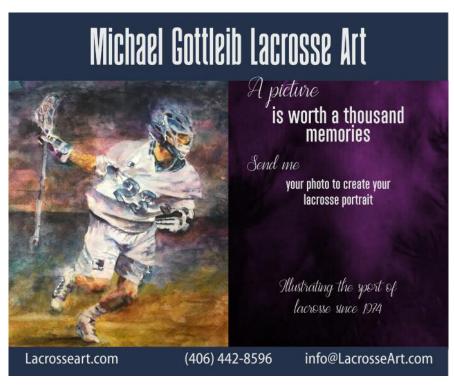
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lives affected by the disease. His vision was simple yet critical helping real families when they need it most and providing support to families that they may live with a greater dignity and normalcy. HEADstrong invests more than \$.90 of every dollar into a service-offering that is 100% committed to improving the quality of life for families affected by cancer. The organization has assisted more than 20,000 families, having raised upwards to \$24 Million dollars since inception. To donate, get involved or learn more please visit www.HEADstrong.org. Follow HEADstrong Foundation on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at @HEADstrongFnd. ■





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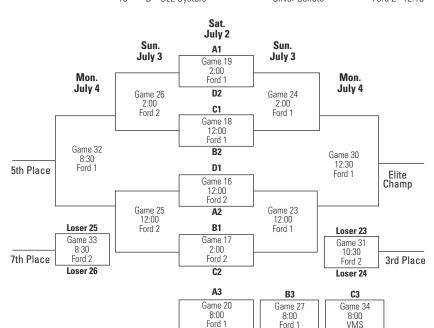
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By Gina Feldt



S WE CELEBRATE THE 50TH YEAR of the Vail Lacrosse Shootout, we are preparing for the 39th year of the Women's division! We thank you for returning for another year

of playing in the Rockies and for joining us in this elite tournament here in Vail. We appreciate seeing players con-

tinue to love the sport and keep up with the game past their high school and college years. While it is easy to hang up your stick, goggles, and cleats after graduating, this is a pretty awesome sport to continue showing your love of the game.

This year's teams are a mix of college athletes, club teams, coaches, and women

who simply adore lacrosse. We will see a few new teams this year, including a squad all the way from Australia. Houston is bringing a new club team, along with Sky-Fire, a club team from southern California. Returning teams are long time participants 5th Beers, Front Range Lax (aka Jammin Salmonettes), Ripsaw, Renegades, and CO Laxers. Win or Booze is coming in as the top seed, hoping to pull off a victory this year after a disappointing second-place finish last year. With new teams in the bracket, they will have to work hard to stay on top.

This tournament holds a special place



in our hearts, and we hope it does for you too. We enjoy watching these athletes play year after year, some returning after playing in the U19 division. Thank you for your continued support of the Vail Lacrosse Shoutout. Good luck on the field and have a great time when you're off. This is a fun place to be for the next four days! Embrace it!

Australia

The team is made up of players from Perth, Adelaide, and Melbourne. Our squad was formed before COVID-19 with plans to play in the 2021 ASPAC Championship in New Zealand, but unfortunately the event was cancelled due to the pandemic. Our time together has been at squad camps, and this is our first tournament as a team. Our second tournament will be after Vail, at the World Festival in Towson, MD. In previous Vail Shootouts, a few Australian men's teams have attended and a few individual Australian women players competed on teams, but this is our first women's team to attend. We are excited to compete in the Elite Division.

CO Laxers

The CO Laxers are back, but as a whole new team!! We have a big chunk of players from Colorado or who played in Colorado at some point in their lives! We have a wide range of players, many of which do not know each other. Some players are coming back for their second time, but the majority are coming to Vail for their first time! We are hoping to mesh on the field and have fun while playing the sport we love.

5th Beers

We are a team full of recent and not so recent grads from the Division 1 and Division 2 levels. Some of us are newbies, others have been here for several years. We are just looking to get out on the field again, have some fun, drink some beer, and play some lacrosse in the Vail sunshine!

HULC – Houston United Lacrosse Club

The Houston United Lacrosse Club (HULC) is making its entrance for the first time this





highly competitive it is. We originated in Colorado, but we have expanded to adding new players to the team. We got our name because a "Renegade" is typically a rebel, and somebody who wants to compete against others and win. This team is a lot of college coaches, standout college players, and some players who just fit in with us well. Our team comes from NY, CO, OR, CA, TX,

Vail because of how

MN, and WI. We want this tournament to be fun and show everybody what our teamcontinued on page 30

year at the Vail Lacrosse Shootout. HULC is a club organization in Houston, Texas composed of former high school and collegiate athletes who have a passion for playing and growing the sport. We are looking forward to a fun weekend of lacrosse while spending time with retired teammates, family, and new friends.

Front Range Lax

Front Range Lax is a smattering of Denver's local rec league all-stars, joining forces to represent washed up athletes from the Front Range and beyond. From young guns hailing from the east coast to our washed-up west coast athletes, we are looking forward to donning our festive unis and showing off our slightly above average lacrosse skills.

Renegades

The Renegades are beyond excited to take Vail, we have competed in other tournaments before and made some adjustments to continue to do well in



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mates can do. We also just want to make fun memories on the field. Our expectations are to never give up until the end and do well. This is our second year at the tournament but not our first one in the tournament world.

Ripsaw

Ripsaw is returning to Vail for the second time. We are a group in our late twenties and early thirties from Universities across Ohio (yes, Ohio!). The views, Vail Village, and the opportunity to push our bodies, and livers, beyond their limit keep us coming back. Cheers!

SkyFire

The SkyFire Lacrosse Club is debuting its Women's Lacrosse Chapter this summer in Vail, Colorado. Initially a Men's Box Lacrosse Program, ownership noticed the same LOCAL problem in Women's Lacrosse, as there was in Men's Box: NOT ENOUGH

LOCAL PLAYING OPTIONS! So, we started a Women's Chapter to address all things, Lacrosse! The main demand is currently Women's Field Lacrosse, so it's priority number one for SkyFire LC Women's. The roster for Vail is composed of Southern Californians, as well as talent from neighboring states, and even other regions of the country. At least a third of the roster is returners, who played in the tournament last year, and played together on the same team. Almost half the roster plays/coaches together or against each other in Southern California. Rising college freshman, current NCAA athletes, post collegiate veterans, and coaches of all levels; SkyFire LC Women's will be bringing a roster full of women who are all looking to play some high-level lacrosse at a high altitude. We're humbled and grateful to be involved, but also eager to play and show what we can do. See you all in Vail!

Win or Booze (WOBZ)

Our team is compiled of a bunch of kids who just love to compete and play the game of lacrosse. Many of us played or are still playing in NCAA lacrosse all over the country. Some of us know each other from our high school days in Colorado, and some of us are teammates we have gained from college. Some of us even met through this Vail tournament and are now lifelong friends. We are a mix of all kinds of people just trying to have a good time at our favorite tournament as





this tourney has highlighted most of our summers for the past 6 or 7 years. We're a competitive team and we play hard on the field but at the end of the day we're here to make some friends and have a blast doing this crazy game we all somehow fell head over heels for. Our name is Win Or Booze which represents both our competitive side and our fun side, but you'll likely hear us referred to as WOBZ, partially because the jersey company only allowed four letters

but mainly now because due to that technical error, we fell in love with that weird little title that fit our weird, mismatched group perfectly. WOBZ! ■



Women's Elite Schedule

The play for the first two days is round-robin pool play. Play continues the next two days with bracket play. The semi-final games are on Day 3 with the winning teams playing for the Shootout title on the last day.

	ams seeded order)	Pool A Win or Booze
	Win or Booze Australia	SkyFire Renegades
	5th Beers	Pool B Australia
4. 5.	Front Range Lax Ripsaw	Ripsaw
	SkyFire	HULC Pool C
7.	U	5th Beers
8. 9.	HULC CO Laxers	Front Range Lax
J.	CO Laxers	CO Laxers

Friday, July 1, Pool Play — Vail Athletic

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Time	Pool	Visitor	Home
8:30	В	Ripsaw	HULC
9:40	С	Front Range Lax	CO Laxers
10:50	В	Australia	HULC
12:00	С	5th Beers	CO Laxers
1:10	В	Australia	Ripsaw
2:20	C	5th Beers	Front Range Lax

Friday, July 1, Pool Play — Edwards

Time	Pool	Visitor	Home
8:00	Α	SkyFire	Renegades
9:30	Α	Win or Booze	Renegades
11:00	Α	Win or Booze	SkyFire

Re-seed teams based on finish in Pool Play from the first day for the next round of games. This will allow games against unique opponents. The new pools will be D, E, F.

Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
1st Place A	1st Place B	1st Place C
2nd Place C	2nd Place A	2nd Place B
3rd Place B	3rd Place C	3rd Place A

Saturday, July 2

Time	Pool	Visitor	Home	Field
8:30	D	D3	D2	Athletic
9:40	Ε	E3	E2	Athletic
10:50	D	D1	D3	Athletic
12:00	Ε	E1	E3	Athletic
1:10	D	D1	D2	Athletic
2:20	Ε	E1	E2	Athletic
Time	Pool	Visitor	Home	Field
8:00	F	F2	F3	Edwards
9:30	F	F1	F3	Edwards
11:00	F	F1	F2	Edwards

Placement in bracket is based on overall Pool Play from days one and two.

Ties for 1-2-3 are broken with Pool A then B then C because that is where the higher teams were originally seeded.

Ties for 4-5-6 are based on Pool C then B then A. Ties for 7-8-9 are based on Pool B then A then C.

Sunday, July 3

Time	Game	Visitor	Home	Field			
8:30	1	4th Place	5th Place	Athletic			
9:40	2	2nd Place	3rd Place	Athletic			
10:50	3	8th Place	7th Place	Athletic			
12:00	4	1st Place	Winner G1	Athletic			
1:10	5	9th Place	6th Place	Athletic			

Monday, July 4

Games 8-9-10 are 20-minute games.

These 3 teams will play 2-halves, but each half will be against a different opponent.

Each of the 3 teams will play 2 short games in this mini round robin.

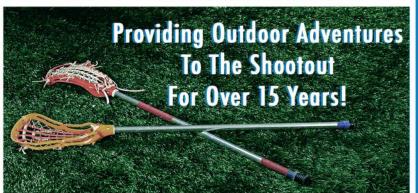
IIme	Game	visitor	Home	rieia		
8:00	6	Loser G2	Loser G4	Athletic		
9:00	7	Winner G3	Winner G5	Athletic		
10:00	8	Loser G1	Loser G3	Athletic		
10:30	9	Loser G3	Loser G5	Athletic		
11:00	10	Loser G1	Loser G5	Athletic		
Championship Game						
10:30	11	Winner G2	Winner G4	Ford Field		





















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U19 Boys Division

By Pat Gartland and Steve Bridges

he 26th annual edition of the U19 Boy's Division Tournament coincides with the festivities surrounding the Vail Lacrosse **Shootout's 50th Anniversary.** This is also the nineteenth time we will honor the memory of Dr. Tom Watts, who along with our friends Flip Naumburg and Paul Shearer will be watching over the celebration from that peaceful lacrosse pitch in the heavens. All three have shared in, and took great pride in, the stature of this division of the Shootout and the growth of lacrosse in the Mountain West. We join in the Shootout's pride that this Division of the tournament has come to share the sterling reputation of the original and has developed into a mythical National Championship with star-studded teams from every region of the country competing for bragging rights to what we modestly feel has become the most coveted annual U19 Championship in the U.S. Leaders and coaches from many top clubs and programs have told us that their organizations view the Vail Shootout

U19 championship as their program's pinnacle goal each year. Over the Memorial Day weekend, we watched many Shootout U19 alums playing major roles for the teams making runs at the NCAA Championships in all Divisions.

In keeping with our tradition, Thursday's games will be held on Ford Field, with the Gore Range and Maple Leaf Glacier to the east furnishing the perfect backdrop for these exciting finals, team pictures for the winners, and the naming of the U19 All Star Team. Because of last-minute no-shows, we will have only six teams vying for the title. We know that Dr. Tom would be impressed by the quality of these teams and the outstanding talent and balance of all of this year's entries. Although we have only six teams this year, the teams represent the entire country, literally from coast to coast and border to border. Almost all of the eight have a significant number of NCAA commits, and all seem to have a legitimate shot to compete in the championship game.

This year's field of teams finds three of the top ten finishers from 2021 returning to compete. Returning this year is the ADRLN Tropics team which was disappointed in their third place finish last year. Jono Zisi's California-based boys took it all in 2019 after a third-place finish in 2018. They come back loaded with experience and primed for another run at the title and an additional

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plaque on the Watts Travelling Trophy. Team Colorado, which finished a disappointing fifth last year. hopes to be in the thick of the championship hunt again this year. Last year's seventh place finisher, Wasatch Lacrosse Club, returns from neighboring Utah. The Wasatch boys not only get better each year, but consistently lead the tournament in cool uniforms.

The remaining teams are a mixture of national and locally based teams. A few are young, but all bring a number of NCAA commits. Based on early estimates, the championship bracket of the tournament could be a real dogfight. Three of the teams are new to this division of the Shootout although the names are familiar as are the leaders of these squads. Most are coached or sponsored by names familiar to the Shootout's U-19 regulars. Mark Berutich brings the **Midwest Mavericks** to Vail featuring primarily top recruits from Midwest-

ern high School Play and flavored with players from around the country. J. Birkencamp along with Guy Cerasoli and Peter Schaeffer, names familiar to Colorado LAX aficionados, bring 3X, a team comprised of Denver area players who are continuing their lacrosse exploits at the college level. Primarily Colorado players, they look to compete strongly on the right side of the bracket. Finally, Sean Morris returns with team Laxachusetts after a two-year hiatus. U19 fans will remember the strong competition of the boys in green including a championship several years back. This team, comprised primarily of Massachusetts players, always plays at a high level.

Opening day will feature three-team round robin play in two conferences (seeded on the basis of last year's finish and recent performance) in Edwards. The final 3 days of games will be held at **Ford Field** with the Gore Range as a backdrop. Join us

there as teams from across the country vie for team glory and to see many of the college stars of the next four years compete for the Dr. Tom Watts Trophy and what has become the mythical annual championship of high school lacrosse in the U.S. We can't promise another set of double overtime thrillers in the final two games as we witnessed five years ago, but the level of competition again promises to be heated-perhaps the best ever.





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Each team will play all other members of its pool. Play will start at 3:00 p.m. The games will consist of 20 minute running halves with a five-minute halftime. The clock will stop for the last minute of the game if the score is within 3 goals. One timeout per half is permitted. Overtime periods are four minutes with a one-minute intermission. Penalties are 11/2 times normal length due to the running clock. All other rules are NFHS rules. Games will be concluded if within the last five minutes one team leads by more than 5 goals.

All games in the remainder of the tourney will be 12 minute stopped time quarters using the NFHS Rules including the 20 second midfield clear rule and the 10-second offensive area rule. Sticks will be checked and must comply with NFHS rules.

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Pool A ADRLN Tropics 3X Wasatch Wasatch Midwest Mavericks Laxachusetts

Day 1 — Monday, June 27 Home team wears light jerseys

POOL A — Battle Mountain H.S.

Game	e Home	Visitor	Time
1	ADRLN Tropics	Wasatch	3:00
2	Wasatch	3X	4:00
3	3X	ADRLN Tropics	5:00

POOL B — Edwards

Game	Home	Visitor	Time
4	Team Colorado	Midwest Mavericks	3:00
5	Midwest Mavericks	Laxachusetts	4:00
6	Team Colorado	Laxachusetts	5:00

Teams are rated A-1, B-1, A-2, B-2, A-3 and B-3 based on Monday's results and proceed with games on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as shown in the next column.

Days 2–4 All games at Ford Field Tuesday, June 28

Game		-		Time
7	A-1	VS	B-3	9:00
8	B-1	VS	A-3	11:00
9	A-2	VS	B-2	1:00

Wednesday, June 29

Game				Time
10	B-1	VS	A-2	9:00
11	A-1	VS	B-2	11:00
12	B-3	VS	A-3	1:00

Thursday, June 30

Game				Time
13	B-2	VS	A-3	9:00
14	A-2	VS	B-3	11:00
15	A-1	VS	B-1	1:00

The following sequential criteria is used to rate teams and then declare a champion: record; tie breaker – head to head then fewest goals against and then coin toss.

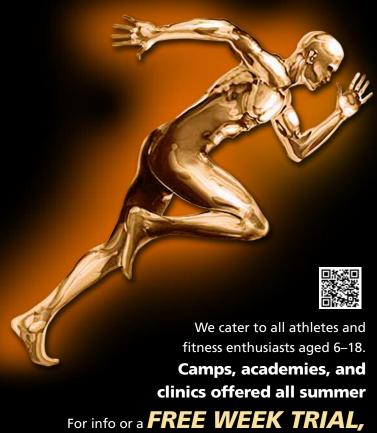


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U19 Girls Division

By Gina Feldt

t's that time of year again as we head to the Vail valley for the 50th anniversary of the Vail Lacrosse Shoutout! As life gets closer to the way we remember, we bring the Girls' U19 division back for the 25th year, of which Houston has been here every year! From Washington to South Carolina, from Utah to Texas, lacrosse hotbed Maryland, and five other states in between, we welcome sixteen teams to this year's tournament as they prepare to battle it out on the field in hopes to take home a first-place trophy!

We are pleased to have so many returning teams, along with some new names to the program this year. From locals to nationals, we welcome you! Will the Championship game be a rematch between Hero's Green and Team HLA, or will another team sneak in with strong talent this year?

We look forward to cheering the teams on as they play the game they love! With good sportsmanship and unrelenting skills, you are sure to be impressed with the level of play no matter

which game you watch. Enjoy the next four days of top-notch lacrosse!

AU Trojans

The Anderson Trojans team is made up of mainly committed 2022's for Anderson University from South Carolina. They represent 11 different states and are looking forward to playing together for the first time. These girls wanted to do this to prepare for their future together as a team. They are excited to compete and get to know each other better.

FCA

FCA Lacrosse started 30 years ago with the goal to spread the Gospel through the sport of lacrosse. About 15 years ago FCA Lacrosse began putting together girls' national teams playing in both local and national events across the country. Our national teams are composed of girls who will be or have a desire to compete at the college level and develop relationships that will carry them through high school

> and even college. There is something special created when these young women come together to play at incredible events such as purpose other than just playing lacrosse. This is our first year being a part of this event; however, FCA the privilege of competing for the past decade in the U19 boys' division and we

this, for a greater Lacrosse has had

are honored to expand by adding a girls' team this year. We hope to give these girls the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships as well as a community to lean upon as they grow both on and off the field.

Georgia Outlaws

The Georgia Outlaws 2024 team plays out of Newtown Park in Johns Creek, GA. The core group has been together for 4 summers now with coaches Katie Forgerson and Jessie Kallish. They have partici-



pated in tournaments in Georgia, Florida, Maryland, Tennessee, and Texas. Although the Georgia Outlaws have attended the Vail Lacrosse Shootout for several years, this is our first time as a group at the tournament and we can't wait to compete against teams from across the country in such a beautiful location. Our goal is not only to do well in the tournament but to have fun and grow as a team. We are beyond excited to be attending!



Hero's Green

Hero's 2023 Green is from central Maryland, and we have been playing lacrosse together since 2014. We value teamwork, growing as athletes on and off the field, and having fun. We are a collective group of athletes from different areas of Maryland that come together to make a very special sauce of a team on the field. This is our final tournament playing together and we hope to enjoy our time together in Colorado!

Hero's White

We are the Hero's 2023 White team, and our club has been sending teams to participate in the Vail Lacrosse Shootout for years. Vail has become the team's final tournament for the respective players. Players have been looking forward to this as the culmination of their club careers since they began playing together in 2014. Our team is based in Maryland, and we have players from 13 different high school programs. We play an exciting, intelligent brand of lacrosse that showcases this amazing game we are all fortunate to be a part of.

Fun Fact - The last time their head coach, Graydon Ripley, was at this tourna-

ment was as a member of an all-star team from Maryland back in 1992, 30 years ago!

Team HLA

The HLA Foundation, established in 1994, is committed to engaging and inspiring youth girls and women through sport and lacrosse with a positive and constructive atmosphere. Players are selected by committee from across the Nation.

Houston Heat

The Houston Heat once again returns, as the one team that has attended every year of the girls' high school bracket, for some fun in the mountains and great lacrosse action. The players on this squad are recruited from around the Houston area just for this tournament. They don't play together year-round like most other teams, so it is a very unique group. This year's squad includes several that played last year and had such a great time that we couldn't keep them away, even if we wanted to!

Team 180 Black

Most of Team 180 Black have been playing together since 2nd or 3rd grade from the



"Minis" to date, traveling all over the US in top tier tournaments. We are comprised of players from the Front Range including Denver up to Boulder and down to Colorado Springs, with a good majority of the team committed to playing at the next level in colleges across the nation. Team 180 has played in the Shootout for as long as we can remember and always have a blast in Vail. We look forward to another fun week with the beautiful mountain backdrop and lots of good lacrosse!



Puget Sound Elite

Puget Sound Select has been a club in Seattle, Washington since 2005. We provide a rigorous opportunity to learn, practice and play lacrosse as well as modeling the importance of teamwork, collaboration among different programs and lasting friendships. We enjoy participating in numerous local and national tournaments annually.

Stars Light Blue & Stars Navy

The Stars 2026 Light Blue and Navy teams

are the top teams for the club and have girls from Virginia, D.C., and Maryland. Our players compete against top teams on the East Coast in the summer, fall, and spring. We aim to work hard, play together, and have fun while doing it! We strive to be better people and players every day. Kathy Jenkins, founder, and co-director of Stars Lacrosse has been bringing Stars teams to Vail for a number of years. She also is the head coach of St. Stephen's St. Agnes and

coaches the HLA team. We are excited to attend the Vail Shootout.

Stash Lacrosse Club

Stash Lacrosse Club started in 2020, out of Edwards, Colorado, the home of the Vail Lacrosse Shootout U19 Girls' Division. Most of our players hail from right here in Eagle County. One of the many reasons we are so proud of our girls is because they are Rocky Mountain athletes. In addition to

playing lacrosse, they hike, mountain bike, kayak and, of course, ski! That is how Stash got its name. Every avid skier has their own secret stash of snow that they seek out on a powder day. Our team consists of a stash of crazy-talented athletes. This is the first year Stash Lacrosse will be participating in the Vail Lacrosse Shootout, and we cannot wait to join in the fun and show what we can do!

Wasatch LC

Wasatch LC is based in Salt Lake City, but we have players from all over the State of Utah. Our team is named after the Wasatch Mountains that run north/south through Utah. We wanted to choose a name that was unique and really represented where our team is from as "Wasatch" is a widely used moniker in Utah. Players are selected by either tryouts or getting recruited by our coaching staff. We try to assemble the best players from Utah as we possibly can. This will be our 2nd year attending the Vail Lacrosse Shootout after finishing in the top 8 in our 1st year. What keeps us wanting to

come back is the level of competition. Nowhere else in the West can you find this strong of a pool of teams to compete against. With Vail being a 6-hour drive from Salt Lake City, it is easy for us to see some of the nation's top competition as well as to enjoy the beautiful scenery the Vail area has to offer. Unique aspects to our team include our uniforms, which fully represent where we are from, and the fact that we film all our own games ourselves for immediate game film and feedback.

West Slope

West Slope Lacrosse brings together exceptional athletes from across the Western Slope of Colorado. This year's elite travel roster consists of players from Durango, Fruita, Grand Junction, and Telluride. With a goal of facing challenging teams throughout the season to advance their level of play, West Slope is excited to return to the Vail Lacrosse Shootout for fun and friendly competition as the sport continues to grow across the country.

10th Mountain Lax

10th Mountain Lacrosse is stoked to have a girls' team in the Vail Lacrosse Shootout for the first time. The team is comprised of girls from around the local mountain communities and is excited to get to host players from around the country in our own back yards! With other mountain girls' teams also playing in the event this year we are excited about how much lacrosse talent is coming out of the mountains! We look forward to playing in the event for years to come! ■



2022 U19 Teams (listed in seeded order)

1	Hero's Green	9.
2.	Team HLA	10.
3.	Team 180 Black	11.
4.	AU Trojans	12.
5.	FCA	13
6.	Puget Sound	14

9.	Team 180 Yellow
10.	Stars Lt Blue
11.	Stash
12.	Georgia Outlaws
13.	West Slope
14.	Houston Heat

7.	Hero's White	15.	10th Mountain Lax
3.	Wasatch LC	16.	Stars Navy

POOL A	POOL B
Hero's Green	FCA
Геат HLA	Wasatch LC
Team 180 Black	Team 180 Yellov
AU Trojans	Georgia Outlaw

POOL C	
Puget Sound	
Hero's White	
Stars Lt Blue	
Stash	

POOL D
West Slope
Houston Heat
10th Mountain Lax
Stars Navy

25 minute halves, 5 minute half time



Monday, June 27, Edwards 1 (Turf)

Time	Pool	Visitor	Home
9:00	С	Stash	Hero's White
10:15	Α	Team 180 Black	Hero's Green
11:30	Α	AU Trojans	Team HLA
12:45	С	Stars Lt Blue	Puget Sound

Monday, June 27, Edwards 2

Pool	Visitor	Home
В	FCA	Georgia Outlaws
D	West Slope	Stars Navy
В	FCA	Team 180 Yellow
D	West Slope	10th Mountain Lax
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Monday, June 27, Edwards 3

Time	Pool	Visitor	Home
9:00	В	Wasatch LC	Team 180 Yellow
10:15	D	Houston Heat	10th Mountain Lax
11:30	В	Wasatch LC	Georgia Outlaws
12:45	D	Houston Heat	Stars Navy

Tuesday, June 28, Edwards 1 (Turf)

Time	Pool	Visitor	Home
9:00	В	Team 180 Yellow	Georgia Outlaws
10:15	D	West Slope	Houston Heat
11:30	В	FCA	Wasatch LC
12:45	D	10th Mountain Lax	Stars Navy

Tuesday, June 28, Edwards 2

Pool	Visitor	Home		
С	Puget Sound	Stash		
Α	Hero's Green	Team HLA		
С	Stars Lt Blue	Stash		
Α	Team 1801 Black	Team HLA		
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Tuesday, June 28, Edwards 3

Time	Pool	Visitor	Home
9:00	С	Hero's White	Stars Lt Blue
10:15	Α	AU Trojans	Team 180 Black
11:30	С	Puget Sound	Hero's White
12:45	Α	Hero's Green	AU Trojans

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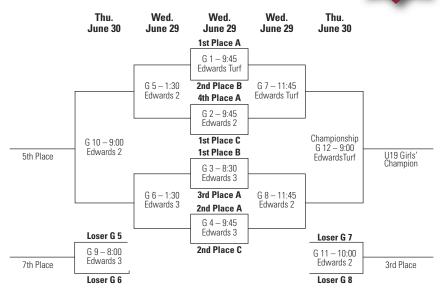
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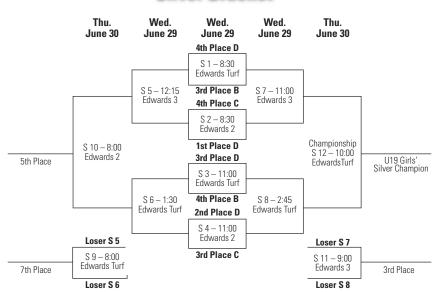
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2022 Masters Preview

By Nicole Soran McClintock

he Masters division is ready to rock again with the largest field of teams seen in a while. Among the nine-team division is a healthy mix of regular attendees and mysterious newcomers. 10th Mountain Whiskey will be looking to defend their title, which won't be easy with the likes of former favorites Middlebury, Silver Oysters and the new Outlaws Alumni hunting for wins. That's not to rule out any of the other teams, new or old. The Master's division is sure to be a wild ride as always with guaranteed upsets and great plays. This year's victor will be decided by pool and bracket play, rather than the round-robin best record method of yore.

Yardsale

Yardsale is excited to be making its second appearance in the Vail Masters this year. After a solid run at last year's Masters tournament, Yardsale has built on its squad and plans on being right back in title contention this year. The team is composed of players from all over the country; Texas, Utah, California, Colorado, and other states.

Middlebury

The Middlebury team returns in search of a 4th Vail Shootout championship in the Masters division. After a 3-Pete in '16, '17 and '18 the Panthers lost in the '19 finals and have not attended for two long years during the pandemic. Without lacrosse to fill our time we spent the extended hiatus sauntering around the house in sweatpants, bickering with our spouses and ordering junk we don't need on Amazon so we're itching to get back out there and show everyone we still got it!

Anchored by a solid core of former Panthers and familiar faces from the glory days, this team will employ a carefully constructed strategy yet to be determined. The grizzled defense is led by Vail journeymen Dan "Shoulder pads?" Gross (Loyola '05), with John Dvujnak (Middlebury '13) finally joining the 30+ ranks after what has felt like decades in the open division. On offense James Barlow (Vermont '16) and Brock Livingston (Delaware '96) will lead the attack. David Hild (Middlebury '11) is going to try to play attack again but we'll probably make him run midfield and give his attack spot to Stephen Hild (Bates '15) as an elaborate practical joke.

Jamie Duke (Middlebury '05) claims to have hung up his cleats, but rumor has it he'll make a last minute cameo to defend his 10,000% faceoff winning percentage above 5,280 feet.

This will be a bittersweet year as we say a fond



farewell to Middlebury legend Bob "Bobo" Sideli, who has been coordinating the Middlebury-Vail effort for 20+ years and simply can't put up with our childish antics anymore. Bobo's selfless commitment to our beloved program and alumni base has given us all so many cherished memories and we cannot thank him

enough for all he's done to keep us all playing our favorite game together. We're pretty sure he's just going to keep coming to Vail anyway but figured we'd humor him with this little charade;) Cheer boys cheer! Let's stay loose but amped and bring home the bacon!

10th Mountain Whiskey

The 10th Mountain Whiskey Lacrosse club is back for their 5th year. Looking to retain their Men's master's Title. 10th Mountain Whiskey Lacrosse Club players are no strangers to the Vail Shootout, with several members making their 5th, 6th, and 7th appearances. They're bringing the heat with a seriously loaded attack unit led by Ben Hoganson (Salisbury '11) Justin Depalma (Lemoyne '13) and Alex



Fountain (UMBC '04). The midfield features Mark Stapor (The Mount '11) and Taylor Jackson (Wheaton '06) Nick Peterson (NDNU '11) as it's offensive stars, and Pete DeFinis (Drexel '02) & Dave Skaug (Minnesota '13) taking draws. The defense is no slouch either, with Cory Robbins (Hartwick '09), Dave Britt (Miami of Ohio '09), and Jon "Spicy McHaggis" Harris (Auburn '05). The cage is once again manned by the two-headed Mexican dragon Jose Malagon (Whitter '12) and Dan Guzman (Western State '12) The team is Captained by part time laxers and full time whiskey drinkers Pete DeFinis and Jason Kriesher. The team would like to thank their sponsors, 10th Mountain Whiskey, Denver Barbell Club, Torpedo Coffee, and TechForwardIT, LLc.

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Denver Outlaws Alums

The Outlaws alumni squad is a first time participant in the Vail Shootout, and could not be more excited. The team is made up of former Denver Outlaws players, other retired Major League Lacrosse players, and some local legends in the Denver Men's league circuit. Although the team is new to the Vail Shootout, most of the players have competed in the tournament before. The Outlaws will strictly adhere to our long standing motto "win the game, win the postgame."

Breckenridge Brewery

Breckenridge Brewery lacrosse (previously Tony's Tavern) is excited to return this summer with a mix of new players and veterans to the Vail Shootout. We are excited about representing Breckenridge Brewery at the 50th Vail Shootout.

The team comprises players from Connecticut, Colorado, North Carolina, California and Texas. On offense the team returns Ted Lee (Syracuse) and Zach Frohne (Greensboro College) at Midfield and Bobby Jee (Texas A&M), Andrew Carey (Greensboro) & Aaron Taylor (Stevenson) at attack. The team adds Gary Crowley (Bryant), Jason Gilmartin (Bryant) and Rob Bleakley (Bryant) on midfield along with Kyle Henry (Syracuse)

on the attack crew. The face-off Specialist team of Mike Phillips and Colby Hawkins will return to dictate the ball control game from the x. The team will see a defensive line up anchored by the return of Kevin Kaffl(Nazareth) in goal with support from long poles AJ Smith(Team France), Dan Gnazzo(Air Force), Ryan Taylor, Matt Rhine, Rich Castle and Matt Ward. The team is looking to build on game experience and wins from 2021 on and off the field. You may be able to find us and join in enjoying some of the great beverages brewed by our sponsor.

The team would like to thank our sponsor Breckenridge Brewery. Breckenridge Brewery was started in 1990 out of Breckenridge, CO. Find out more about our sponsor at www.breckbrew.com. #BreckBrew

Silver Oysters/LaxGear:

This year brings new legs from around Colorado including Aspen. Under new leadership, Graham McMahon has recruited players from his hometown of Aspen complementing the always competitive Silver Oysters. Looking forward to another strong year competing in our 18th year in the Vail Shootout. Oysters will be again sponsored by Laxgear and always playing hard for the legacy of our friend Mike Goerne.



Pool A

10th Mountain Whiskey Middlebury Breckenridge Brewery

Pool B

Outlaws Alumni WestFax Brewing Gore St. Grizzlies

Pool C

Silver Oysters Yard Sale Stallions

Masters Schedule

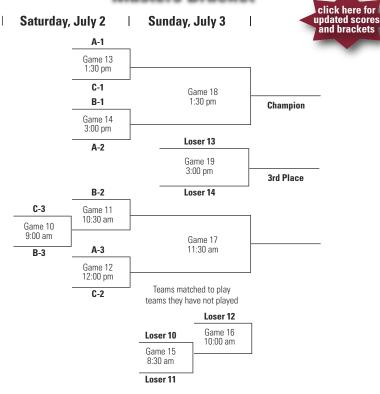
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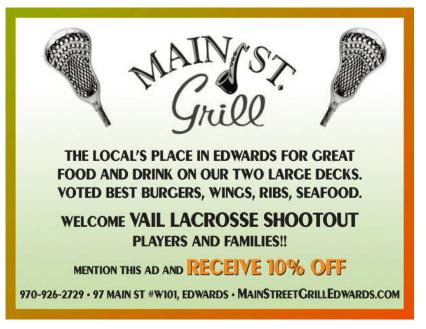
Friday, July 1 — Pool Play

Pool Play consists of two twenty minute running halves. Sudden death overtime. Ties in pool play go to fewest goals against.

Game 1 2 3	Pool A A A	Visitor 10th Mountain Whiskey Middlebury 10th Mountain Whiskey	Home Breckenridge Brewery Breckenridge Brewery Middlebury	Time 8:00 9:00 10:00
4	B	Outlaws	Gore St. Grizzlies	11:00
5	B	WestFax Brewing	Gore St. Grizzlies	12:00
6	B	Outlaws	WestFax Brewing	1:00
7	C	Silver Oysters	Stallions	2:00
8	C	Yardsale	Stallions	3:00
9	C	Silver Oysters	Yardsale	4:00

Masters Bracket





2022 Supermasters Preview

his year's Supermasters division is again loaded with talent Look for Los Viejos and the always, steady at the helm, Old Goats to try and work their way back into the finals. The Statesman and Westfax teams will be the odds on favorites but this division never lacks for competition up and down the division. The Shootout staff salutes and will miss the legendary contributions of Bob Sideli, Sean Fox and Z as longtime Vail stalwarts.



Westfax Brewing

WestFax Brewing is back with a new name and an upgraded team after losing in the Championship in 2021. The team has put together a solid team with youth and legends as they look to regain the title in 2022. John Keller and Tim Spaulding are back on the attack this year with newcomers Nate Rullman and Mike McCulloch. The team has some newcomers on the midfield with some young guns and experience with Brendan Russell, Darin Tinger, John Maser, Joe Casalino and Jon Bang. The defense is anchored by youth and veterans, Jim Blasi, Justin Jones, Alex Kenyon, Mike Wheat and Chris McCrea. In goal, we have Adam Pinsley and Dave Dennenburg. We want to thank Tama Lacrosse for the uniforms and WestFax Brewing in Lakewood, Colo., for their support and beer. Happy 50th Anniversary Vail Lacrosse!

Elder Statesmen

The Elder Statesmen 2022 are on a special mission at the 50th rendition of the Vail Tournament. We will gather in the Pristine Rocky Mountains, the team's adopted second home after Upstate New York, and as opposed to drinking from the shores of Lake Geneva and cans of Genesee Cream Ale we will sip Shaefer Beer out of the Eagle River with a mission of celebrating the lives of two very special teammates lost this year way too early. Coach Sean Fox and the legendary John Zulberti are playing lacrosse with the Creator watching all of us from above who are fortunate enough to play the Creators Game in such a beautiful setting. We will celebrate their unique lives and love of lacrosse while defending three Vail titles. Sean Fox, the original captain of the Elder Statesman, was one of many Hobart players to win 4 straight national championships. Hailing from the tiny lacrosse hamlet of

Cortland N.Y. Sean was the epitome of a positive coach and player. Always quick with a teaching lesson and encouraging word while at the same time espousing the old school values of his coaches from Don King to Dave Urick. His greatest honor was being the father to lacrosse playing sons, Connor and Trevor.

John Zulberti, also an original elder statesman, was the legendary Chuck Taylor (orange) wearing magician with a stick from Camillus NY/West Genesee High school. A true original in every sense of the word, Z always had time to talk lacrosse with anyone, string a stick, play wall ball and give the shirt off his back. One of the greatest players to ever don the orange uniforms of Syracuse University, he was as much of the fabric of the Vail tournament as the Gore Range, the Eagle River and the Red Lion.

The squad is made up of former Hobart Statesmen (hence the name) and other Upstate NY born lads hailing from such hotbeds as Cortland (many members attended the prestigious Cortland State Campus nursery school together). The team is a collaboration of the eclectic superstars and personalities. It will be led on and off the field by Academy Award winning (12 years A Slave) producer and goaltender extraordinaire, Anthony Katagas. Fear the Beard. He most recently starred as the starting goaltender for Greece in the World Championships of 2018.

The team will be shepherded by NLL and MLL star and coach and current Head Coach of Team Jamaica, Brian Silcott (Naz): USA Team player, NLL and MLL star and New York Jet, Doug Shanahan (Hofstra): US Ranger and NLL madman, Josh Rachman (FSU). Additional members hailing from various lax upstate New York outposts including San Diego St. (Tom Hannum, Jim Kappler), Cortland High School (Mike Martin and Peter Schaffer), Cortland St (Rich Becker), Adelphi (Bobby Magrin), Penn Yan (Brice Queener Georgetown) Michigan State

(Doug Jolly), Chesapeake Bay Hawk Luther Flemming, and also some local Colorado favorites from DU (Travis Taylor, Glenn Bergman, Alex Standon and Adam Steifel). This year's team is no different and with a singular focus of camaraderie, enjoyment, merriment, and rekindling decade old friendships, dating back some to kindergarten with the team's Motto from Coach Urick voluminous quote book: "Every day's a holiday, every meal's a banquet!" The team thanks the graciousness and generosity of its sponsors Cortland Based Graph-Tex. Nike, Schaefer Beer, Tenth Mountain Division Whiskey and Authentic Athletix.



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Silver Oysters/LaxGear

This is always a highlight to the summer to be back in Vail with family, friends, lacrosse and good times. Looking forward to another strong year competing in our 4th year in Supers. Oysters will be again sponsored by Laxgear and always playing hard for the legacy of our friend Mike Goerne.

Middlebury

First and foremost, the Middlebury Supermasters team would like to acknowledge Bob "Bobo" Sildeli, who is "retiring" after coordinating our Middlebury teams in Vail for many years. Bobo, thank you for taking on all of the thankless tasks in order to keep us all connected and to ensure that Peter Kohn's spirit shined brightly. This past Memorial Day Weekend marked the 20-year anniversary of Middlebury's third straight DIII National Championship (and fourth straight appearance in the final game). The roster consists of a combination of Middlebury alumni from that era and friends of the program. We look forward to reuniting on the field. Viva la Kohn!

Los Viejos

Hoping to bounce back from a sub par offensive year, Los Viejos representing former Texas club players and many "honorary" Texans added Attackmen Mike DeMaria (Hobart) and Evan Gekas, Penn State teammate of long time Viejo Dave King. Defense will again be strong with returners Dave Miller, Archie Luna and Pete Schwasnick, goal ably manned by the duo of Kyle Andrews and Joe Bottner, both pulling double duty by also playing with Los Abuelos. Midfield will be handled by Committee.

Los Viejos hope to jell with their new players and returning vets to improve their standing over last year's 3rd place finish.

Like their "mature" brethren (Los Abuelos),
Los Viejos thank Jim, David, Brian and Flip
(RIP) for continuing to invite them back.

Congrats on 50 great years!!!

Navy Old Goats

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Ballhawgs

The Ballhawgs are excited to be a part of the 50th anniversary Vail tournament! Although based in Columbus, OH the Hawgs hail from 5 different states and there's a 20+ year age spread from the (relatively) youngest to oldest. We've got current high school coaches, former college coaches and playing experience from Club, DIII, DII and DI. The Ballhawgs look to improve this year with some great additions to the team. We'd like to thank all our families that support us and the medicine game that brings us together!

Supermasters Schedule

Conference A

Conference B

Elder Statesmen Navy Old Goats

Silver Ovsters - Lax Gear

Ballhawgs Middlebury

WestFax Brewing



Saturday, June 25— Pool Play

Pool play consists of two twenty minute running halves.

Sudden death overtime. Ties in pool play go to fewest goals against.

Game	Visitor	Home	Field	Time
1	Elder Statesmen	Navy Old Goats	Ford 1	1:00
2	Elder Statesmen	Middlebury	Ford 1	2:00
3	Navy Old Goats	Middlebury	Ford 1	3:00
4	Silver Oysters-Lax Gear	Ballhawgs	Ford 2	1:00
5	Silver Oysters-Lax Gear	WestFax Brewing	Ford 2	2:00
6	Ballhawgs	WestFax Brewing	Ford 2	3:00

Sunday, June 26 — 12 minute stop quarters

Game	Visitor	Home	Field	Time
7	A-1	B-2	Ford 1	1:00
8	B-1	A-2	Ford 2	1:00
9	A-3	B-3	Vail Mtn School	11:30

Monday, June 27 — 12 minute stop quarters

Game	Visitor	Home	Field	Time
10	Winner 7	Winner 8	Ford 1	1:00
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2022 Grandmasters Preview

By Jim Soran

RANDIOSE? When I started thinking about this write up my initial thought was "What does it mean to be Grand?" It seems more than just a number—over 50. My process took me to the Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary with a copyright of near fifty years ago. Some synonyms are "magnificent", "stately", "imposing" or "grandiose." When you review the write ups one or more of those synonyms might come to mind. Another element stuck out to me: "dedicated camaraderie". For decades players have come together to remember, celebrate and participate in a sport each loves. HAVE A GRAND OLD TIME! RESPECT THE GAME! CELE-BRATE PAST TEAMMATES AND COACHES!

EMW

Playing in the Grandmasters division for their third year is EMW. The EMW name comes from the EMW Foundation (emwf.org) founded in 2004 in San Diego. EMW was founded by Matt Holman. The EMW Foundation is dedicated to hosting and promoting lacrosse events with charitable organizations as the beneficiary of the lacrosse activities. The EMW Foundation is best known for their "Jam by the Sea" tournament in San Diego each spring. The EMW squad has players who hail from all across the US and Canada, but most of whom now reside in the West

Colorado Silverbacks

Captains: Tommy Raynes, Steve Gillette A withering yet stalwart clan of lingering "Tombstone" players and "Generals" aged-out cast offs, the Grandmasters Silverbacks present a core squad from Colorado comprised of life-long locals, 35+ year transplants from VA, NJ, NY, MD, and a few freshly acquired east coast mercenaries who will fly in to help us to round out this band of brothers for the tournament. Our ranks have roots in old school programs like Army, Washington College, Cortland State, RIT, Union, Guilford, Ithaca, Towson State, Potsdam, Rochester, SUNY, UNC (Colorado style), a myriad of Colorado club organizations and include many 30-40-year Vail Shootout Vets. Like our endangered Silverbacks namesake, we too hope to thrive in the mountain mist a little longer, pound our chests a few times in exultation (or as needed for resuscitation) and also pound a few adult beverages during this great tournament. The Silverbacks are honored to be part of the 50th Anniversary Vail Lacrosse Shootout and fully expect to be continued on page 60





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Westfax Brewery

The WestFax Brewing Grand-masters 50 team debuts in their inaugural appearance at the 2022 Vail Shootout. The team is a young team made up of players graduating from the Supermasters Division. The lethal offense is led by Grandmasters rookie, John Keller at the attack and Joe Casalino at the midfield fortified by the likes of Dave Traylor and Jon Bang.

The WestFax Brewing crew will be bringing a 1-2-3 punch at the faceoff with 3 power-house specialists: Andy Farrell, Chris Kabash and JP Williamson. The defense will be potent and hard to beat with the muscle of Jim Blasi and Jeff Szczypinski. We would like to thank our local sponsor, WestFax Brewing and look forward to the sideline beverages!

Air Force GrayBirds

AFA Alums and Alumni-based teams have had a long association with the Shootout over its 50-year existence. Individual players have been scattered among participating teams at every level since 1974. For seven years in the late-70s/early-80s, an AFA Alumni team competed at the Elite level, achieving a runner-up finish in 1978. In 1998, after a dozen-year hiatus from the Shootout, an Alumni-based team—the "GrayBirds"—was resurrected at the Supermasters-level and this will be the 24th year the squad has competed in the "Honored Citizen" divisions of the Shootout. This year, the GrayBirds hope to show again the competitive spirit they demonstrated in 2021. Long-time Alum participants Floyd Dunstan,



Brad Powell, Brian McIntosh, Steve Luxion, and Brian Zembraski will be augmented by newcomers Brian O'Rourk and Duke Pope and bolstered by a contingent of veterans of Long Island senior leagues, most notably goalie Kevin Kaffl. We will fight to the max on the field, but win or lose, it will be a joy to still be playing this wonderful game in such a beautiful setting. We thank the tournament organizers and the town of Vail for allowing us to do so. Off we go...

Team 8

In 1988 Michael Bruce was paralyzed in a car accident on his way to take the SAT exam. At that time wearing #8 for Bridgewater-Raritan East, Michael was a lacrosse star in New Jersey preparing to accept one of many top tier D-I lacrosse scholarship offers.

Team 8 is a collection of Michael's friends, and friends of friends, who have come together to honor his memory and raise money for the Michael Bruce Scholarship through the game he loved. We just hope he's not upset with how old and slow we've become.

Ephmen

2022 Ephmen Globetrotters once again descend on the Vail Valley!

The Williams College Ephmen once again assemble from all across the United States... and maybe even as far as Singapore! They will be traveling from places as near as Boulder, CO, and as far as the Hawaiian shores, the Maine coastline, STRONG ISLAND, the First State Delaware, South Carolina, The Fighting City of Philadelphia, California, Rhode Island, The Motor City, Tennessee, Oregon, The Halls of Montezuma, Eastern Massachusetts, Western Massachusetts, Western Massachusetts, Westchester County NY, and the Floridian Peninsula to play the Creators Game.

Timid souls fear playing lax at the tender age of 50+ at an altitude of 8,000 feet. Purple Cows, however, thrive in these conditions. The Purple "Run and Gun: ALL FUN" brand of lacrosse is guaranteed to excite lacrosse fans across the Vail Valley. Sprinkled amongst this seasoned knockout recipe of EPHMEN are former players from Johns Hopkins, Denison, UNH, Syracuse, and UMBC for some added spice!

The EPHMEN will again be employing a not so secret weapon ... BOOST OXYGEN.

We performed better and recovered quickly with an incredible boost from BOOST OXY-GEN. They are sponsoring us this year, and we will be using it all up! It's just too effective!

Over the years the EPHMEN made their summer Vail pilgrimage for the Masters and now in the Grandmasters tourneys. The lynchpin of past trips was that we traveled with our beloved coach Renzie Lamb and his wife Terry. Sadly, we lost Renzie Lamb to a brain aneurysm at the age of 81 in November 2018. Hall of Fame Coach Lamb is a legend of the game and we always play in his memory. He had a major impact on the game of lacrosse and the lives of all of his lacrosse campers, Manhasset NY High School teams, and his EPHMEN, from the many All-Americans to the practice players. This miracle worker served up the best chicken salad out of ... not many ingredients!

We are blessed that Coach Terry Lamb will be with us again this year. Renzie Lamb never lost sight that we should have fun. GET READY, GET ... FREAKIN ... READY!! Dan McCarthy, Williams '87

Renzie Lamb Teacher, Coach, Hall of Famer, Mentor, Marine, Husband, Father. Legend.

Elder Statesmen

The Elder Statesman 2022' roster is one of three Statesman teams back to defend our title while celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Vail Lacrosse Shootout. Our roster remains the same with all 24 player(s) contributing to our annual success on the filed while rekindling life-long friendships off the field. Rather than highlighting who is on our team we would rather focus on who will not be playing with us in Vail. Two very special players and career Elder Statesmen-

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Sean Fox #10 & John "Z" Zulberti #11—passed away way too early this past year. They will be missed as friends, players, coaches, teachers and exceptional people who gave way more back to the game of lacrosse than they took during their shortened lives. This year's team will recognize Sean (LFG10), Z (Orange Converse High Tops) and the 50th Anniversary of this amazing tournament. Special thanks to our team sponsors Graph-Tex, Nike, Tenth Mountain Division Whiskey & Authentic Athletix for your continued support.

Team PolarX

This is the second year for Team PolarX in Grandmasters bracket; however, most of the players have a history at the Vail Shootout on various squads and divisions over many years. The team is composed of 10 Polar Bear DU Pioneer Teammates from the early 90's and earlier, as well as a handful of team Jagermeister players that played many years in the Masters bracket back in the day. We also have a strong mix of NY laxmen from the Hudson Valley and a trio of Vanderbilt players from the 1990's. The team looks to be a regular Grandmasters squad moving forward, as our team Jagermeister teammates age into the Grandmasters-Polar Bear age group. Team



PolarX wants to thank our Sponsor PolarX (Pro-Relief Hemp Extracted CBD Infused Gel) for their generous sponsorship.

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Middlebury

The Middlebury Panthers return to Vail and the Grandmasters Division again this summer certainly with some rust from our time away but eager to reconnect and take the field believing we can all still do what we've always done. For the love of the game we will enjoy the camaraderie regardless of the outcome but our competitive juices will be flowing as we always aspire to put forth a respectable showing! Our ranks are thin this year. We might all be a bit older, but at least

we're also slower too. Under the guidance of Captain & Coach Jimmy Reilly (Midd '89) the Panthers will hope to find some net as our stacked D and goalies again prove to frustrate our opponents' offenses. We will also recognize the retirement of MiddLax Alumni legend Dr. Robert (Bobo) Sideli, our fearless club leader for more than the past couple decades. Cheer Boys Cheer! ■



Grandmasters Schedule

Conference AElder Statesmen
Air Force Graybirds
Colorado Lacrosse

Conference B EMW Ephmen Princeton BCLF Conference C Los Viejos De Tejas Generals Navy Old Goats Middlebury Conference D PolarX Team 8 Colo. Silverbacks WestFax Brewery click here for updated scores and brackets

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Pool	Game #	Visitor	Home	Field	Time
Α	1	Elder Statesmen	Colorado Lacrosse	Ford 1	10:00
Α	2	Elder Statesmen	Airforce Graybirds	Ford 1	11:00
Α	3	Airforce Graybirds	Colorado Lacrosse	Ford 1	12:00
В	4	EMW	Ephmen	Ford 2	10:00
В	5	EMW	Princeton BCLF	Ford 2	11:00
В	6	Ephmen	Princeton BCLF	Ford 2	12:00
C	7	Los Viejos De Tejas	Generals	Vail Mtn School	10:00
C	8	Navy Old Goats	Middlebury	Vail Mtn School	11:00
C	9	Los Viejos De Tejas	Navy Old Goats	Vail Mtn School	12:00
C	13	Los Viejos De Tejas	Middlebury	Vail Mtn School	1:00
C	14	Generals	Navy Old Goats	Vail Mtn School	2:00
C	15	Generals	Middlebury	Vail Mtn School	3:00
D	10	PolarX	Team 8	Athletic	10:00
D	11	Colorado Silverbacks	WestFax Brewery	Athletic	11:00
D	12	PolarX	Colorado Silverbacks	Athletic	12:00
D	16	PolarX	WestFax Brewery	Athletic	1:00
D	17	Team 8	Colorado Silverbacks	Athletic	2:00
D	18	Team 8	WestFax Brewery	Athletic	3:00

Sunday, June 26

12 minute stop quarters

Game	Visitor	Home	Field	Time
19	A-1	D-1	Ford 1	10:00
20	B-1	C-1	Ford 1	11:30
21	A-2	D-2	Ford 2	10:00
22	B-2	C-2	Ford 2	11:30
23	A-3	D-3	Vail Mtn School	10:00
24	B-3	C-3	Athletic	10:00
25	C-4	D-4	Athletic	11:30

Monday, June 27

nute stop qu	uarters			
Visitor	Home	Field	Time	
Winner 19	Winner 20	Ford 1	11:30	
	Champi	ionship		
Loser 19	Loser 20	Ford 1	10:00	
	3rd P	lace		
Winner 21	Winner 22	Ford 2	10:00	
Loser 21	Loser 22	Ford 2	11:30	
A-3	C-4	Vail Mtn School	10:00	
B-3	D-3	Athletic	10:00	
C-3	D-4	Athletic	11:30	
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2022 Zenmasters Preview

By Chip Flanagan

eturning for year 9 (actually 8 unless you take into account the "disputed" 2020 Los Abuelos COVID title) the "newest", in terms of years in the tourney and the "oldest" based on player age, the ZenMasters reconvene. The original four (4), Los Abuelos, Mr. Boh, Peak-Ed Masters and Navy Old & Gnarly Goats are rejoined by the next "wave" of entries, in order, Grateful Undead. Eldest Statesmen and after a 3 year sabbatical Middlebury. "New", relatively speaking, for this year's 50th is the Denver South High Alumni squad with rumors of the Soran brothers returning to the field.

If history holds there will be a new Champion this year as the longest title winning streak remains at 2 currently held by the Eldest; Mr. Boh and Los Abuelos also have 2 titles with Peaked-Ed capturing one.

These players represent the true spirit of

the Tournament as many are playing in their 3rd or 4th Divisions and some even competing in their 5th, representing playing in 6 decades. The game may not be as fast however the dedication to the sport they love remains as strong and passionate as ever. Lifelong friendships abound amongst the teams.

Start your 50th Tournament experience with the "legends" (in their own minds) of the Tournament as they represent all who've ever played in the Vail Lacrosse Shootout.

Grateful Undead

The Grateful Undead Lacrosse Club will be making their first appearance at the Vail Shootout 50th Anniversary to compete in the Zenmaster Division.

The Grateful Undead was initially formed in 2014 to compete in the Lacrosse World Games which were hosted in Denver,

Colorado. Since then, the GU have appeared regularly in the Lake Placid Summer Classic (Lake Placid, NY) which is conducted annually in August, as well as the Florida Classic in Weston, Florida over the Martin Luther King weekend in January.

"I am Old
Enough to Know
Better, but ____
enough to keep
playing", you fill in
the blank. We aren't
here playing because our overbearing parents insist
we get off the video
games and go out-



side and play. We don't have coaches demanding that we keep working on our skills in the off-season. We play because we have a love for/of the game, the competition and camaraderie. Not to mention, Vail is beautiful in the summer. just could use a little more oxygen!

And Congratulations to the Vail Shootout for 50 vears!



Denver South High Alumni

Our team core is made up of several years worth of Denver South High Alumni and Friends with a smattering of old friends, many of whom have reconnected annually at the Shootout. The goal was to create a 50th anniversary homage to the tournament founders, Flip Naumburg and Jim Soran. We are part of this amazing lacrosse family thanks to their dedication to the growth of the sport. This team boasts a wide representation of borrowed equipment, fake knees and arthritic hips. We boast 12 crease attackmen, 10 dusty D-poles, 2 able bodied middies, several players "in spirit" and 8 coaches, (aka free beer leeches), led by former South player and coach, Brian O'Farrell. Coach O' has threatened to wheel out a vintage South High sibling line of David, Jim and "Fudd" Soran to lull the opponent into complacency and uncontrolled laughter. Kudos to our GM, Jim Henry, for his perseverance in wrangling this rebellious group of misfits. Many thanks to our sponsors: the Campus Lounge, JH Stunts Inc., Toth Financial, Denver Lacrosse Club, and DGL Construction.

Mr. Boh Lacrosse

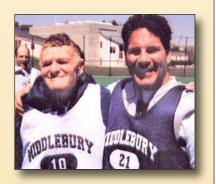
As the Vail Lacrosse Shootout celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022, Mr. Boh Lacrosse (formerly Moyers Lacrosse and Behind the Back) marks our 30th anniversary year of Vail competition. Mr. Boh's core players reflect our Mid-Atlantic roots as lacrosse playing connoisseurs of National Bohemian Beer. Our roster is rounded out with loval adherents to our values from across the country. We've aged gracefully from Masters to Supermasters to Grandmasters to Zenmasters and remain invigorated by the annual pursuit of glory on Ford Field. Despite our growing seniority (some might say senility), Mr. Boh retains a passion for the competition inspired annually by this great tournament and overwhelming appreciation for all that Vail offers. Kudos to the Tournament organizers and staff, and the Town of Vail who've made this possible for 50 amazing years! Mr. Boh Lacrosse wishes all participants to 'Lax Pleasantly'!

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Cheer Boys, Cheer!

or more than 20 years Bob "Bobo" Sideli has been a fixture at the Vail Shootout, Bobo and his charming wife Donna have worked tirelessly in building an enduring legacy for Middlebury Team Gutman Lacrosse at the Shootout. From waiving the flag of Middlebury's beloved Pete Kohn at every game, to singing the Park School song at Los Amigos and parading in a conga line to the ice cream shop where the rookies dish out ice cream, Bob has etched his enthusiasm and passion on generations of players and families alike. This year he is stepping down as the head of the club and handing over the mantle of responsibility to the four people it will take to replace him. Fortunately, Bob and Donna's daughter Liana and their beloved granddaughter Jasper live in the Valley, and their daughter Marina has relocated to Denver, so Bob will be spending more time, not less, in Vail. We all thank Bob for his many years of service.

Cheer Boys Cheer! ■



Middlebury

Heard on the sidelines, "look ma it's like Lacrosse only slower."

After a two-year hiatus, the Middlebury Team Gutman Zenmasters return stronger than ever. With a bench full of returning seniors, these guys are prepared to wreak havoc on and off the field. Equipped with their trademark Peter Kohn flag, oxygen tanks and trusty supply of DMSO (yes horse liniment) they look forward to renewing friendships both on and off the field. This year we are celebrating our famed master of ceremonies Bob "Bobo" Sideli who will be stepping down as CEO of the club. We thank Bob for his many years of service. Cheer Boys Cheer!

Peak-ed Masters

Brilliantly named to reflect both our pride in our Colorado origins and our physical condition, the Peak-ed Masters are returning to Vail once again to demonstrate the first and to disregard the second.

Originally formed to compete in the 2014 World Games in Denver, we have maintained our core group while casting about for 60 year olds who will provide the "young" legs we need.

As always, we rely on Kim Thiel's goalie play to keep us in the game, and Mike Held's voice to keep us informed of our shortcomings. While we are lacking Nick Carroll's leather helmet to underline our sense of tradition, all our prostheses emphasize how up to date we are.

With some players going back to the earliest days of the Colorado Rockies at Vail, and many who are coaches and other varieties of know-it-all, we could not function without the guidance of a capable coach. This year, Steve Schaus, assisted by Elliot Simon, will fill that unenviable position.

Los Abuelos

In late Spring 1976 before he became a Vail tourney legend, Earl Bill, then Coach at Air Force Academy Prep, reached out to San Antonio Lacrosse Club (SALC) (where he had



played and coached a couple of years before) founder Bob Richter and told him about a little tourney being held in Aspen over 4th of July weekend. He asked Bob if he could rally some SALC players along with some of Bob's friends in Denver, primarily Jeff Jewett, and put together a Texas team to enter the tourney. Team Texas won that year in SALC jerseys and also the next and has fielded a team every year since, making it the longest non Colorado team participating, 47 out of 50 years. Several members of those early teams are still playing with Los Abuelos, Dennis Voller and Ed Mclhenny from the 76 team as well as with Chip Flanagan on the 77 team (along with AF Graybeards coach Cat Stevens.)

Team Texas went on to participate in the Elite and Masters divisions and then as they "matured" were founding members of each the next 3 Divisions, SuperMasters as the Magic Wands, Grandmasters as Los Viejos and Zen Masters as Los Abuelos winning Championships in each of those Divisions.

We continue the legacy of those early Texas teams by recognizing all the players who've represented the great state, Coach Earl Bill and remember all those we've lost over the years. Sadly we added another this year when Phil Ordoyne left us to join the Abuelos alumni team. As much as we will miss him, they needed a goalie.

And finally we have Brent Hopkins, who we believe may be the longest continuing outof-state participant, this (we think 'cause remember we're old and can't remember stuff like this) is his 41st consecutive year. We applaud his dedication

Los Abuelos are proud to represent

Texas all these years and are proud of both our Texas and "honorary" Texans who've helped continue the tradition.

As we're fond of saying, the older we get, the better we were.

We're so thankful we keep get invited back and congratulate Jim, David, Brian and Flip (RIP) for starting and continuing to host the best tourney year in and year out. Here's to more than a "few" more.

Navy Old & Gnarly Goats

Founded in 1991, Navy has competed in Vail for 30 years, frequently with several teams and never missing a year. Navy always fields strong teams, are three-time champions and usually one of the top teams in any division. At the core of Navy teams over the years has been top Alumni talent including several All Americans and a host of other award winners. The balance of the Navy teams is comprised of men who understand duty, sacrifice, character and strength. For 2022 the Navy roster includes players and captains from the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, LEO,

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EMT and other American Patriots. Oh, and some Marines, too...

The opportunity to share the sport we love, with classmates and teammates is special. The reason we keep coming back is probably because our families insist on seeing friends and memories they have gained over the years while watching the tournament. Not many groups can consistently (for over 30 continuous years) find a core of players and families, willing to try and run around, hit each other, drink beer, eat great food, and see old friends, all at 8,000 feet. This tournament, along with the Navy teams who have played in it, are special to all of us.







of the VAIL LACROSSE SHOOTOUT Since 1996!



Where Are You?



(NAVIGATING THE VAIL LACROSSE SHOOTOUT)

es, you will get to know 1-70 from East Vail to Edwards. Since the Shootout is spread over eight different venues in four different towns, you will be able to take in the beautiful mountain vistas as you drive to the various sites. To assist you in your travels we have compiled the following directions and parking information. The directions are all taken from the Vail roundabout which is the main entrance to Vail at Exit 176.

Event Parking/ Parking Structures

Event parking is extremely limited at Ford Park and at the Vail Athletic Field. However, the Town of Vail provides free parking at the Vail Village Parking Structure and the Lionshead Parking Structure. For the Vail Parking Structure take exit 176 off of I-70. The Vail Parking Structure is located ½ mile east of the Main Vail Roundabout along Frontage Road East and is only a 5 to 10-minute walk from Ford Park. The Lionshead Parking Structure is located ½ mile to

the west of the Main Vail Roundabout along the South Frontage Road. The Lionshead Parking Structure is served by the Town's free bus system, which operates between Lionshead, Vail Village and Golden Peak in 10-minute intervals. Parking is prohibited along the Frontage Road until structures have been filled to capacity, and then only until 11:00 PM. Detailed parking and bus information is available at www.vailevent-parking.com. Note that there are new restrictions about overnight parking at the parking structures. These are posted on the tournament website (www.vaillacrosse.com).

Ford Field

530 Frontage Rd. E. Vail, 81657
This is the main field in Vail. It is located approximately one (1) mile east from the Main Vail
Roundabout along Frontage Road East. Take I-70 to Vail exit 176, go through the roundabout on the south side of the exit to the Frontage Road eastbound. Ford Park is approximately ½ mile east of the stop sign at the east end of the Vail Parking Structure. Parking is very limited at the east end of Ford Park and there is a charge.

Each team will be issued 2 parking passes. We recommend you use the parking passes for a team van or your coaches. Players should park in The Vail Parking Structure mentioned above and walk to Ford Field. Parking on the Frontage Road is prohibited until the parking structures are filled to capacity.

Donavan Park

1600 S. Frontage Rd. W. Vail, 81657 his is a secondary field in Vail used for the Super masters, Grandmasters & Zenmasters. From the Main Vail Roundabout, head west on the frontage road toward Lionshead. Continue past Lionshead and Cascade Village. The field is on your left. If you hit West Vail, you've gone too far.

Athletic Field, Vail

646 Vail Valley Dr. Vail, 81657 This field is across Gore Creek to the south of Ford Field. Take I-70 to Vail exit #176, go through the roundabout on the south side of the exit to the Frontage Road eastbound. Turn right at the stop sign after the parking structure onto Vail Valley Drive; follow the road down the hill, curving left (east) for .6 miles until you reach the field on the right, across from the nature center. No individual player parking will be available at this location. Especially on the 4th of July, it will be best to park in the Vail Village Parking Structure and walk, since parts of Vail Valley Drive will be used for the parade route. There is a turn out just beyond the Athletic field which will allow you to drop off from a team van.

Eagle-Vail Field

700 Eagle Rd. Vail, 81657

Homestake Peak School

750 Eagle Rd. Vail, 81657

From the East (Vail, Dillon, Denver). Traveling West on Interstate 70, take the Eagle-Vail exit, #169. Turn left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. You are heading West on Highway 6. Turn left at the first traffic light at Eagle Road. You are now entering into the Eagle-Vail com-

munity. Continue east on Eagle Road – you'll bear toward the right and will see the school ahead. Walk through the school bus barn to get to the school stadium. The Eagle Vail field is across the street from the school.

From the West (Avon, Edwards)

Traveling East on Interstate 70, take exit, #168. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto William J. Post Blvd.; at the next traffic circle continue straight to stay on Post Blvd.; at the next traffic circle continue straight to stay on Post Blvd.; at the next traffic circle continue straight to stay on Post Blvd.; at the next traffic circle take the 2nd exit onto U.S. 6E; turn right onto Eagle Road. Continue on Eagle Road to the school stadium. The Eagle Vail field is across the street from the school.. No parking is allowed on the south side of Eagle Road in Eagle-Vail.

Edwards/Freedom Park

300 Miller Ranch Rd. Edwards 81632
Go west of Vail on 1-70. Take the Edwards exit (#163). Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. You'll see Edwards Station and Wendy's on your left. Bear left at the roundabout. Fields are located approximately ½ mile on your right across the street from Battle Mountain HS. If parking is congested additional parking is available directly past the fields at Berry Creek Middle School. Please do not park at Colorado Mountain College.

No parking is allowed on the south side of Eagle Road in Eagle-Vail or on Miller Ranch Road in the Miller Ranch neighborhood.

Battle Mountain High School

Across the street to the north of Edwards Fields,

Vail Mountain School

3000 Booth Falls Rd., E. Vail, 81657
Start out going north on Vail Valley Dr. toward Gore Creek Dr. Take the 2nd right onto E. Meadow Dr. (E. Meadow Dr. is just past Gore Creek Dr.). Turn right onto S. Frontage Rd. E. Turn left onto Booth Falls Rd. Vail Mountain School is on the right.

Tournament Timeline

A look back at milestones from the last 50 years

By Nicole Soran McClintock



Gerald Ford hands out the championship trophy. The Australian Kookaburras compete, making them the first Australian lacrosse team to compete in Colorado.





Denver Lacrosse Club, Colorado Springs, Olympia Lacrosse Club, Aspen Stickmen, and Denver University gather to play a little offseason lacrosse in Aspen. Denver Lacrosse Club won the weekend, and most players stayed in nearby campsites.



1981

Marlyland Panners defeats the California All-Stars 13-12 after six sudden-death overtimes in the championship game. The game lasted so long, the tournament ran out of water and had to solicit donations from the crowd.





1985

The women's side of the tournament begins with an exhibition game.

The informal gathering of players becomes a bit more organized with a name: the Colorado Invitational Lacrosse Tournament (aka CILT).



The tournament moves to Vail and grows to 12 teams.

1974

1978

1979



The tournament is held over Labor Day weekend for the only time in tournament history.



The tournament expands to an over-30 Men's "Masters" Division.



The women's division explodes into a 12-team bracket.

Vail Lacrosse Shootout

1987

1989

1991



The tournament is first known as the "Vail Lacrosse Shootout."





The Shootout implements the infamous 30-second shot clock.



1992

1993

1994

The men's side of

the tournament

The first Earl Bill award is awarded to the player or coach who most represents the spirit of the Vail Lacrosse Shootout.



CHAIPION HPS CHAIP

Colorado hosts the World Lacrosse Championships for the first time. Teams from Israel, New Zealand, and Australia participate in the Shootout as a chance to acclimate to the altitude and warm up.





2006

2014

2015

The tournament expands to an Over-50 division (now known as Grandmasters).



Ford field undergoes a facelift. Live streaming games are available for anyone to watch. The Zenmasters division (over 60) is added to the schedule.



CHUMASH, a youth 3-on-3 game, makes its first appearance at the Shootout.

1995

1996

Girls High School and Boys U19 divisions are added to the tournament.

1998



The Shootout hosts the first high school boys showcase.



Our first tournament without tournament co-founder Phillip "Flip" Naumburg (1952-2018)

2018



The Vail Lacrosse Shootout celebrates 50 years of lacrosse in the Rockies!

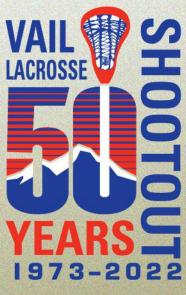
2020

2022



COVID-19 forces the Shootout to cancel for the first time since its inception. Staff members still gather to play some Chumash and keep the streak going.





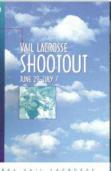




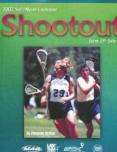




















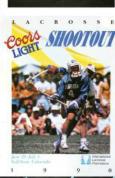






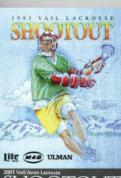






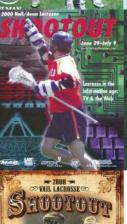


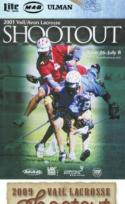




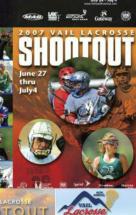


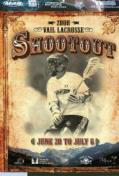


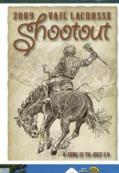






















Useful Tips for the Vail Lacrosse Shootout and Vail America Days[™] • June 26 – July 4

PARKING

- Daytime parking is free in the Vail Village and Lionshead parking garages.
- There is a designated drop off just West of the Ford Lot at the Ford Park bus stop. Drop off will not be allowed in the Ford Lot.
- The Ford Park parking lot has EX-TREMELY limited parking spots, so it is encouraged to park in the parking garages and take the bus or walk
- \$10 close-in parking at the Ford Park

lot* (140 spaces), 500 South Frontage Rd.

- \$10 close-in parking at the Vail Athletic/Soccer Field lot* (55 spaces).
- For more information on parking please visit www.VailEventParking.com

BUS ROUTES

- Lacrosse players are encouraged to drive to the Ford Park fields or the Athletic Fields turn-out to unload their gear, then return to park in either the Vail Village or Lionshead Parking Structure and take the extended intown shuttle bus or the Special Events bus back to the fields.
- Catch the In-Town bus to Ford Park via Vail Valley Drive to accommodate daily access to the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, Betty Ford Alpine Gardens, and the Vail Nature Center. Operating Daily from 9am to 9pm, the loop route includes stops in Lionshead and Vail Village with a turn around at Ford Park.
- The Special Events Express Bus provides circular service from June 26-July 4 from the Transit Center on the top deck of the Lionshead Parking Structure, to the top deck of the Vail Village Parking Structure in front of the Information booth, and then to the Ford Park bus Stop before returning to Lionshead.
- For more information on bus schedules: <u>www.vailgov.com/bus-schedules</u>
- For Eagle County bus service: www.eaglecounty.us/transit/schedules

JULY 4TH:

- From 8:00am 1:00 pm, the parade will be taking place in both Vail Village and Lionshead. Staging of the floats is on Vail Valley Drive near Golden Peak. Please keep these impacts in mind as you navigate the area.
- Bus service will be re-routed to the Frontage Road during this time.
- The Patriotic Concert with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will take place at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater at 4pm. Please visit www.grfaVail.com for ticketing info.
- New drone show will light up the sky over Vail Mountain at 10:00 pm. Stream the soundtrack from KZYR 97.7.

DRONE SHOW

- New for 2022, the Town is hosting a choreographed drone show in the sky above Vail Mountain. The show will be visible all across town at 10:00pm.
- Check out the viewing corridors map at www.vailamericadays.com.
- It is illegal to shoot off personal fireworks in Vail.

SAFETY & TOWN REGULATIONS

- If you bring your pet into town, bring a leash. Pets are not allowed at Ford Park.
- To-go alcohol can be purchased from many local restaurants but may only be consumed in designated areas. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the streets of Vail.

Helpful Phone Numbers

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•	Emergencies	9	11		
•	Vail Police (non-emergency)	9	70	479-22	200
•	Vail Fire (non-emergency)	9	70	479-22	250
	Vail Valley Medical Center				
	Vail Bus Schedule				
•	Vail Parking	9	70-	479-2	445
	ECO Regional Transportation				
•	Resort Information & Activities				
	Center (Vail Mountain)	9	70	476-90	090
•	Vail Welcome Centers	9	70	476-47	790
•	Vail Chamber &				
	Business Association	9	70	477-00	075
•	Vail Valley Partnership	9	70	476-10	000
•	Vail Recreation District	9	70	479-22	279
•	Vail America Days Information .	9	70	476-67	797
•	Event Information	9	70	476-47	790
•	Lost & Found (In Town)	9	70	479-22	210
	Lost & Found (Vail Mountain)				